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CALENDAR

July

- 2 Church service 10:30 am
- 6 Daugavas Vanadzies meeting 11:00am
- 20 Church service 10:30 am
- 27 Church service 10:30 am

August

- 1 Daugavas Vanadzies sanāksme plkst. 11:00
- 24 Honorary Consul Imants Kīns presentation 1:00pm

September

- 3 Daugavas Vanadzies meeting 11:00am
- 14 Church service 10:30 am
- 21 LBRA General Meeting 1:00pm
- 28 Church service 10:30 am

November

- 8 Guest speaker Valda Liepiņa 1:00pm
- 18 Latvian National Day

PERKONĪTIS FOLK DANCING REHEARSALS

1st rehearsal: 10.09.2025, 19.00

2nd rehearsal: 10.10.2025, 19.00

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EV. LUT. SV. PĀVILA DRAUDZE

Pentecost or the Feast of the Trinity (Pentecost) as well as the commemoration of the beginning of the Christian Church are over. (The Church year began with the 1st Advent and ended with the last Sunday during Pentecost.) We can begin to look at Advent.

For we Lutherans, especially, there is a significant day in this interval – October 31 – the beginning of the Reformation.

In 1517, Martin Luther (the famous theologian, pastor) nailed 95 theses to the door of the Wittenburg church, and raised resistance against the power of Rome (and the Pope), and according to the Bible, the incorrect teaching about Christianity. Luther taught that only God (Jesus) can justify us from sins. The Roman teaching about indulgences is wrong. The well-known saying when collecting money for indulgences (indulgences) was “When money falls into the coffer, the soul lives with God”. We cannot atone for sins. Jesus Christ has done this for us by His death on the cross!

Let us lead our secular lives with a serious and grateful awareness of His sacrifice.

- The general assembly of the church has been postponed until September or even later, if necessary.
- We wish treasurer Māra a speedy recovery from a serious back injury. Keep her in your prayers.
- Please arrange your church support (\$50 per year) so that we can continue to serve through worship services and secular duties.
- You are welcome to participate in ZOOM worship services, listening to the word of God, and singing his praises in beautiful Latvian hymns.

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CHURCH SERVICES JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2025

Date	6. jūlijs 10:30 (Zoom no Yirkalas)
Day	4. svēt. Pēc Sv Gara Sv.
Colour	Zaļa
Readings	Jes. 66:1-14 Gal. 6:1-10, 14-18 Lk. Ev. 10:1-20
Hymns	463, 232, 397, 377, 328
Reader	Ieva Vlahov
Duty	Jānis Vucēns
Flowers	Sarmīte Vucēns

Prayers:

Ieva Vlahov	Jānis Vucēns
Sarmīte Vucēns	Ruta Auziņš
Mirdza Balodis	Gunis Balodis
Signe Balodis	

Date	20. jūlijs 10:30 (Zoom no Yirkalas)
Day	6. svēt. Pēc Sv Gara Sv.
Colour	Zaļa
Readings	1 Mozus 18:1-14 Kol. 1:21-29 Lk. Ev. 10:38-42
Hymns	269, 491, 490, 560, 199
Reader	Sarmīte Vucēns
Duty	Jānis Vucēns
Flowers	Rita Džonsons

Prayers:

Nina Bauskis	Ilgvars Bergmanis
Maiguta Bernšteins	Rita Džonsons
Austra Farras	Līga Gemuts

Date	27. jūlijs 10:30 (Zoom no Yirkalas)
Day	7. svēt. Pēc Sv Gara Sv.
Colour	Zaļa
Readings	1 Mozus 18:20-33 Kol. 2:6-19 Lk. Ev. 11:1-13
Hymns	248, 280, 385, 313, 418
Reader	Mācītājs
Duty	Jānis Vucēns
Flowers	Ruta Auziņš

Prayers:

Austra Grīnbergs	Māra Hope
Sid Hope	Austra Kaģis
Juris Liepa	Ruta Liepa

PASTOR GUNIS ANNUAL HOLIDAYS IN AUGUSTS

Date	14. septembris 10:30 (Zoom no Yirkalas)
Day	14. svēt. Pēc Sv Gara Sv.
Colour	Zaļa
Readings	Ecech. 34:11-24 1 Tim. 1:5-17 Lk. Ev. 15:1-10
Hymns	301, 328, 325, 433, 104
Reader	Ieva Vlahov
Duty	Jānis Vucēns
Flowers	Ieva Vlahov

Prayers:

Gunis Balodis Signe Balodis,
Nina Bauskis Ilgvars Bergmanis,
Maiguta Bernšteins Rita Džonsons

Date	28. septembris 10:30 (Zoom no Yirkalas)
Day	16. svēt. Pēc Sv Gara Sv.
Colour	Zaļa
Readings	146 Psalms 1 Tim. 6:6-19 Lk. Ev. 15:1-10
Hymns	434, 220, 218, 286, 377
Reader	Mācītājs
Duty	Jānis Vucēns
Flowers	Sarmīte Vucēns

Prayers:

Austra Farras Harda Paporde
Andris Paporde Inta Robinson
David Robinson Aina Sprancis

ENJOY YOUR DAILY SPIRITUAL BREAD

Karl Olaf Rosenius

Of all spiritual seekers, the greatest hope of remaining and increasing in grace is always with the one who treats the word of God with the greatest care and fidelity, thinks about it, speaks about it, reads about it and writes about it, because the Holy Spirit dwells and works in these things.

Therefore, if you truly desire to possess eternal life, then stick to spiritual things. If you do not have time to use the word of God as much as is necessary, you must find time, either day or night, because "it is the one thing necessary." But, if you can tell in advance that you will not find time, then I can also tell you

that you will not be saved and you must abandon thoughts of heaven.

Without the proper use of the word of God, it is impossible to maintain spiritual life and to possess eternity. If, for example, you are imprisoned in prison and cut off from the word of God, the Lord can take special care of you. But if you have the word of God at your disposal and do not reckon with it, then your attitude towards the word of God clearly reveals what you value more—the heavenly or the earthly.

All Christians, spiritual leaders, pastors, and lay people should diligently encourage people to use the word of God! You certainly do well and right if you feed a hungry and poor person. But you would do a hundred times better if you made the person himself able to provide and enjoy his daily spiritual bread in the future life. He who teaches people to use the words of God for themselves does a wonderful job.

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18. NOVEMBRA SVINĪBAS PERTĀ

The Perth Latvian Community will celebrate Latvia's National Day on two days (all events will be held in the Perth Latvian Centre):

- Sunday, 8. November 1:00pm special guest speaker from Latvia **Valda Liepiņa**.
- Monday 18. november at 7:00am, flag raising,
- Monday 18. november at 6:00pm the official ceremony.

LATVIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Latvian language classes are twice monthly at the Perth Latvian Centre.

- 13. un 27. July
- 18. un 24. August
- 14. un 28. September
- 12. un 26. October
- 9. un 23. November

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DV PERTH BRANCH

**Sunday 24 August at 1:00pm
in the DV clubrooms**

The Republic of Latvia Honorary Consul, Imants Kīns will give a talk about his recent participation in the World Latvian Economics and Innovations Forum 2025. gadā Rīgā.

DAUGAVAS VANADZES

Daugavas Vanadzēs will meet again on Thursday 4 September at 11:00am in the DV clubrooms.

After the meeting a video of a part of the Youth Song and Dance Festival will be shown.

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REPUBLIC OF LATVIJA HONORARY CONSUL IN WESTERN AUSTRALIAS

Imants Kīns reports:

I have just returned from a two-week stay in Latvia. The Chairman of the PBLA invited me to speak at the WLEIF/PLEIF conference in Riga on 10 July 2025. The forum was attended by 6018 people and included the President, Prime Minister, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Economy. I also represented Citech, a company from Fremantle that is looking to start a business in the Liepāja Special Economic Zone. I am the Chairman of this company. I had a full schedule for two weeks - during this time I attended many meetings and events. The meetings included the Ministry of Defence, Altum, the President's National Security Advisor, LIAA, a bank, a trip to Liepāja, meetings

with LIAA and VOBP, a trip to Grobiņa to visit my mother and father at the Ilga cemetery, meetings with the Vitol Foundation, the National Library Support Fund, a member of WLEIF, the President, PBLA, the University of Latvia Support Fund, the Brothers' Cemetery (Pārūpi) and the inspiring week-long School Song and Dance Festival in Riga, culminating in the closing song concerts in Mežaparks on July 3, which Namejs and I attended. Namejs joined me from July 6 to 14, when we both flew back to Perth.

*Imants Kīns
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Goda Konsuls Rietumāustralijā*

BALTIC MIDSUMMER CELEBRATIONS IN PERTH

It is Saturday afternoon, June 14th, and the Latvian Centre is bustling with families and dear Baltics - Estonians, Lithuanians and Latvians.

300 tickets have long been sold out, and another 150 are on the waiting list. What immediately strikes me is that young people are everywhere - Baltics living in Perth have a future!

A bouncy castle, a sauna, a food stall in the central courtyard, a bar in the DV club that is working well, tables and chairs surrounded by people, a friendly DJ controlling the music and announcements in the central courtyard, and happy children dressed in national costumes. Everyone is happy and laughing a lot.

The event was brilliantly organised by the EstWest Association, which was founded in February 2024 with the support of Estonian organisations in Australia and Estonia. Their aim is to revive Baltic cultural life in Western Australia in ways that are meaningful, contemporary and welcoming to people of all ages. I congratulate the organisers and everyone who helped. From the Latvian side, especially Ilmārs and Anita Rudaks, Indulis Bernšteins, Ivars Zalstovs, Jans Churchward and the mighty Pērkonītes.



*Honorary Consuls of the Baltic States
photo A. Rudaks*

All the Baltic Honorary Consuls attended and gave speeches. In Estonia - Anu Van Hatema, in Lithuania - Anthony Hasluk (the newly appointed first Honorary Consul in Western Australia) and myself. In my speech I commended the Latvian community who had raised funds and built the Latvian Centre in 1975. Many of them

had since passed away, and I could see them all smiling as I saw the Latvian Centre full of happy Estonians, Lithuanians and Latvians who were together today to celebrate Jānis! The Latvian Centre is their heritage and ours. Let's see more and more Baltic events at the Latvian Centre. Let's find creative ways to engage more with our energetic Baltic brothers and sisters in Perth.

I especially take my hat off to Ilmārs Rudaks, Anita Rudaks and Jānis Vucēns, who have been leaders in maintaining the Latvian Centre and community over the past decades. This is a great achievement, as we see that both the Estonian and Lithuanian communities sold their medicine many years ago.

I also mentioned that June 14, 1941 is a sad day when we remember the 15,421 Latvians who were deported to Siberia by the Russian Soviet regime. Many more were killed. We, the Baltic people, are resilient and persevering, and have survived many occupations.

Our mighty 'Pērkonītis' opened the fun with Latvian and Estonian dances, and they were joined by children in folk costumes who study at a Lithuanian school in Perth. The Pērkonītis dancers invited the spectators to join them in a circle dance – lots of laughter and voices!

Then it was time for organized games for the children in the hall – sack races, tug-of-war, and of course the adults didn't want to miss out on the fun, and we had an adult tug-of-war.

Delicious food and drinks were non-stop all night. I was lucky enough to arrive early to get some delicious pies from Anita Rudakas to take home.

The previous weekend, a work group led by Ilmārs Rudakas had cleaned up the back of the Latvian Centre and prepared a bonfire. Those who remember, there was a basketball court and a hoop in the back.

In the early evening, more and more of the younger generation of Baltics arrived, and Jāņi swayed in the warmth and light of the bonfire.

Music, joy, friendship, good food and fun.

Līgo Līgo loved Latvia!

I.K.

