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CALENDAR

April

- 2 Church service 6:00 pm
- 3 Church service 3:00 pm
- 5 Church service 10:30 am
- 19 Church service 6:00 pm

May

- 3 Church service 10:30 am
- 3 FILM – MORE THAN A DANCE
2:00 pm
- 12-16 Eurovision
- 24 Church service 10:30 am

June

- 7 Church service 10:30 am
- 14 Church service 10:30 am

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Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm

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EV. LUT. SV. PĀVILA DRAUDZE

My attention was drawn to the Christmas address for children and adults in the Australian congregation. These words—"Jesus is the reason for the Season"—continue to resonate simply and concisely and are also very fitting before Easter. Repeating this saying prompts us to reflect on this expressed truth—we celebrate these two great festivals because of Jesus: at Christmas, the joyful message of Jesus' birth, and at Easter, the sorrow (horror) of His betrayal and crucifixion. BUT THEN, on Easter morning, the greatest and most meaningful joy—Jesus' resurrection!! LIFE! All of this so that WE may gain eternal life with God!

Hopefully, during Lent we devoted ourselves more seriously to reflection and gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. How valuable it is to set aside time in our busy worldly lives and turn toward our spiritual life. It is sad that at this time (before Easter) we are surrounded by bunnies, chickens, and chocolate, rather than the meaningful words "JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON."

- With regret, I received a resignation letter from our congregation's treasurer, Māra. Due to health reasons, she is no longer able to carry out the responsible duties. On behalf of the congregation, I send Māra wishes for recovery and deep gratitude for her long and significant service to our congregation. Let us wish Māra all the best, and the congregation a new treasurer.

*Ieva Vlahov
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Lieldienu Dievkalpojumu dalībnieki - foto SL

CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL

Datums	2. aprīlis 18:00
Diena	ZAĻĀ CETURDIENA
Krāsa	Balta
Lasījumi	2 Mozus 24:3-11 Ēb. 9:11-22 Mat. Ev. 26:17-30
Dziesmas	315, 89, 316, 172
Lasītājs	Mācītājs
Dežurants	Jānis Vucēns
Puķes	-

Datums	3. aprīlis 15:00
Diena	LIELĀ PIEKTDIENA
Krāsa	-
Lasījums	Jāņa Ev. 18:1 – 19:42
Dziesmas	89, 101, 80, 78, 73
Lasītājs	Mācītājs
Dežurants	Jānis Vucēns
Puķes	-

Datums	5. aprīlis 10:30
Diena	LIELDIENAS!
Krāsa	Balta vai Zelta
Lasījumi	2 Mozus 14:10-15:1 Ps. 118:15-29 Jāņa Ev. 20:1-18
Dziesmas	149, 106, 110, 114, 125
Lasītājs	Mācītājs
Dežurants	Jānis Vucēns
Puķes	Sarmīte Vucēns

Aizlūgumi:

Gunis Balodis	Signe Balodis
Ilgyars Bergmanis	Maiguta Bernšteins
Rita Džonsons	Austra Farras

Datums	19. aprīlis 10:30 (Zoom no Yirrkalas)
Diena	3 Lieldienu Svētdiena
Krāsa	Balta
Lasījumi	Ap. Darbi. 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pēt. 1:17-25 Jāņa Ev. 24:13-35
Dziesmas	107, 110, 115, 116, 194
Lasītāja	Ieva Vlahov
Dežurants	Jānis Vucēns
Puķes	Ieva Vlahov

Aizlūgumi:

Līga Gemuts	Austra Grīnbergs
Māra Hope	Austra Kaģis

Juris Liepa

Ruta Liepa

Datums	3. maijs 10:30 (Zoom no Yirrkalas)
Diena	5 Lieldienu Svētdiena
Krāsa	Balta
Lasījumi	Ap. Darbi. 6:1-9 1 Pēt. 2:2-10 Jāņa Ev. 14:1-14
Dziesmas	328, 324, 325, 126, 111
Lasītāja	Sarmīte Vucēns
Dežurants	Jānis Vucēns
Puķes	

Aizlūgumi:

Zane Lewis

Ben Lewis

Silvija Lūks

Alan Lūks

Harda Paparde

Andris Paparde

Datums	24. maijs 10:30 (Zoom no Yirrkalas)
Diena	DEBESBRAUKŠANAS DIENA
Krāsa	Balta
Lasījumi	Ap. Darbi. 1:1-11 Ef. 1:15-23 Lk. Ev. 24:44-53
Dziesmas	126, 127, 128, 130, 178
Lasītājs	Mācītājs
Dežurants	Jānis Vucēns
Puķes	

Aizlūgumi:

Inta Robinson

David Robinson

Aina Timmermanis

Astrīda Untiņš

Daina Vārpiņš

Ieva Vlahov

Datums	7. jūnijs 10:30 (Zoom no Yirrkalas)
Diena	PENTEKOSTA svētki (Vasarsvētki)
Krāsa	Balta
Lasījumi	4 Mozus 11:24-30 Ap. Darbi. 2:1-21 Jņ. Ev. 7:37-39
Dziesmas	132, 133, 136, 139, 140
Lasītājs	Ieva Vlahov
Dežurants	Jānis Vucēns
Puķes	

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THE CHURCH'S TASK AT EASTER

The church's task at Easter is not to say something new, but to proclaim from the rooftops to the whole world that Jesus has risen!

The world has influenced Christians to such an extent that many are ashamed to say that Jesus died and rose again. Some are ashamed of how the Bible teaches that the world is very young. Recent statistics indicate that 99% of scientists "know" and can "prove" that the world is billions of years old. Universities do not teach a balanced view between a young and an old world. Whom do we believe more—God or scientists?

At Easter, and every Sunday, we do not need to look for something new, scientific, and appealing. We have the truth! The old, good, true story of Jesus—from which we must not deviate under any circumstances.

Some churches try to present something new, and in doing so, have strayed from the path of truth!

The good news is that this story will never change—that God wants us in His kingdom and was willing to sacrifice His only Son so that we could be with Him. He did not create us for destruction, but so that we could be with Him forever.

Let us keep this thought in mind during the Easter season.

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15TH SAEIMA ELECTIONS

October 3, 2026

There will be a polling station in Perth at the Daugavas Vanagi club.

To vote, you will need a Latvian passport. Please check whether you have a valid passport or eID card and eSignature.

You will be able to vote at the polling station or by post.

It is expected that we will be able to provide information about candidates and parties closer to the election date.

The PBLA is collecting questions that you would like to ask candidates in debates. If you have a question, please send it to me and I will forward it to the PBLA.

Workshops are also planned to help people who need to register for eSignature.

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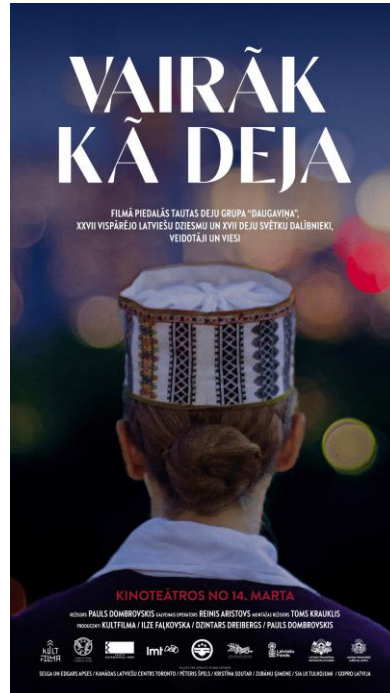
EUROVISION 2026 May 12-16

Both Latvia and Australia are competing in the Eurovision song contest of 2026.

In Australia the concerts will be broadcast on SBS as follows:

- First semi-final 12 May (13 May on SBS)
- Second semi-final 14 May (15 May on SBS)
Latvia (song 9) and Australia (song 11)
- Final 16 May (17 May on SBS)

The Latvian entry is by Atvara (“Ēna”) and the Australian entry is Delta Goodrem (“Eclipse”).



MORE THAN A DANCE

On Sunday, 3 May at 2:00 pm, there will be a screening of the film “*More Than a Dance*” at the DV Club in the Perth Latvian Centre. The film has English subtitles.

The documentary film “*More Than a*

Dance” tells the story of the journey of the Canadian Latvian folk dance group “Daugaviņa” to the 150th anniversary Latvian Song and Dance Festival in Riga in 2023. By following the emotional journey from Canada to Latvia and back, the film highlights the stories of the group’s members—showing their diversity, the importance of preserving traditions and heritage in their lives, the challenges of maintaining the Latvian language in the third and subsequent generations of the diaspora, the involvement of people with no direct connection to Latvia in the dance movement, and a question that is relevant to many Latvians living abroad: where is home, and what is it that draws people to Latvia and Latvians?

The film also provides insight into the early experiences of Latvian exiles in Canada through rarely seen private archive footage, as well as reflections and memories from the older generation about their experiences—what is the significance and impact of our national traditions while living in exile, and whether this can help bring attention to our nation on a broader scale.

The film also features impressive footage from the Song and Dance Festival, which will make every Latvian proud of our national traditions and talented people, and may even inspire viewers to join a dance group.