



God's Furious Love For You

A little girl was watching her father cut down a tree in their backyard. She sees wood chips flying in all directions. She picks one up and calls to her father, "Look Dad, trees have wood in them." We know that trees don't have wood in them. Trees are wood. Neither does God have love in him. God is love. Love is the stuff God is made of. God can't help but be loving. Everything God does is loving. We see his love best when Jesus dies on the cross for us. Paul wants us to grasp how wide and long, and high and deep the love of God is for us in Christ. Human love is not so deep and often runs out. But the love of the Lord is everlasting, and it has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. And nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Do you know this love? Are you grasping and growing in this love?

Pastor David Christian

Bible Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21 (NLT)

Podcasts of weekly messages are available at www.paravista.org.au

Prayer Requests

Please forward all prayer requests to the church office via churchenquiries@paravista.org.au or phone 8263 5087. If you know or have spoken to anyone who does not have access to a computer, please assist them to submit their request and offer to pray with them.



Thank You!

Thank you for your kind donations, money and your time knitting beanies towards the care packages that will be given to our Meet n Eat community. The completed packages were blessed at last week's services and will be distributed to those in need in due course.

Kathy and Sue

Amazing Sunday Collection

July's Lutheran Care collection was more amazing than usual. We had a record collection of food items even bigger than our Christmas collection. There were 50 bags crammed full of food. As well as this there were 7 big bags full of items for the Winter Appeal - gloves, beanies, jumpers, socks and scarves. All items to help protect from the cold Adelaide winter weather.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and helping those really struggling.

[Operation Christmas Child \(OCC\)](#)

Last year we contributed 122 boxes to OCC. This Sunday at both services Lynette Beck will be launching OCC for 2024. Boxes will be available after both services for the next 3 Sundays and also from the church office. Normally there is a charge of \$1 for each box. To help make the distribution of boxes a smooth process a Fellowship Group has decided to fund the cost of boxes.

Boxes need to be returned by Sunday 29th September 2024.

[Church Library](#)

The library contains over 2,000 items – books, devotional material, Bible study resources, DVDs, CDs, Christian fiction, biographies and a variety of resources for children.

- **To search** for resources on the digital catalogue, follow the instructions on the notice board in the library. Or, **just browse** the shelves and let God guide you to the book He wants you to read!
- **To register as a borrower**, if you have not already done so, write your name and contact details on a borrowing slip and place it in the box provided. These details will then be entered into the library computer programme, and you will be able to borrow.
- **To borrow** from the library, follow the instructions on the borrowing slips provided.
- **To return** resources that have been borrowed, place them in the plastic RETURN ITEMS HERE crate in the library.

If you have **any questions**, write them on a piece of paper and place them in the borrowing slip box, or send an email to churchenkequiries@paravista.org.au

[Spotlight On A Library Book – 2 Chairs By Bob Beaudine](#)

A book by Bob Beaudine called *2 Chairs* is displayed on the spinner which is on the left as you enter the library.

Here are a couple of comments about the book:

“We all live impossible lives. What Bob Beaudine does in *2 Chairs* is show us that we don’t have to do it ourselves. God is ready, able, and willing to meet us every morning and swap our cares for His power!” Scott Drew

“Next time you are alone, working through the issues of life, pull up another chair and invite God to join you. Listen. *2 Chairs* changes everything. One chair is not enough.” Tom Ziglar

Borrowing is easy, just fill in one of the borrowing slips next to the computer, remembering to include the barcode number from the front of the book.

Carol Gallasch (Librarian)

[REG Reminder](#)

Just a reminder if you are changing your REG giving from LLL to a different Bank, here are the details you will need. **BSB 704 942 Acc. 100 354 939**

[Spill Kits](#)

Reminder two spill kits are available for use in emergency cases where someone has vomited or perhaps become incontinent resulting in involuntary soiling of an area. The kits are in a black bucket with ‘Spill Kit’ clearly marked in white on the bucket and lid. Buckets are located in the ladies’ air locker first cupboard to the right on entry and in the very rear store wooden shelving on the left behind the kitchen. Please notify the office if you have used one of the kits so they can be replenished and returned to use.



Ladies Morning Tea (Africa Hope)

When: Saturday 3rd August 2024

Where: GSPV Cafe

Time: 10-11.30am

Please bring a small plate of morning tea

Hot beverages supplied

Hear further about hope for the women and children in Kenya.

Ladies Morning Tea- Africa Hope

After Matt and Dodie Dutschke shared about their Africa mission experience, there were requests for a Ladies Morning Tea for further information about the support and hope for the women and children in Kenya.

This will be held this coming **Saturday 3rd August 2024 from 10-11.30am in the Church Cafe.**

The format will be relaxed, starting off with morning tea first, then sharing from Dodie and Norelle.

Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share.

Hot beverages will be provided.

All welcome.

Winter Wonderland Karaoke/Dance Night Saturday 10 August 2024

GSPV Church Hall, 388 Montague Rd, Para Vista

Doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start

BYO Nibbles, drinks & own glasses - Tea/Coffee provided

Cash is required for raffle and lucky squares

EFTPOS available for wine auction ONLY

Tickets available from Church Office or after service on 28/7 and 4/8

Karaoke Night

The Karaoke Night to support the Family Hub at Ingle Farm is being held on Saturday 10th August in the church hall commencing at 7:30pm. **Tickets are available after both services on Sunday 4th August and from the church office.** Cost \$10, students \$5 U15 free. Thank you to all those who have contributed wine for the auction.

Ladies Fellowship

The next Ladies Fellowship meeting is on **6th August at 1pm.** We will be having a guest speaker from Council of the Aging. Jeanette will be speaking on their Strength for Life program. Strength for Life [SFL] is a popular way for older South Australians aged 50+ (40+ for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders and people from refugee backgrounds) to keep active, maintain their physical and mental wellbeing and make friends in a supportive and fun environment.

Hostesses: Susan Slape and Rosemary Wheeldon

Apologies to Di Schlenk 0409 820448

Strength
for Life



Way Forward gatherings

Plan to attend our local gathering:

- to explore with others what the Way Forward might mean for you and our congregation
- to pray and worship together as we prepare our hearts and minds for General Synod and the way forward

CONTACT OUR GENERAL SYNOD DELEGATE TO FIND OUT MORE!

www.lca.org.au/wayforward/preparation-prayer



Way Forward Gatherings

The LCA Way Forward info session will be held **at 7pm on 7th August at Good Shepherd Para Vista**, which is both inhouse and live-streamed.

Please click on link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/4480476/dad3b23dc1>



Young Adults

Hi everyone, we are starting up Young Adults again, and our first event will be held on **Saturday 17th August**. We will kick off our first event with bowling and dinner (Bowland Salisbury) – arrive at 4:20pm for a 4:30pm start. \$12 per person for 2 hours of bowling.

Dinner will be held at the Brahma Lodge Hotel at 6:45pm.

Please RSPV by 10th of August.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Faith Konrad

Blueprint Ministries Dinner

The Blueprint Ministries (LCA SA-NT) *Dinner is on Saturday 24th August @ 6 pm at the Mawson Lakes Hotel and Function Centre*. This Dinner supports Children's Christmas & Easter packs and provides Grants for Children's & youth ministry in congregations. To provide these resources we need the support of people to attend the Dinner, and people willing to donate prizes for the silent auction/raffle or wine for the Wine Wall. Can you help?

Organise a group of friends (Table of 8) to attend the Blueprint Ministries Dinner and hear about the work of Blueprint Ministries, enjoy the meal, and some rounds of trivia, and bid on the silent auction items. Bookings can be made via the website

<https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/blueprintdinner/>

To donate wine or other items please email:

admin@blueprintministries.org.au

Community Family Support News

KAPS 'REKAP' and save the Date

We had a lot of fun on Sunday... making (and eating!) pizzas, munching on snacks as we enjoyed the movie... There was time for worship too! This month we are going to be participating in some service themed activities... We will hear from an ALWS representative who will be sharing a message in Worship and of course, we will be enjoying a meal afterwards! Save the date August 25th! Pop it in your diaries now.

Rachel and Georgie



Wednesday Worship Invitation

We continued our Olympic theme 'Feats of Strength' this week. Mr Wain shed light on how King David learned to rely on God as his source of confidence and strength... It went way back to the time he was a boy. Have a look at this week's devotion for a reflection of what was shared, or you might like to see the display in the café! Next week our theme continues. You are most welcome to join us at 8:50am for worship and a cuppa afterwards!

*You are invited to
Wednesday Worship
here at Good Shepherd!*

School Snippets

It's been another lovely week. Cool mornings and warm conversations... and some sunshine too! Students are busy engaging in their learning... One of the ELC groups learned about various ways to juice fruit! This fun task provided a range of learning opportunities (practical skills, mathematical skills, scientific understanding, creativity and innovation, language and communications, an understanding of health and well-being... all for 4-year-olds! Oh... and it tasted good too! For more of what we've been up to, here is the link to our school newsletter: <https://inewsletter.co/J1WDLx/latest> or you may like to pick up a hard copy from the stand in the café area. If you are more of a visual person, have a look at our school's Facebook page for a reflection of this activity, as well as many others!

Georgie

Office News

Café Time!!

Tea and coffee are available after Sunday services, and you are most welcome to come and enjoy!!

Weekly News Items

Weekly News items are to be sent to churhenquiries@paravista.org.au / krishna.vasani@paravista.org.au by Wednesday Evening. Out of hours please leave a message on the answering system 8263 5087 or email the office and staff will respond as soon as they are able.

Connect Cards

Connect Cards are available as you enter worship. Please complete the card using pencils which are available from holders on the side of chairs in the worship centre. They may be placed in bowls provided at exits as you leave. Connect Cards may be used for comments, small group or prayer requests or to communicate with office or Pastoral Care staff.

Name Badge Request

The cost for a replacement name badge is \$12. If you would like to order one, contact the church office on 8263 5087 or send an email to:

churhenquiries@paravista.org.au



Craft Time

Every Friday Morning

When: 9.30-11am
Where: Good Shepherd
Church Café
Cost: Free
BYO craft/activity
(Tea/Coffee provided)

- Do you know how to crochet, paint, do diamond art or any other craft?
- Do you want to learn these fun and relaxing hobbies?
- Do you want to pass your talent/skills onto others?

Beginners and
Advanced
Welcome!!

**For any queries
Contact 8263 5087**



Diary Dates 2024

August

3 rd August	10am Ladies Morning Tea (Africa Hope)
6 th August	1pm Ladies Fellowship Meeting
7 th August	7pm LCA Forward Info Session at GSPV (inhouse and online)
10 th August	7.30pm Karaoke Night
15 th August	Metro North Zone Rally at Semaphore
17 th August	4.30pm Young Adults at Bowling Night
22nd-25th August	Captivating Women's Retreat 2024
24 th August	6pm Blueprint Ministries Dinner
25 th August	10.30am Step-Up Service
25 th August	4-6.30pm KAPS
30 th August	7pm Friday Evening Service

September

3 rd September	Ladies Fellowship, 1pm at the GS School Library
5 th -8 th September	Made for More Men's Retreat 2024
13 th September	7pm Friday Evening Service

October

1 st October	Ladies Fellowship, Guest Speakers Stephen and Liz Zanker
29 th October	Ladies Fellowship

December

3 rd December	12pm Ladies Fellowship Christmas Lunch
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"...You are my refuge and my shield; your word is my source of hope." - Psalm 119:114 (NLT)

Safe Church

In observing Christ's command to love one another, we are to treat each other with respect and dignity. In honouring people, we are also fulfilling our responsibility under the law of the land. The LCA and Good Shepherd Para Vista is committed to ensure the church is a safe place. If anyone feels they have been subjected to sexual abuse or harassment in any form by anyone who holds a position of trust in the church, please contact:

P: 1800 644 628 E: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au

Weekly News submissions should be made by the Wed prior to Friday publication.

Regular Electronic Giving (REG): BSB 704 942 Acc. 100 354 939

Church Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9am-3pm (closed 12:30pm-1:30pm for lunch).

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Look for us on Facebook, Instagram, and Podcast!

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OASIS 2024

Young Adults! Join us for a time of soaking and resting in God and His Word whilst building relationships with other like-minded brothers and sisters in Christ from across South Australia..

Worship Rest Fellowship

Camp Willochra, Melrose

Oasis Camp