



## Religion? No Way Christian? His Way ...The Truth and The Life

Many people, if not most, think Christian and Religion are pretty much the same thing. Nothing could be further from the truth. They are opposites.

Religions world-wide teach that God will accept you when on balance, you have led a good life. They believe a better life, rather than a bad one, earns God's favour and His acceptance. A Christian believes that God loves you. He accepts you. If you believe in Him, you are free to live a life full of the fruits of the Spirit. Christians don't work hard to gain God's approval. They do so because they already have it.

*Peter Weckert*

### **Bible Reading:** Luke 18: 9-14 (NLT)

Podcasts of weekly messages are available at [www.paravista.org.au](http://www.paravista.org.au)

### Prayer Requests

Please forward all prayer requests to the church office via [churchenquiries@paravista.org.au](mailto: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.

### Men's Bible Study Group

The new **Men's Bible Study Group** will be getting together this coming Wednesday, **14<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30pm** in the library. If you're looking for a (male) small group that meets during the day, this will be an opportunity to listen, learn and perhaps share common issues in a confidential setting. For further information, contact John Roling, Peter Schlenk or the Church Office.

### Friendship and Fun

On **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August from 1pm** in the church hall. Come along and enjoy sharing time over some friendly games. All welcome!

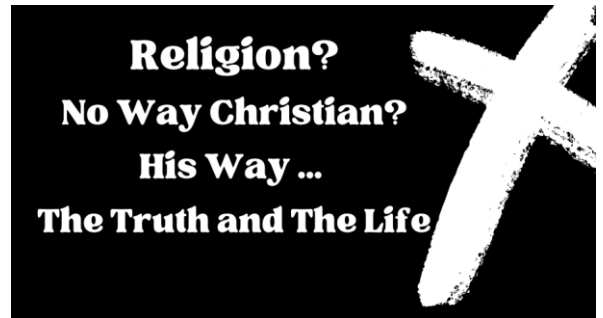
BYO drinks, nibbles, afternoon tea.

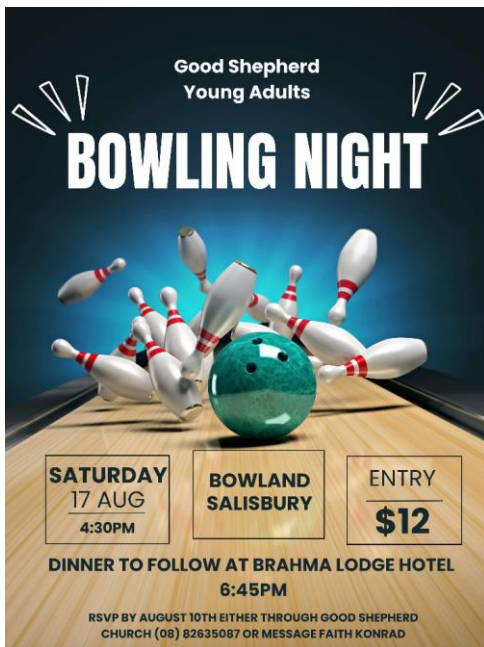
A gold coin donation on arrival would be appreciated, and tea/coffee is available.

Activities for the afternoon will include cards, board games and carpet bowls - if you can't play, then come and learn!

**Contact Peter Schlenk for more details on 0419 217 767.**

We aim to provide a welcoming, enjoyable afternoon of conversation and fun and look forward to seeing you there!





## Young Adults

Hi everyone, we are starting up Young Adults again, and our first event will be held on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> of August.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Faith Konrad*

## Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

We ordered 100 OCC boxes assuming this would be ample. They were all taken over the weekend so we have ordered another 25 boxes which will be available on Sunday after both services and from the church office as of next week. One can imagine the joy these will bring to children and families this Christmas.

The \$1 cost of purchasing each box has been covered by a Fellowship Group but you will need to pay the \$12.50 to cover the cost of transportation and materials for the follow up discipleship program. This can be paid online (as outlined in the brochure) or placed in an envelope and included in the box.

To enable the boxes to be delivered to a central point to be transported to the Philippines they need to be returned by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Boxes can be brought on any Sunday and left on the table advertising the OCC or delivered to the church office. **They will be stored securely until 25<sup>th</sup> September.** For more information click here: <https://occ.samaritanspurse.org.au/>



## August Food Collection

The July food collection was amazing - 50 bags crammed full of food items and 7 large bags filled with items for the Lutheran Care Winter Appeal. Thank you for your generous support.

## Country Drive

Mark your diaries for 8<sup>th</sup> September if you're interested in participating in a Sunday afternoon **Country Drive**. This will be an opportunity to share fellowship, games and BYO lunch with others from our church community in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. More information to come regarding the destination.





God's got your back!!

When: 30th August at 7pm  
Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Church  
388 Montague Road  
Para Vista

## Friday Evening Church Service

The next Friday Evening Worship service will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the Church Cafe. The theme is "God's got your back", based on the Bible passage 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. This service is designed to be informal, visitor friendly and interactive. You are welcome to invite friends and neighbours.

## 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](mailto:admin@blueprintministries.org.au)



## 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 [kirchenquiries@paravista.org.au](mailto:kirchenquiries@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)*

## Community Family Support News

### ***KAPS Save the Date***

Pop it in your diaries now! **August 25<sup>th</sup>**! Our next KAPS event has a service theme! Our activities will be all about helping others. 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! Talk to your friends and family and bring them along!  
*Rachel and Georgie*



**KAPS YOUTH EVENT YEARS 2-7**  
**SUNDAY 25 AUGUST**

All family members are welcome.

**4pm-5:30pm** Service activities  
**5:30pm-6:30pm** Worship & dinner-  
all family members are welcome  
(food provided but welcome to BYO)

Parent/caregiver must be present

\$2 per child donation

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Para Vista

For any queries, please contact Rachel P-0475582289

### ***School Snippets***

This week we reconnected with our new house teams (launched at the beginning of the year). Each team met with one of our school leaders and participated in a different activity. Mrs Stevens met with Kardla and shared a Devotion based on ‘fire’ (Psalm 119:105). Mr Humphrys had Tirntu enjoying a Sport Spectacular activity. Mrs Deanshaw had Pari Moving and Grooving and Mr Grierson had Wirra participating in a Sing Along. Teams will meet every few weeks and experience each leader’s activity in turn. This morning our senior students travelled to Endeavour to join our Connected Schools in worship. The theme was courage! Hope to share more about this soon. 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!

### ***Wednesday Worship Invitation***

This week we completed our Olympic theme ‘Feats of Strength’. It’s been a lot of fun and we’ve learned things along the way!

Have a look at this week’s devotion for a reflection of what Mr Humphrys shared, or you might like to see the display in the café! Next week we begin a new theme ‘Where’s Jesus when I’m...’ We will also be farewelling our founding ELC director Mrs Jacqui Gliddon. We would love for you to join us at 8:50am for worship and a cuppa afterwards!

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

# 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 [churchenkequiries@paravista.org.au](mailto:churchenkequiries@paravista.org.au) / [krishna.vasani@paravista.org.au](mailto: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: [churchenkequiries@paravista.org.au](mailto:churchenkequiries@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

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# Diary Dates 2024

## August

10 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm Karaoke Night
11 <sup>th</sup> August	1pm Friendship and Fun
14 <sup>th</sup> August	1.30pm Men's Bible Study Group
15 <sup>th</sup> August	Metro North Zone Rally at Semaphore
17 <sup>th</sup> August	4.30pm Young Adults at Bowling Night
22 <sup>nd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> August	Captivating Women's Retreat 2024
24 <sup>th</sup> August	6pm Blueprint Ministries Dinner
25 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am Step-Up Service
25 <sup>th</sup> August	4-6.30pm KAPS
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Lutheran Care Food Collection
30 <sup>th</sup> August	7pm Friday Evening Service

## September

3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Ladies Fellowship, 1pm at the GS School Library
5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> September	Made for More Men's Retreat 2024
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Country Drive
13 <sup>th</sup> September	7pm Friday Evening Service
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Lutheran Care Food Collection

## October

1 <sup>st</sup> October	Ladies Fellowship, Guest Speakers Stephen and Liz Zanker
26 <sup>th</sup> October	8am Men's Breakfast
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Lutheran Care Food Collection
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Ladies Fellowship

## December

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	12pm Ladies Fellowship Christmas Lunch
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***"...For the Lord is our judge, our lawgiver, and our king. He will care for us and save us."  
Isaiah 33:22 (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](mailto: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).**

**Church Website: [www.paravista.org.au](http://www.paravista.org.au)**

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