



## Channelling God's Care

You have probably heard these words from the Prayer of St Francis -  
Make me a channel of your peace.

Let's change that slightly - make me a channel of your care.

We can show God's love to the world by channelling his care. God wants to use us to channel his love and care to those around us who are hurting. That really is a vital part of our lives as Christians, to channel God's love and care into our community and into our World.

*Pastor Paul Fielke*



## Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 (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.

## KAPS ... Only 2 sleeps to go!



This Sunday we are having a 'service' theme... as we share God's love and care with others. It links perfectly with Pastor Paul's Sunday morning message of 'Channelling God's Care'! Come along and join in different service activities, hear from Josie Wundersitz from ALWS and connect with others over a tasty meal afterwards. Join us from 4pm on Sunday afternoon. Bring your children or your grandchildren! See flyer for details!

*Rachel and Georgie*

## Call Committee Update

Following the decline of our last call to Nathan Hedt in May, the call committee has been working through the current list of pastors available for call.

On speaking with several pastors, it has become evident that there is unease amongst the wider church community in anticipation for the coming synod in October. Most pastors contacted do not express a great desire to consider a call at this time, due to this uncertainty.

Whilst the call committee will continue working, it is unlikely that we will be in a position to announce a call meeting before the Synod in October.

Please pray for Gods Church during this time, both for the wider LCA and Good Shepherd Para Vista.

Your servant in Christ

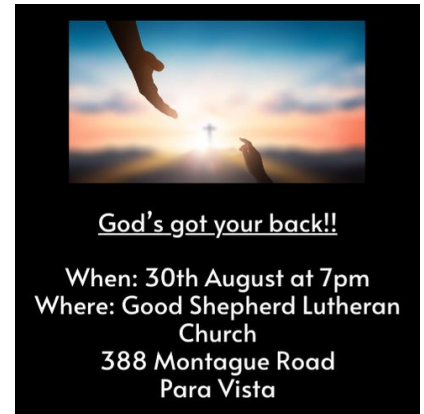
*Joel Schwarz – Call Committee Chair*

## Men's Bible Study Group

The new Men's Bible Study Group will be getting together Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30pm in the church 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.

## 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.



## Men's Breakfast

Good Shepherd Church is hosting a Men's breakfast on Saturday 31st August beginning at 8am in the church hall. Come along for fellowship with other blokes, and hear Guest speaker Brian Hueppauff (Chairman, Limestone Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group), talk on Men's Health. Enter through the church doors facing Montague Road. For more information contact the church office on 8263 5087

## Ladies Fellowship

The next Ladies Fellowship meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 1pm in the GS School Library.

We will be having a Bible Study on 'Thoughts on the Father'. Please bring your Bible.

There will be a trading table.

Apologies to Di Schlenk 0409 820 448



## 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.

## Community Lunch

Save this date! You are invited to a community lunch on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 after the combined 10am service, in the church hall. More details to come.



## Praise Points

Have you been led by Holy Spirit to share during our Praise Points on a Sunday during worship? How did you feel afterwards? Did you have people approach you after the service asking you further questions or thanking you for sharing because it encouraged them? Sharing of praise points within worship was created to give our community an opportunity to share how God has been at work in their lives personally. It is an organic and Holy Spirit lead part of our worship designed to encourage others. If you receive a prompting from Holy Spirit – raise your hand and be ready to share.



**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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## 2 MONTHS TO GO!

In October 2024 General Synod delegates will be voting on a proposal to allow for the LCA NZ to function as 'one church with two different practices of ordination'.



Ask your pastor, congregation chair or General Synod delegate for updates and ways to...

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Sign up to Way Forward eNews [www.lca.org.au/wf-signmeup](http://www.lca.org.au/wf-signmeup)

## School Snippets



It's been a colourful day today at school! We (ELC and school) dressed up in some of our favourite book characters as part of our Book Week celebrations. It has also been 'Together we Can' week. School families have been bringing in items for Lutheran Care this week as we join with the church as one Good Shepherd community in sharing love and care with others. We will wrap this up tomorrow... but here is a little pic of what the collection looks like so far! 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, please have a look at our school's Facebook page.

## Wednesday Worship Invitation

This week we continued our theme 'Where's Jesus?' Pastor Stephen Abraham talked about 'Where is Jesus when I'm lonely or sad?' Please have a look at this week's devotion for a reflection of the message, or have a look at the evolving display in the café area. Next week our theme continues as Pastor Richard Fox talks about 'Where is Jesus when I'm angry or mad?' We would love for you to join us at 8:50am for worship and a cuppa afterwards!



# Office News



## Notices for Weekly News

While Krishna is away, please send any items for the weekly news to [pastoralcare@paravista.com.au](mailto:pastoralcare@paravista.com.au) by Wednesday evening. Out of hours, please leave a message on the answering system 8263 5087

## Café Time!!

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



## 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 the offering boxes 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 name badge is \$12. If you would like to order one, contact the church office on 8263 5087 or send an email to: [churchenquiries@paravista.org.au](mailto:churchenquiries@paravista.org.au)



## **August**

30<sup>th</sup> August                      7pm Friday Evening Service  
31<sup>st</sup> August                        8am Men's Breakfast

## **September**

3<sup>rd</sup> September                    Ladies Fellowship, 1pm in 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  
21<sup>st</sup> September                   Young Adults  
22<sup>nd</sup> September                   4-6.30pm KAPS  
29<sup>th</sup> September                   Community Lunch  
   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  
26<sup>th</sup> October                       Young Adults  
27<sup>th</sup> October                       Lutheran Care Food Collection  
27<sup>th</sup> October                       4-6.30pm KAPS  
29<sup>th</sup> October                       Ladies Fellowship

*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

Ephesians 2:10

### **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).**

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