



Who Can You Trust?

We live in a world where we are constantly confronted with the challenge of whether to trust people or not? That's often hard for us because we frequently get let down and so many people turn out to be less than trustworthy. So, who can you trust? It's not unreasonable to maintain that trust needs to be earned; that people need to prove that they're trustworthy. We can join the Psalmist in his confident assertion that God can be trusted, that we can put our hope in him, that we can look to him to help and defend us, that we can call on him in times of trouble and know that he'll be there for us. We can be confident of that because of the cross. In Jesus' loving sacrifice for us, we see God's faithful love and his total gracious commitment to us. There we see that he can be trusted. We mightn't always understand what God is doing or always be pleased with how things are working out for us on a day-to-day basis, but this we know: God loves us. He is with us, and he wants the best for us! He has proven himself trustworthy, so trust in him and lean into the embrace of his grace!



Pastor Richard Haar

Bible Reading: Psalm 62:5-8(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.

Synod 2024

My name is Christa Schwarz and I usually attend the second service. I am your current delegate for General Synod which is happening in less than 5 weeks.

One of the major points of business for this year's Synod will be "The Way Forward" in Woman's Ordination. As this is quite a significant proposal, and following the recent seminar held here at Para Vista, I'd like to give you the opportunity to discuss any concerns or questions you may have, regarding the proposed Way Forward Framework.

If you would like to talk to me, please contact me via email through the church office churchenquires@paravista.org.au

Depending on the number of you contacting me, I would like to have a discussion / forum after the combined service on Sunday 29th September.

Thank you

Operation Christmas Child

Over 130 boxes have been distributed. Extra boxes are available in the cafe area. Please collect if you want extra or have not yet taken a box.

Some boxes have already been returned. They can be brought to service on Sundays and left on the high table in the cafe or handed into the church office during office hours. They will then be stored safely until taken to the distribution Centre in October. If all boxes can be returned by Sunday September 29th so in early October during service we can pray a blessing over the boxes that they will bring joy to those receiving them and lead many to faith.



Vietnam Mission Worker



Esther Hien Vietnam Evangelist

Esther is known for translating and organising seminars at the Vietnamese Australian Bible Institute (VALBI), which trains spiritual leaders working in local communities. She also works in many regions of Vietnam supporting poor communities and sharing God's love through recorded biblical teaching.



Hear Esther's story about how the message of Jesus Christ is changing lives in Vietnam!

September 2-4 Rest and Meet with SA Valbi Teachers into Vietnam.

Sept. 4th 6pm, St Marks, Mt Barker. (bring food for light tea, or come at 7pm to hear Esther Testify to what God is doing in Vietnam.

Sept. 5th 10am, join Coffee Group at Artisan Oak, Littlehampton.
5 - 6.30pm, at St Petri, Nuriootpa with nibbles.

Sept. 7th 2 - 4 pm, at Zion Lutheran Church, Glynde, with nibbles and cuppa.

Sept. 8th 8.45am and 10.30 am. Speak in worship services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Para Vista.



Esther Hien is a very strong Christian, a great interpreter, a preacher and an evangelist.

Like many of the Christians in Vietnam she was Buddhist until her conversion at the age of 18.

She is coming to Australia to meet her friends, and to represent Asia Focus Australia.

Many have never met a Vietnamese Christian evangelist, but we are sure God will speak through her to bless you all.

Esther will be sharing her story at Good Shepherd at the 8.45am and 10.30am services on Sunday 8th September.

We would love to see you here!

Step Up Thank you

Last Sunday we were blessed to have 5 young people 'Step Up' to their first communion. We have been meeting together on Friday evenings through August in preparation for this special meal. Thank you to the congregational members who came along and talked to these young folk and their families, sharing stories about why communion is (still) important to them. Special thanks to Pastor Paul Fielke who co-presented the sessions with me. Thank you everyone for praying for these young people... I encourage you to continue to keep them in your prayers. God bless!

Ladies Fellowship

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

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

No trading table for this meeting.

Apologies to Di Schlenk 0409 820 448



Great team effort

What a great team effort with the July food collection for Lutheran Care. As a service project the school participated in the July collection. Between the school and congregation there were 75 bags and six very large cartons (estimated to be equal to 25 shopping bags) crammed full of donations. What a wonderful response. Thank you for your continued support.

This week OzHarvest found when they opened their first shop in Adelaide they were overwhelmed on the first day with over 130 people accessing their service. This gives a picture of the need in our community so our monthly collections can assist in supporting these needy families



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.

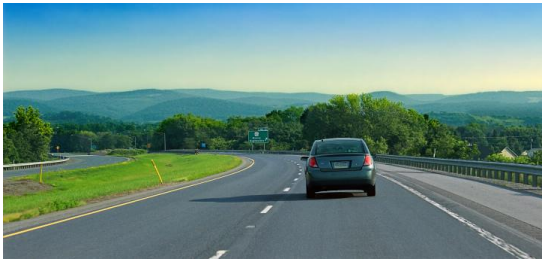
On speaking with several pastors, it has become evident that there is unease amongst the wider church community in anticipation for the coming synod in October. Most pastors contacted do not express a great desire to consider a call at this time, due to this uncertainty.

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



Country Drive

Mark your diaries for 8th 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.

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.

Friday Evening Service

Our next gathering is coming up on September 13th at 7pm in the church café. The theme is 'How big is your God?' The service is informal, visitor friendly and interactive. Come along... Invite your friends and neighbours... We'd love to see you!



KAPS ... ReKap!



KAPS YOUTH EVENT YEARS 2-7
SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

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

\$2 per child donation
Parent/caregiver must be present

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Para Vista

For any queries, please contact Rachel P-0475582289

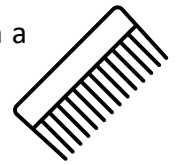
Our Sunday's service theme had us thinking of others! We sorted through items our Good Shepherd Community (church, school and ELC) collected for Lutheran Care from our 'Together we can appeal'. We cleaned stamps and made cards for people in Uganda... Have a look at the KAPS and Maranatha pin up boards for photos from the afternoon. We are now looking forward to our next gathering on the 22nd September. Pop it in your diaries now!

Rachel and Georgie

Can you help – hairdresser needed

Meet and Eat is looking for someone to donate an hour or two once a month to cut hair on a Monday night. Some of the people who attend cannot afford a hairdresser and so this would be a blessing to these people.

If you are or know a hairdresser who would be interested in this, please contact the church office on 82635087.



Community Lunch

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

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

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...



JOIN THE CONVERSATION

www.lca.org.au/wayforward

Sign up to Way Forward eNews www.lca.org.au/wf-signmeup

School Snippets



During the week, thanks to our dedicated Father's Day team, students were given the opportunity to 'buy a little something' for their dads at our Father's Day stall. On Wednesday there were a lot of smiles over at our ELC for our 'Father's Day Come and Play' morning. Happy Father's Day Dads! Senior students have been busily practising for next week's Showcase. 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 concluded our theme 'Where's Jesus?' Pastor Richard Fox talked about 'Where is Jesus when I'm angry or mad?' 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 we begin a new theme of interviews of people in our Good Shepherd community, where we get to hear stories of faith.' Next week we hear from one of our teachers, Mr Petkovic! 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 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: kirchenquiries@paravista.org.au



September

3 rd September	Ladies Fellowship, 1pm in the GS School Library
5 th -8 th September	Made for More Men's Retreat 2024
8 th September	Country Drive
13 th September	7pm Friday Evening Service
21 st September	Young Adults
22 nd September	4-6.30pm KAPS
29 th September	Community Lunch after combined 10.00 service Lutheran Care Food Collection

October

1 st October	Ladies Fellowship, Guest Speakers Stephen and Liz Zanker
26 th October	8am Men's Breakfast
26 th October	Young Adults
27 th October	Lutheran Care Food Collection
27 th October	4-6.30pm KAPS
29 th 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

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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