



A Mobile Dwelling Place

The cross of Jesus is the pivotal point in human history. Jesus' death and resurrection redefine everything and everyone, including you. You become God's temple, a dwelling place of Holy Spirit himself. That means you have the awesome privilege of carrying the good things of God to others, simply by being who you are in Christ.

Pastor Peter Steicke

Bible Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22 (NRSVA)
John 1:14-18 (NRSVA)

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

General Synod is happening in a few weeks. One of the major points of business for this year's Synod will be "The Way Forward" in Women's Ordination.

As this is quite a significant proposal, and following the recent seminar held here at Para Vista, recording can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/992638895/4c5f162894>, I'd like to give you the opportunity to discuss any concerns or questions you may have with me, regarding the proposed Way Forward Framework.

There will be a discussion/forum on 29th September after the combined service, where I inform the congregation about the proposals put to Synod as well as answer questions regarding the Way Forward Detailed Framework.

To date, only 3 people have contacted me with questions or concerns. At the forum, I will only be answering questions that have previously been submitted.

If you would like to talk to me, please contact the church office at churchenquires@paravista.org.au. They will pass on your message to me and I shall reach out to you.

If you have any questions that you would like answered at the forum, please send them through to the church office by Tuesday, 24th September.

I will not be receiving any new questions from the floor.

Christa Schwarz

General Synod Delegate 2024-2027

Thank you

Thank you so much for welcoming Esther Hien to speak in your congregation last Sunday. We were all greatly inspired to hear her speak of the great things God is doing in Vietnam through Asia Focus, and her ministry, to bring many into the family of God. Thank you also for the generous \$985 you placed into my pockets for the Vietnam



ministry. It is now in the Asia Focus bank account. Some of you have also sent money direct to AFA. You can still do this through the Donation slips available at your church. God bless your ministry. David Christian



September

13th 7pm Friday Evening Service
21st Young Adults

22nd KAPS 4-6.30pm
29th Community Lunch
Lutheran Care Food collection

October

1st Ladies Fellowship
11th Friday Evening Service

26th 8am Men's Breakfast
Young Adults
27th Lutheran Care Food collection
KAPS 4-6.30pm
29th Ladies Fellowship

November

8th Friday Evening Service
9th Global Leadership Summit



Friday Evening Service

Our next gathering is tonight, 13th September 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

We're going on a scavenger hunt! Come and join the fun... Who could you invite? September 22nd from 4pm. Pop it in your diaries now! Rachel and Georgie



Combined Service/Community Lunch



On Sunday 29th September, there will be one worship service with Holy Communion at 10.00am. Following this, you are invited to a community lunch in the hall. Please bring your favourite finger food dish to share, and we'll enjoy a mix of everyone's contributions. It's all about good food, great company, and plenty of conversation.

September Lutheran Care Food Collection

Combined with the school the August food collection was amazing - close to 100 bags of donations. As is often reported in the media the need continues to be great as many families and individuals struggle to be able to afford to feed themselves or their families. While you are "out and about" here is what they need for September.



We're on Facebook and Instagram!



Did you know that our church is on Facebook and Instagram? Check them out to receive reminders of our upcoming services, gatherings and events. A great way to keep informed and share opportunities at Good Shepherd with others! Why not 'like us on Facebook'?



Operation Christmas Child

Over 140 boxes have been distributed. If you have a box and decided that you will not be able to participate this year could you please return it so it can be used by someone else. 30 completed boxes have been returned. Boxes can be returned on Sundays and left on the high table in the cafe area or to the church office during office hours.

Return date is Sunday 29th September

Christmas Service Planning

Volunteers are being invited to help plan Christmas Services. If you are willing to get involved as part of a team, or would like more information, please contact Merv Thiele or the Church Office.



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 8263 5087

Reid's New Book

Pastor Reid Matthias has written another book. It is called 'A miserable antagonist' and is available to order for \$25. If you would like to order a copy of the book, please let Tina Pfeiffer tina.pfeiffer@paravista.org.au or Helen Bridge helen.bridge@paravista.org.au know or send an email to the church office. Orders need to be in by 20th September. Reid's other books are also available to order, if you have missed out on a copy. (Previous books are all \$25 each: Sick House, Butcher, Son of a Butcher, Baker, Candlestick maker, Blank spaces)



School Snippets



It has been another eventful week at school. The Stage Four Entrepreneurial Enterprise Market was on today (Thursday)! Throughout the term students in Years 5 and 6 have been busily preparing for this event and learning about business fundamentals with all profits being donated to selected charities. This evening our Foundation students enjoyed pizza and a range of fun-filled activities for their Tea and Teddies night. 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

We continued our theme of hearing snippets of people's faith journeys in our Good Shepherd Community. This time we heard from one of our former students, Kai. Please have a look at this week's devotion or have a look at the evolving display in the café area for a taste of what was shared. Again, you can use the link on the devotion page which will direct you to the video of the interview. Next week we will hear from another of our valued staff members, Mrs. Hulme. As always, we would love for you to join us at 8:50am for worship and a cuppa afterwards!

*You are invited to
Wednesday Worship
(Chapel)*

Office News



Notices for Weekly News

Weekly News items are to be sent to churchenquiries@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

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 replacement 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

Hymn Fest-a-time

Trinity Lutheran Church Hope Valley invites you to a

“Hymn Fest-a-time” of singing hymns with the Salvation Army band playing this Sunday 15th September

Please be seated before 1.50pm

An offering will be taken for the Bible Society

Afternoon tea will be served

Trinity Lutheran Church is located in the grounds of Lutheran Homes Retirement Village Hope Valley, entry from 1215 Grand Junction Road Hope Valley



“Wait for the Lord: be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord”
Psalm 27:14

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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