



A Love Letter for Life

Everything we know about God as Father, Rescuer, and Counsellor, we learn from the Bible. Well, to be accurate, we learn it from Holy Spirit God through the Bible.

The Bible teaches, inspires, equips, and informs. But its central message is your heavenly Father saying to you, "I love you. You matter to me. Isn't it neat we can communicate even when we're not face to face?"

The Bible is the tool the Holy Spirit uses to reveal to us the centrality of Jesus, who brings the love of the Father to us. You can use the Bible for many things, and that's not necessarily wrong, but primarily it's a love letter. When we don't see it that way, we end up being led down rabbit holes.

When we do receive it as a love letter, we hold it dear to the very core of our being, for not only does it show us the identity of our God as a loving Father, but it also shows us our truest identity in him.

God's word, the love letter? Yes! Get into it any way you can.

Pastor Peter Steicke

Bible Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 (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 Recap](#)

The 21st convention of Synod for the LCANZ was held last weekend from the 4th to 7th of October at Concordia College.

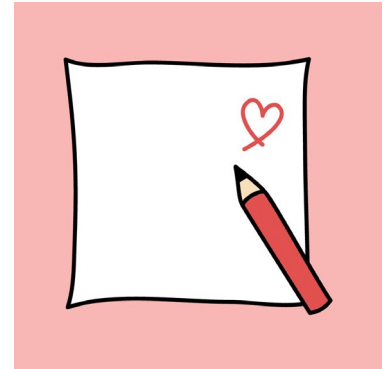
This was a significant Synod- bringing an end to the long-lasting debate in relation to woman's ordination to the office of ministry.

Please see the below quick recap of Synod:

- Woman's ordination - passed
- LCANZ to join Lutheran World Federation - not passed
- LCA to establish a training and accreditation authority -passed
- Minimum tenure of service as a pastor before promotion to role of Bishop - not passed
- ALWS constitution change - passed.

Full report to follow at the half yearly AGM in November.

Christa Schwarz





Dates for your Diary

October

11 th October	Friday Evening Service 7pm
13 th October	Fun & Friendship 1pm
17 th -18 th October	LED sign installation
26 th October	Men's Breakfast 8am
26 th October	Young Adults
27 th October	Lutheran Care Food Collection
27 th October	KAPS 4-6.30pm
29 th October	Ladies Fellowship 1pm

November

8 th November	Friday Evening Service 7pm
9 th November	Global Leadership Summit 9-5pm

LED Sign Installation

Good News, the new LED sign will be installed on Thursday 17th October, starting at 7am and completed on 18th October.

The area will be fenced off, including approx. 6 car parks.

Traffic flow in the car park will not be restricted.

Please be careful around the construction area.



Update - Holiday Project Works

The car park works have been completed successfully and a raised pedestrian crossing is now operational.

The traffic flow has reverted to ONE WAY ONLY. There have been changes to some of the parking bays that have been angled to assist in the prevention of minor accidents during peak use times. Please be mindful when using the car parking area and restrict your speed to 10 kph.



Informal Friday Evening Service at Good Shepherd

Our next gathering is coming up on 11th October at 7pm in the church café. The theme is 'If trust is the answer, what is the question?'

The service is informal, visitor friendly and interactive. Come along... Invite your friends and neighbours... We'd love to see you!

Friendship and Fun

On Sunday 13th October from 1pm in the church hall. Come along and enjoy sharing time over some friendly games. All welcome!

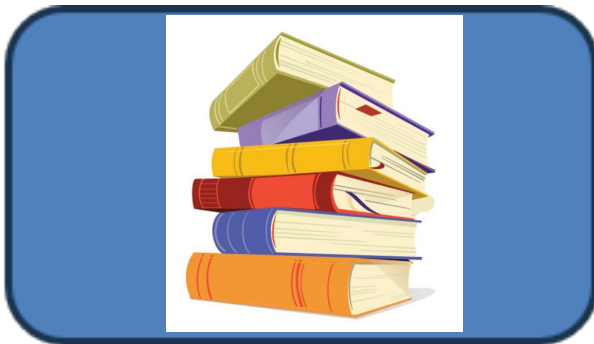
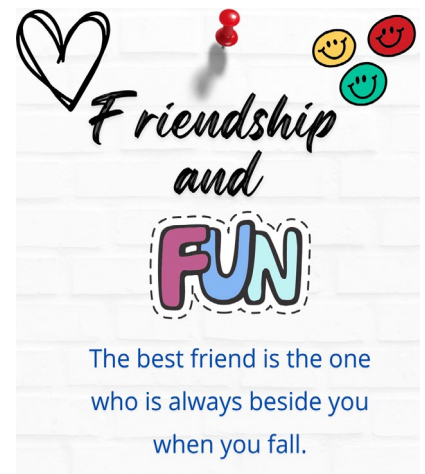
BYO drinks, nibbles, afternoon tea.

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.



Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship will be holding a trading table of books on 13th October between services and after the 10:30am service.

All books half price! There will other items for purchase including cakes.

Proceeds will help our Ladies Fellowship projects.

Please come and browse and help us out at the same time.

Operation Christmas Child

124 boxes have been returned - a magnificent response. There will be a blessing over the boxes at both services on Sunday 13th October. After 13th October, the boxes will be delivered to the distribution centre and then forwarded to Perth. The final destination in 2024 is the Philippines.

Thank you to all who returned boxes by last Sunday. As the blessing will be on Sunday 13th, completed boxes can be returned up to and including that day. Boxes returned after that will be added to next year's collection. If you took a box but have been unable to use it this year, could you please return it so it can be used in 2025. Boxes cost \$1 each.



The Board - Expressions of Interest

The Board is seeking additional members. While we are looking for general members, in particular we are looking for people with Secretarial and HR skills. Please prayerfully consider this and submit your nominations by email to

churchenquiries@paravista.org.au, or direct to the office. Note, there is a selection process and not all submissions will be successful. Should you require any further information, please talk with a current Board Member or contact the church office.

Worship Reminder

Just a reminder that our next school worship opportunity is on Monday, the first day back for Term Four (**14th October at 9am**). As always you are most welcome to attend. (Please note: This will take the place of Wednesday Worship. Our regular Wednesday gatherings will recommence the following week on **23rd October**.) We would love for you to join us and make connections with families in our Good Shepherd Community!

Global Leadership Summit

This year we are hosting the Global Leadership Summit 2024 on **Saturday 9th November 9am-5pm** here at **Good Shepherd Para Vista Lutheran Church**.



Attending the Global Leadership Summit will provide you with an opportunity to gather with others in positions of leadership. Together you will listen to speakers who will inspire and encourage you to grow personally and professionally. You will also be given time to share the joys and struggles of ministry and share how you are leading in your church community.

Tickets are free for our community. Please let us know if you would like to attend or if you need any further information via pastoralcare@paravista.org.au

KAPS

Later this month we are looking forward to an afternoon of water themed activities. Pop the date in your diary now. Sunday October 27th from 4pm. Be brave and think about who you might like to invite... Family? Friends? Neighbours? The more the merrier!

Rachel and Georgie



LET'S SAY THE BIBLE IS A LETTER TO YOU FROM GOD... WHAT ENCOURAGEMENT DO YOU THINK HE WANTS TO SAY TO YOU?

WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR FAVOURITE BIBLE STORIES? WHY?



WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO TRUST SOMEONE?

Caring Conversations

Here are some more things to ponder in the lead up to this week's message with Pastor Peter, 'A love letter for life'. Share them with your family and friends.

Property Team - Expressions of Interest

The Board is undertaking to reconvene a Property Team. The team is to be a small team to work with the Administration Team Leader and School in aspects of property management. We are seeking people who would be interested in helping in this area. Contact the Church office if you are interested or require further details.

October Lutheran Care Food Collection

Our congregational generous support for the monthly food collection for Lutheran Care continues to amaze.

October will be our second last collection for 2024.



Office News

Café Time!!

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

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.

“...You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.”

Psalm 63:1

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

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PV Young Adults
SEMAPHORE BEACH HANG

26th October
3pm at PV Church
or
4pm at Semaphore Beach Clock Tower

Hot chips provided. BYO Drinks and other snacks

RELAX BEACH GAMES SWIM

Guest Speaker...
Matt Dutschke

Mission Africa
Mens Breakfast

8am, SATURDAY, October 26

Bacon & Eggs with Blokes

Hosted by Para Vista Blokes • Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Hall

*"Thanks guys!"
You've got my back*

TRATCO **PARADISE MAZDA** **KEY+STONE PROPERTY** **SIGNS & WONDERS** **ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE**

Community Fete
Sunday 20th October

Corner of Richardson Drive & Sunnybrook Drive, Wynn Vale
Presented by the Golden Grove Lutheran Community

- Devonshire Tea
- Games Room
- Market Stalls
- Cake Stall
- Art & Craft
- Entertainment

Free Rock Climbing Wall
Free Petting Zoo
Free Jumping Castles
Free Entry!

• Face Painting
• Food & More!!!

Raffle 1st Prize
Valued at:
\$2000

\$5.00
per ticket

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