



Beautifully Angry

I will be sharing a message that points us to Jesus and His Kingdom work. I've called it 'Beautifully Angry'. I'll unpack what God's righteous anger looks like, through the life of Jesus, and how He invites us to be like Him.



Will Hall

Bible Reading: Mark 3:1-5 (NIV)

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.

Notice Of Special Meeting For Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Sunday 15th December at approximately 11:30am (after the 10:30am service)

Purpose of meeting: Presentation of a pastoral shepherding model with seeking congregational direction to the Call Committee.

Note: This is not a call meeting.

Our Congregation, as well as many others, are currently experiencing difficulties due to a lack of Pastors. This will not ease in the foreseeable future. Keeping our eyes focused on Jesus has been a cry lately and we believe Holy Spirit is opening up the way to progress our Ministry more effectively and see the Shepherding Model will assist us in achieving this.

Please make every attempt to pray about this and attend this very important meeting.

A paper copy will be available from the church office.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

24th December Church office open till 12.30pm

Christmas Service Times

Christmas Eve

5:30pm Holding Hope- Family Service

7:30pm No Ordinary Hope- Christmas Drama

9:30pm A New Season of Hope- Carol Service

Christmas Day

9:30am Hope Realised

Free Safety - Emergency Response - Consultation Training

Do you really know what to do in an emergency? To ensure leaders and members of our community are kept safe in all situations a free Safety - Emergency Response training session will be conducted at the church on Friday 3rd January commencing at 7.30pm.

This is essential training is for all Worship Hosts, Worship Leaders, Social Club and Event Leaders, and any group team leader that maybe involved in running any group at the church. The training will cover what actions are to be taken in a range of scenarios and emergency situations. Please do not take this lightly and mark your diaries accordingly so you feel comfortable dealing with what may be a lifesaving situation. Please contact the office, Stephen Zanker or Merv Thiele should you have any questions.

An Exciting Opportunity To Join Good Shepherd Church Staff

Community Development - Youth

Contract- 12 months, 8 hours/per week

Objective of Role:

The Community Development - Youth role will explore and promote meaningful opportunities across the community for children in years 2-12 (approximately ages 6-18) and their families to engage with the community and grow in their faith in Jesus. This role will foster connections both within the Good Shepherd school and church community and with external partners to enhance outreach and program effectiveness.

For position description, Contact Administration Team Leader Belinda Konrad at belinda.konrad@paravista.org.au Applications close: Friday 13th December 2024

Message From the Family Hub

What a fantastic way to finish our year of supporting the work of Lutheran Care as they assist families and individuals in need. Last Sunday there were 70 bags full of a wide variety of interesting goods which will help bring the joy of Christmas to many families and individuals this year.

Thank you for your support and especially for your amazing support of the Christmas collection.

Family Hub Support Team

Christmas Is Coming And We Need You!

We are looking forward to our 3 Christmas Eve services... an opportunity to hear again the joyous news of our Saviour's birth and share His love with others through gifts of service. There are many ways for you to contribute!

- Decorate tree (8/12/24 after service) and set up Nativity scene (22/12/24 after service)
- Helping out/ participating in the drama for the 5:30pm Family Service (see Georgie)
- Participating in the drama for the 7:30pm Service (See Chris J or Ros T) We need actors!
- Baking honey biscuits (See Julie F for recipe)
- Serving coffee, car park attendants, being a welcomer (see Helen)

If you are able to help out, please see these people for more information or contact the church office.

Thank you for being a blessing!

The Christmas Worship Planning Team

You're invited to "A Season of New Hope"

CHRISTMAS EVE 24/12/24

5:30pm Family Service ~ Holding Hope
7:30pm Christmas Drama ~ No Ordinary Hope
9:30pm Carol Service ~ A Season of New Hope

CHRISTMAS DAY 25/12/24

9:30am Service ~ Hope Realised



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
388 Montague Road Para Vista

[Activity Facilitator \(Casual\)](#)

A casual position is available for Activity Facilitator with Beyond Limits. Please contact Rachel Pfeiffer for further information.

[Worship](#)

On Wednesday our Year 6 students presented the Nativity story from a bit of a different perspective! Next week our gathering will be on Tuesday 10th December as we close the year together in Worship. Mrs Evie Stevens will be sharing the message. If you have not joined us yet, we would love for you to come along, see what happens and worship God together. Starting time is 9:00am. See you soon.

[Grow Ministries Resource](#)

What did you think of last week's Advent resource? I'd love to hear from you... Here is another one for you to explore as a family. (I'll pop a hard copy on the pin up board in the café area for you to see there too.) It focuses on Elizabeth and Zechariah. There is a section about the Advent Wreath too!

[Caring Conversations](#)

Meaningful gifts... Let's talk about them! Here are some conversation starters to try out with your friends and family!

[School Snippets](#)

As this year draws to a close, many activities are focused on relationships. Sharing time together to celebrate, worship God, acknowledge each other, and have fun. The Stage One classes enjoyed a picnic excursion. We had the Year 6 Awards Presentation after their Nativity Presentation on Wednesday morning. In the afternoon, we were blessed with amazing weather and delicious pizzas on the oval for our Year 6 Family Celebration. Today, Friday, classes are having their class parties. We have also been collecting donations for Christmas hampers for Lutheran Care. Schools were invited to participate in the '12 Days of Giving' appeal and the front office has gradually been filled with an abundance of donations that will make a difference and spread a little joy to others in need this Christmas.

[Spin Camp](#)

Do you like camping and sharing time with other people who like to have fun? Here's an idea! SPIN is a four-day, three-night, statewide camp in January (14th -17th) for young people in years 4-6 (in 2024) to experience an inclusive and encouraging community and grow in relationship with Jesus and others.

This year's theme is 'Out of this World'. Significant sponsorship is offered to first time campers by the LLL (You just pay \$50). For those who have attended this camp before (young people or leaders), Good Shepherd church offers a subsidy, just ask Rachel, Georgie or contact the church office for the code. The camp is held at Camp Kedron, Barmera (Riverland SA). After you have the code, head to [SPIN](#) to register... It's going to be 'Out of this World'! Registrations close 15th December.

WHAT'S THE MOST MEANINGFUL GIFT THAT YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED?

WHAT'S THE MOST MEANINGFUL GIFT YOU HAVE EVER GIVEN?



HOW DO YOU THINK GOD (HEAVENLY FATHER) FELT WHEN JESUS WAS BORN?



[Christmas Whirlwind](#)

This year it's happening on **Tuesday 24th December commencing at 8.30am**. This year many hands will blow the leaves away, cobweb the building and give the facility a good spruce up. Please bring along your personal safety equipment (earmuffs and dust mask), best leaf blower and join the group to create an inviting appearance to our church facility for Christmas. Don't have a blower? There will be a few spares you can test with free training. Don't want to use a machine? Compete for the biggest spiderweb ball as cobwebbing will also be completed and you can create a web ball worthy of a Guinness record. If you have long cobweb brush, bring it as well. Bring your children or grandies and supervise them while they learn.

[Carols By St. Paul Lutheran Church](#)

You are warmly invited to attend 'Carols in the Park', a free Christmas community event hosted by St Paul Lutheran Church, Blair Athol.

Held Sunday 15th December from 6-8pm at the Barton Street Reserve, Blair Athol, there will be live music and food and drink for sale.

Feel free to bring a picnic blanket or some chairs, invite some family and friends and join us for an evening of Christmas entertainment.



Office News

[Office Closure over Christmas](#)

The office will be open/closed over the following dates:

- 24th December 2024 - office closes at 12.30pm
- **25th December 2024 to 6th January 2025 - CLOSED**
- 7th January 2025 onwards (Tuesday- Friday) - OPEN from 9am – 3pm
- 26th January 2025 - CLOSED

For urgent contact please call 8263 5087 and leave a message. Messages will be retrieved by staff as available while the office is shut.

[Weekly News](#)

The last Weekly News for 2024 will be published on **Friday 20th December** and the first edition for 2025 will be published on **11th January**.



[Café Time!!](#)

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

[Name Badge Request](#)

The cost for a replacement name badge is \$14. If you would like to order one, contact the church office on 8263 5087 or send an email to: churhenquiries@paravista.org.au



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.

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.

“...Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

John 8:12 (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

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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