



Christian Fellowship!! What Is It and Why Is It Important?

Koinonia is a Greek word that means fellowship or partnership, and in the New Testament it is used to describe the relationship between believers in Christ. Koinonia is an essential concept in the New Testament and is central to the Christian faith. Fellowship (koinonia) provides believers with the opportunity to connect with one another, to encourage and support each other, and to grow in their faith together.

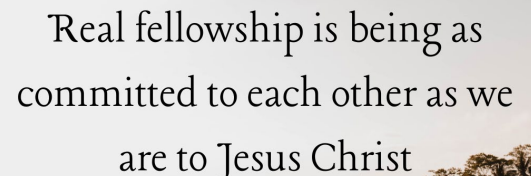
Pastor Paul Fielke

Bible Reading: Ephesians 2: 11-22 (CEV)

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.



Real fellowship is being as committed to each other as we are to Jesus Christ

Way Forward gatherings

Plan to attend our local gathering:

- to explore with others what the Way Forward might mean for you and our congregation
- to pray and worship together as we prepare our hearts and minds for General Synod and the way forward

CONTACT OUR GENERAL SYNOD DELEGATE TO FIND OUT MORE!

www.lca.org.au/wayforward/preparation-prayer



Way Forward Gatherings

The LCA Way Forward info session will be held on 7th August at Good Shepherd Para Vista, which is both inhouse and live-streamed.

Help With Gardening

You may have noticed a large pile of mulch in the car park at the front of the church. To uplift our garden areas and give a positive appearance to visitors and those passing by we are planning to spread this mulch on all the garden areas in the front of the church. We are planning to commence this task next Monday 22nd July from 10am - 12pm. If not completed, we hope to finish the job on the following Saturday 27th July between 10am -12pm. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you can bring a shovel or rake it would be helpful.

News From Treasurer

The following is an update on our finances for Good Shepherd Para Vista for 30th June 2024.

In the budget approved at our Half Yearly meeting in November 2023 we budgeted for annual offerings and donations of \$405,000. By 30th June, we planned to have received \$202,500.

As of 30th June 2024, our donations were \$179,306, a shortfall of \$29894, against our planned budget.

Interest from our deposits with the LLL topped \$10,000 this year, up from recent years, and this does not include any interest from fixed deposits which will come in November.

A donor has made a substantial contribution to our funds and the board is working with the donor on possible usage of these funds.

The good news is that our expenditure is down due to our reduced contributions to the LCA for the Pastors Transfer Fund (reduced by half) and our staffing costs have also been reduced. We are presently in surplus for the first half of the year. We have yet to pay our contribution to the district of \$39,000, as it has not yet been requested.

We were blessed to have received an insurance payout for the digital sign at the front of the church, thank you for the persistence of some members who ensured that this was requested and paid. The congregation and the school will share in the replacement costs over and above the insurance payout. The cable will also be placed underground to prevent damage, and this also will be a shared cost between the school and the church.

Thank you to all those who have prayerfully reviewed their giving and increased their commitment.

Dean Bartley

August Food Collection

This is the time of the year that many families really struggle to provide adequate food and clothing for their families.

Requests for support from Lutheran Care for August are:

- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned Fruit
- 2 Minute Noodles
- Sweet Biscuits
- Toothpaste
- Soap

Lutheran Care are also conducting their winter appeal for clothing items including:

- Scarves
- Beanies
- Jumpers
- Socks
- Pjs
- Oodies

Winter Wonderland Karaoke Night

Our major fundraiser in support of Lutheran Care is a Karaoke Night to be held on Saturday 10th August at 7:30pm in the church hall. The numbers are limited to 140 due to license restrictions. **Tickets will be available after both services on Sunday's 28th July and 4th August.** The cost is \$10 per person. For organization purposes it is advisable tickets are purchased prior to the Saturday from the church office.

As part of the evening there will be a wine auction. We are seeking donations of wine for the auction. If you can assist, please contact John Dolling 0409 819 864

It is a good feeling to know that our donations will assist in keeping people fed and clothed in the middle of such a cold winter.



**Winter Wonderland
Karaoke/Dance Night**
Saturday 10 August 2024
GSPV Church Hall, 388 Montague Rd, Para Vista
Doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start
Guest appearance by Rick O
Cost: Adults \$10 Students \$5 U15 Free
Tickets via Church Office - e: churchenquiries@paravista.org.au ph: 8263 5087
Also for sale after church on 28 July and 4 August
BYO Nibbles and drinks - Tea/coffee provided
Also featuring a Wine Auction, Lucky Squares, Raffle (major prize 2-night stay Watson Apartments, Walkerville)
(Cash required - EFTPOS available for wine auction only)
All proceeds to the Lutheran Care Family Zone



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA NORTHERN TERRITORY
JOIN US FOR A GREAT NIGHT
BLUEPRINT DINNER
Saturday, 24th August 2024
MAWSON LAKES HOTEL & FUNCTION CENTRE
at 6:00 pm
Tickets
Adults: \$65
Students: \$55
TABLE OF 8: \$500
Blueprint Ministries
Finance with a mission

Blueprint Ministries Dinner

The Blueprint Ministries Dinner is a celebration of the ministry being facilitated across our District. We aim to bring a greater awareness of the variety of the things that the Blueprint Ministries team is involved in, which is much broader than just camping ministry.

Funds raised at this event support ministry packs for parents, grandparents and leaders to give to children, especially for Easter and Christmas, hosting young adult events in Adelaide and suburbs, and providing ministry grants to congregations and parishes for new and growing initiatives in child and youth ministry.

As part of this event, we will hear from a number of the people who have been supported by these projects, and how they have had a positive impact in the SA-NT District.

Buy tickets here: <https://rb.gy/9kzx9u>

Community Family Support News

KAPS -Save the date!

Not long to go now... Just over a week away: When? **Sunday 28th July from 4pm.** We'll be warm and cozy as we make pizzas and enjoy a movie afternoon! Please note the time: 4-7pm (slightly longer to allow time for pizza making, worship and movie!) Pop it in your diaries now!

Rachel and Georgie



KAPS YOUTH EVENT YEARS 2-7
SUNDAY 28 JULY
All family members are welcome
4pm-4:20pm Make Pizza dinner
4:25pm-4:40pm Worship
4:45pm-7pm Movie with dinner interval
(food provided but welcome to BYO)
Parent/caregiver must be present
\$2 per child donation
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Para Vista
For any queries, please contact Rachel P-0475582289

Worship Opportunity

Just a reminder that school begins again on Monday morning (22nd July). We will be starting with worship at 9am. Our Principal, Mrs Evie Stevens, will be sharing the message. You are most welcome to join us as we come together once again as a Good Shepherd family. Please note: This service will take the place of our Wednesday Worship for next week. Our regular Wednesday gathering will recommence the following week on 31st July at 8:50am. We would love to see you!

*You are invited to
Wednesday Worship
here at Good Shepherd!*

Step Up to Communion

Young people aged around 10 years, together with their parents/caregivers, are invited to take part in our *Step-Up* program to prepare for Holy Communion. Taking the approach that parents/carers are the primary faith developer in their children, Step Up is designed to support parents/carers in preparing their child for Holy Communion.

This course will be offered in August over 4 consecutive Friday nights (August 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd). The actual *Step-Up* service will take place on August 25th at 10.30 am. If you are interested, please contact Georgie or let the ladies at the Church Office know by next Friday 26th July. Look forward to hearing from you.

Georgie



Office News

Café Time!!

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

Weekly News Items

Weekly News items are to be sent to churcnenquiries@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 bowls 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: churcnenquiries@paravista.org.au



Diary Dates 2024

July

19th July 5.30pm Bible Translation Celebration Dinner

28th July 4-7pm KAPS

28th July Lutheran Care Food Collection

School Holidays - 29th June to 21st July

August

6th August 1pm Ladies Fellowship Meeting

7th August 7pm LCA Forward Info Session at GSPV (inhouse and online)

10th August 7.30pm Karaoke Night

22nd-25th August Captivating Women's Retreat 2024

24th August 6pm Blueprint Ministries Dinner

25th August 10.30am Step-Up Service

25th August 4-6.30pm KAPS

30th August 7pm Friday Evening Service

September

5th-8th September Made for More Men's Retreat 2024

13th September 7pm Friday Evening Service

"...Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21 (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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[Look for us on Facebook, Instagram, and Podcast!](#)

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