weekly news

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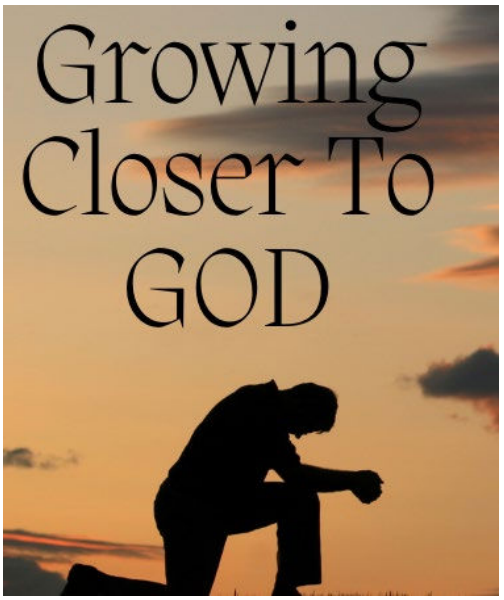
Growing In Resurrection Intimacy



Most Christians are familiar with John 3:16, about God loving the world and sending Jesus so we can have eternal life in him. Not all Christ-ones are as acquainted with John 17:3, where Jesus expands on what this 'eternal life' is: "And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."
Knowing God is not merely knowing about him; it's knowing his heart, how he feels about you, that he loves you despite the worst of you, and that he lets you into his plans. It's a relationship of connection and trust, of vulnerability and growth. We call it intimacy.
And it's all possible because of Jesus' resurrection.
As we unpack all of this on Sunday, I invite you to place yourself in the accounts and stories that will be shared and see how you can grow in resurrection intimacy with the God who loves you.

Pastor Peter Steicke

Bible Readings: Acts 4:32-35, John 20:19-31 (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.

Community Family Support News

Invitation To Friday Worship

Jesus is alive… Let's celebrate! We dressed up in our party clothes on Wednesday and came to a celebration in Worship. The Stage 4 teachers presented a message about 'The invitation'… Have a look at this week's devotion for a reflection of what was shared, or you may like to have a look at the Wednesday Worship board in the café. Please note: We will be gathering on Friday next week (instead of Wednesday) at 8:50am for Closing Worship for our school term. Come along for an opportunity to worship and build relationships with people in our Good Shepherd community.

KAPS Save the date! April 28th

Hope that you all had a wonderful Easter. Our next KAPS event on April 28th from 4pm (the afternoon before school returns for Term Two… It won't be a late night). We are having a games afternoon. There will be board games, parent vs kid's games and more. Worship and dinner will follow. Why not save the date and invite your friends and family! Looking forward to seeing you on the 28th!

Rachel and Georgie

GFH (Growing Faith at Home)

We have just celebrated Easter and now we get to live with the gifts that Jesus paid for with his death and resurrection. One of those is his peace. Here are some conversation starters for you to try out at home. *When Jesus appeared to his disciples he said, "peace be with you". What is peace? What did that mean? How does the resurrection make a difference in your life?* Have a look at this week's resource for these ideas and others to use in your small groups or at home. God bless your week!

School Snippets

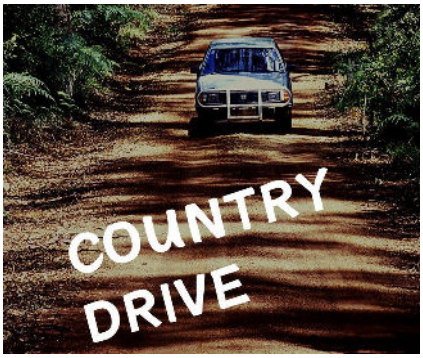
We have had a short week with lots on! Stage 4 teachers shared the message at worship on Wednesday. We dressed up in our party clothes and came to celebrate. It is a privilege to be part of conversations along the lines of 'My child was just asking questions early in the week about God and they were answered through the message on Wednesday'. I love how the Holy Spirit is at work! At lunchtime today we will be witnessing something quite special. Entitled 'Goldilocks and the three hairs' one of our families will be having their hair cut as a fundraiser for Camp Quality. We have Council members attending and even some television news crews have expressed an interest in coming along. Let's see what happens! For more of what we've been up to use this link to access our school newsletter : https://inewsletter.co/J1WDLx/latest Of course you may like to pick up a hard copy in the café area or front foyer of the church. Alternately, I am happy to arrange your own copy if you would like…

Georgie

Daylight Saving Time Reminder

Reminder that daylight saving ends on Sunday 7th April and our clocks go back one hour…so enjoy the extra sleep!!

Good Shepherd Country Drive- Its On Again!!



Last time the hot weather wasn't supportive to do the country drive, but this time it's on!!
Come along for a family outing, anyone with a classic car bring it along. Have lunch and join in and play some games, but most of all have some great fellowship.
Venue: Whispering Wall (at the Barossa Reservoir)
Date: Sunday 14th April
Time: 12.15pm (at the park)
BYO Lunch, drinks & games + tables & chairs

Lutheran Care

March continued our great support for the work of Lutheran Care through our food collection. Over 40 bags of goods were donated. Some of this food is distributed to local families through the Family Hub at Ingle Farm, while some is used to support families in the Northern suburbs of Adelaide. I have met with Kerry MacGrath at the Family Hub. She says families are so grateful for the support they receive which allows them to feed their families.

Office News

Office Closure

The office will be closed on **25th April 2024** due to Anzac Day.

Weekly News Items

Weekly News items are to be sent 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!!

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

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.

Diary Dates 2024

April

7th April	Daylight Saving Ends (our clocks go back 1 hour)
25th April	Anzac Day- Public Holiday
27th April	9-11am Men's Breakfast- GS Church Hall
28th April	4-6.30pm KAPS

School Holidays

13th April- 28th April 2024

May

7th May	1-3pm Ladies Fellowship
12th May	Mother's Day
19th May	Annual General Meeting
24th May	7pm onwards Volunteer's Supper
26th May	4-6.30pm KAPS

"…He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins."

Ephesians 1:7 (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.

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