weekly news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | Para Vista

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14 April 2024

You make a Difference!!

We are God's children – that's what he calls us. God's Spirit lives in us – that is true. So why do we sometimes doubt this - and allow the world to plague us with uncertainty? The truth is that we find our identity, our purpose, our reason for living (and dying) in Jesus the Christ. We matter. We are valuable. We are loved and accepted. We make a difference because we are children of God.

Pastor Robert Voigt

Bible Readings: 1 John 3:1-3 and Luke 24: 36-48 (NLT)

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.

Call Committee Update

The call committee has conducted 1 pastor interview, with another 2 scheduled for next week. Provided next week's interviews go well, the call committee will be looking to announce a call meeting in the coming weeks- please keep an eye out for any announcements in this space. Please continue to pray for the call committee as they conduct interviews and seek God's will for Good Shepherd.
Your servant in Christ,
Joel Schwarz

Good Shepherd Country Drive- Its On Again!!

Last time the hot weather wasn't supportive of the country drive, but this time it's on!!
Come along for a family outing. Anyone with a classic car bring it along. Come join in, have lunch 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

Community Family Support News

Worship

We came together this morning as a Good Shepherd family, to close our term with Worship. The message reminded us that nothing can separate us from God's love. (Please have a look at this week's devotion for a reflection of what was shared.) Term Two will begin again with Worship on **Monday 29th April at 9am.** Please note, our normal Wednesday Worship gatherings will recommence in Week 2 (**Wednesday 8th May**). As always, you are most welcome to attend, worship, share a coffee and connect as we come together as one Good Shepherd Community.

KAPS April 28th

Just a reminder that our next KAPS event on 28th April 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 kids' games and more. Worship and dinner will follow. Why not pop the date in your diary and invite your friends and family! Looking forward to seeing you on 28th April!

Rachel and Georgie

GFH (Growing Faith at Home)

What are the next few weeks looking like for you? The school holidays are upon us and that means different things to different people. For some it means time home with family, for others it means juggling work expectations and family, for some it means traveling to visit friends or interesting holiday destinations. Whether you are sharing time with family, friends, people in your small group (or even catching up with the grandchildren) now is a great time to connect and check in with each other. Share your highs and low… ask each other how your walk with Jesus is going… discuss those questions you have about God… Caring conversations nurture relationships! Have look at these resources for ideas to nurture faith at home!

School Snippets

We have a lot to thank God for! This week parents and carers met with their child's teachers for their learning conversations. Looking back on a wonderful term, we have had opportunities to get to know one another and strengthen relationships. We have come together to equip, nurture, and guide our children on their learning journeys. God has been, and continues to be, our Good Shepherd, our protector, strength, and guide. We now look forward to a break from school routine, to rest and refresh before embarking on another exciting term together. Thank you for your on-going support and prayers. An easy way to keep up with all the happenings at school is by checking out the school's Facebook page. Why not check it out? (They say that a picture is worth a thousand words!) Of course, you can also click on this link : https://inewsletter.co/J1WDLx/latest to access the school's newsletter or pick up a hard copy in the café area or front foyer of the church. I am happy to arrange your own copy if you would like… Just let me know!

Georgie

Food Collection

Thank you for your continued generous support of the work of Lutheran Care through supporting our monthly food collections.

Items requested by Lutheran Care for April:

- Pasta Sauce
- Sweet Biscuits
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

Men's Breakfast

Finally, the Men's Breakfast is back and hosted by Para Vista Blokes. A safe place for men to connect and share with others. Please join us!!

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 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!!

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

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	Mothers' Day
19th May	Annual General Meeting
24th May	7pm onwards Volunteers' Supper
26th May	4-6.30pm KAPS

"…My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So, I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 (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

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