weekly news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | Para Vista

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5 May 2024

Bearing Fruit That Lasts

In John 15 Jesus says **I am the Vine.** He calls us to remain in the vine so that we can bear the fruit that comes from Jesus, the vine. Some of the fruit listed in this chapter is **love** and **joy.** Jesus says it is MY love and MY joy that he wants to give us when we remain in him. We need this fruit, and the troubled world needs it even more. This fruit is to be lasting fruit. This fruit grows when we keep up a life- giving friendship with Jesus, and it leads to us flourishing in a prayerful relationship with Jesus. God bless us today as we hear his Word, and the Holy Spirit grows this fruit in us and blesses the world through us.

Pastor David Christian

Bible Readings: John 15: 9-17 (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 Combined Annual General Meeting and Call Meeting

Please mark your dairies for the upcoming Annual General Meeting and Call Meeting to be held on **19th May 2024 at approximately 12:15pm**. Reports to follow.

Ladies Fellowship

The next meeting of Ladies Fellowship is on **7th May at 1pm.**
We will be looking at Biblical mothers.
Hostesses: Margaret and Janice.
There will be a trading table.
Apologies to Di Schlenk 0409 820 448

Volunteers Appreciation Supper

All our amazing and dedicated volunteers are invited to Good Shepherd's **Volunteer Appreciation Supper**
Friday 24th May 2024 @ 7pm in the Church Hall
Invitations will be emailed shortly.
Please respond to Belinda by 21/5/24 at churchenquiries@paravista.org.au or 8263 5087
BYO wine glass 😊

Thank You From The Family Hub

Last year our congregation raised $5,644 to support the work of the Family Hub at Ingle Farm.
Due to financial pressures many families in the area cannot afford to take their children on outings. Some of the money we raised was used to help fund a school holiday Family Fun Day.
This day was attended by over 700 community members - 250 adults and over 460 children. They consumed 400 sausages, 20 loaves of bread, 410 bottles of water and 250 Zooper Doopers. Entertainment included a petting zoo, face painting, jumping castle and Magician.
Besides the fun enjoyed by the participants it enabled the Family Hub to develop links into the community and assess the many needs in the local community -ranging from how to be a single dad, to how to manage the mental load of being a parent, to feeling good about parenthood and supporting behaviors of neurodiverse children. The information gained will inform the Hub of support programmes needed.
The email from the Kerry MaGrath Manager of the Family Hub concluded with "Please share with your community as it shows just how valuable their contributions are and we couldn't do these days without your support.

Another Great Food Collection

Our great support for Lutheran Care's work in supporting struggling families continued with another fantastic food collection in April. Many families and individuals will really appreciate your generosity when they receive their food hampers. Thank you for your continued support.

Ordination Way Forward

Information sessions held in May.

This webinar will provide further details about the framework and provide an opportunity for church members to have questions answered. **General Synod delegates are especially encouraged to attend.** In order to ensure that the most pressing questions are answered during the webinar, questions are required in advance of the webinar. **Please submit them via email to** wayforward2024@lca.org.au **by 10th May.** Your input is important, as the Way Forward project team finalises the framework in preparation for deliberation and voting by General Synod 2024. Click on the link: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams to register.

For those unable to attend on this day, the webinar will be recorded and uploaded here at a later date.

TUESDAY, 14th MAY 2024

- **Adelaide, Darwin (ACST)** 5.30pm - 7pm
- **New Zealand (NZT)** 8pm - 9.30pm
- **Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart (AEST)** 6pm – 7.30pm
- **Perth (AWST)** 4pm – 5.30pm

Information sessions held in August.

Th SA-NT District will be hosting conversation meetings designed to explore what the "Way Forward" might mean as we prepare our hearts and minds for General Synod, and the way forward for our church.

WEDNESDAY, 7th AUGUST 2024 at 7pm (Livestream). More details to come.

Community Family Support News

Growing Faith at Home

Loving one another isn't always easy. Especially if we feel that we haven't got much 'in the tank' to share with others. God longs to top us up with his limitless supply of love. That way we can share it in turn with others. Have a look at this week's resource for some ideas to share 'love' with others in your family. On the topic of love, have you heard of the 5 love languages? These 'languages' describe different ways that people receive and express love in a relationship. They include words of affirmation, quality time, touch, acts of service and receiving gifts. Take a few minutes to do the quiz and see what styles you, your family and your friends prefer. Just google '5 love languages' to find the website or click on this link: https://5lovelanguages.com/quizzes/love-language

KAPS (Kid's and Parents) Event

We had a great time getting together for KAPS on Sunday afternoon. We enjoyed plenty of fun and games, worship, and a meal! Our next gathering will be on 26th May... We are getting ready for the Olympics with an afternoon of Sports on the agenda. Start your training (if you like) now and pop the date in your diary! Did you know that we have our own KAPS Facebook page? Check it out for updates and all things pertaining to KAPS!

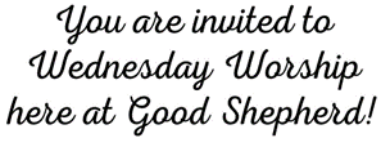
Rachel and Georgie

School Snippets

It is lovely to be together again after a break from school routine. Students, staff, and families reconnecting, sharing stories, and gearing up for a wonderful term of learning a growth. Have you looked at our school website lately? It has recently been refreshed and is chocked full of images and information about our school. Have a look when you have a few spare minutes.

For more information about the start of term click on this link: https://inewsletter.co/J1WDLx/latest or pick up a hard copy from the stand in the café area. I am happy to help you out if you would like your own copy.

Wednesday Worship



We began our school term with worship on Monday. Mrs Evie Stevens shared a message from James entitled 'Problems can produce good things. Have a look at this week's devotion for a reflection of what was shared, or you can have a look at the Wednesday Worship display in the café area. Our regular worship time resumes next Wednesday at 8:50am. (Enter through the courtyard.) You are most welcome to join us for the opportunity to worship and connect with others in our Good Shepherd Community. Stay for a coffee and a chat... Hope to see you soon!

God bless your week,

Georgie

Office News

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

May

3rd May	Commencing Craft Time Every Friday Morning (during school term)
4th May	SA-NT Synod
7th May	1-3pm Ladies Fellowship
12th May	Mothers' Day
17th–19th May	Men 'n' Minors Camp
19th May	Pentecost
19th May	12.15pm Annual General Meeting and Call Meeting
24th May	7pm onwards Volunteers' Supper
26th May	4-6.30pm KAPS

June

2nd June	12.30-4pm Safe Church Training Level - 1

"…Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me."

Psalm 51:11 (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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