weekly news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | Para Vista

Sunday Worship Service
8.45 and 10.30am

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9 October 2026

"On the discipleship journey" Doing what Jesus does …

By Michael Dutschke

Jesus' final instruction to His disciples was, "Go and make disciples of all nations." As disciples, they were now called to reproduce – to make more disciples!

Today is the third week of a series of sermons where we will be exploring the journey of discipleship.

This week's theme – "Doing what Jesus does".

Bible Reading: Luke 5:1-11 (NLT)

Prayer

Please forward all prayer requests to the church office via churchenquiries@paravista.org.au or phone 8263 5087

Good Shepherd Congregation Vision Afternoon

On **Sunday 25th October at 1.00pm** in the church worship area, Pastor Michael will be facilitating a time of Vision sharing for Good Shepherd congregation. This will include:

- "Looking at the past" - where the congregation was 10 years ago, including the vision at that time and the staffing that was put in place to oversee the implementation of that vision.
- "Looking at the present" - where the congregation is at now, including what has happened over the last 15 months, since Pastor Michael's installation as pastor.
- "Looking to the future" - sharing of Pastor Michael's ministry vision and direction for the future.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the afternoon. Pastor Michael envisages that the meeting will go for 60-90 minutes.

You are welcome to "BYO" lunch. Tables and chairs will be set up for those who wish to have lunch at the church before the meeting.

Please talk to Pastor Michael if you have any questions.

Worship Opportunity

Just a reminder that we will opening our school term with Worship on **Monday 12th October at 2:15pm**. As always, you are most welcome to attend. (Please note: This will take the place of Wednesday Worship for that week. Our regular Wednesday gatherings will recommence the following week on **21st October.)** We would love for you to join us!

We'd Love to Connect with You!

Connect Cards are available as you arrive at our Sunday services. Feel free to complete one using the pencils provided in holders attached to the side of chairs in the worship centre and pop it into the offering bowl.

Use a card to share comments, request prayer, join a group, pastoral care or get in touch with our team.

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS

11th October	Final day for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes to be returned
13th October	Nanga Mai Letter Writing 1-2.30pm & 7-8.30pm in the church café
15th, 22nd, 29th October	THR Prayer Ministry Training 9.30am
18th October	KAPS 4-6pm
25th October	Vision Afternoon *1pm*

November

3rd November	Ladies Fellowship *1pm*
5th, 12th, 19th, November	THR Prayer Ministry Training *9.30am*

Weekly Connection

* **Mondays:** Meet 'n' Eat (6:15pm-7.30pm) & Prayer Meeting (7:30pm-9:00pm) (excluding public holidays)

* **Thursdays:** Social Club (1:00pm-3.15pm)

* **Fridays:** Craft Group (9:30am-11:00am)

Operation Christmas Child

Important dates for 2026 to ensure your gift is sent this year:

- **Sunday 11th October - All boxes to be returned by this date.** Boxes can be left in the church office or on one of the high tables in the cafe. Boxes returned early will be stored securely.
- **Sunday 18th October** - Boxes will be blessed at both services. The blessing will be that your gift will bring joy to the child who receives it, and that they will accept the invitation to hear the good news of the gospel.
- **Monday 19th October -** Boxes taken to the Distribution Centre. Boxes received after this date will be held over to 2027.
- If you have an OCC box but will not be using it this year, please return so it can be used next year. This will save purchasing extra boxes next year

October Community Collection

Our October Community Collection will be held on **Sunday 26th October.** This month's donations will assist Lutheran Care in supporting families/individuals in need.

Support for local groups

Due to the very generous support of the congregation, the Trivia Night raised $3600.

The Bridge Builders team has allocated $3000 to local organizations that are supporting members of our community struggling at present. This looks like:

- $2000 to the Family Hub at Ingle Farm. Some of this will be used to conduct self-care courses for mums/carers of children with disabilities. It will also enable the Hub to conduct cooking classes.
- $700 donated to Para Vista School to allow them to purchase a divider to secure a store area in the child/parent early learning centre.
- $300 to purchase shelves for the church kitchen as Meet n Eat need extra storage for all the food that needs to be stored to support the Monday Night programme.

Together in Christ

The SA-NT District are excited to offer all congregational members the opportunity to **gather, grow and go together in Christ**. It is not just a day of listening, it is a day of doing, a day of gathering and giving thanks, a day of being encouraged to go out into your community to share the Gospel, a day of committing to God to share his word.

There will be electives covering these three themes:

- **Gather** – gathering together in worship, God's divine service to us. How we can be better equipped in gathering together as the body of Christ.
- **Grow** – discipling and building up members of the body of Christ. Developing our understanding of discipleship and how God is shaping us.
- **Go** – going out to communities, discerning the needs of others. Practical equipping to be Christ in the world through missional engagement with others.

The event will cost $30 per person which includes morning tea. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are offering an **option** of lunch for $10 a person.

Registrations will close on 31st October – so get it quick!

For further information about **Together in Christ** please see their website:- https://sant.lca.org.au/events/tic/

Volunteer Opportunity Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Para Vista

Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Para Vista are seeking additional Board and FRAC (Finance, Risk, Audit) Committee members. If you have skills in Human Resources, Risk, Law, Business or Finance we would love to hear from you.

As a School Board we meet monthly on a Tuesday evening to govern the school and its services. The FRAC committee meets termly on an afternoon. If you have the time, passion and expertise – we would like to hear from you! Please reach out to Amber at registrar@gspv.sa.edu.au – she will send you an application from which includes a skills matrix. If your skill set compliments those we currently have in our teams you may be invited to have a conversation with myself and our School Chair.

I pray that if this speaks to you, you will reach out.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Evie Stevens

Café Time

Tea and coffee are available after Sunday services, and everyone is warmly invited to stay, enjoy a drink and fellowship together.

Missed a Sunday? Listen to our weekly podcasts at www.paravista.org.au

Booking Board for 2026

Planning an event or ministry? Our Booking Board is open, and we invite you to contact the church office on 8263 5087 or email churchenquiries@paravista.org.au to reserve the complex. Early bookings are appreciated to help secure your preferred dates.

Child Safety - Standard 3.1

Our congregation works in partnership with families and carers to keep children safe.
We are committed to keeping families informed, to listening to their concerns, and to helping them be involved in decisions that affect their children.

Photography & Video Permission

We kindly ask all members and visitors to please ask permission before taking photos at church events or sharing them on social media. This helps respect the privacy of children and adults and ensures everyone feels safe, respected, and comfortable in our church community. Thank you for supporting a Child Safe and welcoming environment

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

Regular Electronic Giving (REG): BSB 704 942 Acc. 100 354 939

Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-3pm
Fri 9am-1pm
(closed 12:30pm-1:30pm for lunch).
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