weekly news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | Para Vista

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Sunday Worship Service
8.45 and 10.30am

16 October 2026

“On the discipleship journey” Take up your cross and follow me.

By Michael Dutschke

Many people followed Jesus during his 3 years of public ministry.

However, many stopped following Jesus when the cost of discipleship got too high.

Sunday is the fourth week of a series of sermons where we will be exploring the journey of discipleship.

Bible Reading: Matthew 16:21-28 (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, October 25th 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.

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

Café Time

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

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October

October 18th	KAPS *4-6pm*
October 22nd, 29th	THR Prayer Ministry Training *9.30am*
October 25th	Vision Afternoon *1pm*

November

November 3rd	Ladies Fellowship *1pm*
November 5th, 12th, 19th,	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)

* **Wednesdays:** Wednesday Worship (8:50am-9.30am)

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

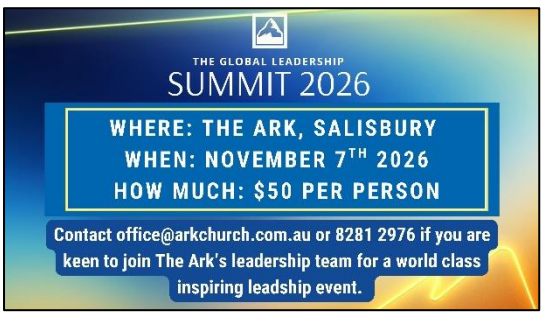
* **Fridays:** Craft Group (9:30am-11:00am)

KAPS this Sunday!

Not long to go now! This Sunday October 18th from 4pm, we are looking forward to an afternoon of water themed activities. Be brave and think about who you might like to invite. Family? Friends? Neighbours? The more the merrier! Due to the nature of the activities, we encourage people to wear suitable clothing e.g. rashie vest, shorts, t-shirts, hat and remember to bring dry clothes to change into afterwards for Worship. Please note: No meal this time... That will be back on next month. See you soon!

October Community Collection

Our October Community Collection will be held on **Sunday October 25th.** This month's donations will assist Lutheran Care in supporting families/individuals in need.



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.

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 are closing soon on October 31st – so get it quick!

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

Wednesday Worship

We began the school term with worship on Monday afternoon. Our first theme for this term is 'God with Us' looking at some Old Testament encounters. We began with 'The Rainbow One' (Noah and the Ark) Please have a look at this week's devotion for a reflection of what was shared. You are most welcome to join us next Wednesday as we continue the theme. We are back to our usual time of 8:50am. As always, you are most welcome to come along. (Thank you to those that did on Monday!) Parents/ Grandparents often come along to see their children/ grandchildren's involvement in Worship. This is a great opportunity to meet them and perhaps strike up a conversation... Maybe in response to some of the songs we sang last Sunday? Hope to see you soon!

School Snippets

It is great to be back together again! Yesterday our Stage Four students went on an excursion to Lenswood Pick Your Own in the Adelaide Hills. This was a great follow on to their Entrepreneurial Enterprise activities last term. Students were really engaged and learned about how a business operates and the decisions that business owners make every day... And the weather was perfect!

We look forward to what the Term has in store for us. Please check out the school newsletter or pick up a copy in the café!

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.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Evie Steven

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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