weekly news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | Para Vista

Sunday Worship Service
8.45 and 10.30am

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23 October 2026

"On the discipleship journey" Disciples making disciples.

By Michael Dutschke

After a 3-year journey with Jesus, His 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 final week of a series of sermons where we will be exploring the journey of discipleship.

Bible Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 (NLT)

Prayer

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

Operation Christmas Child

This year the magnificent total of 97 boxes were donated. These were delivered on Monday to the collection Centre at Modbury. They are forwarded to Sydney, checked and then sent overseas.

Thank you to all involved in this year's programme especially those who generously donated a box/s.

These will bring great joy to those who open them at Christmas and more importantly provide an opportunity to hear the great news of the gospel.

Good Shepherd Congregation Vision Afternoon

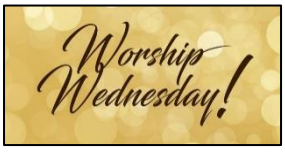
This **Sunday, October 25th at 1.00pm** in the church worship area, Pastor Michael will be facilitating a time of Vision sharing for Good Shepherd congregation. This will include:

- "Looking at the past" - where the congregation was 10 years ago.
- "Looking at the present" - where the congregation is at now, including what has happened over the last 15 months.
- "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.

Wednesday Worship



Pastor Richard Fox shared the message with us this week. He talked about 'That time he (Moses, empowered by God) split the sea'. 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 at 8:50am, as we continue the theme. I would love for you to come along, experience worship and connect with others in our Good Shepherd community. Parents and 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... I saw a wonderful example of this happening on Wednesday. I'm hoping for more!

October

October 25th	Vision Afternoon *1pm*
October 29th	THR Prayer Ministry Training *9.30am*

November

November 3rd	Ladies Fellowship *1pm*
November 6th	Elevate Worship @ Endeavour College *6.45-9pm*
November 14th	Together in Christ gathering @ Para Vista
November 5th, 12th, 19th	THR Prayer Ministry Training *9.30am*
November 22nd	KAPS *4-7pm*
November 25th	Prayer at school *3.15pm*
November 29th	Prayer at school *9.00am*
	Combined worship service @ *10am*
	Half Yearly Meeting after service

Weekly Connection

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

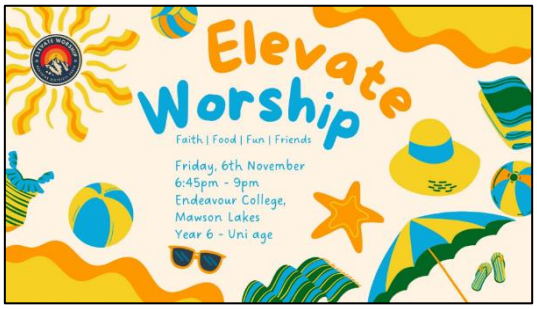
* **Wednesdays:** Wednesday Worship (8:50am-9.30am)

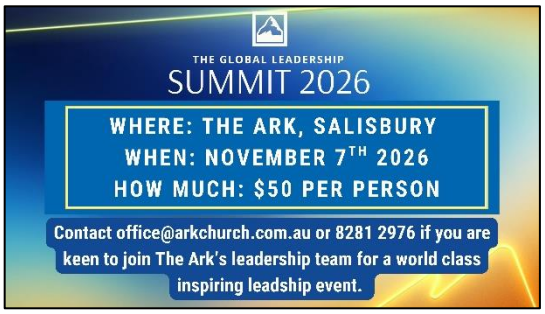
* **Thursdays:** Social Club (1:00pm-3.15pm)

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

October Community Collection

Our October Community Collection will be held this **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 and 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/

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.

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 or prayer requests.

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

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.

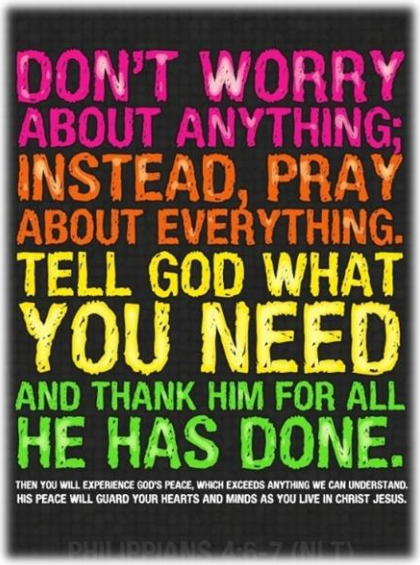
Photography & Video Permission

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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