weekly news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | Para Vista

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Sunday Worship Service
8.45 and 10.30am

30 October 2026

"Times Like These"

By Pastor Noel Kluge

How can we respond to the challenges facing our world today?

We are confronted with many challenges, including ongoing wars, extreme weather events, the potential and unpredictable threats posed by rogue AI agents, and the ever-increasing cost of living.

One key takeaway from the message will be a renewed call to intercessory prayer, bringing these concerns before God and trusting in the power of Jesus' name.

Bible Reading: John 14:1-18 (NIV) and John 14:25-27 (NIV)

Prayer

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

November Community Collection

As one charity put it this week, Australia has changed from the lucky country to the hungry country.

Thank you for your great generosity last Sunday in donating 46 bags crammed full of items that will be used by Lutheran Care to support struggling families/individuals. These donations will be a blessing to many people.

It was great to see young people take the lead in sorting out the donations. We even had a visiting family helping out!

From Pastor Michael -

Vision sharing afternoon

Thank you to all those who attended the Vision afternoon last Sunday. It was really good to share information about Ministry at Good Shepherd and to hear everyone's comments, concerns, ideas and questions. If you were unable to attend and would like a video of the meeting, please contact the church office to get a link to the recording. NB: The recording will not be posted on our website.

Please take time to pray and think about what you heard and if you have any additional feedback, please talk to me or a member of the Ministry Oversight and Support Team (MOST).

These are exciting times and it is clear the Holy Spirit is at work in many ways within our community and if we pay attention, the direction we take and the Ministries we grow will become clearer to us.

If you have any Ministry ideas or would like to participate in or lead any Ministries, please let me know and I will walk alongside you so we can discern the next steps. Even if you think no-one else would be interested, still let me know as your idea may be just what works for others too!!

We have a vibrant community with many emerging Ministries which we will be resourcing in 2027 with both people and funding. At our half yearly meeting on 29th November, we will approve a budget to enable these Ministries to proceed, so please pray that we listen to what the Holy Spirit wants us to know and what he wants us to do and that we don't hesitate to act.

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 and prayer requests.

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

"Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church" lunch and information session.

On Sunday, November 15th at 12noon, a light lunch will be provided, followed by an information session for people who are new to our church community, or people who have been part of our church community for a while, but have not formally joined as members.

The 1-hour session (which will begin at approximately 12.30pm) will include information about:

- **Lutheran distinctives -** A brief look at what "Lutheran" means – how Lutheran Theology and practices are different to other denominations.
- **The Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA.) -** A quick overview of the "Synodical" structure of the LCA, which operates differently to other denominations (Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Baptist, etc).
- **Our Good Shepherd ministry vision -** I will share the current vision at Good Shepherd - what we believe Jesus is calling us to focus on as a congregation, and how that looks like practically.
- **Our Ministries -** A snapshot of the current ministries that are operating at Good Shepherd, and the fruit of these ministries.
- **Membership -** An explanation of what "membership" means, and the pathway to follow for those would like to formally join as members.

If you would like to attend, please let the church office staff know via phone: 08 8263 5087 or email: churchadmin@paravista.org.au

Pastor Michael

A Fond Farewell

One of our oldest members, Ruby Keller has transferred her membership to Trinity Lutheran Church at Hope Valley. She has been a member here since 2002.

November

November 3rd	Ladies Fellowship *1pm*
November 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th	Social Club *1-3pm* in the church hall
November 5th, 12th, 19th	THR Prayer Ministry Training *9.30am*
November 6th	Elevate Worship @ Endeavour College *6.45-9pm*
November 8th	Wild Goose Worship for Kids *3-5pm*
November 14th	Together in Christ gathering @ Para Vista
November 15th	Welcome to Good Shepherd *12 noon*
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 *12.15pm*

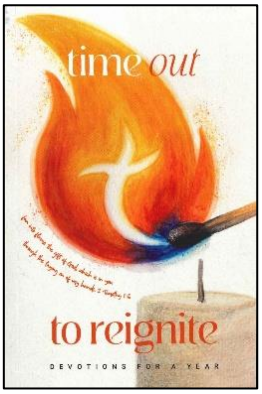
Weekly Connection

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

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

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

Time Out Devotion Book



If you require a daily devotional book for 2027 let the front office know via email churchenquiries@paravista.org.au or 8263 5087 as soon as possible**.**

Price of **$25.00** pickup from the front office will need to be paid on collection.

The theme for 2027 is 'To Reignite' and is compiled of a selection of short meditations for each day of the year, from Australian writers, including pastors and other faith-filled servants of Jesus.

Drawing illustrations from everyday life, the writer's thoughts are relatable, Christ-centred, and point readers back to the full life he promises in his name. Included is the bible reading for the day, a featured verse, a faith-talk question, and a prayer. Perfect for individuals, families, or groups. May you be blessed daily as you take time out in His presence.

Nanga Mai – Can you help?

231 cards headed into prison last week.

231 messages of hope, encouragement and connection.

A reminder to women in prison that they are not forgotten, that they matter and that someone out there cares. This work is SO important, but it comes at a cost. 231 cards = $392.70 in postage alone.

Every donation counts. Every dollar matters. Every card makes a difference. We need your help to keep this work going! Please spread the word, donate if you can and help us raise the much-needed funds to continue bringing hope beyond prison walls. Because something as simple as receiving a card can mean more than you/ we will ever know.

If you can help by making a donation, please do so via the church office or contact Sue Schenscher on 0422 799 668.

Wednesday Worship

Mrs Abraham shared the message with us this week. She talked about 'The Fiery One'... The time God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. 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. Our 'Immanuel~ God with Us' theme continues as we begin our walk towards Christmas. (We start Advent a little early due to the timing of the school term.) 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!

School Snippets

It's been a big couple of days for our Stage Two (Year One and Two) children.

After a short 'after school' break yesterday, Year Two children returned for a pizza tea, then enjoyed beautiful weather for their outdoor cinema and toasting marshmallows experience. They concluded their night by sleeping over in tents under the shelter of the gym. Year Ones joined in today for the Stage Two Spectacular which involved a series of engaging incursion activities. This is all part of the progressive camping experience we have here at Good Shepherd, where students learn to take (safe) risks and prepare for camping experiences away from school as they get older.

Today is also 'World Teachers' Day'. We are blessed with over 100 staff across our ELC, Primary School and OSHC who nurture, teach and provide for our precious young people.

Happy World Teachers' Day to everyone who works in an educational setting!

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 date.

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 have been extended to the **2nd November** – so get it quick!

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

Café Time

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

Child Safety Action Plan

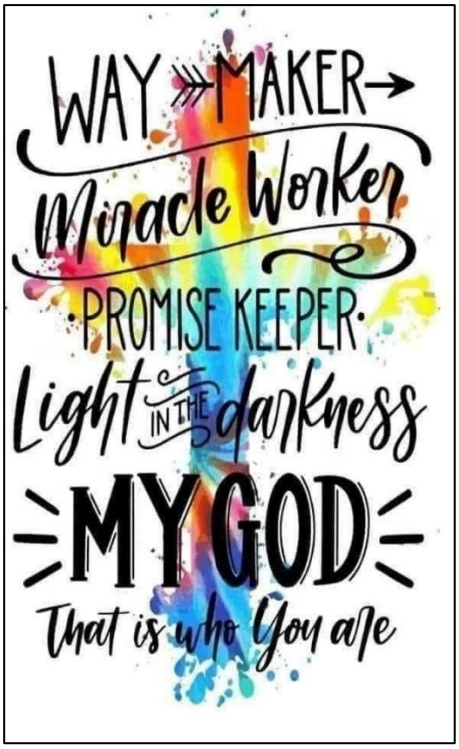
Our congregation works in partnership with families and carers to keep children safe.

Parents and carers are reminded that they share the responsibility for keeping their children safe during activities.

Children are not to be left alone or unsupervised in church or during church-related activities at any time.

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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