



**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**Sutherland NSW**  
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of Australia

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Please join us for a morning tea after our worship service.

If you are new to the church and would like to find out more information about worship and other activities, please speak to Pastor Luke.

Holy Communion at our church is for all

- baptised believers
- who know their need for forgiveness
- who believe Jesus himself is present with his body and blood in this meal with the bread and wine.

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## TRANSFIGURATION 19TH FEBRUARY 2012

### Bible Readings

2 Kings 2:1-12  
 1 Corinthians 4:3-6  
 Mark 9:2-9

*I want to build a house up on this mountain. Way up high where the peaceful waters flow. To quench my thirsty soul, up on the mountain*

*My faith is strengthened by all that I see. You make it easy for me to believe up on the mountain*

*You bring me up here on this mountain. For me to rest and learn and grow. I see the truth up on the mountain, and I carry it to the world far below. So as I go down to the valley. Knowing that you will go with me. This is my prayer, Lord, help me to remember what you've shown me, up on the mountain. –Steven Curtis Chapman*

Jesus gave his followers a mountaintop experience. As Jesus was transfigured on the mountain, his disciples were given a clear vision that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. The disciples didn't want to leave their mountaintop experience, but inevitably they had to come down and face reality. Thankfully, Jesus was preparing these men with a clear perspective as to what was to come, so they could take his message into the world and share the good news with all who would hear. This week we'll explore the clear picture of the Messiah and see the world through a new vision of God's glory. Enjoy your time on the mountain!

## Announcements

- Safe Church Training.** The four modules will be covered in two sessions. Session 1: Sun, 26th Feb 10:30am - 12:30pm **AND** Session 2: Sun, 11th March, 10:30am - 12:30am. It is hoped that we can offer child-minding, so that all who are involved in our BibleSong ministry will be able to attend.
- Men's Breakfast.** Men's Breakfast will meet for the first time in 2012 on the first Saturday in March (3rd March) for breakfast and fellowship together. For more information please speak to Pastor Luke.
- Playgroup.** Come join the playgroup on **Thursday the 23rd** from 10 - 12noon for the first meeting of the year. We will have craft and playtime while enjoying a cuppa.
- Ash Wednesday Service.** The season of Lent commences on Ash Wednesday. You are invited to join with the community as we come in repentance before the Lord at a worship service at 7:00pm 22nd February.
- Pastoral Visits.** Pastor Luke and members of our pastoral care team continue to regularly visit the sick and shut-ins, however, if you would like a general visit to talk, receive prayer and to be blessed, please email or talk to Pastor Luke or Ann Robertson to arrange a visit.
- Ladies Fellowship.** The ladies will meet this Sunday (today) for their meeting and bible study. All welcome to join.
- World Day of Prayer.** World day of prayer will be held on the 2nd of March here at Good Shepherd. Please speak to Karen Brooks for more information.

### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th Feb - Ladies Fellowship  
 22nd Feb - Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm  
 23rd Feb - Playgroup 10-12noon @ Church  
 26th Feb - Safe Church Training (Session One)  
 2nd March - World Day of Prayer  
 2nd March - LCA Pastor's Fraternal  
 9th - 11th March - LWNSW Retreat  
 16th March - Safe Church Training (Session Two)

### Prayer Points

- **That during this Epiphany Season we would come and see Jesus, follow him and make him known to others.**
  - \* that the church would see Christ where he is present
  - \* that the church may show Christ to all who have no faith
  - \* that Christ would reveal his gracious presence to all who suffer
  - \* that in all the distractions of life we would set our sight on Jesus only.
  - \* Members and friends of our community: **John Grantins, Karl Haessler, Wolfgang Grollmus, Powell Heuer (and family), David Harris, Steve Turcsanyi, Shirley Tullock, Sam & Anneli Skippari, George Gaidos, Daniel Liptak.**



Sexual abuse is totally unacceptable to the church and to society as a whole. The LCA Safe Place Committee has established a confidential service for responding to complaints of sexual abuse/harassment by church employees and leaders. Trained advisors are available to help.

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Date	Holy Comm	Prayers	Cleaning	Morning Tea/ Flowers	Bible Readings	Musician
19 Feb	Brooks	Brooks	Zids	Zids	Zids	Tullock
26 Feb	Robertson	Pastor Luke	N/A	Behrens	Witt	Raelene

# ASH WEDNESDAY DAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. It is a time for repentance and renewal, discipleship and walking the way of the cross. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter. These 40 days exclude the Sundays, which still retain something of the Easter character belonging to every Sunday. However, at the same time they have some of the restraint of Lent, shown, for example, in the omission of the alleluias, the hymn of adoration, and flowers in the church.

Lent reaches its climax in Holy Week, focusing specifically on our Lord's suffering and death. The season has a sombre character, marked by austerity and restraint. Traditional emphases have been prayer, fasting, and giving for the needs of others. Lent has also included study and meditation in preparation for baptism.

Ash Wednesday is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice which many Lutheran congregations have found to be a very meaningful part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence.

Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence:

- Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).
- Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were used anciently in the absence of soap. On Ash Wednesday ashes are a penitential substitute for water as a reminder of our baptism.
- Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried: 'earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.'
- Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God.



# February/March 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Feb	2	3	4	5
						Children's Ministry Meeting
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Mission & Ministry Conference	Mission & Ministry Conference	Mission & Ministry Conference	Pastor's Day Off	Pastoral Visiting Pm	CYFM Meeting 9:30am District Office	<b>Children's Ministry</b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Pastor's Day Off		Young @ Heart 10:30 - Lunch	Pastoral Visiting Pm	Pastoral Visiting Pm		Ladies Fellowship
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pastor's Day Off		<b>Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm</b>	Playgroup 10am Pastoral Visiting Pm	Pastoral Visiting Pm		<b>Children's Ministry</b> Church Safe Session 1 (10:30-12:30)
27	28	29	1 March	2 March	3 March	4 March
Pastor's Day Off			Pastoral Visiting Pm	<b>World Day of Prayer</b> Pastors Fraternal District Office 10am		Men's Breakfast 8am @ Church

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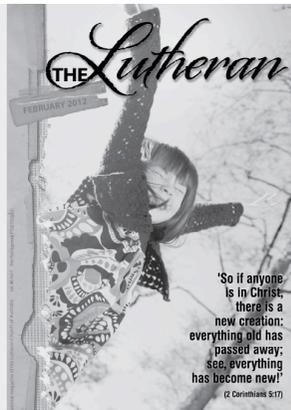
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