



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sutherland NSW

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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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3rd Sunday After Easter 22nd April 2012

Bible Readings

Acts 3:12-19
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Prayer of the Day

Loving God, put a fire in the lives of each of us. Give us the desire to live lives that serve you and you alone. Give us strength in our weakness, and faith in the midst of our doubt. We pray your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call to you,

O God who declares me innocent.

Free me from my troubles.

Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you people ruin my reputation?

How long will you make groundless accusations?

How long will you continue your lies?

You can be sure of this: The Lord set apart the godly for himself.

The Lord will answer when I call to him.

Don't sin by letting anger control you.

Think about it overnight and remain silent.

Offer sacrifices in the right spirit, and trust the Lord.

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.

PHONE FREECALL NUMBER 1800 644 628 or write to: The Supervisor, PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070 or email: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au

Announcements

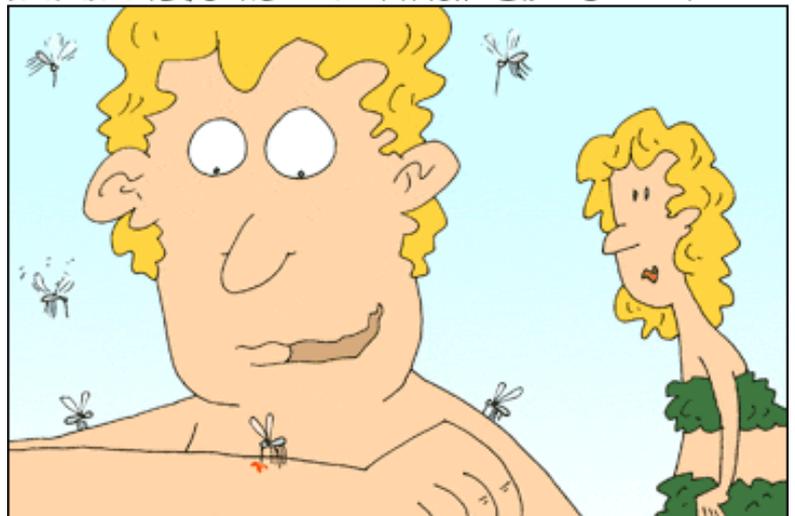
- Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.** We pray that your time of worship today has been a blessing as you've met the Lord God in Word, prayer, praise, bread and wine. You are invited to join us for a cuppa after the service. Thank you to all those who have contributed to making this time of worship possible today. Have a great week and God bless you richly!
- Playgroup.** Playgroup is on again this coming Thursday, 26th of April from 10am until 12 noon. We are always looking for helpers to come and be involved in this great little ministry. Please speak to Michelle Ward or Anna Spilsbury if you are interested.
- 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.
- Need to contact Pastor Luke?** The preferred method of contact is via the office phone (02) 9521 4424 which is generally diverted to Pastor's mobile phone (0431215078) when he is out of office. Please leave a message if you can't get through and Pastor will contact you as soon as practically possible. **Pastor is available for contact during these days and hours:** (Tuesday 8:30am - 4pm; Wednesday 8:30pm-4pm; Thursday 8:30am-4pm; Friday 8:30am - 4pm; Sunday 7:00am - 2pm)

Prayer Points

- for the preaching of God's word to the nations
- for those who seek to understand the Scriptures
- for Christians who have fallen into sin
- for those who are physically disabled
- for those who persecute God's people
- for the Jewish people
- for those who hunger or are starving
- Members and friends of our community: **John Grantins, Karl Haessler, Powell Heuer (and family), David Harris, Steve Turcsanyi, Shirley Tullock, Sam & Anneli Skippari, George Gaidos, Daniel Liptak.**



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Thanks to Vicki Oberski (See Genesis 3)

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WE WERE EVICTED FROM EDEN, BUT GOD MUST STILL LOVE US SINCE HE SENT US THESE NEW FRIENDS TO GIVE US TINY KISSES

Date	H/C	Prayers	Cleaning	Morning Tea/ Flowers	Bible Readings	Musician
22 April	Eesa Witt	Eesa Witt	Poljak	Poljak	Eesa Witt	Short
29 April	Eesa Witt	Pastor Luke	Welsh	Welsh	Pastor Luke	Wiley
6 May	Ann Robertson	Pastor Luke	No Cleaning	Westphal (MT)	Robertson	Raelene

7 Tips for Better Bible Study

by: Pastor Mark Driscoll

When tempted by the devil to turn stones into bread after a 40-day fast in the wilderness, Jesus responded by saying simply and profoundly, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matt 4:4) Paul, when writing to his protégé, Timothy, writes that, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim 3:16-17) David writes, “I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes” (Psalm 119:48). The implications are clear: life and growth come from the study of God’s words through Scripture. We are not to read and study the Bible begrudgingly but rather view it as the source of life and, like David, love God’s word. But the reality is that we all struggle at times to study faithfully or joyfully. So, it’s nice to have a few principles to help us refocus our love and study of Scripture. Below are seven principles that I’ve found beneficial.

1. Actively serve and participate in a local church to learn with and from other Christians. Colossians 3:16 (NIV): “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.”

2. Be under the authority of Scripture to be interpreted by it, not over the Scripture to be interpreted by you. Hebrews 4:12–13 (NIV): “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

3. Pick up the Bible for life transformation, not just mental information. John 5:39–40 (NIV): “You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”

4. Pick up the Bible for relational purposes—not functional ones—so that you will love God and not just know or use him. Matthew 7:21–23 (NIV): “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

5. Don’t just get into the Word; get the Word into you. Memorization, Psalm 119:11: “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” Meditation, Ezra 7:10: “For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.”

6. Take advantage of godly Bible commentators, your pastor, respected theologians in church history, and wise Christian friends to better understand Scripture. Romans 12:7 (NIV): “If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach . . .”

7. Don’t think you need more knowledge. Often you need more obedience to the knowledge you already have. James 1:22 (NIV): “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”