Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Sutherland NSW
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Lutheran Church 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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Lent 1
26th February 2012

Notes on MARK 1: 9-15: The Baptism of Jesus

The baptism of Jesus (who needed neither confession nor forgiveness) marks the beginning of his ministry as the Messiah. The voice of the Father and the visible imbuing of the Spirit attest his divine mission and authorise him as the Son of God the Father. Satan recognises the implications against his power and immediately sets out to wreck the divine plan, unsuccessfully. Note the prime aspect of Christ's ministry and the essence of the Kingdom's objective, namely, repentance and faith in the good news of God's gracious forgiveness.

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

1. **Safe Church Training.** The four modules will be covered in two session. 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.
2. **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.
3. **World Day of Prayer.** Please join us for the World Day of Prayer on the 2nd of March at 10:30 here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. For more information on the theme of the service visit: www.worlddayorprayeraustralia.org or speak with Karen Brooks. The Theme for this Year is 'Let Justice Prevail' and is prepared by the women of Malaysia.
4. **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.
5. We have **several baptisms** coming up during the month of March. We encourage as many of our members to be present at these Baptisms to support the baptismal candidates and their families through our presence and prayers.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Lenten Season we would humble ourselves, repent of all our sin and seek a transformation of heart and mind that aligns us with God.**
  * those who want to give up on life
  * those who are afraid of the future
  * those who look for fulfilment in evil
  * those who are addicted to destructive drugs like alcohol and the illegal drugs in our society, as well as hatred or pride or other evils.
  * 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.**

Date	Holy Com.	Prayers	Cleaning	Flowers	Morning Tea	Bible Readings	Musician
26 Feb	Witt	Pastor Luke	N/A	Behrens	Behrens	Witt	Raelene
4 Mar	Robertson	Robertson	Raelene	Raelene	Rohrich	Robertson	Short
11 Mar	Poljak	Pastor Luke	N/A	Heuer	Westphal	Pastor Luke	

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FREE WORSHIP SERVICE DVDs

If circumstances should prevent you or someone you know from attending church, please order FREE LCA Worship Service DVDs by contacting Lutheran Media. FREECALL 1800 353 350 or luthmedia@lca.org.au You can watch the whole or selected parts of the service.

RADIO

Listen to *FACE TO FACE*

Invite others to do the same. Download or listen online at www.facetoface.org.au

4th March — What's Love Got To Do With It? — Trevor Keller
There's a common question people ask when faced with hard times. If God is a God of love how can this happen? Or in other words – what's love got to do with it? That's the question our guest Trevor Keller will be exploring this week on Face to Face. We hope you can join us. We believe you'll be encouraged to discover love is present even in difficult times.

11th March — Why Did It Happen? — Richard Mau
Year after year people suffer from natural disasters and unexpected tragedies. We ask the age old question, "Why? Why did it happen?" and search for answers. Join Richard Mau as he discusses the related question, "Why did God allow it to happen?"
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18th March — The Commute — James Winderlich
Many of us travel to work every day. It may be by car, public transport, pushbike or simply walking. We may see the opportunity as a time to be alone in our thoughts, prepare for the day, read a book, or simply switch off waiting for the day to begin. Our guest is James Winderlich. He'll be sharing his own experience of commuting with an interesting communal twist.

25th March — Making Peace — Interview
How can I ever forgive them? How can they ever forgive me? Bringing peace out of conflict can seem hopeless, especially when people are deeply hurt. Through Ted Kober's teaching and personal stories, you'll hear about methods for making peace in what may seem like unresolvable situations.
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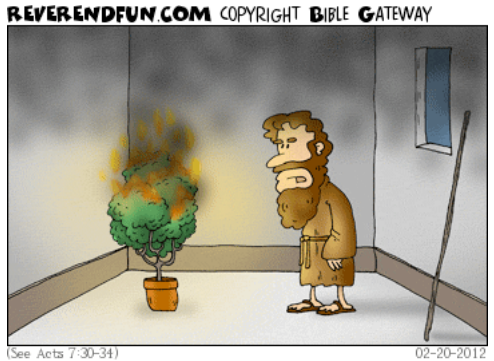
WEBSITES

Holiday fun for children at www.happyland.com.au & www.redboots.com.au

Check out resources at www.lca.org.au

TELEVISION

ON MAIN STREET, a half hour talk show tackling socially relevant issues
11:30pm Saturday (AEDT) on the **Australian Christian Channel AUSTAR DIGITAL 182, FOXTEL DIGITAL 182, OPTUS 49 / Digital 182, TRANSACT** (Canberra)

March 2012 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 **World Day of Prayer** **10:30am GSLCS** LCA Pastor's Fraternal 10:00am	3 **Men's Breakfast 8:00am @ Church**
2nd Sunday in Lent 4 Baptism	5 Pastors Day Off	6	7	8	9 **LWNSW Retreat 9th – 11th March**	10 **LWNSW Retreat 9th – 11th March**
3rd Sunday in Lent 11 **Sunday School** Church Safe Training Session 2 (10:30-12:30am)	12 Pastors Day Off	13	14	15 Pastoral Visiting PM	16 Pastoral Visiting PM	17
4th Sunday in Lent 18 **Ladies Fellowship**	19 Pastors Day Off	20	21 **Young @ Heart 10:30 - Lunch**	22 Pastoral Visiting PM	23 Pastoral Visiting PM	24
5th Sunday in Lent 25 **Sunday School** Baptism	26 Pastors Day Off	27	28	29 **Playgroup 10am-12** Pastoral Visiting PM	30 Pastoral Visiting PM	31
Palm Sunday 1 April	2 April	3 April	4 April	5 April Maundy Thursday 7:00pm H/C Service	6 April Good Friday Service 9am Public Holiday	7 April Easter Saturday Public Holiday