



OUTER EASTERN NEWS

*Serving the Outer Eastern Lutheran Church, Melbourne
with the Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School and Luther College*

God has blessed us! To celebrate this we encourage one another, we build one another up in faith, we use our gifts to serve others, we reach out to our community with God's Good News, and we walk with those who are learning to know his love.

✚ **Immanuel** - 1 North Rd Lilydale

8:30 a.m. every Sunday with Holy Communion

✚ **Open Door** - Luther College Chapel, Plymouth Rd Croydon

10:00 a.m. every Sunday with Holy Communion

✚ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School** -

53-57 Plymouth Rd, Croydon Hills 9:00am every Wednesday and Friday in the Gym during school terms

6:00pm every second Sunday in the Gym during school terms

✚ **Yarra Junction** at the Uniting Church - 3 Little Yarra Road

3:00 p.m. every 4th Sunday of the month

The Outer Eastern Lutheran Church

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Principal: Michael Kleidon

Pastors: Simon Cooper & Mark Tuffin



19 February 2012

Prayer points:

- ✚ LCA Vic District: President Greg Pietsch, Pastor Allan Heppner, Pastor Gordon Wegener, Elissa Havja, Pamela Dalgiesch, Robyn Kuchel and John Graetz
- ✚ Congregations of Greensborough/Thomastown, Pastors Brett Kennett and Theo Harms (retired)
- ✚ Calvary Retirement Village and Lester and Mary Walkenhorst

What's happening in February?

- **Sunday 19**—Trading Tables at Croydon, Sunday Chapel at GSLPS at 6.00pm
- **Wednesday 22**—Hot Topics Discussion Group at Lilydale at 1:00pm, Ash Wednesday Service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Ringwood at 7:30pm
- **Wednesday 29**—Lenten Service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Ringwood at 7:30pm

Coming up in March!

- **Thursday 1**—Prayer Group at GSLPS at 9:00am, OELC Church Council Meeting at 7:30pm
- **Sunday 4**—Sunday Chapel at GSLPS at 6:00pm
- **Wednesday 14**—Wednesday Club meet at Lilydale at 10:30am
- **Thursday 15**—Prayer Group at GSLPS at 9:00am, GSLPS Council Meeting at 7:30pm
- **Friday 16**—Shedmen
- **Friday 16 to Sunday 18**—Treasured Girls Weekend—Monbulk
- **Sunday 18**—Sunday Chapel at GSLPS at 6:00pm

Open Pantry



Please continue to support the Open Pantry with donations for the Maroondah Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). Look for the basket in the foyer. Keep it full to overflowing!

Gluten Free

Communion Wafers

Please notify Pastor Tim if you require gluten free wafers for communion.



Sunday School is on today

Freezer Bank—February Black, Parkinson, Ridgwell, Schneider

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS 12 FEB

8:30am	Lilydale	32	HC	30
10:00am	Croydon	265	HC	232

Offerings: Services	\$2760.90
REG:	\$ 938.00
Total:	<u>\$3698.90</u>

Suggested Bible Readings for this week:

Monday	Revelation 21:1-8
Tuesday	Revelation 21:9-27
Wednesday	John Isaiah 58:1-12, 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10, Matt 6:1-6,16-21
Thursday	Revelation 22:1-11
Friday	Luke 6:12-16
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10



Lenten Services Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 57 Wantirna Road, Ringwood at 7:30pm

- Ash Wednesday—22nd February 2012
- Lent 1—29th February (Taize)
- Lent 2—7th March (Vespers)
- Lent 3—14th March (Vespers)
- Lent 4—21st March (Evening Prayer)
- Lent 5—28th March (Taize)

All welcome!

Trading Tables are back! TODAY at Croydon

All proceeds go to support the work of the Layworker! Thanks to all who continue to support the Trading Tables through donations or purchases.

Direct Giving

Unable to attend worship services on a regular basis? Do you miss the opportunity for regular giving? Do you want an additional opportunity to worship God with your free-will offerings? An on-line offering can be made at any time directly into the OELC's Westpac account; the details of which are:

BSB: 033-000 Account No.: 702492
Account name: Outer Eastern Lutheran Church

You may wish to use this additional opportunity to worship God with your free-will offerings. This can be done at any time, and anywhere, all you need to do is to access your internet banking facility and make an offering either on a regular basis, or as a once-off special thank offering.

If you wish to make a contribution towards the Lay Worker Fund, please make the appropriate notation on the transfer.

'Mums N Bubs' Playgroup

Held every Wednesday at 10am-12pm
At 'The Cottages'

For pre-schoolers, toddlers & babies.
Come for a chat & a play.

Contact Steph Sheldon for more info on: 0422-363-114

LSF and LYV present the inaugural Young Adult Leadership Training Day

Saturday February 25, 2012
St Philip's Lutheran School, Werribee

For pastors, young adult leaders and interested young adults (18-30).

Young adult ministry presents a vital challenge and opportunity for the church. When people move into adulthood and emerging independence beyond high school, they are faced with a number of key transitions which can either make their Christian faith strong, vibrant and life-giving, or make it seem irrelevant and disconnected. Yet our church has little intentional training for young adult ministry and little intentional discipling of young adults themselves. This training day aims to address this vital area of ministry, equipping pastors, young adult leaders and young adults to help live out a lively faith in a vital stage of life.

The day will include excellent plenary teaching on areas such as 'Young Adult Spirituality,' 'Faith and life transitions,' and 'Intentional young adult ministry,' and practical workshops on Life Transformation Groups, effective young adult bible studies, and worship, and a unique chance to network with others and begin to see the 'bigger picture' of young adult ministry across the LCA-Vic District and beyond.

There will be a small cost to cover lunch, morning and afternoon tea, and printed materials. Please put the date in your diary now!

For more information, or to register your interest please contact
Pastor Nathan Hedt (nathan.hedt@lca.org.au) or Robyn Kuchel (robyn.kuchel@googlemail.com)

Baptism Birthdays in February!

Please pray for those in our church family who have been baptised in the past few years:

**Keeley Blackwood, Alannah Blackwood,
Lachlan Blackwood, Ruby Pfander, Mason Bennett,
Elise Bergmann, Byron Foster,
Charlie Lawrence, Zach Jenz**

(If your child is under 10, has a baptism birthday this month and is not mentioned above, please contact the church office so that we can update our details.)



LAP Volunteers in 2012!

- ♦ Would you like to make a difference in a child's life?
- ♦ Do you enjoy sharing of yourself with others and interacting with younger generations?

If you answered yes to these questions, we would love to hear from you!

Volunteers are needed to assist primary aged students who are part of our school's Learning Assistance Program (LAP) in 2012. As a volunteer you would become a positive role model, helping raise self esteem, increasing social and communication skills and life-long learning.

Your commitment is for 45 minutes each week during school terms. Training, materials and more information will be provided to all volunteers at our Training Day on Monday 19th March, 2012.

For more information or to register your interest please contact Silvia Kennett or Julie Larmour on 9725 8255.

Treasured Girls Weekend – 'Living God's Story: Finding Yourself in the Pages'

16 - 18 March, 2012 @ The Log Cabin Ranch.

Grade 6-99+ All Welcome & BYO Family, Friends and God-Parents!

Treasured Girl's Weekend provides opportunity for girls and women of all ages across the metro region to come together in community; to experience God's lavish love, learn more about the fact that we belong to God and are part of his family, and therefore celebrate our identity as God's Princesses!

Living God's Story: Finding yourself in the Pages

God is writing a wondrously big story, and because of Jesus we are His story! As our lives come to us we have the opportunity to listen to the Author and together with Him write the pages to our part of God's story. He hands us the pen and empowers us to write and live a great story with our lives.

How do we live our great story then? How did our biblical ancestors live great stories with their lives? We will take a look at the lives of women in the bible; some who lived great and courageous lives and some who led seemingly insignificant and even broken stories. We'll explore how these characters lived, what they did and what part they played in God's story and as we do, we may just find ourselves in the pages of these great stories.

We have Jesus to look to as the Author and Perfector of our faith and He is the One who helps us to live a good story with our lives as we fix our eyes on Him and follow His example of living a great story.

Volunteers Needed

Treasured Girl's Weekend is looking for 2 Kitchen Helpers for the weekend, or 4 to share the load. We have a Head Caterer who will plan the catering and will need a team to make it all happen over the weekend. Contact Christie in the office on Thursday or Friday this coming week to register your willingness to serve in the kitchen.

Email: christie.lange@oelc.com.au

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

LCA

In order to overcome shortage of trained Pastors in the mid to late 1800's the Australian Lutheran Synods of the day looked to bringing in trained Pastors from Germany. Mainly two seminaries were looked to in order to provide Australian Pastors. One was the Hermannsburg Mission Seminary in Hanover. The other was the Lutheran seminary of Neuendettelsau in Bavaria.

Another seminary, the Basle Institute, fell out of favour after a hot debate at the important Melbourne Synod held November 23-24, 1874. Vagueness of Article 3 was the point of issue. It was over this issue that union of the various Lutheran Synods was also further delayed.

LCA (Vic-Tas District)

That in the 1800's the Lutheran Church in Victoria was primarily divided by two distinct groups. There was a strong rural group in the Wimmera and Western Districts. These Lutherans had come across from South Australia after that state's prime rural land was taken up. Pastor Clamor Schurmann and Pastor Carl Schoknecht were the first Pastors for these areas. The other group was centred in and around Melbourne-Geelong. They were a more diverse group. Occupations ranged from orchardists to shopkeepers to teachers. Congregations covered Grovedale, Bendigo, Ballarat, Melbourne, Thomastown and Harkaway. Pastor Matthias Goethe was the pioneer Pastor for this area.

OELC

Open Door congregation came about as a result of three main reasons. Firstly there was the presence of country students boarding at Luther College. It was considered that as these students who were familiar with church attendance and congregational life at home should have a spiritual home away from home. Secondly, the area between the Ringwood and Lilydale churches was expected to see a great population growth from 1980 on. Thirdly, it would be logical to have a local Lutheran congregation given the presence of the two Lutheran schools. Luther College and Ringwood congregation's Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School.

Submitted.

Welcome to the Tubby family!

Many of you will know David, Sue, Chelsi and Nicholas Tubby. Sue is a staff member at Good Shepherd; Chelsi is currently a student at Luther College, and Nicholas a student at Good Shepherd; the whole family have been very faithful worshippers and contributors to our Sunday Chapel program since its inception. After a number of conversations in the past few months I had the pleasure this week of formally receiving the Tubby family as members of OELC. We thank God for the blessings that he has given to us through the Tubby family, and look forward to our continued worship, fellowship, learning and service together in our community. Please give them your personal greetings when you have the chance (tonight at Sunday Chapel is one such opportunity), keep them in your prayers, and support and encourage them with the love that we share as members of God's family in this community.

Pastor Mark

A special quiet time for worship...

Many churches have a tradition of holding special worship services during the season of **Lent** – starting with **Ash Wednesday (22 February)** through until the week before Easter. Our local Lutheran congregations in Croydon, Lilydale, Ringwood and Knox join together for Lenten worship on Wednesday evenings at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 57 Wantirna Road, Ringwood; 7.30pm**. The services are led by the pastors of these congregations, plus the school pastors from our school and Luther College.

Sunday Chapel – Tonight! – 6.00pm – “Gospel on the Ground”

You may not know this but there is one particular story in the Bible which is best read by lying on the ground with your face in the dirt! I would like to help you understand why... [But I won't make you lie on the ground!] Our first service is tonight: soup & bread at 6.00pm (provided!), and worship from 6.30pm to 7.15pm. We use the Multi-purpose Centre at Good Shepherd (our usual worship space). Sunday Chapel is a wonderful place to get to know other families in our community. If you would like to know more, please ask Pastor Mark!

Good News from ALWS!

Working with the world's poorest people, as you do through ALWS, you usually hear about the challenges people face.

That's why it's refreshing today to bring you some good news about South Sudan:

1. Sudan and South Sudan on 11 February signed a non-aggression pact. Our prayer is this leads to increased stability, where the focus can be on people's needs and potential.

The Sudan Council of Churches is also taking a lead in calling for peace among tribes. They will have a representative with the Lutheran team distributing Non-Food Items to families affected by the fighting.

NB: Next month we will give you an opportunity to send a Peace Card to a family in Sudan as we work with churches and communities to bring healing.

Good News 3. is that ALWS is pleased to welcome Vicki Gollasch as our new Community Action Officer.

Vicki is a highly experienced teacher, and was Acting Principal at Portland Lutheran School last year. Vicki's dived in the deep end as part of the team delivering 14 Awareness Days to Lutheran schools around the country in the next couple of months.

We're also grateful to Luther College who have freed their Director of Learning, Karen Dymke, for 21 days to help support our Awareness Days. This is the spirit of working together that can bring blessing to all our church ministries.

Jonathan Krause
Community Action Manager, ALWS

OELC Chairman Newsletter

As we gear up for 2012 I thought that it would be a good opportunity to recall in some detail events and happenings in OELC over the last few months.

The 2011 AGM last November saw some changes in the Church Council.

Our 2012 OELC Council consists of: -

Chairperson: Barry Petering
Vice Chairperson: Glenys Gunther
Treasurer: Hilton Haeusler
Secretary: Olivia Grant
Extra Members: Jonathan Krause
Bob Kleinig
Trudi Skene
Kareena Horwood
Sharelle Daniels
Tracey Schild

Also present at Church Council (CC) meetings

Pastor Tim Stringer (OELC)
Pastor Mark Greenthaner (GSLPS)
Christie Lange (OELC Lay Worker)
and School Principals:
Greg Schneider (GSLPS)
Michael Kleidon (Luther College)

Over the year it is my intention to list all OELC Ministry areas and their members as quite often one hears, "Who is my Care and Contact Person", or something similar to that.

Early in December our congregation lost an active family from our midst. Ben, Amanda, Abbie and Mikayla Gargett. The Gargett's have moved to Western Australia in order for Ben to greatly advance his business activities.

We wish the Gargetts, God's richest blessings for the future and we give thanks to God for their valued service to OELC in the past years.

Pastor Tim has been active over the past three to four months exercising pastoral care to OELC families as they wrestled with the trauma and distress of watching and tending loved ones dying.

Since December 1st there have been four people connected to OELC that have passed on to their Maker. Elsa Haeusler died 11th Dec., Ernie Shipp died 12th Jan., Willie Hamelink (Previously Pagenstecher), died 15th Jan. and Enid Aumann died 15th Jan. We pray that God will give His comfort to all mourners as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

Thanks must go to our Pastors, Tim Stringer and Mark Greenthaner, Lay worker Christie Lange and Julie Lamour for their efforts in 2011.

Pastor Mark took annual leave from 28th December to 20th January. Christie was on leave from 1st Jan. to 11th Jan. and Julie took leave from 14th Jan. to 27th Jan.

In the meantime I have been meeting with Pastor's Tim and Mark and several members of the Church Council in order that I may be able to give a factual definite answer to questions and also be balanced in opinion. I have been busy studying up on the constitution and by-laws, our Pastors and Lay Worker roles as contained in the constitution

and by-laws and their Position Descriptions over the Christmas break. I am also looking at when best to conduct inspections of our manses and Emmanuel Lilydale properties.

Barry Petering, OELC Chairman.

Hot Topics Discussion Group

22nd February 2012

1:00pm—2:30pm

Immanuel, Lilydale

Ladies Morning Tea

The next Ladies Morning Tea will be held on Monday 5th March at the home of Chris Lam, 15 Vista Drive Chirnside Park, telephone 9726 4984.

Tandara Lutheran Camp

Cards Camp 2012

Friday 16th—18th March 2012

Adults: \$105 Kids 3-12 \$70

Under 2 Free

Kids Camp 2012

Monday 2nd—Thursday 5th April

Ages: 10-13

Cost: \$160 (\$140 if paid by 29/2)

Registration forms are available from the Stewards table or the OELC office.

St. David's Day Concert

Saturday 3 March 2012

at 7.30pm

Robert Blackwood Hall

Monash University

Tickets: Adults—\$40, Children (under 15) \$15

Telephone: 9905 1111 or log on to

www.monash.edu/mapa

OELC Roster

	19 Feb 2012	26 Feb 2012	4 March 2012	11 March 2012	18 March 2012
	Transfiguration	Lent 1	Lent 2	Lent 3	Lent 4
	2 Cor 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7,15,16 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	Exodus 20:1-17 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 2:13-22
	LILYDALE 8:30AM				
Liturgy	Supplement	Worship Today	Supplement	Worship Today	Supplement
Lector	K. Horwood	V. Paech	C. Schild	J. Krause	TBC
Music Team	G. Thiele	M. Horwood	G. Thiele	G. Kelm	G. Thiele
Church Care	Gunther	Schild	Leske	Paech	Horwood
	CROYDON 10:00AM				
Service Form	Morning Praise	Sing the Feast	Morning Praise	Supplement	Morning Praise
Lector	Youth	J. Braun	T. Dillon	G. Buruma	Youth
HC distributors	*Petering	*Petering	*Haeusler	*Haeusler	*Haeusler
Intercessor/s	Youth	4 th Sunday Team	L. Westphal	D. & B. Black	Youth
Children's Address	Youth	4 th Sunday Team	H. Hamilton	S. Sheldon	Youth
Music Team	P. Probert	T. Presser	P. Probert	M. Horwood	P. Probert
PA system	J. Braun	T. Dillon	D. Bullen	T. Schneider	J. Braun
Stewards	D. Daniels D. Schild	D. Sheldon R. Decru	D. Sheldon J. Murcutt J. Decru	D. Daniels TBC	B. Ruwoldt P. Wolsky
Flowers	(white) M. Adonis	(violet) S. Haeusler	(violet) H. Hamilton	(violet) M. Barrett	(violet) N. Bass
Welcoming Team	B. Kleinig G &/or J Schneider	N. Dowell K & A Wiebusch	L. Chapman K. Pankotsch	C. & P. Caston C. & G. Ruwoldt	G &/or J Schneider J Braun
Projectionist	J. Braun	R. Harris	D. Jenz	R. Harris	J. Braun
Morning Tea Roster	G &/or J Schneider L. Chapman	T. & T. Dillon D. Jenz	T. & H. Presser H. Hamilton	R. & M. Barrett P. & C. Caston	TBC
	GSLPS 6:00PM	YARRA JUNCTION 3:00PM	GSLPS 6:00PM		GSLPS 6:00PM
Service Form		Supplement			
Music Team		G Thiele			

Melbourne Bach Choir presents two performances of the dramatic masterpiece, J S Bach's ST JOHN PASSION on Friday 30th March at 8pm, and Sunday April 1st at 3pm. Conducted by Rick Prahkoff, and including Opera Australia soloists. The venue is the excellent acoustic of St Mary, Star of the Sea, West Melbourne. Tickets can be purchased online at www.mbc.asn.au - and by telephone on 0477 087 593.

A 33 old female is seeking a female housemate to share a two bedroom unit in East Ringwood close to train station. Total rent is \$300 per week (\$150 per person) not including bills. The unit is furnished apart from the available room which has double built in wardrobes. I have a small dog and cat who come indoors. Please call Jackie Waring on 0418 179 995 for further information.



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A SAFE PLACE-SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE

TOLL FREE NUMBER: 1800 644 628 OR

Email: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au

Please note these contacts can be used for advice and the caller determines whether to proceed or not when a complaint is made. The telephone number rings the Community Care Service, not the National or District offices of the LCA. The details are kept strictly confidential.



Got any interesting news or articles you would like to share with the congregation? Forward it to Pastor Tim (tim.stringer@lca.org.au) and we will publish it in our 'News'!