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Welcome to LifeWay. We are thrilled to have you here with us, whether you are a visitor, checking us out to see if this is the Church for you, with family or friends, or are a regular. Here at LifeWay, we are on a journey as God calls us to be a people who are living, sharing and growing in his life. Wherever you are at, we would love to walk with you in the next stage of your journey. Please fill in a visitor card at the door with your details and leave it with the ushers or on your seat – we would love to keep in contact with you and acknowledge your time with us today.

Imagine you are at a theatre production. You have met the main character and his love interest, witnessed a perfect beginning, full of colour, vibrancy, song and life. You've been introduced to the villain who wrecks everything and witnessed the ensuing conflict and darkness that weighs heavy over the scene. You've heard the promise of what will be and what is to come and through the various scenes you've been drawn into victories and been crushed by the defeats. You've been touched by moments of beauty and grace and felt the devastating consequences of bad choices. The tension is brewing. There's an escalation in the plot. Nothing has resolved the alienation that has occurred between the main characters. The final word our ears hear is 'curse' - it's bad news. And the curtain goes down. There is silence. The only problem is, it's not a theatre production. It's the Old Testament. As we come to the final scene and final word in the Old Testament, having journeyed through 2000 years between the promise to Abraham and the end of Malachi, we are still left with an unsolved problem, an unfulfilled promise and a major question that needs to be dealt with - 'What hope do I have?' We'll explore that today.

WEEK 6 OF SERIES:



**MAJOR** *FROM THE* **MINOR**  
QUESTIONS PROPHETS



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TODAY'S READINGS

Malachi 3 & 4

If you are visiting with us, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to stay for morning tea with us after the 9.30am service, or lunch after 'The Gathering' at Epping.

**LIVING** **SHARING** **GROWING**  
Jesus' love His hope with all in grace together

## NEWCASTLE GOSPEL MUSIC MINISTRY

Come and enjoy many of your favourite Gospel Songs and Hymns from 'Yesteryear', performed by Newcastle Gospel Music Ministry singers and soloists.



**Sunday 28th July**  
**2.30pm - 4pm**

followed by afternoon tea

at LifeWay Lutheran Church

48 BLACKALL ST, BROADMEADOW

### THE PERFORMANCE IS FREE

but a love offering will be collected on the day to support the ministry of the choir and also the Samaritans charity.



## WHAT'S ON?

### THIS WEEK

**SUN 28** **Mystery Soup Sundays - wk 3**  
Epping, after 9.30am service

**Soup for the Soul**  
Newcastle, after 9.30am service

**MON 29** **Conversational English Classes**  
Epping 10am

**WED 31** **Band 1 Practice**  
Epping 7.30pm

**THUR 1** **Songbirds** Mandarin Singing Group  
Epping 10am

**Mainly Music**, Term 3  
Newcastle 10am

**FRI 2** **Mainly Music**, Term 3  
Epping 10am

## Epping Video Producers

Now that we are Livestreaming, we are looking for a team of people to train in running the video equipment and producing the Livestream each week. If you are interested, please speak with Karina Mackenzie or Pastor Mark Schultz. **Training will be held in the coming weeks, so please let us know today if you haven't done so already.**

## PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER at LifeWay Newcastle

*From savoury to sweet, you'll be sure to find something yummy to order!*

**ORDER FORMS ARE ON  
THE FOYER TABLE**

**Return your form with payment by  
Sunday 11th August.**

Orders can be collected on Friday 23rd August, 11am - 1pm. Or alternatively, collect your order from the church freezer on Sunday 25th August.

See Megan for more info.



**COME WARM UP AFTER CHURCH DURING THE  
WINTER MONTHS WITH A HOT CUP OF SOUP!**

**AVAILABLE AT NEWCASTLE, AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES  
FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION.**

## MANDARIN LIFEGROUP SET TO BEGIN

A new Mandarin LifeGroup will begin on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month beginning on 9th August at 6.30pm at LifeWay Epping. Please speak to Wilkinson or email him at wilkinson.hu@lifeway.net.au for more information.

## TPM SISTERHOOD CAMP

Turning Point ministries Sisterhood Camp 23rd-25th August. This women's retreat provides a weekend of refreshment and connection for women of all ages. Flyers are available in the foyer.

## MYSTERY Soup Sundays

*Warm up after church with a hot cup of home-made soup!*

The soup flavours will remain a mystery until they are served.

**\$3**  
per cup  
(cash only)

**TAKE AWAY  
AVAILABLE!**



## WHERE WILL YOU BE FOR EASTER 2020?

How about spending Easter Sunday morning with Christians from all parts of the world, celebrating "He's Risen!" in front of the garden tomb? Perhaps sitting where Mary once sat...

Join this amazing Israel tour and travel at a unique time, when the Jewish Passover coincides with Easter! If you only plan one overseas trip in your life, make it this one! God will speak in ways you can't predict.

Pick up a tour brochure from the foyer or contact Josi at the church office.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty Father, you are faithful to all your promises and have spoken a final and ultimate word into our lives in your Son Jesus who brings life, healing, restoration, forgiveness and a relationship with you that can never been taken away. Fill us daily with this hope that we may live in joyful expectation and anticipation of your gracious moving in the world and our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## WE PRAY...

- With thanks to God for resolving the unsolved problem of our alienation with him in his Son Jesus and fulfilling all his promises to us.
- For all Christians, that we may be willing to raise the curtain for all those who feel like their life has finished, that they may see Jesus who alone can give them a story that continues for eternity.
- For the Lutheran Church in Cambodia, that they may know the hope to which they have been called and the unbridled joy of life with Jesus.
- For the families that have been given new homes, that their places may be a living testimony to their communities of God's grace and care in their lives.
- For the students that we are sponsoring in Cambodia that God would fill them with a love for learning and a desire to know more and more about his ways and actions in the world.
- For our LifeWay family, that we may share the whole story of God with people that they may encounter Jesus who can change any heart and life.
- For the sick and those in need in our LifeWay family - especially Matthew Kassulke, Jenny Schneider, Emily Cooke, Gordon Mangelsdorf, Hedi Krause, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce and Paul Greening.



When God says "Go"

And Jonah says "No!"

There's a story that brews  
Involving fish guts and spew

So come and be part

Of this **BIG FISHY TALE**

Where we learn very clearly

**'NOT MY WAY...  
BUT GOD'S WAY!'**

**Sunday 4th August, 9.30am**

at LifeWay Epping & Newcastle

**KIDS**  
CHURCH

**Grab a flyer and invite your friends to  
join us for Kids Church next Sunday!**

Alternatively, join us for The Gathering,  
11.30am at Epping where we will be  
looking at the question Jonah asks:  
'Does God really love everyone?'



Over the next three weeks, we will hear stories from  
the recent Mission Team to Cambodia. We will  
record each of these moments and share them on the  
website and app so that you can share with others.

We thank God for the beautiful partnership that is  
growing with the Lutheran Church of Cambodia.

The second house was being built this week, so  
please check out the progress on our Facebook page.

## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY 4 AUGUST

**Epping 9.30am** Kids Church  
**Epping 11.30am** The Gathering  
**Newcastle 9.30am** Kids Church

## SERVING...

### — EPPING —

**Reading** KIDS  
**Prayers** KIDS  
**HC** -  
**Ushers** Walter & Andrea Fergau  
**Morning Tea** Jim & Kathy Ironside,  
Ian Bittner  
**Flowers** Helga Anderson  
**Data** Helen Witt  
**Music** Band 1  
**Sound** Rod Witt

### — NEWCASTLE —

**Reading** KIDS  
**HC** -  
**Ushers** Annie Koch  
**Morning Tea** L Aurelius & C Keane  
**Flowers** Ruth MacConnachie  
**Data** Sabina Pichler