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Welcome to LifeWay. It's a joy to have you with us as we conclude our worship series: **I can relate to that**. 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, we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. 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.

FINAL WEEK OF SERIES:



Readings: Romans 6:14-23,
John 8:31-36

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 service.

“Slavery.” The very word causes a gut level revulsion for most of us. It’s a dark part of our history; the forced slavery of Aborigines, and the “blackbirds” or “sugar slaves” that came on boats from Melanesia. It’s a dark part of our present with an estimated 40.3 million people caught up in modern day slavery. In a world that values independence, freedom and autonomy, the whole notion of being a slave and having a master is abhorrent. But our early Christian ancestors gladly, willingly and boldly named themselves “slaves of Christ.” They lived and died, completely bought and sold into Christ’s life, death and resurrection. They held no other allegiance, offered no other devotion, and answered to no other master than Christ. In being “slaves of Christ” they found a freedom like nowhere else on earth, a power no earthly ruler could match, and a fullness of life and joy that no-one else could offer. So as we celebrate the Reformation today, we discover the radical freedom that comes in being a slave to the master, Jesus Christ.

LifeWay's 2019 Annual General Meeting

to be held after a combined service at Epping
on Sunday 24th November
with a shared lunch to follow

There will be a bus organised from Newcastle, so register your interest on the App under Events or see Pastor Mat.

NOTE:

The AGM is now being held in Epping as the Supercars Race is on in Newcastle that weekend which makes accommodation very hard to find.



A call for volunteers will be made very soon.



LIFEWAY BUSHWALKERS

This month the LifeWay Bushwalkers will be doing something a little different. Come and try Orienteering, after the 9.30 am service on Sunday 3 November 2019.

Explore the Epping area around the church to find as many controls as you can. Try a 45 minute "Amazing Race" style walk (or jog if the body is willing). Families, let the kids guide you in the right direction (or not)! No shame in getting dis-oriented either. Dianne and Colin are setting the course, will provide briefings (hints) before you head out and all the 'proper' IT gear for a full 'O' event.

WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

- SUN 27** **Sunday Lunch**
The Epping Club from 12pm
- KidsWay Epping** 11am-11.30am
(meet at the playground)
- Epping Christmas Choir Practice**
after the 9.30am service

- MON 28** **Conversational English Classes**
Epping 10am

- WED 30** **Dance Class**
Epping 12pm-1.30pm

- Band 1 Practice**
Epping 7.30pm

- THUR 31** **Songbirds** Mandarin Singing Group
Epping 10am

- Mainly Music**, Term 4
Newcastle 10am

- World Community Day Service**
Epping, 10.30am

- FRI 1** **Mainly Music**, Term 4
Epping 10am

NEXT WEEK

- SUN 3** **LifeWay Bushwalkers Group**
Orienteering after service at Epping

New to the community? Want to know what LifeWay believes, what our mission is and where we are going?

You are invited to join us for lunch and Foundations to discover the opportunities for you to live, share and grow deeper through LifeWay.

from 11.30am - 4.30pm
at Newcastle
3rd November
at Epping
10th November



foundations

Please register via the App or website, along with any dietary needs.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE LEADERSHIP TEAM?

There will be several vacancies on the Leadership Team in the next year, including secretary and Extra members. If you are interested in serving in this way, please speak with Adam Brownnett, or Pastor Mark.

World Community Day 2019

You are invited to the World Community Day - "Open Hearts, Serving Hearts" sponsored by Australian Church Women Inc. A service will be held at LifeWay Epping on Thursday, 31 October 2019 from 10.30am with morning tea to follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COMING SOON

Payments via our App.

You will soon be able to pay for events, courses, even set up your regular giving to the mission and ministry at LifeWay through the app and website. Stay tuned! We hope to go live with this in the next few weeks.

LCA NSW District Office has now moved!

Please update your records:

215/20B Lexington Drive
Bella Vista NSW 2153
Phone 02 8660 1200



Postal address is same as street address.

Opening and Dedication of new NSW District Office

Sunday 3 November 3pm

Visitor parking available on site.
500m walk to Bella Vista station.

Please rsvp to
kaye.simpfendorfer@lca.org.au

All Welcome!

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought us from slavery to freedom, from despair to hope, from death to life! Holy is Your name! Continue to pour out your grace in our lives that we may stand obediently on your Word, living, sharing and growing as a slave of righteousness because of what you have done for us. Give us an undivided heart that is wholly devoted to you, our master and Lord. We ask this in your precious name. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- With thanks and praise to God for his free gift of salvation.
- For the Church that it may always be a slave to Christ, living, sharing and growing in his grace as it shares the truth of his Word.
- For reformers to continue to rise up and keep the Church centred on the cross of Jesus Christ, calling people to give themselves wholly and devotedly to him as a slave to the master.
- For LifeWay that God would continue to anchor us daily in the unshakeable foundation of his love and grace, depending on him for everything we need.
- For ACR, that just as God used the printing press to put the Gospel in the hands of ordinary people, that God would continue to place his life-giving word into families and homes around the world, transforming and enriching their lives and relationships.
- For courage to stand against anything that would rob people of the comfort of the Gospel.
- For the sick and those in need in our LifeWay family - especially Matthew Kassulke, John Fletcher, Esa and Barbara Lehtonen, Jenny Schneider, Emily Cooke, Hedi Krause, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.



Christmas CHOIR

If you'd like to join the LifeWay Epping Choir on Christmas Day, please speak to Deb Dietz ASAP. First rehearsal will be held today after church.



Sunday 1st December
at Epping & Newcastle

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



LifeWay kids will be involved in telling the Christmas Story again on Sunday 1st December, 9.30am.

Practices will take place on Sundays during November. If you have a young person who wants to be involved please let Pastor Mark or Mat know by next week so parts can be allocated.

活道信义会舞蹈学习班

Dance Class

Join us for Line dancing, Praise dancing and Chinese fan dancing, every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month. From 12pm - 1.30pm at LifeWay Epping.

Next meet Wednesday 30th October.



**Sunday
LUNCH**

Sunday 27th October

THE EPPING HOTEL, 12PM

**KIDS UNDER
10 EAT FREE.**

Beecroft Road - right by the lift for
the overpass to Epping Station

RSVP to Helen or Rod Witt if you plan to attend.
phone/text: 0403 252 976 | email: helenrod.witt@gmail.com
or speak in person after church

**NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER**

Join us for our new series



WE DON'T TALK ABOUT...

THE CHURCH'S FAILURES

Epping 9.30am

with holy communion
and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am

with holy communion followed
by Foundations Class

Readings:

Ezekiel 34:1-16; 1 Peter 5:1-4

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	Jen Vlassis
Prayers	Daina Lee
HC	John Weiss, Kathy Ironside
Ushers	Jim & Kathy Ironside
Morning Tea	C & D Bertelsmeier Betsi Donati
Flowers	Diane Bertelsmeier
Data	Helen Witt
Music	Band 1
Sound	Rod Witt

NEWCASTLE

**A new roster is currently
being compiled for Newcastle
members. In the meantime, if
you are able to serve over the
coming weeks, please speak to
Sabina ASAP.**