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Welcome to LifeWay. What a joy to have you join 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.

WEEK 2 OF SERIES:

Shhh.

WE DON'T
TALK ABOUT...



**Readings: Ephesians 5:1-2. 8-21
and John 15:9-12**

Domestic or Family Violence is hidden behind many closed doors, in places that should be a sanctuary. The statistics are frightening, it's impact devastating. A survey of domestic violence in Australia shows that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men have experienced at least one incident of violence from a current or former partner since the age of 15. One woman is killed every week as a result of violence in the home. Police respond to a domestic violence incident every 2 minutes. It's not a problem that we can ignore, be ignorant of, or silent about especially in the Church. God created the church to continue his work on earth and to be the vehicle for bringing his love and life to the world. He gave his Word, not be used as a weapon against those who suffer or as a means to control, but so it could be a shield for everyone in need of refuge and strength. Join us as we continue to look at how we can be a place of grace where healing can begin.

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.

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.

**The Book
of Reports
will be
available
next
weekend.**

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 for more details!

WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

- SUN 10** **Foundations Class**
Epping, 11.30am - 4pm
- Kids Church Christmas Practice**
Epping & Newcastle, after service
- Epping Christmas Choir Practice**
after the 9.30am service
- MON 11** **Conversational English Classes**
Epping 10am
- TUE 12** **Epping Men's Movie Night**
Macquarie Centre, meeting 7.30pm
- WED 13** **Band 3 Practice**
Epping 7.30pm
- THUR 14** **Songbirds Mandarin Singing Group**
Epping 10am
- Mainly Music**, Term 4
Newcastle 10am

NEXT WEEK

- SUN 17** **Tears for Ryde**
Ryde Baptist Church, 12pm - 4pm

SERVING THE COMMUNITY WITH LOVE **THIS CHRISTMAS**

As part of LifeWay Epping's continuing service in the Community with the TOGETHER FOR RYDE network, we are looking for volunteers to help at two upcoming Christmas events:

Christmas WAREHOUSE

Saturday 14th December
10am - 3pm
Thursday 19th December
6pm - 9pm



Come and help at the Christmas Warehouse that gives Christmas hampers and presents or wraps presents for families that are doing it tough.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY *Christmas* DINNER

Sunday 15th December

We will need table hosts to love the guests and people who can set up and serve. More details soon. Time is yet to be confirmed, but volunteers will be needed from the afternoon.

If interested, please give your name to Alex or Annie
by Sunday 1st December.

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.



We will need lots of volunteers on the day and people to help with set-up. This is an important part of our ministry in serving the local community, so please plan now for a day off to help set up and to assist with stalls in the evening. **A call for volunteers will be made very soon.**

Join us on 12 November at Event Cinemas Macquarie Centre to see **TERMINATOR DARK FATE**. **We will meet at TGI Fridays at 7.30pm** for drinks and snacks beforehand. **The movie begins at 8.45pm.** See Shane Albances for more details.

If you'd like to join the LifeWay Epping Choir on Christmas Day, please speak to Deb Dietz ASAP.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of love and life, in your Son Jesus, you show us how to confront violence and transform it into peace and justice. Fill us with your peace, that we may be peacemakers. Fill us with your truth, that we may speak truth to power. Fill us with your courage, that we may bring hope to those who live in fear. Fill us with joy, that we may be your beacons in the world, bringing healing and wholeness in the name of Jesus. Amen

WE PRAY...

- That all people who have suffered family violence can find help and healing to flourish in life—to love, trust and find joy—in spite of their bad experiences, and for all who offer such help;
- For the Church that we may always be a sanctuary for those who are caught up in family violence that we may be a community of healing and support that listens and helps all find safety.
- For the Together for Ryde event next Sunday that God would give us tears for this City that work for justice for all those who suffer
- For God to transform every culture that permits, ignores, downplays or excuses violence against women and children throughout the world and to pour out his grace, comfort and healing on all who suffer.
- For those who have abused others, that they would repent of their ways and that God would give a new heart and place a right spirit in them
- For the families and friends of people who have been abused, seen and experienced the harmful impact on them firsthand, and pursued justice with them or on their behalf;
- For the North Epping Christmas Carols and Boronia Park Carols that are rapidly approaching, that God would bless the preparation and practices underway and use these events to proclaim Christ.
- For the sick and those in need in our LifeWay family - especially Aaron von Stanke, Matthew Kassulke, John Fletcher, Esa and Barbara Lehtonen, Jenny Schneider, Hedi Krause, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.



SAVE
THE
DATE



Sunday 1st December
at Epping & Newcastle

Hey Kids, the Kids Church Christmas service is coming up fast. **PRACTICES BEGIN TODAY**. Please stay in Church after the service to start preparing to share the best message ever! Practices 10th 17th and 24th November Epping and 10th 17th Nov, Newcastle.

NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Join us for our series



WE DON'T TALK ABOUT...

MENTAL HEALTH

Epping 9.30am
with holy communion
and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am
with holy communion

Readings:
1 Kings 19:1-9
Ephesians 6:10-20

GROWING A HOPE AND A FUTURE

Give a Christmas gift of love and build a future for young people out of poverty.

Grab a brochure and give to support Van Thay, and Sok Lim, two students whom we have supported through High School go on to University and give their families and community a hope and a future. \$50 is a week at Uni including board and food. \$200 will sponsor one girl for a whole month. What can you do to help to give a lasting gift this Christmas?



Van Thay



Sok Lim

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
including lunch

at Epping

10th November



foundations

活道信义会舞蹈学习班

Dance Class

NEXT MEET

Wednesday 20th November

From 12pm - 1.30pm
at LifeWay Epping.

SERVING...

EPHING

Reading	Jen Vlassis
Prayers	Fritz Berchtold
HC	Dianne Bergen, Kathy Ironside
Ushers	N Moss, T Rawolle
Morning Tea	H Anderson, E Borkowski, S Sloan
Flowers	Peta Borchert
Data	Horatio Weiss
Music	Band 3
Sound	John Klingberg

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Sue Gesswein
HC	Carolyn Keane
Ushers	Maureen Macpherson
Morning Tea	Lutzia Scherrer, Sabina Pichler
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Sabina Pichler