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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.

Shhh. It's a word we hear from a very young age. Be quiet. Blend in. Don't make a scene. Don't mention \_\_\_\_\_. Every family has those topics that are off limits, that are not talked about in case they offend or upset. Today we begin a new three week series 'Shhh, we don't talk about that' as we explore some of those off limit subjects so healing can begin, compassion can be shown, support can be given and love can be experienced. Today we tackle 'the Church's failures'. We don't have to look far to find them. We've seen them. We've experienced them. The media have highlighted them for all the world to see. There's abuse from those in power, both physical and spiritual. There's the cover-ups and secrecy that have ensued. There's the failure to respond to people's needs, or minister effectively. The failure to speak the truth or show compassion when called for. How do we view the failures of the Church? Or when the people of God fail to live up to the standards they proclaim? How do you respond when the Church fails you, disappoints you, lets you down? What happens when people come to Church to find Jesus and sometimes all they find is us. Join us today as we no longer remain silent but open up and talk honestly about 'The Church's failures.'

WEEK 1 OF SERIES:

Shhh.  
WE DON'T  
TALK ABOUT...



**Readings:**

**Ezekiel 34:1-16, 1 Peter 5:1-4**

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 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.

### 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.

### Opening and Dedication of new NSW District Office

**TODAY at 3pm**

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

**215/20B Lexington Drive  
Bella Vista NSW 2153**

### WHAT'S ON?

#### THIS WEEK

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

**Fellowship Lunch**  
Newcastle, after worship

**Opening of District Offices**  
Bella Vista, 3pm

**MON 4 Conversational English Classes**  
Epping 10am

**WED 6 Dance Class**  
Epping 12pm-1.30pm

**Band 1 Practice**  
Epping 7.30pm

**THUR 7 Songbirds Mandarin Singing Group**  
Epping 10am

**Mainly Music, Term 4**  
Newcastle 10am

**FRI 8 Mainly Music, Term 4**  
Epping 10am

#### NEXT WEEK

**SAT 9 Newcastle Baptism Quilts Day**  
Newcastle 10am

**SUN 10 Foundations Class**  
Epping, 11.30am - 4pm

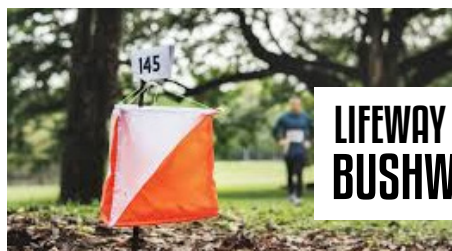
New to the community? Want to know what LifeWay believes, what our mission is and where we are going?

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**

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



**LIFEWAY  
BUSHWALKERS**

**This month the LifeWay Bushwalkers will be doing something a little different. Come and try Orienteering, TODAY after the 9.30 am service at Epping.**

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.

## 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** for drinks and snacks beforehand. Meeting time will be advertised the week before. See Shane Albances for more details.

Christmas  
CHOIR  
Christmas Day, please speak to Deb Dietz ASAP.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of the Church, you suffered in silence at the hands of your abusers, to reconcile us to you and each other and set us free to love with your perfect love. By your Holy Spirit, help your Church to create an atmosphere of trust and openness which allows the unspeakable to be spoken, the light of your truth to shine, your grace and forgiveness to be received and healing for all to begin. We ask this in your precious name. Amen.

## WE PRAY...

- That all people who have been betrayed and sexually abused can find help to flourish in life—to love, trust and find joy—in spite of their bad experiences, and for all who offer such help;
- For those who have been hurt by the failures of the Church, that they may know the perfect love of the Father who heals when his people let other's down.
- That the loving actions of Christian believers might help draw people alienated from church and faith because of sexual abuse back into Christian communities and a living hope in Christ our Saviour;
- For willingness on the part of Christians throughout Australia to give gladly and generously to support redress for people sexually abused as children;
- For all Pastors and Church Workers that the Church may be a Safe Place where Christ may be seen clearly in everything.
- And that Lutheran schools, youth camps, child care and aged care facilities can promote a culture of respect, decency and caring concern for all, especially those most vulnerable.
- 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.

## 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!

## Newcastle Baptism Quilts Day



You don't need sewing skills to help create these quilts which we have been giving to those who enter God's family through holy baptism.

Join Elise von Stanke at LifeWay Newcastle, on **Saturday 9th November from 10am** to trace, cut, iron or stitch and share a fun filled time of fellowship together.



A light lunch will be provided, please contact Elise (0409 566 522) before the day if you will be joining for lunch.

## 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



**Sunday 1st December**  
at Epping & Newcastle



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 TODAY so parts can be allocated.

活道信义会舞蹈学习班  
**Dance Class**

**NEXT MEET**  
**Wednesday 6th November**  
From 12pm - 1.30pm at  
LifeWay Epping.

**NEXT WEEK**  
**SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER**

**Join us for our new series**



**Shhh.**  
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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**Epping 9.30am**  
with holy communion  
and Live Stream

**Newcastle 9.30am**  
with holy communion

**Readings:**  
**1 Peter 3:1-7**

## SERVING...

### — EPPING —

<b>Reading</b>	Betsi Donati
<b>Prayers</b>	Jen Vlassis
<b>HC</b>	Rod Witt, Karen Albalances
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul & Ruth Niemczyk
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Rod & Helen Witt Jenny Schneider
<b>Flowers</b>	Helga Anderson
<b>Data</b>	Georgia Schultz
<b>Music</b>	Band 2
<b>Sound</b>	Josh Simpfordorfer

### — 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.