

# MISSION 2 GO

**YOUR MISSION. SHOULD YOU ACCEPT...**

## Are we fishers or aquarium keepers?

A recent article by Steve Furtick\* titled 'Are you an aquarium keeping leader?' got me thinking...

The focus of the article suggested mainstream churches are generally more focused on trying to keep people than reach them.

In an insightful quote he says "I just believe true disciples should care more about making disciples than freeze framing the church the way it was when they became one. Or wanting twenty-six programs customized to their liking."

In a classic twist from what our culture says... it's actually NOT all about us. Purpose and meaning are gained when our eyes are on Christ and we have a servant heart.

How much of our time, resources, energies (and disagreements) are spent working on programs and decisions that look after and cater for the saved? I suggest our recent history shows it's easier to organize a program, a series of studies, a ministry team to look into equipping us to do ministry, than it is to respond to God's prompting to share Him with a neighbour, a friend or someone struggling with life. The first usually costs much but involves no personal fear of social alienation. The latter costs nothing but requires trust and a willingness to be labelled as a follower of Christ...

But it's hard to make mission personal isn't it! I know my own struggles with breaking out of a

Christian comfort zone. I hear the cries of "but this mission talk just makes us feel guilty!" or "Where will I find the time" or "They'll think we are Jesus freaks... different!"... mmm.

Steve Furtick goes on to describe the culture of the church we have developed: "The result is a room full of saved people. Not people getting saved. Why? Because the people you're trying to reach aren't interested in the church that has been created by the people you're trying to keep. If they were, they'd be coming. But they're not."

How good is the grace of God in our lives... from lives in darkness to lives in light!... from nothing to God's children!

It's time for each one of us to be fishers, so others may also have the opportunity to know God's grace.

If you are interested in looking at ways of reaching into your community, have stories about sharing Christ's love or would like to take part in the Colonies of Heaven initiative... email or call me.

May God bless and speak into your ponderings!

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\* the full article by Steve Furtick (Lead Pastor of Elevation Church, Charlotte) can be found at [ChurchLeaders.com](http://ChurchLeaders.com)

# TOGETHER



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## Try this at Home!

By Rosie Schefe

**IF YOU** love reading reports or going through minutes, if close-fought Synodical elections send shivers up your spine – you should probably avoid Murray Bridge on the last weekend in May.

This year's first ever alternating District Conference is not Synod in disguise: instead it is an opportunity for inspiration, to find encouragement and go out and get engaged with your local community.

Under the theme Love Comes to Life, presenters from the district's departments will share their expertise with people who want to try something different, to go out and be the church in their world.

So if you're wondering about rolling up your sleeves and getting to work for God, these people will have practical tips to help you get started - or help you do what you're already doing more effectively. (Just think of them as the district's DIY experts.)

The Conference has five one-hour time slots for electives across the two days.

You might dip your toe in the water with a visit to Mobilong Prison to find out what prison chaplains really do ... or look at ways to develop young leaders in your congregation ... or investigate different

models of church from around the world ... or discuss ways of being a Christian married to a non-Christian ... or how to connect on the issues that are important in the lives of young adults ...

(Bit like Better Homes and Gardens for congregations really.)

You can undertake Safe Place Level

**WHAT:** SA/NT District Conference – Love comes to Life

**WHERE:** Unity College, Murray Bridge

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 28 from 8am and Sunday, May 29 from 9am.

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Visit the website [www.sa.lca.org.au](http://www.sa.lca.org.au) or ask your Pastor for forms

Il training, map out the steps for establishing a needs-based ministry in your area or work on improving communication between your congregation and the district office.

(So much to choose from, so little time.)

And then there are keynote speakers, including District President David Altus on how we Lutherans in South Australia and the Northern Territory can bring love to life right here and now.

Former New Zealander Dr Steve Taylor – a Baptist pastor teaching at Adelaide's Uniting College for Leadership and Theology - will talk about what it means to be a mission-based church.

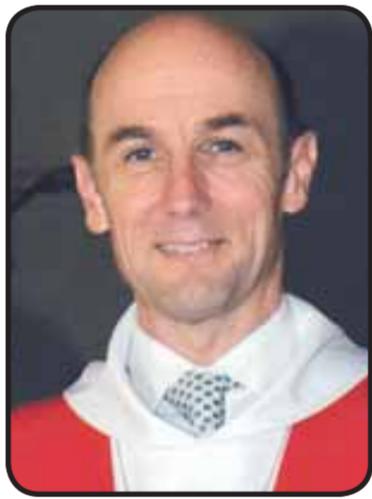
American Lutheran and founder of Faith Inkubators, Pastor Rich Melheim, will also challenge every possible concept of what church should be during his very short 90 minute presentation.

Do not miss a multi-media presentation by Chinese Christian artist Dr He Qi, whose very modern work (featured in the Faith Inkubators material) communicates across language and cultural barriers. His work and that of selected students from Immanuel College will be exhibited on Saturday evening.

Regular Synod will be back in 2012 and so will all the business and financial reports: let's see what a difference one year of mission-focused activity can make as Christ sends us out into our world.

*District President David Altus is just one presenter urging congregations to get their hands dirty and bring love to life in their communities.*





By Pastor David Altus  
PRESIDENT, SA/NT DISTRICT,  
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

# A word from your President...

## Easter tears, easter joy

something that she didn't and could do something about her tears, unless the one who asked it had power to do something about death - and he did. The one who challenged her tears was Jesus Christ, who had been killed on Good Friday and placed in a grave, but had now risen from the dead himself that morning! He was in a position to question her tears and offer her hope. Wiping the tears from her eyes Mary was overwhelmed with joy and reached out to take hold of Jesus.

Alive again after his death, Jesus restored Mary's joy in living. Normally our joy is turned to tears because death intrudes on life, but on Easter Day life intruded on the realm of death. Because of Easter our tears can turn to joy again too, because what happened was not just for Mary's benefit but for all of us.

Jesus once said: "Because I live you will live also". "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live even if they die and whoever lives and believes in me will never die....Do you believe this?" Those words were meant not just for Mary, but for us.

I once conducted a funeral for a lady from South Africa. Her family travelled to Australia to be there on the day and at the last minute they asked me if they could sing at the graveside. I was hesitant, thinking this could be embarrassing for everyone, but agreed with their request. The family circled the grave of their loved one, and without any music they sang. Oh how they sang. They had tears in their eyes but joy all over their faces as they sang songs of resurrection and life and hope in Jesus Christ. They sang the song of Easter, that says because Jesus is risen and alive again, their loved one is safe with him, and her body too would be raised to life with him one day. And one day, because of him, they would be reunited with her.

We sometimes talk about "closure" to describe a point beyond which we can move forward rather than backward in life after a time of loss, grief and sadness. Easter enables us to move forward in the face of death. Although we still have to go through grief just like anyone else, we can grieve with hope, hope because we believe in Easter, we believe in a resurrection to new life - Christ's resurrection and our own.

No doubt there have been many tears shed around Australia and in New Zealand and Japan these past months as floods, fires and earthquakes have caused loss of life and destruction of property. You too may have shed a tear

for those affected. Maybe you have been too preoccupied with your own sadness and grief. Or perhaps you are someone who finds it hard to cry but you are "raining on the inside", as one song writer described times of sadness for her. When the earth shook over in Japan and New Zealand, tragically many lives were lost. That's what earthquakes do, they open up the ground and swallow up life. The Bible says that on Easter morning the opposite happened, the earth shook, but a grave opened up, and death itself

was swallowed up by life! St Paul wrote: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." The last laugh, the victory belongs not to death but to Jesus who is alive again.

Whatever the sadness in your life right now, wherever it is "raining on the inside" for you, the same Jesus wants to come alongside you today and ask you gently, just as he asked Mary "why are you crying?" The one who was

mistreated and killed and placed in a grave himself, understands your tears. He also has the power to stop the flow of tears and turn them into joy again. He enables you to not just look back and remember, but to look forward in hope, not just for this life but for the one after we die.

Easter morning began in tears but ended in extraordinary joy for one woman.

And she is not alone. Her joy has been shared by billions of people all over the world ever since, and it is a joy and a hope that is available to everyone, including you. A joy and hope that can sustain us throughout this life with all its ups and downs, and a joy that we can one day fully experience together with the risen Jesus and those who love him in heaven.

I hope that this Easter, with Mary, you too will hear his voice and reach out to him in faith.

### Happy Easter!

(This was a script I wrote for "Face to Face" on Easter Day this year. Pray that some of those who hear it will meet the risen Lord through it, and pray for and support the wonderful ministry of Lutheran Media).

David

### WHEN WAS the last time your happiness turned to tears?

Was it a phone call with tragic news, a visit to the doctor, or simply a cruel or insensitive remark that changed your world and your relationships for the worse in an instant? Many things in life can turn laughter into tears. That is especially true when someone we know and love dies. Times of laughter and joy together are replaced by feelings of grief, loss, sadness and tears as we stand around the grave of our loved one.

Easter Day went the opposite direction for one woman. It began with tears but it ended with joy, pure unexpected joy, a joy that we can all share in today.

Her name was Mary, and her close friend had died, someone who had shown her extraordinary love, taught her how to live, and promised her he would never leave her and their circle of friends. But then he died, in fact he was brutally killed, taken from her all too soon.

No doubt still numb with shock, disbelief and sadness, on Easter morning she stood weeping at his grave.

"Woman, why are you crying?" a man standing nearby asked her.

Imagine asking that question at a cemetery today!

"Why are you crying? Why the tears?"

Isn't it obvious:

- "I'm crying because I've lost someone I love.
- "I'm crying for all the memories, the times shared, the love shown, the laughter enjoyed, the burdens shared.
- "I'm crying for all that I miss and the missed opportunities - the things I didn't say and could have, the things I did say and shouldn't have, but it's too late now.
- "I'm crying because I am so helpless and alone in the face of death.
- "I'm crying because I can't see a future without my loved one.
- "I'm crying because I'm scared of my own death."

"Woman why are you crying?"

Now that would be a dumb, insensitive and even cruel question to ask a teary eyed woman at a cemetery - unless the one who asked that question knew

## From the President's Notebook...

• Our First Vice President Pastor Paul Fielke is recovering well at home after urgent surgery recently. He hopes to be back at work as chaplain at Immanuel College at the end of April. A big thank you to pastor Tim Klein who has had extra work on his plate while Paul has been unwell.

Pastor Kevin Wood is recovering well also and has been seen preaching again lately. I knew he would not stay down for long! Praise God for sparing the lives of these pastors in serious illness, and for every healing that we receive this side of heaven as a sign of what is to come.

• On March 6th an "Indonesian preaching place" was established within Pasadena congregation. What a great day it was (complete with Indonesian food!). I was privileged to preach and install the leaders. Please pray for this partnership in the Gospel that it will be a mutual blessing. "Horas!"

• Pastor Lyle Bartel will complete his ministry on Sunday 1st May at Hope Valley. We thank God and are grateful to Lyle and his wife Anne for what the Lord has done through them both in PNG, LCA parishes and through ALWS. Pastor Chris Gallasch has accepted the call to Hope Valley and will be installed on August 7th.

• At our May conference pastors will hear about plans agreed on by the College of Presidents for the ongoing education and growth of pastors. This is an exciting development. Pastors will also engage in Bible study and worship, including a "retreat" morning on the last day led by some of our younger pastors who have a special interest in this area. Pastors will also have sessions on relationships with other Christian churches led by a Catholic priest - Father Denis Edwards, ministry to people with dementia, and Rich Melheim from the USA will engage us further in "Faith Inkubators". This will be a "live-in" conference. Please encourage and enable your pastor to be there!

• Pastor Ben Mogg will be installed at Port Lincoln on May 22nd. Zone

Pastor Ross Schultz will conduct the installation. We give thanks to God for Dr John Thiel who will complete his ministry at Holy Cross Murray Bridge with a service on May 15th.

• I hope all of you are sending someone to the Mission Event at Unity College on May 28th-29th.

The program looks varied, interesting and inspiring, with something for everyone. The aim of these events in the year when Synod is not happening is to engage, inspire and equip you for God's mission in some way. This year's conference is being prepared by the Mission Department.

• On Sunday May 22nd Mawson Lakes will celebrate its 10th anniversary and dedicate its new manse which is also a place of ministry (remember they worship at Endeavour College). The Adelaide German congregation celebrates a 60 year anniversary at Bethlehem on the same day, making it a day of celebration that reflects the history and diversity of our church.

• District Synod and Pastors' Conference in July 2012 will be held in Alice Springs. This is the first time we have held Synod in the "Centre" of the District. Pastors will be briefed on the challenges, logistics and opportunities this presents to us. I hope you will be excited about supporting our NT brothers and sisters by meeting together there.

• Pastor Peter Pfitzner has accepted the call to Robertstown so Hermannsburg will become vacant. Please pray for the congregation. I will be up there in May to meet with them and to attend the "Big Camp" (for all pastors in the Centre).

• The number of Safe-Place and Child-Safe complaints received in the past six months has been increasing, nearly one per week. That ought to disturb all of us. Please pray and work together to ensure the safety, protection and well-being of everyone in every area of church life, especially those most vulnerable.

• The LCA is implementing a "Professional Standards Unit" (PSU).

That sounds like "big brother" and some will smell "legalism" here, but a PSU really is about aiming for the highest healthy standards of conduct in the church at all levels, as well as healthy ways of dealing with things when something goes wrong. It will also ensure we comply with government policies in various areas. This will be a "work in progress" however General Church Council is absolutely convinced we need clear and consistent policies and practices across the church in our relating to each other as people of God and to the world.

• In the second half of the year leaders trained as part of the 20/20 leadership development initiative will be presenting regional seminars to equip leaders in every parish in the LCA. Please aim to send at least one person to one of these. People have asked for and need to be equipped for leading in the church today. These opportunities are being provided to help meet that request and need.

• Please pray for parishes or situations in the church where there are problems or conflict. Whether you are involved in them or not, I urge you to commit yourselves to honouring God by the way you speak about pastors and lay-people, as the eighth commandment calls us to do. God is the only one who knows the full story in any conflict. Love for God, love for people, the unity of the church, and our witness to the community should be uppermost in our thinking and speaking. Remember what we say often says more about us than the people we talk about. That applies also to emails, blogs, face-books, twitters and any of those forms of faceless communication that I try to avoid like the plague. Ephesians 4:29 is worth meditating on. If we have to speak the hard truth, can we do that in love, with a view to building up the body of Christ.

• Blessings to you all in our ongoing life together in the Lord!



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### DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Calls:

- Kim Kuchel (Morley WA) to Angaston SA
- Peter Pfitzner (Bethlehem Hermannsburg NT) to Robertstown SA
- Andrew Vanderwal (Tatachilla College SA) to Toowoomba Emmanuel QLD
- Keith McNicol (Dernancourt SA) to Lameroo SA
- Wally Schiller (Army Chaplain, Darwin NT) to Immanuel Light Pass SA
- Andrew Vanderwal (Tatachilla College SA) to St Marks Mt Gravatt QLD

#### Accepted:

- Chris Gallasch (Bundaberg QLD) to Hope Valley SA

- Peter Pfitzner (Bethlehem Hermannsburg NT) to Robertstown SA

#### Declined:

- Kim Kuchel (Morley WA) to Angaston (KEVS) SA
- Keith McNicol (Dernancourt SA) to Lameroo SA
- Andrew Vanderwal (Tatachilla College SA) to Toowoomba Emmanuel QLD

#### Parishes in the call process:

- Angaston (Second Pastor), Hahndorf (St Pauls), Kapunda, Lameroo, Light Pass Immanuel, Murray Bridge (Unity College), Southern Yorke Peninsula and Unley (Senior Pastor).

# Domestic violence is blasphemy: ANGLICAN AUTHOR SPEAKS OUT

By Rosie Schefe

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

is the outcome of a perverted understanding of the nature of human beings: Christians must recognise this as a theological issue rather than just treating the social symptoms, Dr Elizabeth Koepping says.

Silent churches allowed this blasphemy to continue.

Allowing excuses of "family discipline and order" or cultural norms to go unchallenged consigned Christians to society's sidelines, she said.

Dr Koepping, an ordained Anglican priest, social anthropologist and senior lecturer in World Christianity at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, gave a public lecture on the nature of domestic violence at Australian Lutheran College during a research

sabbatical which has brought her halfway around the world.

Along the way she visited churches across the denominational spectrum in Europe, India, Korea, Taiwan, Burma and more, talking to church leaders and laity about the problems they face in dealing with domestic violence, in particular violence aimed against women.

Most worryingly, she said, worldwide patterns of domestic violence among Christians mirrored those of the cultures surrounding them – where levels of domestic violence were low in the general population they were low among Christians, but where it occurred at high levels among the general population, it occurred at high levels in Christian marriages too.

"Where you find the cultural context of male-female relationships is

relatively equal then churches don't accept violence, but they do collude where the system makes a difference," she said.

With Australian estimates of somewhere between one in 20 and five in 20 women enduring domestic violence in either their current relationship or a former one, it was "highly likely" that many women in Lutheran congregations shared that experience, Dr Koepping said.

Whether they chose to seek help often depended on what women believed the attitude of their pastor to be, with women unlikely to approach a pastor or church leader who appeared "unsympathetic, impatient or who gives pat answers," she said.

"The three P's – pray, persevere and be patient - is NOT very helpful advice in this situation."

Instead women wanted affirmation

that abuse existed and that it was wrong, she said.

Dr Koepping said that all Christians needed to treat the problem of domestic violence as a theological issue rather than stopping at responding on a social justice level to "the fag end of the problem".

While many churches agreed that the words of Genesis 1:27 – "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them" – meant that men and women were equal in God's sight, selective teaching from Ephesians 5 and other passages from 1 Peter, 1 Corinthians and 1 Timothy meant that issues of power, rights and control had come into play and were commonly used to justify domestic violence as "discipline".

This corrupted teaching had been a problem throughout the history of the church, she said, despite there being no statement in the Bible that allowed men to hit women.

Instead Dr Koepping advocated a return to teaching of Genesis 1:27 (the Imago Dei) as the basis for understanding of human beings and their relationships – all are created in God's image.

"It needs to be talked about explicitly right from Sunday School into confirmation, and also talked about in the marriage homily, where it can be presented in a very positive way," Dr Koepping said.

"This is a basic theology with universal applicability.

"Legal systems are now acting on behalf of women - do we want the silence of our pastors to leave churches looking like an ancient club?"

"Christians have to see the relationship between male and female as an equal one, with the cultural context over-ridden.

"Salvation is for all – this needs to be taken seriously".

Dr Koepping praised the Lutheran Church of Australia's 1993



Dr Elizabeth Koepping at Australian Lutheran College on April 6.

synodical rejection of all forms of domestic abuse as a clear step forward for this church, but she also threw out a challenge.

"Everywhere in Lutheran churches I see Safe Place material in a prominent position – and that is a good thing – but why isn't that 1993 statement also up there?"

The LCA's Commission on Bioethical and Social Questions' 1993 statement on Domestic Violence can be found at [www.lca.org.au](http://www.lca.org.au)

From the home page follow the Quick Link to Ethical Issues and then choose Domestic Violence from the list of published statements.

## TURNING DISABILITY INTO ABILITY

By Rosie Schefe

**MANY LUTHERAN** congregations have members who are living with intellectual disabilities, but how well are these people included into congregational life?

"Churches are willing to be supportive of people with disabilities, but often they don't know how," Amandus chief executive officer Janine Leningas said.

"They need to find active roles for them, ways of connecting with disabled people and valuing them as members," she said.

Amandus has been given a grant from the Zinnbauer Fund to support a project officer who can help congregations find their own ways of ministering to people living with disability in their midst or from their wider community.

Initially this will be through a program developed by Christian Blind Mission called Luke 14: a basic "how to" and awareness-

raising series of bible study sessions for small groups.

The program includes a video presentation for whole congregations as well as small group study materials for a six-week course.

Janine said that Amandus had chosen the Luke 14 material because it was a practical way to raise awareness, backed up by good resource materials and support.

The program encourages participants to carry out their own project within the local community, reaching out to people living with disability.

"We have to do more than just get motivated individuals involved in this kind of ministry, we need to get whole church communities involved and active," she said.

"If all take responsibility to care for people with disability, then it spreads the load.

"And for people living with

disability it is vital for their self esteem to find a role in which they can also contribute."

Amandus hopes to have the project officer appointed by June (please see their job advertisement in this issue) but Janine says that it is possible for keen congregations to go ahead and access the Luke 14 material prior to that time.

She wants to hear from rural churches interested in ways they can use the program to support families in their area.

Visit the website [www.cbm.org.au](http://www.cbm.org.au) and follow the link to Luke 14 for more information.

### To give away

"Come and see Jesus" Sunday School material. Three years of material available in two filing cabinets. Please contact Peter and Sue Morgan-Matusch on 8165 1525.

Come along to a lively Hymnfest of Christian hymns and songs, written or translated by Immanuel College old scholars and staff and help celebrate the 40th anniversary of the opening and dedication of the Immanuel Chapel.

Many hymns were translated from German to English, and even some to the indigenous Arrarnta.

From Loehe to Mann, the Hymnfest embraces over a century of Australian Lutheran hymn and songwriters.

**Immanuel College Chapel**  
32 Morphett Road, Novar Gardens  
Sunday, 15th May, at 2pm

*The Hymnfest is another in the series 'Literary Lutherans' promoted jointly by Friends of Immanuel College Archives & Friends of Lutheran Archives to promote an awareness of the significant contributions of early German settlers to the literary scene of Australia.*

You are invited ...

## Hymnfest

Immanuel College



# Harvest ripens in Para Vista

By Barry Klaer,

PASTORAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP  
TEAM LEADER,  
GOOD SHEPHERD PARA VISTA

**MONDAY NIGHTS** are a time for anyone in the Para Vista, Clovercrest, Modbury North and Ingle Farm areas to meet for a warm meal, friendly conversation and companionship.

Since last August Owen Ubergang and a team of people from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at Para Vista have been preparing soup, quiches and other meals for anyone who attends.

"Our church mission statement is to 'reach into the community with the Gospel that all may know Jesus and worship Him,'" Owen said.

"Our church hall is a facility available here with a kitchen to serve people.

"On Monday night people were already coming to collect the free bread and I knew some of those folk do not go to church.

"I found a bakery that were also happy to give us the bread and cakes that were not sold that day to supplement a soup and salad meal.

"I took this information and idea of a soup night as an outreach to the men at the Monday morning Bible study. Everyone was very positive.

"Barry O'Donahoe and I went to Pastor Noel Kluge and Barry Klaer (Pastoral Care & fellowship team leader) who encouraged us to go ahead.

"We made up flyers and letter box dropped invitations around the Para Vista area to join us for a meal.

"We now also use a sandwich board at the front of the church on Mondays to advertise the meal, the soup and chat, which is free to all.

"We say, 'You come as a stranger and leave as a friend'. There is a really happy atmosphere with all who attend.

"We certainly have an overwhelming amount of help and know-how from our wives and ladies experienced in this field.

"Barry O'Donahoe welcomes the folk and gives the blessing for the meal and the evening. The whole team are so pleased and excited in how they are seeing the Lord touching people's lives and we praise Him for this," Owen said.

The Lord is really blessing this simple and effective way of touching lives in the community.

Five people who began coming to the Monday soup night have begun a relationship with Jesus and are now attending church.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest". (Matthew 9:37-38)



The Monday soup kitchen team: (from left) Owen, Judi, Ros and Barry O, Ray, Sharon, Jo, Wendy, Lenna, Rosemary and Anthea. Regular helpers absent on the night include Lorraine, Kevin, Wally, Kate and Christine.



Natalie Bubner (shop manager) and Graham Edmunds (volunteer).

Uncovering the past while building the future

Embarking on renovations to realise a dream is exciting. The reality can have elements of a nightmare!

At Lutheran Community Care the dream is to renovate and expand the Care and Clothing Shop so that volunteers can have a more spacious and convenient place from which to serve customers and support those who come for emergency assistance.

The dream is well on its way but not without encountering some nightmare elements along the way. Previous attempts over the years to 'fix things up' meant that there were numerous layers of floors and ceilings and some missing foundations. Attempts to keep the shop open during the renovations proved to be too dangerous, so our volunteers are sorting clothes in cramped conditions so that there is a small supply for those who come for emergency relief. Most of the obstacles have now been overcome and some

dry weather means that the building is now progressing.

Thank you to all those who have supported this project and to those who have continued to store clothes while the renovations are progressing. We are hoping for completion in May and an official opening will be announced in the next Together.

Helen Lockwood, Director, Lutheran Community Care

## Riverland women's retreat

The Riverland Lutheran Women's retreat was held at Swan Reach in March, hosted by the Swan Reach Christian Women Fellowship and the Murbko Guild.

Forty women from throughout the Riverland attended and were welcomed by chairperson Josie White.

A church full of women singing hymns gave a lift to the spirit and atmosphere of the day.

The theme for the day, 'Love and giving flows from Christian living', was hand-crafted by Anne Castle on to a large banner that hung on the wall. Floral arrangements were provided by Denise Grieger.

Pastor Malcolm Pech led the devotion and Dulcie Grieger

read the first lesson. The first study session was on Christian living and the second was on Giving.

Lunch was enjoyed under a big shaded area erected near the church. The afternoon session began with Lorna Noll reading the opening devotion followed by more hymn singing. Group discussions followed in which individuals were encouraged to talk about what the lessons had meant to them.

The day finished in hearty hymn singing with organ accompaniment by Rosie Thistle.

Dorothy Zadow

## LSF quiz night

There will be plenty of fun and serious guessing at the LSF quiz night to be held on Saturday, 14th May at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start at Australian Lutheran College Refectory, Cnr Ward St and Jeffcott St, North Adelaide.

Entry is just \$10. BYO drinks and nibbles. Cake and soft drinks for sale. There will be a door raffle, great prizes and table games.

Email Victoria at: saevents@lsf.org.au to book or join a table.

This event is not restricted to tertiary students - members of congregations who enjoy the lively atmosphere and intellectual challenge of quiz nights are invited to book a table and join in the fun.

## Amandus: Lutheran Disability Services

"To include people with a disability in Christian Community"

Amandus Lutheran Disability Services provides supported accommodation for adults with a disability as well as a range of membership activities including social and recreational activities and offers spiritual support and involvement.

Disability ministry is a growing need, yet only 5% of Australian churches have specific programs to include people with disabilities. Inspired by Jesus' call in Luke 14, Christian Blind Mission Australia (CBM) has developed a program that seeks to better equip churches to meet the needs of this community. www.cbm.org.au

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# Two new local books

By Colin Ames  
EDITOR - TOGETHER

**TWO NEW** books were released by SA Lutheran authors during March.

On March 13, Claire and Len Tscharke's "The Dawning of a New Day" was launched at Golden Grove church.

Two weeks later on March 28, Valerie Volk's latest novel, "A Promise of Peaches", was launched at Mostly Books bookshop at Mitcham.

Claire and Pastor Len Tscharke were the founding missionaries of a new area in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea that was being opened up for development in 1956.

At the time Ialibu was unknown to the wider world, although a Government Patrol Officer had preceded them by some months.

No other white person had entered this area until then, where the people were still in the Stone Age.

Claire and Len lived amongst the Ialibu people, got to know them well and helped to introduce them to a new life in Christ as their Saviour.

This illustrated book of over 400 pages is based on detailed diaries kept by Len during their years in Papua New Guinea.

The book was launched by Rev. Dr Dean Zweck following a service at Golden Grove during which the book was blessed by Pastor Leon Rosenberg.

Other speakers at the launch included Pastor David Paech and Rebecca Kagia from Papua New Guinea.

The book costs \$25 plus postage and all proceeds will go towards training future pastors at Ialibu. Contact Len and Claire direct on 08 8289 4667 if you are interested in purchasing a copy of this book which had a limited print run.

Valerie Volk's "A Promise of Peaches" was launched by the Hon. Grace Portolesi, SA Minister for Cultural Affairs.

She said "this novel deals with many issues in relation to immigration, settlement and cultural adjustment.

"It is a story about growing up and how we interact with each other and how the decisions we make can change the course of our lives.

"Valerie has made an interesting choice of writing this novel in verse, something I've never experienced before - very masterful!"

Formally launching the book, she added: "Valerie, I wish you so much success for the future, you really are an inspiration. Well done!"

Valerie Volk said the book was not an autobiography: it looks at the impact on an Australian family in the early 1950s who decided to take two Czech refugees from post World War II Europe into their working class home.

Valerie said the multicultural element was an important part of the book. She said her response to the query "why write a novel in verse?" is simply "this is what I like to write!"

She added that the poetry in the novel is not difficult to read, and that some had commented that once they started to read it "they couldn't put it down."



"The Dawning of a New Day" is launched! From left: Rev Dr Dean Zweck, Rebecca Kagia, Claire Tscharke, Pastor Len Tscharke.



Hon. Grace Portolesi emphasizes a point during her launch of "A Promise of Peaches".



Above: Valerie Volk speaking at the launch of her new book.

The book is available for \$25 plus postage and packing from Mostly Books, Mitcham Square, 119 Belair Road, Torrens Park, SA 5062, phone 08 8373 5190, or for further information see: [www.valerievolk.com.au](http://www.valerievolk.com.au).

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## Indonesian community at Pasadena



**THE CONGREGATION** of Trinity Church, Pasadena welcomed members of the Indonesian Christian Community (Jemaat Indonesia di Trinity Lutheran) as worship partners at a combined service held in March.

Some members of this group worship most weeks at other churches around Adelaide nearer to their homes, while others worship at Trinity regularly.

The service and Sunday school were held in both English and Indonesian, and an Indonesian choir sang a song well known to everyone.

A community lunch was

held after the service, so both groups could meet. Many members are now keen to have Indonesian cooking lessons, while others would like to learn simple Indonesian words for greetings and daily conversation.

An Indonesian language service followed by a bring and share lunch will be held at Trinity Church, 2 Grandview Drive, Pasadena on the first Sunday of each month beginning at 11.30am. Sunday school will be held during this service.

For further information please contact the church office on 8277 7206.

From Pasadena parish



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**INVIGORATE HAS** been the name given to the annual Children's Ministry training day, held since 2004.

Each year those involved in children's ministry have an opportunity to be involved in a day of inspiration, learning, resource

gathering and networking (catching up with people is such an important part of being invigorated). Invigorate 2011 was held on February 20th at Calvary Lutheran church and school at Morphett Vale, with the theme Loving all Kids.

Renowned storyteller and writer of The Lost Sheep Series, Andrew McDonough, led inspiring worship together

## INVIGORATE what?

with members of the Adelaide Deaf Community Church. Keynote presentations on Loving challenging kids and helping them learn and Ages, stages and styles of learning presented welcome information and background for those working in children's ministry.

Professionally led workshops including storytelling, creative ways of getting a message across, mission and children's ministry, discipline and class management, AUSLAN as a ministry tool, Mainly Music and working with challenging kids, further empowered those present.

Other highlights of the day were networking with others in the same ministry, viewing displays, and purchasing resources from Australian Church Resources or workshop leaders. Packs with material from the LLL, Bible Society, ALWS and various workshop notes were great take home

resources. What a great way to start the year, all fired up and enthused.

Invigorate is organised each year by the Children and Family Ministry Team (formerly the SA/NT District Children & Family Ministry Committee elected at Synod, until the formation of the Council for Children, Youth & Family Ministry in 2009).

This group had been involved in bringing Funfest to you from the mid 1990s until 2007! If anyone is interested in becoming involved in this team, which aims to support and resource those involved in children's and family ministry throughout the District, Fiona Weckert would love to hear from you on 8267 5211.

Those of us standing down have really enjoyed being able to support those involved in children's ministry.

*Margy Seidel (retiring secretary)*

*Invigorate is a ministry of CYFM.*

# West Coast workers share hopes and challenges

**FIELD WORKERS** and members of the Aboriginal Ministry South Australia (AbMinSA) committee met at Venus Bay on the West Coast in February, to get to know each other, catch up, share, relax and reflect.

Field workers shared their hopes, dreams, joys, frustrations, challenges and opportunities. A recurring theme was that God's way is often not the way we had planned and hoped. Malcolm Willcocks has settled into working with Pastor Russell Bryant at Yalata, but now plans to move into Ceduna with his wife Belinda, who recently shifted from Alice Springs.

This opens opportunities for him to minister to increasing numbers

of Yalata people who have moved into Ceduna's outskirts. He plans to visit Yalata a couple of days a week to support Pastor Russell, who will take greater responsibility for pastoral work there.

Lindsay Thomas at Yalata continues to look for study opportunities as he prepares to serve as a pastor. There have been six recent baptisms at Yalata and a group of women are planning to attend the E P Women's Rally.

Mark Thiel has juggled two positions in Port Lincoln – that of an AbMinSA worker and as Chaplain at Navigator College. While the chaplaincy position is more structured, the college has been flexible enough to allow him to follow up his ministry to indigenous people. Port Lincoln



*Pastor Rob Schubert (at the oars) and field worker Matthew Willcocks head out in search of whiting in Venus Bay. Picture: Diane Kleinig*

congregation has increased its financial support for Mark. Pastor Edmund Bilney has had a year of adjustment, moving from a structured congregational environment to an open outreach mission situation, following up Aboriginal contacts and getting to know the people. He has built up trust in relationships. A number of people have shown interest in developing Christian community. Although high tech communication was keenly discussed, we also found opportunities to explore low tech options ..... the hunter-gatherer spirit flourished! Pastor Rob and Pastor Edmund were seen cockle harvesting for bait, then Pastor Rob led a privileged few into the mysteries of catching whiting. A local sample of bright red berries was collected and carefully examined – bush tucker! "Always try a very small sample first!" suggested the experienced voice of Tony Rathjen. The retreat was valuable and definitely worth repeating, both

for the opportunity to withdraw from everyday ministry demands and to focus on what God is saying to us.

*Mark Schubert, AbMinSA committee member*

## Woman to be first permanent Church of Norway presiding bishop

Oslo, 25 March. Bishop Helga Haugland Byfuglien, 60, was appointed on 25 March to the new office of permanent presiding bishop of the (Lutheran) Church of Norway, the Norwegian Ministry of Church Affairs reported. She will be based in Nidaros (Trondheim) and will be installed in her new office on 2 October this year.

*(Source: Ecumenical News International)*

## CYFM DIARY:

- May 28 & 29 District Conference, Murray Bridge - Training.
- July 11- 15 LMSE, Barossa & Riverland - CLW Camps.
- July 17-22 Hills - CLW Camp

## Two-way communication

Effective communication occurs when both parties listen and speak to each other to share information and gather new ideas. This was a highlight of the recent visit of Communications Coordinator, Valdis Andersons, to Tanunda when he addressed three well-attended worship services (two at Bethany and one at Tabor) one Sunday morning, and listened to feedback from members.

Those present were delighted to welcome Valdis and hear briefly about the many wonderful initiatives occurring within the SA/NT District. This enabled him to discover over morning tea and lunch the exciting mission programs that the teams at Bethany and Tabor are undertaking in their local community.

We encourage all congregations to invite Valdis to share his very interesting stories to congregations, as well as smaller groups. These visits also give him a wonderful opportunity to listen and gather new information for his important work in the future.

*Brian Eckermann Secretary, Bethany congregation*



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## Freeling/Rosedale installation

The Freeling/Rosedale Lutheran parish held an installation service in February for Pastor Peter Ziersch.

Pastor David Gogoll conducted the liturgy while the rite of installation was led by SA District Mission Director, Pastor Steen Olsen. Pastor Vernon Kleinig also assisted.

Representatives from the Freeling/Rosedale parish, Chris Walker, Dean Alford, Bryce Jericho, Neil Schuster, Dawn Stiller and Margaret Mattiske presented tokens from the church.

Chairman of Trinity Rosedale, Bob Ahrens and Gavin Schuster, chairman of St Mark's, Freeling, welcomed Pastor Peter and his wife Cindy to the parish.

A community afternoon tea followed the service.

*Robyn Muster*



*Far Left: Barbara Schuster, Kelly Muster, Marj Ahrens and Ivan Venning MP at the Freeling/Rosedale installation.*

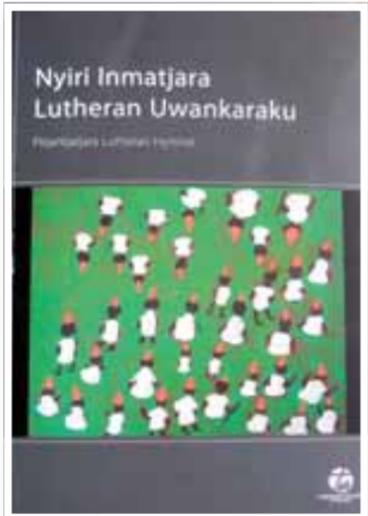
*Left: Pastor Peter Ziersch and his wife Cindy.*

# New Lutheran hymnbook published

**THE CHURCH** has released a new Lutheran Hymnal containing over 350 hymns and songs, plus liturgies and Luther's Catechism. This new book, published in February, is specifically for use by some congregations in the SA-NT District. It carries the title 'Nyiri Inmatjara Lutheran Uwankaraku'.

Most people don't know what that means, but there are some Lutherans who do. Those living south west of Alice Springs around Uluru know it very well. They look forward to using this new book in their own Pitjantjatjara language. Pastor Robert Borgas from the staff of Finke River Mission prepared the contents with contributions by many Aboriginal church leaders. Collecting, translating, arranging, checking and editing took considerable time and money. (To help with costs, tax deductible gifts can be sent to FRM, 197 Archer St, North Adelaide 5006).

Pastor Borgas acknowledges the wise advice of two prolific hymn writers and translators, Pastor Tommy David and Kunypuriny



Ramble. He writes "This book is dedicated to these people, and all those other saints of many cultures, times and places who compiled, composed or translated these hymns, liturgies, prayers and catechism; and also those who taught and showed us how to worship God".

The paintings used for the front and back covers of the book are the work of Matthew Allan and



Pastor Tommy David.



Parish worker Kunypuriny Ramble.

Elkira Lechleitner, members of remote Lutheran congregations. The paintings represent the first Pentecost and celebrating the birth of Jesus.

- Irwin Traeger

## Pastoral care nursing role expands

Nationalisation of nursing registration in Australia, plus the fact that much 'hands-on' nursing care is now provided by Enrolled Nurses (ENs), has opened the way for ENs to serve in the church's Parish Nurse ministry. The term used for them - Enrolled Pastoral Care Nurses - highlights the fact that much of their role is pastoral care. Many ENs have also undertaken additional study, and are endorsed to carry out functions such as dispensing medications.

In announcing this decision, LCA Parish Nursing Coordinator Lynette Wiebusch said that this step would open the way for a number of ENs to serve in a pastoral care role. At the same time they would use their nursing skills and experience to offer holistic care for people. Some have already completed an Introduction to Parish/Pastoral Care Nursing course.

Lynette said that the decision broke new ground in parish nurse ministry. She said she expected that Enrolled Pastoral Care Nurses

would be able to fulfil most responsibilities now carried out by (registered) parish nurses.

At the same time she stressed that it would be critical for ENs serving in such a role to ensure that they did not go beyond their professional nursing scope of practice in the specifically nursing aspects of their role.

Weekend Introduction to Parish/Pastoral Care Nursing courses can be organised for small groups of interested people, if hosted by a congregation or facility. The first such course was held in Hamilton in Victoria, and included three ENs - one of whom serves in a pastoral care role at the Eventide Lutheran Homes complex in Hamilton. Two others are hoping to be appointed shortly.

Information about courses and brochures on the role of an Enrolled Pastoral Care Nurse are available from the LCA Parish Nursing Coordinator, Lynette Wiebusch, 56 Donaldson Drive, Paradise, SA 5075. Email: lynette.wiebusch@lca.org.au or call 8336 3936.

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### Relationships and sex

All members of the church are invited to take part in a seminar on 'Relationships and Sex' to be held on Sunday afternoon, 15th May, from 3.00 pm until 6.00 pm at the District Office, 137 Archer St., North Adelaide.

There will be a series of brief presentations and a variety of discussions.

People will have the opportunity to share and discover the many resources that are available to us.

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# Ways of doing it better... ways of doing it new

By Nevin Nitschke,  
MISSION FACILITATOR

**BAROSSA ZONE** recently hosted an afternoon where 15 congregations were represented by 115 curious people.

They gathered together in the Tanunda Lutheran School Harvest Hall to begin discussing church and pastor structures ... and all things missional.

After an opening devotion by David Altus, Director of Mission Steen Olsen shared ideas for "doing it wisely".

The group looked at other models of ministry, sharing pastors and resources, working together in order to free resources for mission.

Mission Facilitator Nevin Nitschke followed with the challenge to "do it new" by looking at what Jesus was already doing in local communities, stepping outside of church walls and joining Him.

Several blocks of time were set aside for discussion within the congregations who attended.

It was exciting to see people grapple with the questions many had already been asking - and it was heartening to see congregations sharing their joys and struggles as everyone reflected on where

## Some feedback from those who attended:

"...the need for us to get out of our churches and meet people where they are at."

"How do we work with and convince those who are resistant to change?"

"How do we take new mission initiatives to the next level?"

"These are exciting times and we have been encouraged to keep thinking creatively. There are ENDLESS possibilities... which ones will God lead us to?"

they had come from, where they were at and what lay ahead for them.

Together as the body of Christ the group began to unpack what it might look like in 2011 to fulfill our commission to go out and tell others of the night-and-day difference God has made to our lives.

The next challenge is to go beyond discussions, beyond talk and to be faithful to God's calling.



## Speaking treasure

By Rosie Schefe

The voice on the phone is rich, clear and easy to listen to: Brian Kleemann sounds much younger than the 77 years he happily admits to.

Brian is a member of Waikerie Lutheran Church: among other responsibilities, he has served continuously as one of the parish's lay readers for "about 50 years" - prior to 1966 he was a member and reader at St Paul's Waikerie.

Initially he followed his father's footsteps as both elder and lay reader, counting himself fortunate to have deep generational roots reaching into both congregation and community.

So what has kept Brian on Waikerie's lay reading roster for so long? The answer is quite simple.

"I enjoy spreading God's word, it is a privilege to share the word with those that are there," Brian said.

"But now I am thinking of stepping down to allow younger members to step up," he said.

Brian said that the position of lay reader had not changed a great deal in his half-century: initially sermons had been chosen from a book but now they were usually sourced from the internet.

Originally the church organist had chosen hymns for lay reading services too, but these days that was less likely to occur.

And where once the lay reader led the complete service, these days he is supported by rostered readers of the lessons and members leading prayers - practices that Brian fully endorses.

"I would rather see others involved. This is the whole congregation at worship - we are worshipping together," he said.



Brian Kleemann says it is a privilege to share the treasures of God's word with the Waikerie community. Picture: Pastor Richard Fox.

While acknowledging that his voice is his instrument as a lay reader, commitment to the office is critical for Brian.

"You are sharing God's word.

"You have a responsibility to properly present the service and this should be done with care.

"You are handling treasures," he said.

Brian said he would encourage any person considering becoming a lay reader to see the office as a special opportunity.

"Accept it as a privilege to share in your congregation's program and to share the Word with your community," he said.

## Meet the new editor

Roseanne (Rosie) Schefe is the new Editor of "Together." She is working jointly with existing Editor Colin Ames on this edition. We invited Rosie to introduce herself.

"Life takes some amazing turns: this is as true in church life as it can be in 'the real world'.

If my photo looks vaguely familiar to you but my name isn't, don't be surprised: that is the price of 25-plus years and the ancient tradition of changing your name to match a husband!

I'm Rosie Schefe, the incoming editor of Together, wife of first year ALC student Geoff Schefe, mother of teenaged twins Rohan and Matthew, slave of the family cat and worshipper of God at St Paul, Blair Athol.

We have arrived from Queensland where we were most recently members at Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship, based at Concordia Lutheran College in Toowoomba.

But in a former life you might have known me as Roseanne Deckert, an LTC student (1983) or teacher at St Michael's, Hahndorf (1984) or as a former member of SingOut.

Returning to Adelaide in 2011 has been a tremendous mix of the familiar (North Adelaide streets) and the unfamiliar (the city bypass!).

This time last year I could not anticipate the change in direction which has brought us here, or the ease with which God has opened doors for us to run - not walk - through.

I'm looking forward to meeting up with old friends and making many new ones through Together: already I must thank Colin Ames for his guidance in this transition and thank David Altus and Steen Olsen for their confidence in me."



Rosie Schefe with (from left) Rohan, Geoff and Matthew. Picture: John Miegel.

## Charity gets personal

By Rosie Schefe

**HOW BIG** an audience would you attract for a haircut?

When St Paul Blair Athol youth worker Garth Calder got his new "do" in March there were about 200 people waiting to heckle and support him: all for a good cause of course!

Garth donated his head (and legs) in support of a student at Faith Lutheran College Tanunda who is raising funds to participate in a Habitat for Humanity tour in July.

Organised by the Lutheran Schools Association, the tour will take 31 Year 11 students from eight schools to the Philippines to build homes for needy people.

With eight months of hairy growth at stake, Garth's "Great Cut" promised to become more and more radical depending on the amount of money raised.

The St Paul and Australian Lutheran College communities got behind the idea so enthusiastically

Garth found he had to up the ante: with fundraising approaching the \$2000 mark, a leg wax was added to the menu.

So on Sunday morning the portable waxing studio was in place and Garth was ready - more or less.

"Ten - nine - eight - aaarghhh!" the waxing began with plenty of man-groans and the odd girly-shriek from Garth, attracting some fairly suspect "encouragement" from the ladies in the audience.

Once this torture was complete, hairdresser Mandy Elderfield took over with the clippers, providing Garth with a monk's tonsure to complement his smooth lower legs.

The whole event raised \$2677.80 for the tour; something that helped Garth explain his unique appearance to people he met in the following couple of weeks.

*A monk's tonsure is the perfect complement to smooth legs.*



Garth discovers that leg waxing is an ancient form of torture.

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