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Welcome to LifeWay. It's a joy to have you with us as we continue 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.

WEEK 2 OF SERIES:



TODAY'S READINGS
John 10:11-16; 27-30

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.

Dumb, Defenceless, Directionless, Dirty. Sheep often get a bad rap. Sheep are vulnerable. They're helpless. They have no depth perception. They're fearful and panic easily. They tend to flock together. They are prone to wander and their reactions to situations are predictable. Who would want to be compared to a sheep? Who wants to be seen as useless? Stupid? Vulnerable? But maybe that's the point. For inside, we often feel worthless, stupid, and directionless. At times we are full of self-loathing and hate; we go along with the crowd when we know it is not the best way. We cry out (bleat) but no-one seems to hear or care. To anyone who has felt that way, Jesus today wants to tell you that sheep to a shepherd is the most beautiful, comforting, secure, life-affirming relationship that you can receive. So today as we explore a sheep to a shepherd, we hope you can say, "I can relate to that".

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.

STAFF HOLIDAYS

Pastor Mark 1 is still away this week to 12 October. For assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Mark Simpfendorfer, Eva Leung or the office. For urgent Pastoral help, please ring Pastor Mark II on 0413 836 340



**LIFEWAY
BUSHWALKERS**

**JOIN US EVERY FIRST
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

**JOIN US
TODAY - meet
in the carpark
outside the
steak house on
the corner or
Delhi Rd and
River Ave for a
1pm departure.**

It's about a 6km easy walk up to De Burghs Bridge.

If you wanted an early exit, you could leave a car at the entrance to the National Park on Riverside Drive. The 4km along the northern side of Lane Cove River back to a café near the starting point is a bit more challenging, but a much more interesting walk.

Overall it's about 3hrs plus photo time.

If you'd like to join the walkers, or for any more information, please see John Klingberg.



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 after church, Sunday 20th October.

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.

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

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.



SAVE THE DATE

LifeWay's AGM will be held in Epping on Sunday 24th November after a combined worship service.

It will now be held in Epping as the Supercars Race is on in Newcastle where all accommodation is well and truly booked out. We will be running a bus from Newcastle, so please see Pastor Mat or Sab to register your interest.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Loving Shepherd, you desire to lead and guide all into safety, refreshment and peace. Give us ears to respond to your voice as you call us by name, that we may go out with boldness, and live with the security and certainty that comes from knowing how precious we are to you. Lead us to offer our lives for others that they too, may know that they are so precious that you gave up your life for them. We ask this in your gracious name. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- Give thanks to God for sending the Good Shepherd to lead us with love, kindness and compassion.
- For those who feel vulnerable, defenceless, ashamed, that they may know how precious they are in the eyes of Jesus.
- For us at LifeWay that we may be a sheepfold where all may feel cherished, loved and valued.
- For all who rule and govern, that they may be shepherds to their people.
- For the dying and those who mourn, that God would be present with them as they walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
- For those who have become lost on the path of life.
- For those who do not have enough to eat
- For those who mourn the death of a loved one, that they may be comforted by the hope of the resurrection.
- For our school chaplains as they shepherd the young people in our schools with love and compassion that you would equip them with all they need.
- 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.



Come and join the community in getting into the real spirit of Christmas.

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 or to assist with stalls in the evening.

A poster for Men's Movie Night. It features a clapperboard graphic on the left with the text "MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT". In the center is a movie poster for "JOKER" showing the character in a red suit. To the right of the movie poster is a black box with the text "15 OCT" in white. Below the poster, it says "Join us on 15 October at Event Cinemas Macquarie Centre to see JOKER." and "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."/>

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prayer for all nations

"For my house
will be called a
house of prayer
for all nations!"

ISAIAH 56:7B

Come and join us as we gather
together in prayer for God's church
and the community of Newcastle at
our monthly prayer meeting

Monday 21st October

5:30pm-6:30pm at LifeWay Newcastle

Come for the whole hour or just for a few minutes because
the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective!

活道信义会舞蹈学习班

Dance Class HAS BEGUN

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 16th October.



**Did you know you can keep in contact with all
that's happening at LifeWay via our App?**

- 1 Download/install the 'container' app**
'Church Central' (Android) from Google Play
or 'Church Central Australia' (iOS) from the App Store.
- 2 Open the app & click 'Find a Church'.**
Scroll down and select **LifeWay** and **'yes'** add as favourite.
- 3 Enjoy all the great features...**
Stay up to date with news, daily Bible readings, family
devotional material, LifeGroup Guides, sermons and much
more. **Video podcasts of sermons**
will be added in the near future.



NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER



A BRANCH TO THE VINE

Epping 9.30am
with holy communion
and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am
with holy communion

Reading: John 15:1-7

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	Jo Brownett
Prayers	Selwyn Weiss
HC	Jo Schultz, Selwyn Weiss
Ushers	Paul & Ruth Niemczyk
Morning Tea	A Scheetz, B McDonald, Mary Pusep
Flowers	Elysia McEwen
Data	Colin Burnett
Music	Band 2
Sound	Josh Simpfordorfer

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Abbie Bagnall
HC	James Laundon
Ushers	Annie Koch
Morning Tea	Sue Gesswein, Vanessa Brown
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Sabina Pichler