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1 MARCH 2020

Welcome to LifeWay! We are thrilled that you are here as we begin a new worship series for the season of Lent called **Deep Cycle**. Lent is a period of six weeks before Easter, the purpose of which is to drive us deeper in our walk of discipleship. Whether you are new to the area and checking us out, visiting with family or friends, or are a regular, we believe that you are not here by accident and pray that God would recharge you through a deep encounter with the living Jesus, a deep experience of the Father's love and a deep filling of the Spirit's power. Please fill in a visitor card at the door with your details and leave it with the ushers, on your seat or in the offering plate as we would love to acknowledge your time with us today.

WEEK 2 OF SERIES



Deep Cycle



Readings:
Matthew 4:1-11

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.

Deep Threat. Sudden Impact. Clear and Present Danger, War Games, True Lies, ISIS: Rise of Terror, The Sum of All Fears. They may just be movie titles but they point to the underlying threats that lie beneath the surface of our lives. Add the current threat of Coronavirus to the threats of bushfires, drought, losing homes, financial insecurity and it is easy to see why people are burdened with fear, anxiety or helplessness. But the real threat that we constantly face is a daily encounter with the evil one and the temptation that he strategically places before us. Rather than run in fear or feel anxious about it, today Jesus shows us how to face the Deep Threat of temptation head on, and to come out of it with a clear sense of identity, and with a purpose, power and authority to engage the world

WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

WED
4 **Band Practice**
Epping 7.30pm

THUR
5 **Mainly Music**, Term 1
Newcastle 10am

Songbirds Mandarin Singing Group
Epping 10am

FRI
6 **Mainly Music**, Term 1
Epping, 10am

NEXT WEEK

THUR
13 **Step Up to Communion**, Session 1
Newcastle, 3.30pm

SUN
15 **Step Up to Communion**, Session 1
Epping, 11.30am



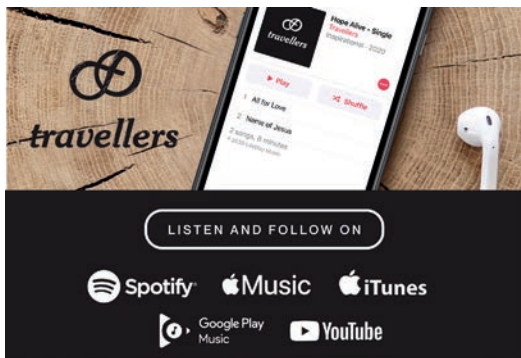
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Calvin Simpfendorfer and Jessica Weiss would like to extend an open invitation to their wedding ceremony, to be held at LifeWay Epping on Saturday 4th July, 1pm.



We'd love you and your family to join us. Sunday 5th April

The LifeWay Bushwalkers will be doing a short walk (1hr 45min) around Parramatta lake on Palm Sunday 5th April. Why not join them after Kids Church for a bring your own picnic lunch at the Lake at noon and then walk together as a family at about 2pm.



LIFEWAY MUSIC NOW PUBLIC FIRST TWO SINGLES OUT NOW

The first two songs from **Travellers**, 'All for Love' and 'Name of Jesus' are now available on all major music platforms including Apple Music, iTunes, Spotify, Youtube Music, Google Play as well as many others. You can also listen on the LifeWay Music Channel on Youtube. Hit subscribe and you'll be first to hear when the next songs go live.

Make sure to follow TRAVELLERS on Facebook and Instagram so we can share the hope of Jesus with as wide an audience as possible.



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OFFICIAL TRAVELLERS LAUNCH SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

Travellers will release their full album at the end of March, and in celebration we welcome you to join us at the official launch party, Saturday 28th March (time TBC) at LifeWay Epping. This event will be advertised to the wider community to help spread the word! Invitations will also be sent out to media representatives.

There'll be live music, CDs for purchase, a BBQ and plenty more to be announced soon. Show your support by coming along, and invite your family and friends too!

If you would like to help in any way either on the day or in the lead up to this event, please speak to Amber Weiss ASAP - amber.weiss@bigpond.com

VISION2030 LEAFLETS

If you haven't get a VISION2030 or a Serving Opportunities leaflet given yet, please grab one today and pray about the flight God is calling you to make in the coming year.

Welcome to new staff

Last week Elise von Stanke was installed as the KidsWay Ministry Coordinator across both LifeWay sites. As a Primary School Educator, Elise has a great passion in seeing our kids and families live, share and grow in the life of Jesus. We are thrilled that she has heard the call to take up this volunteer position to help revitalize and grow this incredibly important ministry in our Church. Welcome to the team Elise! You can contact Elise at elise.vonstanke@lifeway.net.au

A new look for KidsWay!

To bring our children's ministry into closer alignment with our vision and mission you will notice some changes to our KidsWay program. Children will have an opportunity to meet in small, age appropriate groups with a group leader after the service on a fortnightly basis. While sharing some morning tea, group leaders will facilitate some games and activities (approx. 20 mins) designed to engage children in conversation around the scripture and themes of the service that week. We are hoping this model might help encourage and equip our children to talk confidently about their faith with others and prepare them to transition into adult LifeGroups as they grow in faith and stature in the LifeWay family.



Lutheran Women NSW Convention

All women are invited to the Lutheran Women's Convention on Saturday 18th April 2020 at Living Water Lutheran Church, Wollongong, 9am.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, every day we face the deep threat of Satan and the world making a bid for our heart. Fill us with your power and strength, that in those times of wrestling with temptation, we may rest secure in the identity you have given us in baptism. Help us to walk deeper in your life, trusting in you our faithful God who has sent us into the world with power, authority and a mission to draw others to you. We ask this in the name of the one who purchased us with his own precious blood, Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Saviour. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For the Church that it may always live out its true identity in Jesus Christ
- For those who face temptations that seem to great for them
- For all Christians that they may be strengthened against the temptation to believe that God is absent or distant in their life.
- For Ed and Emily Burke with thanks to God for the safe and quick arrival of Harrison this past Tuesday.
- For all those giving up something this Lent to go deeper in their walk with Jesus, that he would strengthen their faith and protect them from the temptations of the evil one.
- For the NSW Pastors Conference who meet this week in Albury and for the NSW Synod next weekend at Walla Walla, that God may be glorified and every decision expand his purposes in the world.
- For those who are hungry or homeless, that they may not be tempted to despair
- For those who are in positions of leadership, that they may resist the temptation to abuse their power.
- For those in this community who need our prayers especially Emily Cooke, Emily Knox, Jenny Schneider, Joan Trethewy, Caitlin Toohey, Erna Kutas.



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Deep Cycle

Deep-cycle batteries are designed to be fully discharged using most of their capacity. In the deep cycle of your washing machine clothes get a thorough cleansing more than a regular cycle. In the same way, the Father seeks to transform the deep places of your life by his Spirit so your capacity for his presence and your witness to his world is increased.

Be taken deep by God this Lent, and receive a deep-cycle recharge through a deep encounter with the living Jesus, a deep experience of the Father's love and a deep filling of the Spirit's power. It will energize you and take you further on his Way and fill you with more joy and strength than you could ever imagine.



NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 8 MARCH

Join us on a journey this Lent



Deep Wisdom

Epping 9.30am
with holy communion
and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am
with holy communion

Reading:
John 3:1-17

NEW MONTHLY SERVICE AT EPPING

**A new worship service begins Palm Sunday
5 April, 5pm-6pm at Epping.**

Held on the first Sunday of each month, this service will be a little different than Sunday morning and be used as an equipping service to train up the next generation of people to share God's Word. So each month, you will hear a different voice proclaim the truth of God's Word into our lives. Come along, bring a friend, be inspired and encourage our young people as they grow in sharing boldly! You are welcome to stay for food and fellowship around the table following the service. \$5 per person.

Parents, if you have a young person aged 5 and above that you think is ready to receive Holy Communion, please speak with Pastor Mark or Mat this week. We are in the process of sending out invitations to begin this journey which will have the young people stepping up to Communion on Easter Sunday!



STEP UP TO
Communion

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	Deb Dietz
Prayers	Trevor Harders
HC	Charles Bertelsmeier, Deb Dietz
Ushers	D Bergen & C Burnett
Morning Tea	Jo & Adam Brownnett, Alex Witt
Flowers	Deb Dietz
Data	Liam Weiss
Music	Band 2
Sound	Rod Witt
Video	Daniel Firgau

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Maureen Macpherson
HC	Sabina Pichler
Usher	Janette Gollledge
Morning Tea	Megan & Neil Tschirpig
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Daniel Tschirpig