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Welcome to LifeWay! We are thrilled that you are here as we continue our 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.

"There are none are so blind as those who will not see." It's more than just a proverb. It's a vision impairment that confronts many. Blindness is not about the quality of our vision or the condition of our eyes. How we see others, what we see in the world, the way we see life is less about the objects of our seeing and more about ourselves. It's a reflection of the fears, attachments and beliefs that we hold onto tightly and which we project onto the world. Today Jesus wants us to confront our own blindness and own myopic and selective vision in order to see a large reality and live with a deep vision that comes from him. It's a vision that opens up a totally new perspective and way of life for us.



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.

WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

SUN Step Up to Communion, Session 1

15 Epping, 11.30am

TUES New Men's LifeGroup begins

17 Epping, 7-9pm

WED Dance Class

18 Epping, 11.15am

Leadership Team meet

Epping 7.30pm

THUR Mainly Music, Term 1

19 Newcastle 10am

Songbirds Mandarin Singing Group Epping 10am

Step Up to Communion, Session 2 Newcastle, 3.30pm

FRI Mainly Music, Term 1

20 Epping, 10am

NEXT WEEK

SUN Step Up to Communion, Session 2

22 Epping, 11.30am

Youth Outing (Beach Day) Manly Beach, 11.45am-2.45pm

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.



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

The LifeWay Bushwalkers will be doing a short walk (thr 45min) around Parramatta lake on Palm Sunday 5th April. BYO picnic lunch at the lake at noon and then walk together as a family at about 2pm. See John Klingberg for more information.



We have already had over 3600 listens on Spotify!!

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.

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





@travellersLWmusic

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.



NEW MENS LIFEGROUP

Pastor Mark Simpfendorfer is starting a new 'Mens' LifeGroup at Epping on Tuesday nights from 7-9pm. Any men who want to join and do Life Together are invited to contact Mark – mark.simpfendorfer@lifeway.net.au



RSVP to Diane Bertelsmeier. Phone/text: 0401701840. Email: dbertelsmeier@hotmail.com or speak in person.

EPPING BREAKFAST ON AGAIN THIS YEAR!



The annual Easter Sunday breakfast is on again this year at Epping, but with a new menu to choose from! You, your family and friends are invited to celebrate the victory over a breakfast feast. Please arrive before 8.30am at the latest (kitchen closes at 8.45am). More details available next week!

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Loving Father, only when we see ourselves clearly in the light of your presence, can we worship you truly. So open our eyes with the truth of your Word that we may see you clearly, worship you only, and share your redeeming love, and life-changing power fully, that others may be led to believe in and glorify you. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For all Christians that our blindspots may not stop us from seeing how God is working in and through people's lives.
- For the Church that Christ's light would reveal the blindspots which stop us from reaching out to others in love.
- For those who are blind and for all who work with them and provide them with tools to live their daily lives
- · For those whom our society rejects
- · For those who seek to see Christ in faith
- · For those blinded by doubt or despair
- For Daniel Brownett, Aayleen Benig, Madison Briese, Zac Briese, Anna Hu, Esther Hu Chrissy Lee, Carissa Lee, Felix McGoldrick, Andy Ming, Joshua Qin Madison Briese and Zac Briese as they begin Stepping Up to Communion, that God would reveal himself to them in the deepest and most intimate way!
- For those in this community who need our prayers especially Manfred Borchert, Emily Cooke, Emily Knox, Jenny Schneider, Joan Trethewy, Erna Kutas.





DEBUT ALBUM HOPE ALIVE LAUNCH PARTY

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2020

FROM 6.30PM, AT LIFEWAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

56 NORFOLK RD EPPING

TRAVELLERS PERFORM LIVE

SUPPORTED BY SPECIAL GUEST RACHEL TOMC
PLUS MERCHANDISE • BBQ • FOOD STALLS • LUCKY DOOR PRIZES & MORE!

FREE ADMISSION . ALL WELCOME

Travellers will release their five-track album 'Hope Alive' at the end of March, and in celebration we welcome you to join us at the official launch party!

This event will be advertised to the wider community to help spread the word! Invitations have also been 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

NEXTWEEK SUNDAY 22 MARCH



Epping 9.30am with holy communion and Live Stream

Reading: John 4:5-42



Newcastle 9.30am with holy communion Reading: John 9:1-41

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading Peta Borchert
Prayers Daina Lee

HC Selwyn Weiss,

Jo-Anne Schultz

Ushers Jo & Adam Brownett

Morning Shane & Karen Albances,

Tea Selwyn Weiss
Flowers Ewa Borkowski

Data Horatio Weiss

Music Band 4

Sound Colin Burnett

Video Dianne Bergen

NEWCASTLE

Reading Sabina Pichler

HC Neil Tschirpig

Usher Ruth MacConnachie

Morning Tea

Flowers Ruth MacConnachie

Sabina & Abbie

Data Carolyn Keane