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VISION MONTH 23 FEBRUARY 2020

Welcome to LifeWay! We are so excited to have you here for our Vision2030 launch as we **Take-Off** on the adventure of mission that God has called us to as his Church. 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 inspire you to take off on a daily adventure of living, sharing and growing in his grace. We would love you to get on board, and join us on this next stage of our journey together. 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.

FINAL WEEK OF SERIES

TAKE-OFF

... the next stage of living the vision begins



Readings:

**Acts 3:1-9; 4:5-13,
Matthew 28:16-20**

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.

You are sitting at the end of the runway. Your seat belt is done up tightly, your personal items secured. It's about to happen. The engine power increases. Do you close your eyes? Grab the seat rest or the person next to you? Look out the window? Say a prayer? The plane is cleared for take-off. It's time to go. As full take-off power is applied, the aircraft on which you are seated begins hurtling down the runway, and with a small bump, you leave the ground, are airborne, and the adventure begins. Today Jesus clears us for take-off. It's time to go, to begin this next stage of the adventure, to get airborne as a Church and fly; to go beyond the limits of what we consider possible and see how far his love takes us! The control tower has given the all clear for take-off. So go, with the full power of the Spirit and let's leave the ground and fly!

LIVING **SHARING** **GROWING**
Jesus' love His hope with all in grace together



Sunday 1st March

Sphinx Track walk, Bobbin Head
10km / 3hr with a cafe at the half
way point. 1pm start, meeting at the
end of Bobbin Head Road. See John
Klingberg for more information.

SAVE THE DATE Sunday 5th April

The LifeWay Bushwalkers will be
doing a short walk (1hr 45min) around
Parramatta lake on Sunday 5th April
(Palm Sunday). 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. We'd love you to join us.

WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

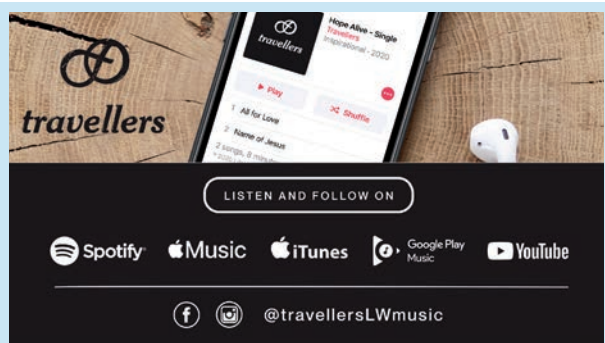
SUN **Vision 2030 Beyond Limits**
23 combined worship Epping, 9.30am

WED **Band Practice**
26 Epping 7.30pm

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

Songbirds Mandarin Singing Group
Epping 10am

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



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 (@travellersLWmusic) so we can share the hope of Jesus with as wide an audience as possible.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday 26th February
7.00pm Newcastle, 7.30pm Epping.

Join us for our Discipleship Series during Lent
'Deep Cycle' and hear Jesus' 'Deep Call'.

Pray For Local High Schools

A group of people from local churches meets for one hour, once a term, to pray for Cheltenham Girls' and Epping Boys' High Schools. We would love more people to join us in supporting the students and staff by praying for them. Please join us on Thursday 27th February from 8-9pm at 9 Gloucester Road Epping. We will finish promptly. Enquiries: Katrina Collins
0400 488 459 / ckjsge@gmail.com

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.



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THANK YOU

An incredibly big thank you to Shane Albances, Josi Weiss and Elysia McEwen in leading and organizing the Vision Launch last night. The hours of work and preparation that have gone on over the last year and in particular last months has been incredible.

We are so blessed. Thank you.

VISION2030 LEAFLETS

If you didn't get a VISION2030 or a Serving Opportunities leaflet given out last night, please grab one today at Epping or next week at Newcastle and pray about the flight God is calling you to make in the coming year.

Welcome to new staff

Today Elise von Stanke is being 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!

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.

Begins today!



Lord Jesus Christ, you have cleared us to take-off to continue your work of reconciling the world to yourself. Fill us with your Spirit that we may have a greater love for the lost, deeper compassion for the broken, stronger faith in your saving power, giving a bolder witness to your presence and believing that your kingdom is advancing in this world. Ignite us with an unquenchable flame to go beyond any limits we have known to bring your light, hope and love wherever you send us. We ask this in your precious name. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For hearts that hear the call and command of Jesus to 'go' and make disciples of all nations.
- For eyes that see only Jesus as he leads us on the journey to the broken and hurting places of the world to bring his life and love.
- For our LifeWay Vision2030 Beyond Limits strategy that God would take us further than we ever imagined possible.
- For courage to 'have a go' and let God take us on an adventure of faith, using the gifts that he has blessed us with.
- For the 'friends' of LifeWay who may not be part of LifeWay but are so willing to use their gifts to help grow the mission and vision God has called us to in this place.
- For Elise von Stanke as she is installed as KidsWay Ministry Coordinator (volunteer) across all LifeWay sites.
- For all missionaries who take off and go where the Lord calls, that he may protect them on their journey, guide their steps, and help them reap the harvest in the areas he sends them.
- For more people in the LCA to hear the call to become Church Planters.
- For those in this community who need our prayers especially Emily Cooke, Jenny Schneider, Joan Trethewy, Caitlin Toohey, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.

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 more joy and strength than you could ever imagine.



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

NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 1 MARCH

Join us on a journey this Lent
for our new worship series:



Deep Cycle

Epping 9.30am
with holy communion
and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am
with holy communion

Reading:
Matthew 4:1-11

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	Jen Vlassis
Prayers	Charles Bertelsmeier
HC	Dianne Bergen, John Weiss
Ushers	J Weiss, T Rawolle
Morning Tea	C & D Bertelsmeier, S Sloan
Flowers	Diane Bertelsmeier
Data	Georgia Schultz
Music	Band 1
Sound	Ed Burke
Video	Alex Schultz

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Ruth MacConnachie
HC	Sabina Pichler
Usher	Annie Koch
Morning Tea	Maureen Macpherson, Janette Gollidge
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Carolyn Keane