



WA Lutheran News

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NEW GRADUATE FOR ESPERANCE/ KALGOORLIE-BOULDER

The congregations of Esperance, Kalgoorlie-Boulder (and Cascades) were thrilled to get the news in October that a graduate has been chosen to come to the parish in 2009.

Pastor Adrian Kramer will be installed in Esperance early in 2009.

A date for the installation is yet to be set.

Please join with the parish in prayers of thanksgiving for this exciting news.

THE LUTHERAN SHINES AT RELIGIOUS PRESS AWARDS

The Lutheran has shone at the annual awards night of the Australasian Religious Press Association (ARPA), this year picking up awards in 2 of the most hotly contested categories.

Linda Macquoen picked up Bronze in the most prestigious category, Best Feature, for her story 'The Epicentre of Grief' about her visit to Banda Aceh and the trauma counselling work being conducted there by HKBP woman Linda Sianturi. The judge wrote: 'One of the distinctive features of *The Lutheran* is the consistently high quality of its writing, and this feature – following up the impact of the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami in Banda Aceh – is a fine example. In laying bare their tragedy, lingering sorrow and current plight, she allows the stories and voices to speak for themselves, giving the people dignity, humanity and profound respect.'

Aaron Hardke, a teacher at Redeemer Lutheran College, Rochedale, Queensland, was the other winner. He won a Silver Award in the category, Best Story on Social Justice, for his story about last year's teacher study tour to the

Lutheran World Service refugee camps in Nepal.

Linda's and Aaron's stories can be downloaded from *The Lutheran's* website, www.thelutheran.com.au – Click on Past Issues, 2007, July (Linda's story), November (Aaron's story).

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Extract from President's Page 15 October 2008

PARISHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Pastor David & Betty Kent have recently retired from Katanning/Narrogin.

Please pray for those parishes and schools in the call process:

Katanning/Narrogin; Living Waters College Warnbro.

The Geraldton parish is also without a pastor at the moment.



For all the lay people serving their churches at all times but especially while there is no pastor.

ARTS WINNERS FROM WA

Highly Commended awards were given to Ocean Forest Lutheran Fellowship for their series of children's worship altar cloths which were entered in this year's Commission on Worship Visual Arts Awards.

All entries will be posted on the LCA website in the near future and copies of the entries will be displayed at National Office in the coming weeks.

AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE GIFTS OF GRACE

The Australian Lutheran World Service Gifts of Grace Christmas catalogue is out now and there's been a great response so far with chickens and toilets being the most popular gifts!

Please distribute your catalogues NOW so there is plenty of time to order gifts.

The focus for Christmas Action (starts in Nov) this year will be on the urgent need of refugees and will include a new and exciting way for people to be involved!

Copies of the catalogue are still available. To order, please call Jen on 1300 763 407 or email her on alws@alws.org.au.

Meditation:

The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.

-- Matthew 13:22 (NIV)

Quotation:

Our Adversary majors in three things: noise, hurry and crowds. If he can keep us engaged in "muchness" and "manyness," he will rest satisfied.

... Richard J. Foster

Reflection:

Lord, keep the enemy's distractions away, and fill my heart with Your word.

FATHER'S DAY THOUGHTS

It struck me when preparing for the Service last Sunday how big a part of God's activity in the world has always been about his Fatherly love for his children. The famous Passover account was the word for last Sunday, and coinciding with Father's Day made it clear to me that God really has always acted in the lives of people because he is Father; because he loves his people; because he wants to fight for his children. Of course, God has always had to fight for his children. This is because his children have often been very wayward. Their propensity to enter into corruption, injustice, violence and conflict gave Evil the opportunity to harass and debilitate them.

But one thing is clear, God is the kind of Dad who does not let his children go to far! Nor is he the type of Father who lets evil have its destructive way totally.

He sends prophets, teachers, kings, messengers, angels and even donkeys to speak his word of promise and mercy throughout the history of our world.

Eventually God pays the highest price for the gaining of all his children. He lays all their guilt, shame, pain, sorrow and evil on the shoulders of his own Son, Jesus, and by this sacrificial "lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" we are healed; we are restored; we have a future.

Dad's are a living sign of the Ultimate Dad—names Father, Son and Spirit. They set the tone of how their children receive and live in the love of God and how their children relate to others who are different, in need or friends.

Go for it Dad! This critical work of setting the tone for your family on God's behalf is vital and good, steady work.

In the Father's love and strength

Pastor Adrian Kitson


What is Face To Face?

Face to Face is produced by Lutheran Media Ministry for The Lutheran Church of Australia. A variety of script writers and presenters bring messages of hope and inspiration to anyone who listens. To find out more or download the broadcast as a podcast or mp3 or get a copy of the PDF script go to: <http://www.lca.org.au/> and click on Face to Face/

November on Face to Face

2 Nov	Aussie Saints	Pastor Mark Doecke
9 Nov	Trust	Interview with Trevor Keller
16 Nov	An Awesome God	Pastor Bob Turnbull
23 Nov	Why do Bad things happen?	Pastor Richard Mau
30 Nov	Understanding Poverty	Interview with Jonathan Krause





CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please let the me know if you have any special activities planned and/or your service times. Next issue I will advertise them to people travelling can attend.

Have you got any news about your parish or congregation? Share with the WA District. I need prayer points, praise points, news and views. Please email your items to: waneews@esbconsult.com

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