



WA Lutheran News

March 2009

NEW PASTOR FOR KATANNING/NARROGIN

Katanning/Narrogin parish will be hosting a special installation Service for their new Pastor,

Heath Pukallus

Members and Friends Lutheran Congregations WA

Please join us at:

St Stephen's Lutheran Church

Hassell Street, Katanning

5.30pm Sunday 15th March, 2009

Following the service you are also invited to join us in the Church Hall for a Finger Food Evening meal.

REMIND, RENEW, REJOICE

2009 WA District Convention

Friday 27th March to Sunday 29th March

Concordia Lutheran Church

Corner Glengarry Drive and Hepburn Ave,
Duncraig, WA

Deadline for Convention Registrations

8th March

admin@wa.lca.org.au

EXCITING CHANGES FOR LYWA

The new LYWA Management Committee will be responsible for overseeing all LYWA ministries, programs and events and will administer the necessary day-to-day functions of LYWA. This committee will also appoint teams for each ministry area of LYWA and the team coordinators will be part of the Management Committee.

Each team will include some younger leaders being given the chance to take more responsibility, offer more input and gain a variety of new skills, without having to be on a decision-making committee.

Two teams have been appointed the LYWA Ministry Team, coordinated by Jaren Hart and the LYWA Networking & Care Team coordinated by Katy Hart.

NEW PASTOR CELEBRATION

Pastor Adrian Kitson installed Pastor Adrian Kramer in the Esperance and Kalgoorlie/Boulder Parish on Sunday 25th January 2009.

The service was led by Parish Chairman Glenn Crouch with readings and gifts presented by members of both congregations.

Ministers from other Esperance congregations attended to welcome Pastor Adrian to the area.

There was some confusion over which Pastor Adrian K was which.



L-R: Pastor Milo Velebir (Duncraig), Pastor Adrian Kitson (Ocean Forest), Pastor Adrian Kramer (Esp & K/B)



Pastor Adrian Kitson presents, Pastor Adrian Kramer to his new parish

Mother's Day

This year, families can celebrate Mother's Day by helping poor mothers overseas! Through the new ALWS Mother's Day GIFTS OF GRACE catalogue, you can choose gifts ranging from a goat or a cow to 'Sponsor a Cook' in the Kakuma Refugee Camp (supported by Australian Lutherans through Australian Lutheran World Service). Australians spend \$830 million on Mother's Day, so why not take your share of this and help a poor mum overseas? Or, if you're a mum yourself, take the lead and give each of your children a catalogue. To receive your free catalogue/s or to order gifts, simply contact Jen Pfizner on 1300 763 407 or alws@alws.org.au.

DEVASTATION IN FLOOD AND FIRE

In the face of devastation what else can we do but join the Psalmist (Psalm 68:1-2) 'O Lord, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence, let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry'?

The loss of a harvest and possessions in the floods in Ingham (QLD) and the death and destruction of the Victorian bushfires touch us all. None of us, however, except those who are victims and those who have been through this before in places like the West Coast of South Australia, Adelaide, Sydney and Canberra, can really claim to have any understanding of what such fierce loss is like.

In seconds families and friends are gone. Lives are changed never to be the same again.

While there is little we can do to help physically, I encourage you to support those effected and the heroic emergency crews with your prayers and your donations to the Fire Appeals. Let us all cry to the Lord for each other.

We can reach out to those in need with gifts to:

the Victorian District Fund - by direct deposit to:
'Council for Lutheran Community Care:
BSB 033 172 account no. 292397, Westpac Bank
the description 'FIRE' plus the donor's surname
OR post a cheque made payable to:

'Council for Lutheran Community Care – Fire Relief'
with the same donor details to: LCA Victoria District,
PO Box 642 BOX HILL 3128 **OR**

Red Cross Relief facility - secure online donations
form at

http://www.redcross.org.au/ourseices_acrossaustralia_disasteremergencyseices_bushfires2006.htm or by phoning 1800 811 700.

In our congregations in worship on Sundays we will cry to the Lord together. There is no other salvation for us. Our hearts are with those who now must suffer.

We are grateful for the prayer support which has come from Dr Reg Quirk, Chairman of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England and from President Robert Bugbee of the Lutheran Church-Canada who writes 'I am going to ask all our 324 parishes from coast to coast to include this crisis in their prayers this coming Sunday'. Dr Thu En Yu of the Sabah Theological Seminary Malaysia, one of our partners in mission in SE Asia, has had the seminary community praying for our country.

We have also been contacted by Peter Prove of the Lutheran World Federation Secretariat in Geneva. The LWF General Secretary Dr Noko has assured us of the concern and prayers of the global Lutheran communion.

Rev'd Dr Michael P Semmler
President, Lutheran Church of Australia

LUTHERAN MEDIA UPDATE

What is Face To Face?

Face to Face is produced by Lutheran Media Ministry for The Lutheran Church of Australia. 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

March on Face to Face

1st	Standing in Ashes	Pastor Richard Mau
8th	What is Lent?	Pastor Richard Mau
15th	Cancer is not the final word	Interview with Gay & Alan Lee
22nd	Something's Gonna Get You	Pastor Trevor Keller
29th	Stingrays, Prison & Brain Tumours	Interview with Matt & Felicity Baird

STORIES NEEDED

Linda Macqueen is currently researching some stories for the April and May editions of The Lutheran: 'Restorative Justice' and 'Schizophrenia'. She is interested in speaking with anyone who has expertise in these areas or has a personal experience to share (anonymously is fine). If you or anyone you know are able to contribute, would you please contact Linda directly: linda.macqueen@lca.org.au (07) 32891449.

(With respect to the Restorative Justice story, she is aware that Dr Garry Dombrosky from LC-C is in Australia and she has already had discussions with him.)



Have you got any news about your parish or congregation? Share with the WA District. I need prayer & praise points and news. I would also love to receive poems and other creative work. Please email your items to: wanews@esbconsult.com Current and old WA Lutheran News are available for download from: <http://www.esbconsult.com/lcawanews/> On the website you can also sign up to get an email informing you of when there is a new newsletter ready for download.

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