

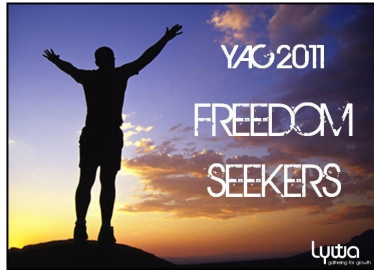


WA Lutheran News

June 2011

YAC 2011
FREEDOM
SEEKERS

is a camp aimed at
young people,
12 and above.



Start: 5pm Wednesday 13th July

Finish: 2pm Sunday 17th July

Where: Manjedal Activities Centre, Byford

For full brochure and forms please contact:

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Meditation:

Jesus said: "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these."

--Matthew 6:28-29 (NIV)



Quotation:

For the flowers are great blessings.

For the Lord made a Nosegay in the meadow with his disciples and preached upon the lily

For the flowers have great virtues for all senses.

For the flower glorifies God and the root parries the adversary.

For the flowers have their angels even the words of God's creation...

For there is a language of flowers.

For there is a sound reasoning upon all flowers.

For elegant phrases are nothing but flowers.

For flowers are peculiarly the poetry of Christ.

... Christopher Smart (1722-1771)



Reflection: Lord, Your creation praise You.

FAITH FOR THE FUTURE UPDATE

The Faith for the Future redevelopment at St Johns is heading in an exciting new direction. The congregation has supported the committee's decision to explore a two stage construction, with the aim of bringing the project to fruition sooner. A big boost has come from the news that Lutheran Homes WA are supporting the project and are considering investing in the redevelopment.

A two stage development would mean building the lower level car park and the part of the ground floor for use by the church and WA District first, and then the rest of the building at a later time, when a commercial tenant is obtained. The building activity will assist in attracting a major tenant.

The cost of Stage 1 is expected to be around \$4.5M with leasing of car bays providing an income to assist repayment of building loans. Lutheran Homes WA are looking at investing their capital (estimated at around \$1.2million) into Stage 1 -this is tremendous news.

As the income from the car bays is relatively small and could only support a loan on a portion of the construction cost, we would need to arrange capital for the rest. The sale of St John's manse is being considered to raise some of the capital.

The FFF committee will seek sources of finance (preferably the LLL) and then seek congregational approval to proceed.

We will need an increase in matching deposits with the LLL and of course any donations will be greatly appreciated, as they reduce the need for borrowings. Any donations can be a tax deductible. Please keep this project and the FFF committee in your prayers.

GO TO: www.faithforthefuture.org.au to donate online now or download a giving form, OR: Phone St John's office and request a brochure be sent to you - Ph: 9227 8072

REMEMBER: Once building loans are repaid the future income from this major building (approximately \$1m annually) will be donated to the WA District to further the mission of the Lutheran Church, your gift now will mean the project will be providing for the District sooner.

“Unveiling God’s Love” 2nd Corin: 3:16 was the theme for the 42nd Regular Convention of WA Lutheran Women held at the Ocean Keys Community Church.

Ocean Keys member. Rosemary Davidson, welcomed all to Ocean Keys explaining how God’s love can be ‘veiled’ when relationship with Him is broken or strained. Going on she suggested thoughts of a bridal veil and how soft and filmy, almost see-through but not quite, and how a veil separates until lifted. Think of God behind the veil, present but not seen, near but untouchable. Rosemary with the help of Judith Parker & Claudette Snell then proceeded to “un-veil” the Altar, in this case a small recess in the wall which had been covered in a black cloth representing sin. The black cloth was peeled away revealing a red veil representing the blood that Jesus in His love shed for us on the cross. This too was peeled away to reveal a pure white veil symbolizing the purity of Jesus love. This filmy veil then also opened to reveal a mirror with the image of Jesus imprinted. Each person was then invited to come to the Altar and see their own face reflected and Jesus looking back. A powerful image which brought many humbling tears, a brief time for prayer and reminder of how much Jesus loves us when we remove the “veil” of sin in confession allowing God to live in our heart and mind.

The afternoon Guest Speaker was Pastor Michael Parker who gave an insight to his mission work in the northern, low socio-economic suburbs of Perth and the Catalyst school program designed to help the social “drop-outs” from school. Those children in their early teens who for various reasons have been kicked out of school and sometimes their homes; who have not managed the normal education system and usually end up before the courts for various offences. Pastor Michael detailed his frustration not being able to secure suitable establishments to “school” these children in an endeavour to give them some hope of future employment and an independent secure life.

The offering for the day was given to support the Catalyst program.

The AIM of Lutheran Women has always been to support the work of the church at home and abroad so the projects they support are:-

- Aboriginal Missions
- Australian Lutheran World Service
- Australian Lutheran College (ALC)- Pastoral Ministry Students Assistance Fund
- The Debora Orphanage in Indonesia
- Home of Praise in the slums of Bangkok, Thailand
- Scholarships for overseas students to study at ALC
- Bethany Home for children with severe disabilities, Malaysia
- Solar Panels for emergency power for Lutheran Health Services sub-centres in PNG
- PNG Scholarship Fund.

The installation of the new Executive committee and closing service with Holy Communion closed an inspirational and uplifting day.

The new Executive are as follows: -

- ✠ President: Mrs Anna Velebir
- ✠ Vice-President: Mrs Anne Smythe
- ✠ Secretary: Mrs Ronda Hahn
- ✠ Treasurer: Mrs Angela Ziersch
- ✠ Extra Members: Catherine Callahan and Carol Pocock
- ✠ Spiritual Advisor: Pastor Milo Velebir
- ✠ Lutheran Mag Reporter: Mrs Angela Ziersch

Seasons by Pixie Chapple (Grass Patch)

The poet writes of winter snows and blossom in the springs

Of summer suns and autumn mists and other pretty things

The farmer, on the other hand talks of beef and grain, Of seeding and of harvest, of shearing fleece and rain.

In the tropics there are seasons two—both hot, the dry and wet

It is always cold in arctic land where seasons change and yet

The change is subtle, as the daylight hours they wax and wane

The midnight sun in summer, winter night at noon again

The Church’s year has seasons six, starting with Advent. There’s Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, Epiphany and Lent.

Whatever way we count them, the seasons come and go And each one has its beauty, as each puts on its show.

By Serica Yurisch
Professional Standards Coordinator, LCAWA District Inc

VOLUNTEER POLICE CHECKS

The LCAWA District Church Council has just approved a process for Volunteer Police Checks within the LCAWA District. This process has been designed to provide a simple framework for congregations, as they begin submitting the Volunteer Police Check consent forms for checking. This process aims to provide clear communication with both congregations and the individuals whose names are being submitted for checking. It also aims to provide a fair and consistent opportunity for those who do have court outcomes or charges pending, to still be able to volunteer within the LCAWA District.

A *Volunteer Police Check Flowchart* has been created to help congregations and individuals understand this process – this has been emailed out to all Pastors and congregational ChildSafe / Safe Place Officers. See page 4 of *this newsletter*. Policy and procedures are currently being developed.

REFEREE QUESTIONNAIRE

A new *Referee Questionnaire* has been developed, which can be used for all volunteers / paid employees who are in ministry roles, or positions of responsibility. This form is more generic than the previous ChildSafe Reference Form. All volunteers and paid employees within the church require two References to be completed on their behalf. The new version of the *Referee Questionnaire* has been emailed to all Pastors and congregational ChildSafe / Safe Place Officers.

This training is required by the LCA for all people who are involved with ministry to children and young people. Also beneficial to those who are in leadership roles within the Church.

During August it is being offered in 2 WA locations.

Cost: \$15—afternoon tea provided

TOPICS COVERED:

- TM1: Introducing ChildSafe
- TM2: Understanding Child Protection Issues
- TM3: Responding to Child Protection Issues
- TM4: Keeping People Safe

Sunday August 7, 2011—Noon—4:30pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Cnr Robinson Rd & Weld Crt, Morley

Registration or more info for Bethlehem Session:

Carol Schmeiss 0409 910 194
pgschmeiss@inet.net.au

Sunday August 21, 2011—Noon—4:30pm

Ascension Lutheran Church
Cnr Swallowtail Pde & Currie St, Warnbro

Registration or more info for Ascension Session:

Cherie Schubert 0400 230 550
cschubert@livingwaters.wa.edu.au

Please Note: You must register to attend these events with the listed contact person.



In 2011 the WA Lutheran News will have set quarterly publication dates. Each newsletter will celebrate the happenings around the district in the past quarter

and advertise what is on in the upcoming quarter.

I would also like to publish prayer & praise points, poems, funny tidbits and other creative work.

Please email your items to: waneews@esbconsult.com

Current and old WA Lutheran News are available for download from:

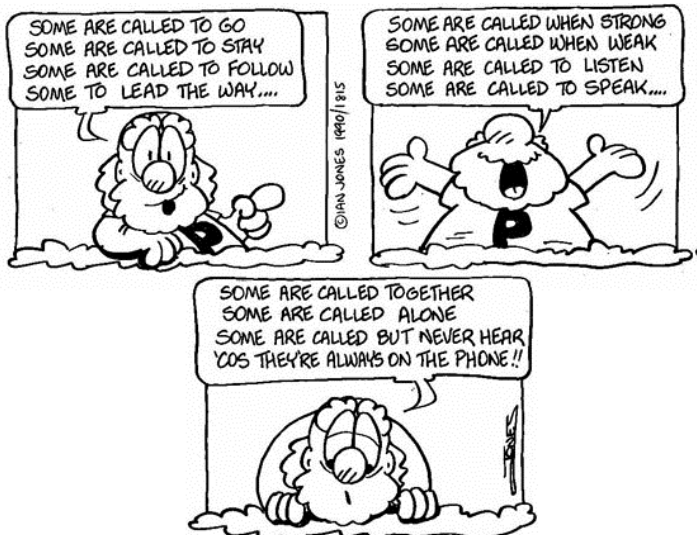
<http://www.esbconsult.com/lcawaneews/>

On the website you can also sign up to get an email informing you of when there is a new newsletter ready for download.

Karen Crouch. Editor, WA Lutheran News

2011 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Article Deadline	Publication Date
12 September	16 September
5 December	9 December



VOLUNTEER POLICE CHECK FLOWCHART

CONGREGATIONAL CHILDSAFE/SAFE PLACE OFFICER

1. Hands out Volunteer Police Check consent forms.
2. Collects completed consent forms and checks volunteer's ID (a copy is made for church records).
3. Makes a copy of each consent form (for church records) and sends copies of consent forms only, via post to LCAWA Professional Standards Coordinator.
4. Stores all consent forms and copies of ID in accordance with the LCA Privacy Policy.



LCAWA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OFFICER

1. At the end of each month, collates information from received consent forms and forwards to WA Police Information Release Centre for processing.
2. On receiving information back from WA Police Information Release Centre, sends a letter to each congregation, providing notification of the outcome of the checks.



CHECKS WITH NO OUTCOME

1. Individual will be sent a letter outlining their clearance to work as a volunteer within the LCAWA District.
2. Individual will be issued with an LCAWA District Clearance Card, which is valid for three years.



CHECKS WITH OUTCOME

1. Individual will be sent a letter outlining the court outcome/pending charge that has been identified.
2. Individual will be asked to apply for a National Police Certificate (NPC) within two months, which lists all disclosable offences. A copy of the certificate needs to be forwarded to the LCAWA Professional Standards Coordinator.



NPC - LCAWA RISK ASSESSMENT

1. A panel of representatives from the LCAWA District will conduct a Risk Assessment, to determine the volunteer's suitability.
2. The individual will then either be granted or not granted a clearance, dependant on the outcome of the assessment.

NO NPC – NON CLEARANCE NOTICE

1. If the individual does not provide a NPC, the congregation will be notified that a clearance is unable to be granted for that individual.
2. The congregation will be advised to consider the legal and financial risks associated with allowing the individual to continue as a volunteer within their congregation.