



WA Lutheran News

April 2013

WA DISTRICT CONVENTION OCEAN KEYS COMMUNITY CHURCH JESUS, LOVE COME TO LIFE

Excerpts from the Popular report.....

All the delegates got an eye-opening look into how love is being turned into action through the work of the Ocean Keys congregation and Catalyst schools.

Over the convention weekend there was of course plenty of business discussed as can be seen in the reports and minutes but that was interspersed with little talks by various members from our host congregation.

Sunday morning worship and communion was held at the Ocean Keys Community Church.



We were blessed to have National President Pastor Michael Semmler preach during our worship time together.

Pastor Semmler started his ministry in the Katanning/Narrogin parish and will retire as National President this year.

The entire report and photos available for download from:

www.wa.lca.org.au OR

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

A few highlights from the minutes

- † Convention Sunday's offering gifted to Catalyst Schools
- † Rockingham/Mandurah have received a grant for \$25,000 for a lay family worker
- † Synod business will now only happen every 2 years. The alternate year will be a convention with a ministry training focus, watch this space for more information about this in coming newsletters



2013



Dads & Kids	May Fri 24 to Sun 26	Advent Park Maida Vale
Sponsor: Concordia, Duncraig		
YAC	July Wed 10 to Sun 14	Manjedal—Gilwell Byford
Sponsor: Bethlehem, Morley		
Leadership Retreat	September Fri 13 to Sun 15	Eagles Nest Gidgegannup
Sponsor: Rockingham-Mandurah		



Date	Host
15 June	St John's Lutheran Church Perth
26 October	Rockingham Mandurah Lutheran Church, Warnbro
7 December	St Luke's Lutheran Church Parkwood

If you have any queries regarding a camp or event, please email lywa@wa.lca.org.au



LYWA (Lutheran Youth of Western Australia)



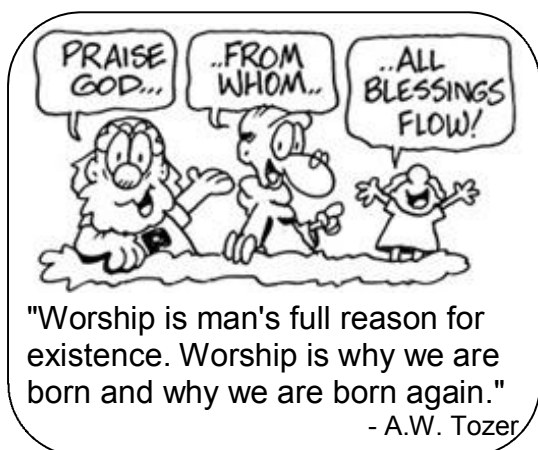
FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

After so much planning and waiting we are getting closer to construction! Both the Perth City Council and Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority have approved our Development Application.

The steps remaining are as follows:

- ✓ Architect finalising the construction drawings
- ✓ Building Licence approval is being sought
- ✓ Tenders are being called
- ✓ Finance is being secured
- ✓ Agreements have been prepared between St Johns and the WA District and Lutheran Homes WA to reflect their interests in the project
- ✓ Congregational meeting will be called to seek approval
- ✓ Demolition of the hall
- ✓ Building construction to begin
- ✓ To be completed in 2014
- ✓ Fundraising will continue to reduce debt and to focus on fitting out the new church hall with furniture and equipment

During construction (a minimum of 10 months) our facilities will be limited and groups using the current hall are making contingency plans. There will be a temporary office over the footpath and a toilet block on the grass in front of the church. Central Institute of Technology (formerly TAFE) has agreed to rent space in the house next door for use by Children's Church on Sundays. They have also agreed we can use their lawn after Sunday Services to gather for tea and coffee.



*From Michael Graebner,
FFF Chairman—March Update*

Other positive developments

- ✓ a serious offer to lease space in Stage 1 for 5 years
- ✓ two offers to purchase the manse

Many factors are coming together to enable us to move to construction of this exciting project. Along with the Faith for the Future Committee the Council and congregation will be involved in deciding the path forward. Detailed work is underway to ensure all finances are in place.

If you wish to take advantage of **tax deductibility in this financial year** now is a good time to consider your pledge or donation. For more details please contact the church office for a pledge form or visit the website: www.faithforthefuture.org.au

Queries to **Mike Graebner** on 0418 913 930 or mike@graebner.com.au.

Faith for the Future Committee

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: www.facetoface.org.au

There are also an number of videos to watch and books to support the programs

The Face to Face mobile website is now accessible through your smart phone, iPhone, and iPad.

April on Face to Face

6th	Animal School	Robert Schuber Available for download
14th	Bicycle for Two	Richard Fox
21st	O My God	Noel Due
28th	Smashing Plates	Interview

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE

By Monika Tropiano

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Already in 2013; 50 people have attended a Professional Standards Training Day. What a pleasure it is to be a part of this process.

The LCA is a signatory of the Safe Church Training Agreement (SCTA) and this enables us to deliver workshops that look at how we make our church a safe place for children and for adults. During the workshop we look at how we behave with children, the expected behaviour between adults and our duty of care when do we anything under the banner of church, including when programs are run. There is opportunity to share experiences and I find that I always learn something new at every workshop.

Serica and I presented together for the St John's Workshop. When we came to the discussion about the vulnerable people in our church community, one of the participants pointed out that our leadership is often vulnerable. They have to make difficult decisions and they are sometimes the object of criticism. Please keep your local church leadership as well as the leadership of the WA DCC and wider church in your prayers. Words of encouragement are greatly appreciated.

The recent opportunity to present a workshop in Albany was such a blessing and Pastor Greg helped out by attending as a spiritual support person. The welcome we received was warm and enthusiastic.

It is exciting and encouraging to see people aged under 18 committed to the LCA and attending the workshops. They are the future leaders of our church. The SCTA recognises that those under 18 often participate in leading church activities, but as yet they are not adults. Please mentor these enthusiastic and very capable and valuable young people, and be aware of not putting them in situations that would possibly require adult decisions. These young people are often very

mature, so a mentor to encourage them would be a wonderful idea.

Thank you to everyone who has, in 2013, already given up a Saturday to support the LCA WA District in its desire to make the church a safe place for everyone. More workshops are planned for later in the year – possibly at Katanning/Narrogin and also at Parkwood.

A final thank you to the Congregational Safe Place Coordinators for the many hours that they dedicate, chasing up paper work and making sure that all who work with children have a current Working With Children card, as required by WA State Legislation.

Blessings,

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LUTHERAN WOMEN OF WA

FELLOWSHIP DAY

"IN JOYFUL SERVICE"

When: Saturday 4th May 2013

**Where: Swanleigh
58 Yule Ave, Middle Swan**

Cost: Donation towards lunch

For a registration form or more details please contact Ronda Hahn

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EASTER IN NARROGIN

By Jenny Forrest

There are obvious things to remember and commemorate on Easter Sunday; Trinity Lutheran Church added another.

We invited the towns' churches to come and worship with us at 6.30am. Yes that is right 6.30am!!! The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day; no wind just a gorgeous Autumn day.

On arrival we met in the hall and then rolled the rock away from our church doors and moved into the church. 61 people joined us from Trinity Lutheran, Salvation Army, Anglican, Uniting, Baptist and Narrogin Christian Centre . It was truly a wonderful day of rejoicing that our Lord had risen from his grave!

Our leader Robert Lange's birthday fell on the day and his wife Vicki had celebrated her 50th during the week before; so we sang It's Your Birthday!

The message that Robert read was from Pastor Vince Gerhardy entitled . "Rising from the ashes." based on 1 Corinthians 15 ; 20.

After singing grace we served a breakfast of; cereal, fruit, bacon, eggs, cooked tomatoes, toast, sausages along with fruit juice and tea 'n' coffee.

The guys cooked 8kgs bacon,5kgs sausages, 6 dozen eggs, 3 big pots of tomatoes and 5 loaves of bread for toast. We even had food left over.

We finished off with cappuccinos which were "sold" for a donation to help support the chaplaincy fund and raised \$100. The offering for the day boosted the chaplaincy fund by a further \$860.



WA DISTRICT WEBSITE

www.wa.lca.org.au



The WA District now has its own website which also has a page especially for the District News as well as links to other helpful things.

2013 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Article Deadline	Publication Date
20 June	30 June
11 September	30 September
30 November	10 December

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<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





ST JOHN' LUTHERAN CHURCH,

By Lovena Misama

In Perth for Good

Saturday 4 May, 6-7:30pm

A special effects, candlelight drama exploring the history of St John's and the opportunity to view the interior of this historic and significant heritage church, built in 1936, from Darlington ironstone.

Followed by light refreshments and exhibition of artefacts/memorabilia from families of the earliest days of St John's in the Hall.

Emerging

Friday 10 May, 10am-12pm

An art exhibition produced and presented by aboriginal students and emerging artists from our neighbours at the Central Institute of Technology; a joint work with the Catalyst Schools Programme from Perth's Northern Suburbs (coordinated by Rev Michael Parker); and, a public forum, open to all, to discuss trends and progress of aboriginal people and youth moving into art and education. A joint venture, inspired by the updated vision of our church's role in the local community. Exhibition in the St John's Hall.

The Streets of Northbridge

Saturday 11 May, 6-7:30pm

A dynamic evening of drama, music and special effects, guided by the Spirit of the Streets Choir, highlighted by stories dug up from the stones and streets of Northbridge, and inspired by the St John's community's vision of a heritage church and a heritage people living and breathing in these suburbs. Followed by light refreshments and exploring the Art

**All St John's Heritage Events are
FREE**



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Excerpts from Lovena's report to St John's, Perth about District Synod.

Keynote speaker, Rev Bruce Zagel, is part of Ambassadors of Reconciliation and charged us to all remember that 'Love comes to life in conflict when we seek to apply the Gospel in conflict'. He then gave us all a simple formula of confession, simple but oh so powerful:

"I confess that I have sinned against God and against you [fill in the blank/confess the sin]. in this way and I ask for your forgiveness."

Imagine doing that instead of the usual, watered down 'I apologise' or 'I'm sorry [if] you were offended'? It is not often that I hear a message and feel convicted to act but that is what we are called to do if we want to live a life of reconciliation.

Pastor Bruce pointed out that the Bible doesn't tell us to give watered down apologies but to confess our sins to those we've harmed. It's not an easy thing to do but it is simple. Ask yourselves how you can glorify God in the midst of conflict?

Pastor Bruce focused on Paul's two letters to the Corinthians; 'How do we recognise Corinth? Is there a Corinth in your life? Are you so at one with it that you don't even see it? Is it a building? Church? People? We are so easily distracted by the 'wisdoms' of the World so much so that the cross then, gets emptied of its power. We are, in effect, denying Christ.' Pastor Bruce showed us that we, like the Corinthians, may focus on the wrongdoings of others by pointing to the modern day equivalent of the Ancient Greeks (like they did in their time) but it would be good if we could learn to shift our focus and deal with the world through the lens of Christ.

Pastor Michael Parker was the Chaplain and led prayers throughout the weekend and led us through the In Memoriam for those we have lost in the WA District.

The very talented Adam Snell led worship throughout the convention. We give thanks to all of the volunteers at Ocean Keys, for every Mary and Martha who in their own way made us feel incredibly welcome and like fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.