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**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
OF AUSTRALIA  
*where love comes to life*

**Sunday 21 April 2024**  
**One flock**

## Scripture

[John 10:11-18](#)

## Reflection

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is a beloved image that demonstrates the love, care and gentleness of God to his people. It is a very personal image, with the shepherd declaring that he knows us, and we know him. Psalm 23 also supports this thinking when we say with the psalmist, 'The Lord is *my* shepherd'.

But the text shows us that we are not just a scattering of individuals but part of a flock, a community, a family. The dangers are to the flock, not just the individual sheep. In verse 12, we read, '... the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it'. Division and disharmony result.

In Isaiah 53:6, we read, 'We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all'.

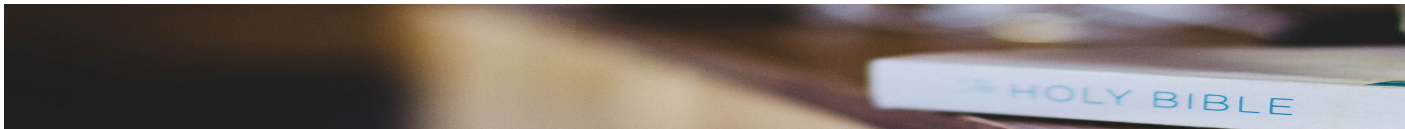
So, what does it mean to be a sheep of Jesus' flock? It means that we enter through his gate. Jesus is the way to salvation. We know his voice and follow him. He cares for us, keeping us safe. And when we wander away, which we know we do all too often, he comes and searches for us.

These are wonderful, comforting images, but this passage includes another challenging thought. The good shepherd decides who is in the sheepfold; we do not. 'I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold' (John 10:16). The Pharisees and disciples thought they knew who God's chosen ones were. But this shepherd is telling them, and telling us, that there will be 'one flock, one shepherd', and it is God, in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit – not us – who brings together that flock.

by Faye Schmidt

## Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray you will send your Holy Spirit to those who do not know you and that they may hear your voice, come to know you and be welcomed in the fold as members of your flock. Amen



**WE PRAY**  
**Sunday 21 April 2024**

**Risen Lord Jesus, we pray:**

- † We thank You for our church family and extraordinary ILC volunteers who continuously show Your love through their dedication and service. We pray for unity with one another and for wisdom as we make decisions together at our AGM.
- † Help us to remember the sacrifice of the first ANZACs, Australian and New Zealander, and the generations of men, women and children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace. Help us to remember those who still bear the physical and mental scars and disabilities of their service.
- † We look forward to celebrating who you are and praying as the Holy Spirit leads with the LCA International Mission [Pray through May](#) *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence, there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11*
- † Equip us to participate with Christ in the care of the one human family. We pray for all victims of violence and injustice. May Christians imprisoned for their faith know God-inspired strength and courage. Sustain them and protect their families.

**Guide us, Lord, as we pray for:**

- † The leaders you have appointed over the LCA/NZ, churchwide (LCA Bishop, Paul Smith, Assistant Bishop, Neville Otto, and the College of Bishops), and locally (District Bishop, Andrew Brook and Assistant Bishop for Mission, Stephen Schultz).
- † All pastors and parishes, principals and schools of the LCA in our South West Metro zone.
- † The Pastoral Care Workers of the South Western School Ministry Team. We pray for Kate Pitman at Warradale Primary. Thank you for equipping her with your love for others as she provides Individual student support, In-class support, Breakfast Club, Boys and girls small groups and Community Connections.
- † God filled relationships between Immanuel Church, College and Primary School. Be present with Paul Wright, Interim Principal IC, Bec Clements, Principal IPS and Pastor Simon Cooper, College Chaplain, motivating them by your love so that they may extend it to others.
- † The chaplains you have called to serve the defence forces, hospitals, Police, prisons, and universities in the SA/NT District and their coordinator, Heidi Smith.
- † The leaders you have appointed over our country: Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, State Premier, Peter Malinauskas and all our local government leaders.
- † Healing, strength and comfort as we pray alongside Avis R, Max J, Barb K, Elle E, Nannette H, John W, Tim S, their families and carers. You have the power to move in our lives and through our circumstances.



**ILC 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**-Sunday 21 April 11:00

**ILC WORSHIP ROSTER JUNE-AUGUST 2024**

To enable us to serve well together at ILC, the Church Council has developed brief job descriptions for each of our key areas of formal service in

the congregation – and beyond in Messy Church available at [ILC Volunteer Handbook](#)

If you can serve ILC as a Roster Volunteer please see Ann by **Sunday 21 April**. *New worship rosters will be sent out before I commence annual leave on 1 to 31 May.*

**CHANGES TO LUTHERAN LAYPEOPLE’S LEAGUE (LLL) BANKING SYSTEM**

LLL is planning to host online meetings, regarding its transition to a Religious Charitable Development Fund (RCDF), in the coming weeks. Members can register their interest by providing their name, email address and congregation name to

[events@ill.org.au](mailto:events@ill.org.au) by **Monday 22 April**.

All customers have been sent information on the next steps in this transition and are asked to complete the Customer Nomination form by June. Forms will be available at church on Sundays from Heather or Pia.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD...**

...needs metal tape measures for making gifts for the shoebox collections. Please leave donations in the Hartmann’s pigeon hole in the ILC Room asap.

**HIGH AFTERNOON TEA & TRADING TABLE**-Saturday 4 May 2:00

*The Corner Uniting Church cnr Diagonal & Oaklands Roads, Warradale*

Fundraiser for our School Chaplains to support families that need help in difficult times. To reserve tickets or more information please see Margie Menz asap. Please bring donations of personal products for women, men, children and babies from the list below:

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|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Deodorant | Body wash   | Shampoo     | Tooth paste | Disposable razors     |
| Soap      | Body lotion | Conditioner | Tooth brush | <b>No other items</b> |

**ST PAUL’S COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE**-Mondays and Wednesdays 11:00-2:00

*St Paul’s LC, 48 Brighton Road, Glenelg*

Emergency food relief, basic toiletries and volunteers needed : **rice / meal sauces / bathroom items**

**PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**-All welcome.

*ILC Prayer Chapel*-Thursdays & Sundays 9:00

During vacancy, when you have prayer requests, please contact Virginia

[mvklemm@hotmail.com](mailto:mvklemm@hotmail.com)

**WAY FORWARD UPDATE**

The Way Forward working groups have completed their work in the development phase of the framework that will be put to General Synod as a proposal for how the LCANZ might operate as one church with two practices of ordination. It is expected that the General Church Board and College of Bishops will release the framework to the church in late April or early May. The announcement will be made via Way Forward eNews. [WAY FORWARD - Lutheran Church of Australia \(lca.org.au\)](#)

**SUNDAY 28 APRIL 9:30**

*5th Sunday of Easter*

Worship with Holy Communion - Pastor David Christian.

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### COMING UP

Sunday 21 April	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Prayer in the Prayer Chapel- <i>all welcome</i> Worship without Holy Communion-Good Shepherd Sunday-4th Sunday of Easter ILC Annual General Meeting 2024
Thursday 25 April		Prayer in the Prayer Chapel
Sunday 28 April	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion-Pastor David Christian-5th Sunday of Easter

### REGULAR ELECTRONIC GIVING (REG)

Fill and lodge a Direct Debit Request Form (available from the office), giving the LLL authority to transfer a specific amount from your bank account to ILC’s REG account.

#### Bank Account Details

**Account Name:** NOVAR GARDENS IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH REG A/C  
**BSB:** 704942  
**Account No:** 100100643 For donations from an account other than the LLL



## LCA Child Safety Standards for Congregations

What does ILC do to keep our children and vulnerable people safe?

### LCA Child Safety Standards for Congregations:

<https://www.lca.org.au/ministry-support/child-safety-standards/>

LCA Policies and Procedures:

<https://www.lca.org.au/services-resources-training/policies/>

### THIS WEEK’S BIBLE READINGS

Acts 4:5-12	Peter and John before the council
Psalms	Psalms 23
1 John 3:16-24	The Christian’s assurance
John 10:11-18	The good shepherd dies for the sheep