



Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church - Noosa

Gathered to Grow - Sent to Serve



Youth & Family Ministry Program

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is committed to make three things become reality for young people:

- that young people have a relationship with Jesus Christ and they be **established** in the Christian faith;
- **nurtured** in the Christian community;
- and **equipped** to serve all God's people.

This commitment includes working with families, congregation, and leaders that form the Christian contexts of the lives of young people. Currently, we have several different options to help establish, nurture and equip our young people in the faith. These options are outlined in this program. All are welcome to join us on our journey of faith in Christ. Enquiries can be made to GSLC Ministry Centre - 07 5455 8645 or by visiting our webpage: www.noosalutheran.org.au



Mainly Music *Tuesdays 8:45am- 10:30am (Weekly)*

Babies through to School age (0-5 year old)

Time for babies, toddlers, parents and caregivers to join in fellowship with others, through music & rhyme, play, stories and community building.

Faith Milestones *Occasions throughout the year*

Faith passage moments in the life of a child: Baptism, 1st Communion, and Confirmation. Each of these moments are occasions for spiritual growth and mentorship in the life of the family.

Bible Song *3-5pm Fridays (Fortnightly)*

Arts-based Children's Ministry for School Years 3-5

Bible Song™ is an arts-based/brain-based immersion into key Bible verses and stories. Each session is mixed with music, art, craft, drama and games which help engage the students with the lesson for the day.

Head to the Heart *6-8pm Fridays (Fortnightly)*

Junior Youth Ministry for School Years 6-8

Head to the Heart (H2H) is a relational, small group ministry system that celebrates the faith with art, music, skits, gameshows and caring relationships.

4U *7-9 pm Fridays (Fortnightly)*

Senior Youth Ministry for School Years 9-12

4U seeks to help teenagers grow a balanced life that is centred in Jesus Christ. We take time discussing hot topics of the day in a safe, caring, biblically-centred environment.

FAMfest *One event per term*

Cross-Generation events for all ages and families



Babies Toddlers Pre-schoolers



Babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and parents will be treated to music and story, activity, and interaction, structured and unstructured fun. Each session is designed for the child and parent to participate together. You'll experience a rich learning environment.

Weekly sessions are full of songs and rhymes, actions and movement, designed to engage you and your child. Not only will your little one be delighted by the one-to-one attention you give, but you'll love the way they respond and develop. You'll be creating memories together.

The structured 30-minute music session will be followed by time of morning tea, and then followed by a time of unstructured play. Parents bring a snack & water for their child. Refreshments will be served for adults. During this time, you'll be able to connect with others.

WHO: Mainly Music is for 0–5-year-old children and their carer

WHEN: Tuesday mornings from 8:45am - 10:30am (During School Terms)

WHERE: GSLC Ministry Centre, Lower Level

Please register by downloading registration forms on our website: www.noosalutheran.org.au



FAITH Milestones

Baptism 1st Communion Confirmation

Faith Milestones are faith passage moments that foster spiritual growth in one's relationship to God, self, others and all creation. These moments result from the intentional family commitment to faith growth for every member of the household. Currently, Good Shepherd has identified 3 moments in the life of a child that are emphasised in the life of our congregation: **Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation**.

All three of these moments of faith development are encouraged to be journeyed as a family. Each of these moments will be preceded by a time of instruction with parents as the main support and mentor for their own child.



Baptism (all ages)

Baptism is all about grace and is a huge gift from God. Good Shepherd offers a series of baptism discussion sessions and pledges to support and equip parents to mentor and teach their children as they plant the seeds of faith in their children.

Baptism Classes are booked by appointment with the Pastor prior to scheduling a baptism.



1st Communion (for those age 10 +)

This milestone in the faith life of the child is designed to help young people, together with the support and mentoring of their parents, prepare for the sacrament of Holy Communion.

First Communion classes are for those who are baptised aged 10 or greater. It is designed with parental involvement. Please speak to Pastor if interested.



Confirmation (School Year 8/9)

Confirmation is an opportunity for young people to give a public confession of faith in which they were baptised. Our parents began the confirming process as they taught us to pray, told us who Jesus was and brought us to worship. The church assists by its instruction in BibleSong, H2H and in supplementary instruction given by the Pastor and in youth groups, adult groups etc.

Confirmation classes are for those who are baptised and in Year 8/9 and have completed at least 1 year of H2H. These classes are designed with parental involvement. Please speak to Pastor if interested.



Primary School

Year 3-5

“Praising God with arts, and hands and voices”

Bible Song is an active, hands-on, arts-based immersion into key Bible verses and Bible stories. A Lead Instructor plans and coordinates the Bible Song sessions, which involve learning a central Bible verse and Bible story enhanced with music, art, and hands-on craft projects. A group of adult helpers serve as group leaders and assistants.

WHO: BibleSong is for Year 3-5 students

WHEN: Friday afternoons from 3-5pm (see schedule below)

WHERE: GSLC Ministry Centre, Church Hall

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Term 1

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location
2	Fri	Feb 2	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #1	GSLC Hall
4	Fri	Feb 16	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #2	GSLC Hall
6	Fri	Mar 1	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #3	GSLC Hall
8	Fri	Mar 15	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #4	GSLC Hall
10	Fri	Mar 29	Good Friday		

Term 2

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location
2.	Fri	April 26	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #5	GSLC Hall
4.	Fri	May 10	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #6	GSLC Hall
6.	Fri	May 24	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #7	GSLC Hall
8.	Fri	Jun 7	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #8	GSLC Hall
10.	Fri	Jun 21	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #9	GSLC Hall

Term 3

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location
2	Fri	July 19	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #10	GSLC Hall
4	Fri	Aug 2	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #11	GSLC Hall
6	Fri	Aug 16	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #12	GSLC Hall
8	Fri	Aug 30	Student Free day		
10	Fri	Sept 13	Student Free day	FAMfest Bonfire @ Bart's	

Term 4

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location
2	Fri	Oct 11	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #13	GSLC Hall
4	Fri	Oct 25	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #14	GSLC Hall
6	Fri	Nov 8	3-5pm	BibleSong BM #15	GSLC Hall





Middle School Year 6-8

Head to the Heart (H2H) is an adolescent small group ministry system. H2H combines current life with Biblical truths. It features art, music, skits, and gameshows, while building lasting caring relationships at church. We combine learning, Christian service and fun & fellowship with our time-tested methods.

WHO: H2H is for Year 6-8 students

WHEN: Friday evenings from 6-8pm (see schedule below)

WHERE: GSLC Ministry Centre, Church Hall

(*Please note, that some activities planned may include additional costs, and a change of time. Leaders will inform parents of such changes.)

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Term 1

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location	
2	Fri	Feb 2	6:30-8:30pm	H2H/4U	Play	GSLC Hall
4	Fri	Feb 16	6-8pm	H2H	LJ #1	GSLC Hall
6	Fri	Mar 1	6-8pm	H2H	LJ #2	GSLC Hall
8	Fri	Mar 15	6-8pm	H2H	Play	GSLC Hall
10	Fri	Mar 29	Good Friday			Scavenger Hunt

Term 2

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location	
2.	Fri	April 26	6:30-8:30pm	H2H/4U	Play	GSLC Hall
4.	Fri	May 10	6-8pm	H2H	LJ #3	GSLC Hall
6.	Fri	May 24	6-8pm	H2H	LJ #4	GSLC Hall
8.	Fri	June 7	6-8pm	H2H	LJ #5	GSLC Hall
10.	Fri	June 21	6-8pm	H2H	Play	GSLC Hall
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Term 3

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location	
3	Fri	July 19	6-8pm	H2H	Play	GSLC Hall
5	Fri	Aug 2	6-8pm	H2H	LJ #6	GSLC Hall
6	Fri	Aug 16	6-8pm	H2H	LJ #7	GSLC Hall
8	Fri	Aug 30	Student Free Day			
10	Fri	Sept 13	Student Free Day	FAMfest	Play	Bartholomaeus
						Combined BonFire 6-8pm

Term 4

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location	
2	Fri	Oct 11	6-8pm	H2H	LJ#8	GSLC Hall
4	Fri	Oct 25	6-8pm	H2H	LJ #9	GSLC Hall
6	Fri	Nov 8	6:30-8:30pm	ALL	Play	GSLC Hall
						Combined water play



Senior School Year 9-12

4U is our ministry to those in High School (yr 9-12). It seeks to help teenagers grow a balanced life that is centred in Jesus Christ. We take our time discussing Christian and hot topics of the day in a safe, caring, biblically-centred environment, and mix in regular service and fellowship activities.

WHO: 4U is for Year 9-12 students

WHEN: Friday evenings from 7-9pm (see schedule below)

WHERE: GSLC Ministry Centre, Lower Level

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Term 1

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location	
2	Fri	Feb 2	6:30-8:30pm	4U/H2H Play	GSLC Hall	
4	Fri	Feb 16	7-9pm	4U Talk	Lower Room	
6	Fri	Mar 1	7-9pm	4U Talk	Lower Room	
8	Fri	Mar 15	6:30-9pm	4U Play	Maroochydore	
10	Fri	Mar 29	Good Friday			Time Zone

Term 2

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location	
2.	Fri	April 26	6:30-8:30pm	4U/H2H Play	Lower Room	Combined Karoke/ Pizza
4.	Fri	May 10	7-9pm	4U Talk	Lower Room	
6.	Fri	May 24	7-9pm	4U Talk	Lower Room	
8.	Fri	Jun 7	7-9pm	4U Talk	Lower Room	
10.	Fri	Jun 21	6:30-9:00pm	4U Play	Maroochydore	Fast Food Formal

Term 3

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location	
2	Fri	July 19	7-9pm	4U Play	GSLC Kitchen	MKR
4	Fri	Aug 2	7-9pm	4U Talk	Lower Room	
6	Fri	Aug 16	7-9pm	4U Talk	Lower Room	
8	Fri	Aug 30	Student Free Day			
10	Fri	Sept 13	Student Free Day	FAMfest	Play	Bartholomaeus
						Combined BonFire 6-8pm

Term 4

Wk	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location	
2	Fri	Oct 11	7-9pm	4U Talk	Lower Room	
4	Fri	Oct 25	7-9pm	4U Talk	Lower Room	
6	Fri	Nov 8	6:30-8:30pm	ALL Play	GSLC Hall	Combined Water Play



Cross-Generation Family Events

We invite everyone to join together in a partnership of celebrating the faith life of children and youth as we pass along faith to a new generation. Through personal relationships, a warm inviting atmosphere, and life applicable learning; children and youth will be transformed through experiencing God's love and equipped for serving in their schools, neighbourhood and the world.

During FAMfest we spend time together by participating in a variety of activities that are aimed at encouraging family nurturing and growth.

FAMfest is for all ages and families held at various times and places throughout the year, supporting the ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Term 1

Day	Date	Time	Programme	Activity/Theme
Sunday	March 31	8am	FAMfest	Easter Breakfast

Term 2

Day	Date	Time	Programme	Activity/Theme
Sunday	May 18	TBA	FAMfest	Botanical Gardens

Term 3

Day	Date	Time	Programme	Activity/Theme
Sunday	July 27	TBA	FAMfest	Soup Night
Friday	Sept 13	6-8pm	FAMfest	BonFire

Term 4

Day	Date	Time	Programme	Activity/Theme
Sunday	Oct 28	12pm	FAMfest	Reformation/ Longest Lutheran Lunch
Sunday	Nov 25	5-7pm	FAMfest	ADVENT Evening

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for intergenerational ministry

Encouraging faith at home

Our primary goal as followers of Jesus is that everyone should know who their heavenly Father is and that He wishes to have an intimate and purpose-filled relationship with each and every one of His precious children.

This relationship is deepened when we:

- live as disciples of Jesus Christ at home, in the workplace, in the community and the world
- develop an understanding of the Bible and our faith tradition
- deepen our spiritual life and practices, and engage in service and mission
- relate the Christian faith to life today
- participate in the life and ministries of our faith communities.



Caring Conversations



Christian values and faith are passed on through supportive conversations.

- In your conversations, listen closely to the important issues, core values, passions, faith and doubts expressed. It's important that we provide space to ask questions. Respond to concerns compassionately, showing God's love and understanding.
- Pray together - bring God into the conversation.
- Support and encourage the gifts you see in one another.
- Discuss how to use resources wisely, faithfully and joyfully.
- Be intentional and initiate conversations about the way you spend your time, money and how you can allow God into every part of your life and seek His guidance and instruction.
- Share your story with each other - hearing faith stories is one of the most important influences on our faith.



The Four Keys of Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, Rituals and Traditions provide some ideas that can assist us. Christian values and faith are passed on to the next generation when they are seen in action. Faith becomes real when others can see God working in the lives of people.



Devotions



Our faith shapes the whole of our lives and involves a lifetime of Bible study, reflection and prayer.

- Pray at all times.
- Instead of feeding the insatiable quest for more news and social networking, consider beginning and/or ending the day reading, praying or meditating on Scripture.
- Family devotions provide a way to learn more about the Bible and Christian tradition as a family.
- Encourage each other to apply these teachings to daily life.
- Share a ‘God moment’ from your day, a time when you have been keenly aware of God’s presence and interaction in your life.



Service



Serving others together provides an opportunity to see people’s gifts, faith and values in action. Service is the day-in and day-out lifestyle we lead that demonstrates the faith in us. Families can engage in this key every day.

- Do simple things that show God’s love in the world. Open the door for someone, give up your seat, and smile!
- Both children and adults are more likely to have a growing, strong faith when their family serves others together.
- Find a charity, locally, nationally or internationally that you can assist. Get involved in a service event in your community!

Rituals and Traditions



Rituals and traditions communicate meaning, values and relationships that exist between people and with God. Rituals and traditions are those patterns of behaviour that occur with regularity.

- Family rituals can take many forms, from daily rituals such as mealtime, bedtime, leaving and returning, to celebrations such as birthdays, anniversaries, and special achievements.
- Celebrate church year rituals at home, such as Advent and Lent.
- Recognise milestones such as first days of school and graduations, etc.
- Bless people when they arrive and when they leave your home.
- Have symbols in your home that express your faith.

Passing on the Faith

As parents, we pass on things to our children every day. They're watching us, learning from us and emulating us. I'm proud to have taught my kids how to ride a bike, swing a hammer and obey house rules. But I'm not so proud that I've taught them how to get frustrated with slow drivers and red lights! The question is not *are* we passing things on to our children, but *what* are we passing on to our children.

While teachers and coaches play a significant role in teaching our kids how to read, write, have good manners, participate in sports and play musical instruments, any teacher or coach will tell you that parents play the primary role in reinforcing that instruction in the home. The same goes with passing on the faith.

At Good Shepherd, we believe that LIFE starts with our relationship and faith in Jesus Christ. We pass on the faith to the children in several ways: we worship Jesus in Chapel, we share in daily devotions, we learn about Biblical stories and we share our faith through words and actions. We would like to reinforce this by inviting you to join us in passing on the faith with your children by practicing the FAITH 5 in your family.

What is the FAITH 5™?

There is a simple faith practice called the FAITH 5, or Faith Acts In The Home, that connects faith to life, and parents to kids in a powerful way. The five steps of the FAITH 5 are:



Step 1: Share highs and lows.

Talk about a good thing that happened during the day, and something not so good. *This opens up communication and lets you in on what's happening in the lives of your loved ones.*



Step 2: Read a verse from your Bible.

You can use a verse from Youth, Church, Chapel, or some other verse of your choice.



Step 3: Talk about how the verse relates to your highs and lows.

You might want to use a devotion or some other tool that talks about the verse.



Step 4: Pray for one another's highs and lows



Step 5: Bless one another.

Good Shepherd has been modelling the Faith 5 in all of our Youth Programs, and we would like to invite you and your family to partner with us on this faith formation journey. We need your support and participation. We promise to provide you with the tools to share and nurture the faith with your child, if you also promise to be active participants in this process. Come along and see what it is all about. Better yet, be part of the process.



**LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA**

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

The Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) is committed to providing a safe church environment for children and young people. The LCA acknowledges that children are a precious gift from God, with special vulnerabilities, that require nourishment and nurture in their spiritual development and that they are to be protected from all forms of abuse. The LCA also affirms that it has no tolerance for child abuse and that all its people have an important responsibility to care for children and to keep them safe. The way we care for children reflects our genuineness of faith. It is also a reflection of God's love and his divine protection.

