I live a long way from Adelaide; there’s no way I can make it there by 10.00 am. What arrangements are there for overnight stays?

Check out the website for accommodation options: www.lca.org.au Or you can of course make your own arrangements with family or friends. How about a bus-load or several car-loads of you travel together, and make a congregational fellowship event out of it?—just for the weekend, or stay on for Synod and make a full week of it.

I’m coming from interstate with a group from my congregation. Is there anything to do around Adelaide in April?

Where do we start?? Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills, Kangaroo Island, Yorke Peninsula, Eyre Peninsula . . . all looking their glorious best in amazing autumn colours. South Australia Tourism can provide loads of information: www.southaustralia.com

And of course, if you want to hang around with a whole lot of Lutherans, then come to General Convention, Lutheran Women of Australia Convention or Lutheran Men of Australia Convention. There’s even a camp for youth! For all the details, check out the Synod website www.lcasynod.org.au

Do I need to register?

No, you don’t. But you do need to let your congregation’s rep know you’re coming, so that he/she can give us an estimate of numbers to expect. As you can imagine, organising an event for thousands of Lutherans takes some planning. So we need to have a good idea of how many lunches to pack and how many buses we’ll need to park. Your pastor will know who your congregation’s rep is; it might even be your pastor himself.

I still have a question.

Ah yes, we thought you might. That’s why we’ve put a lot of information on the LCA website www.lca.org.au

And if you will have questions (or you don’t have access to the web), call the very busy but very obliging Debbie Venz at the LCA National Office (contact details below.)

More information

- www.lca.org.au
- your pastor or congregational rep
- Debbie Venz (LCA National Office)
- 08 8267 7327 debbie.venz@lca.org.au

ALIVE!175

Sunday, 21 April 2013
Adelaide Entertainment Centre
98 Port Road, Hindmarsh SA
Worship 10.00 am
Lunch 12.30 pm ($5, pay on the day)
Multi-Media Program 2.00–4.30 pm
www.lca.org.au
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See you there!
Can’t wait!!!
I know a lot of people going to ALIVE!175. But I’m not sure what it’s all about.

**ALIVE!175** is an all-day event for ALL Lutherans in Australia and New Zealand. It will start with the opening worship service of General Convention; then lunch and then a multi-media presentation celebrating our 175th anniversary and looking forward to our future with God. It’s the talk of the LCA! It’s going to be amazing!

Can I come too?

If you’re reading this, YES, you can definitely come! And why wouldn’t you come? When was the last time you got to stand together in worship with thousands of other Lutherans, singing your favourite songs and hymns? When will be the next time you’ll have the chance to do that? In 2038 maybe, our 200th anniversary. If you want to wait until 2038, fine, but thousands of us just aren’t that patient!

Will there be an engaging preacher?

More than 800,000 people think our guest preacher is engaging and encouraging. We think you will too. Those 800,000 people tune in faithfully every week to listen to Lutheran evangelist Gregory Seltz speaking to them over the radio. So, he’s used to speaking to and motivating huge audiences. He’s coming all the way from the USA to encourage our burgeoning media ministries and inspire us to live faithfully and confidently as God’s people.

Where and when will ALIVE!175 be held?

At the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, 98 Port Road, Hindmarsh, on Sunday, 21 April. The service starts at 10.00 am (but you must arrive early, as there will be thousands of us there), then lunch at 12.30 pm and the afternoon program at 2.00 pm. It concludes at 4.30 pm.

It’s a Sunday; that will clash with our regular worship service.

Indeed it will. That’s why LCA President Dr Mike Semmler has asked the pastors and church councils of Adelaide, Barossa and other near-Adelaide congregations to either cancel or supplement the regular morning service on 21 April, so all of you can travel as a group to the Entertainment Centre.

I’ve heard that parking at the Entertainment Centre is difficult. Is that right?

No, it’s not right. It’s true that there is limited parking on site due to the current building program. But additional car parks are situated close by on the former Clipsal site. Just follow the signs, and allow a little extra time to get there. Parking is only $2 for the whole day. (The Entertainment Centre website says it’s $10, but that’s only for ticketed events. It’s definitely only $2 for us.) As well as that, there’s loads of free street parking.

Can I get to the Entertainment Centre by public transport?

You sure can! Adelaide City Council will be increasing tram services between Glenelg and Port Road on Sunday morning and afternoon to help you get to and from the venue quickly and easily. There are also all the other usual options: train, bus, taxi—and even bicycle if you’re keen! For details, check out the Entertainment Centre website www.theaec.net/VenueInfo/PublicTransport.aspx

Are buses being organised?

Yes, some congregations are organising buses—and honestly, we think this is the most sensible option for getting there. It makes it easy for everybody—and it’s loads more fun if you travel as a group. If you’re a member of a smaller congregation, car-pooling might be a better option. Your pastor or congregational rep will advise you of transport arrangements.

What if I get there a bit late and there’s no room for me?

Never fear, there will be room for you. The Entertainment Centre is enormous!—big enough to hold all of us, and all the people on our congregations’ contact lists as well. Invite them all!

Can I come to only part of the event?

Yes, you might like to come only for the worship service, or only for the afternoon program. But do try to come for the whole day if you can; we don’t want you hearing from your friends that you missed the best bit!

Will lunch be provided?

You bet! The wonderful staff of Australian Lutheran College refectory will ensure we all get fed. You’ll pay just $5 (on the day) for sandwiches, a muffin and a piece of fruit. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. You can buy hot and cold drinks from the concession stands at commercial rates. There is no need to book for lunch. But do make sure you let your congregation’s rep know you’re coming, so we can include you in our tally. This is really important because:

- no food from external sources (domestic or commercial) may be brought to the venue; and
- food available from commercial outlets on Sundays in the area is very limited.

I have small children to keep occupied. What’s going to be there for them?

The LCA Department for Child Youth and Family Ministry is supplying over 400 activity packs for children. These will be available for collection before the commencement of the worship service.

I live in an aged-care centre. How will I get to ALIVE!175?

You should talk to your pastor or chaplain. He or she will tell you about the transport being arranged for you and fellow residents.

I’m pretty wobbly on stairs. Does the venue have disabled access? And where is the best space for me to sit?

Yes, it is fully compliant for disabled persons access. If this relates to you, or if you feel insecure on stairs, you should aim to sit in the areas accessed through doorways marked 1 to 32. Don’t go into the areas marked A to K, as you will have to walk up about 15 stairs. Ushers will assist you regarding the best space for you to sit.

Will you be providing transport for us at ALIVE!175?

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