



What's Up

For people in ministry with children and families

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reflection

It's a girl!

The pink colour of this issue of *What's Up* is in honour of Zoe Matilda Neumann.

Join with us in thanking God for her safe arrival, Thursday 7th August — 2510 grams, 47 cm long. She's beautiful, healthy and petite. Mum and Dad are doing well, also.

They thank the many people who were praying for the family and for the medical people who assisted with the birth.

'*What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.*' The old hymn reminds us that through Jesus we have the extraordinary privilege of speaking to the almighty God about all the concerns in our lives. We can come as loved children to a heavenly Father.

As we pray for the children in our own families, let us also pray — regularly and by name — for the children in our ministry program: those whom we see regularly, those we see only sporadically, those who have fallen off our radar. Let us remember other children in our community and in the nation, remembering particularly those who may be suffering abuse in detention and in their own families.

Laura and Mary Jo

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web site

Find a playgroup

<http://sa.uca.org.au/cfm/parents/find-a-playgroup/>

Find a family friendly church

<http://sa.uca.org.au/cfm/parents/find-a-family-friendly-church>

The accuracy of these two sections of the Children and Family Ministry website depend on you providing us with accurate, up-to-date information. Please take a minute to check out what we currently promote at your church. Let us know if any changes are required by emailing:

children@sa.uca.org.au

You may also use these listings to check out your neighbours and find places to visit and people to talk with for inspiration, practical help and idea sharing.

introducing

Laura Carson

Beginning this month, Laura is serving as interim Children and Family State Coordinator. Laura brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the job. She previously oversaw a thriving Children and Family Ministry program in one of the largest Lutheran Churches in Australia. She's gifted in working with children and in building and inspiring teams of adult leaders.

Laura says: 'I am extremely passionate about families of all ages worshipping and growing together in their love for God. I have nothing but excitement and belief in what God can do in and through his church. As a mother of three young children, I am particularly passionate about children being included and engaged in worship, as valuable members of the congregation. I believe there are many small ways we can move towards intergenerational worship, providing opportunities for all ages to be uplifted, encouraged and resourced in their role as spiritual mentors within the home.'

Laura is married to Nathan and they have three pre-school children.



calendar

Term 3

Two important items remain this term:

September 2-4 — 'Vision and Practice of 21st Century Faith Formation' with John Roberto (see below)

September 18 — **INTERACT** — an evening of sharing, organised by the Children's Ministry Network at Parkside Baptist Church (see separate brochure)

October 17-26 — **CHILDREN'S WEEK** — See our all-age event resource (The Lord Provides); Register your own events (see separate flyer)

And save the date for Invigor8 — February 21, 2015

all-age worship

Our web site (<http://sa.uca.org.au/cfm/ministry-leaders/all-age-worship/>) has a large collection of resources for all-age (intergenerational) worship. The most recent additions are:

- **TEN THINGS GOD CARES ABOUT**

This worship resource focuses on the Ten Commandments as evidence of God's care. It can be used any time, but may be particularly appropriate on 5 October, when the Old Testament lectionary reading is the Exodus 20 account of God giving the Ten Commandments.

- **FAMILY FARM DAY**

God Provides is the theme for a worship service or a bigger event linking to the International Year of Family Farming.

With **FATHERS DAY** coming up on September 7, you may want to look at our Fathers Day worship resources on the web site: 'Dads & Heroes', 'Our Father' and 'King for a day'.

resources

For your electronically connected families and kids.

Laura's kids' recommend:

- **The Bible app for kids**
Help your kids fall in love with God's word
- **NIV Adventure Bible Memory Game**



Curriculum

Lectionary

Some of our most popular curriculums — including *Seasons of the Spirit* and *Spill the Beans* — are 'lectionary based'.

The 'Revised Common Lectionary' is a three-year cycle of Bible readings that churches in many denominations, including the Uniting Church, use as a basis for their worship. The four readings for each Sunday (and some other Church festivals) allow churches to read through a large portion of the Bible on a regular basis. The Gospel readings for the three years cover (Year A) Matthew, (B) Mark and (C) Luke with John used particularly on Church festivals. There is also a reading from one of the New Testament Epistles. From the Old Testament there's a reading (with a choice between continuous readings and readings linked to the Gospel) and a psalm.

When worship in a congregation is based on the lectionary, it can be very helpful to use a Children's ministry curriculum that coordinates with the congregation's worship program. Lectionary-based resources make this easy to do.

Faith Formation

Vision and Practice of 21st Century Faith Formation

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to engage with one of the world's leading practitioners and thinkers in the area of faith formation and discipleship. Especially suitable for lay workers, pastors, ministers and chaplains.

Our whole Uniting Young People Team is registered and looking forward to learning more about how to develop Christian faith formation for all ages and generations in a digital, connected world — creating Christian faith formation where all ages and generations can embrace a life-transforming faith.



September 2nd – 4th / Adelaide LLL, 175 Archer Street, North Adelaide

Contact Leah Cronin on leah.cronin@lca.org.au for registration details for Adelaide.

Cost: \$250 (includes all conference materials and lunch).

Visit our website to download an information and registration form:

<http://sa.uca.org.au/cfm/ministry-leaders/events-and-training/21st-century-faith-formation-by-john-roberto>

Family Entertainment

For tickets or information, contact Koorong: <http://www.koorong.com/tickets/?ref=mm>
phone 8239 6777

Sean W Smith

live at Influences Church, Paradise, Saturday 30th August
LIVE CONCERT TOUR 2014!! 60 minutes of high energy fun, music and hilarious dancing antics for the whole family! Tickets \$7

Colin Buchanan

Live at Adelaide West Uniting Church, Wednesday 1st October
2014 NATIONAL TOUR, celebrating the release of his new album, 'The Jesus Hokey Pokey'.
Tickets \$11.50

SPEAK LIFE SHOWCASE

featuring **One50 Dance and Regime Hip Hop Crew and local talent**

Sunday, 23rd Aug, 7pm at Edwardstown Baptist church

Raising money for Meninadanca, a group that works through dance to bring hope, healing and justice to young girls in Brazil.

Tickets \$20 online (www.trybooking.com/fnqx) or \$25 at the door

See the meninadanca story at <http://meninadanca.org/>

