



"Welcome"

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God". Romans 15: 7

"But the crowds learned about it & followed Him. **Jesus welcomed them** & spoke to them about the kingdom of God, & healed those who needed healing". Luke 9:11

"Love must be sincere. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves....share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality". Romans 12:9,10,13

"Above all, love each other deeply, offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms".

1 Peter 4:8-10

God welcomes all sorts!



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Pastor Greg Shares

God's Welcome

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:5-7

When I was a child our family would occasionally visit with my Father's aunty, my great aunty. She was a widowed lady who had no children and was always keen for family to come and spend some time with her. Sadly, even though she would often say that we were all welcome at her house, her actions told us the opposite. As a child I was always told what I could not do while I was there; don't touch that, don't play there; don't go anywhere outside. Even though we were family, I felt anything but welcome.

Welcoming others is a reflection of the acceptance that we receive from Jesus. We know that many of our habits and attitudes would be unwelcome in the presence of God the Father and yet he declares that we are not just guests, we are co-heirs with Jesus. This means that we delight in God and he delights in us. He sees us as his marvellous creation and encourages us to be everything that he has called us to be. He wants us to know him in the deepest possible way and for us to be in a partnership of life. **We feel good to be a child of God; accepted, valued and empowered.**

Our challenge is to welcome others. It's not easy to accept that others may have different behaviours and worldviews to ours. It's also not easy to be on the lookout for the good in others when the bad can seem so obvious! But **Jesus welcomed without distinction or malice.** Jesus put himself out for others and sought to build meaningful relationships with everyone.

God calls us to be welcome in our church and our life. In this way, we will bring praise and honour to God.



From the Editor



Welcome to the June edition of Life in the Vine. This is the 25th year that this magazine has welcomed readers to learn and see what the Golden Grove Church and School community have been doing. We have welcomed you into our community through the church and school and what they do. We hope it has been a warm welcome. Welcome is something we all experience and do in many ways. You may welcome with a handshake, a smile, a hug, a word of greeting. You may welcome people to have a meal with you, share a conversation or have a cuppa together. We often do it with family and friends but not so often with strangers or people we don't know. When the GG team travel to Asaroka in PNG we are given a great welcome, sometimes with the traditional Asaro Mud Men greeting. When some of them visited us we warmly welcomed them, opening our homes and hearts to them. We do not always welcome well and for this we are sorry. We do know that Jesus was great at welcoming and he never let anyone down. Jesus welcomed all with open arms, with healing hands, with kind words and with words of forgiveness. Jesus walked and talked and ate with the down and out, the troubled, the lonely, the sinner. This is you and me. Jesus wants to welcome us and make us feel at home with Him in his kingdom of forgiveness, love, peace, joy and acceptance. Jesus welcomed the children with open arms and blessed them, when the adults wanted to turn them away as found in Luke 18:15-17. Jesus welcomed Zacchaeus the tax collector and ate with him when others didn't want to know him as found in Luke 19:1-10. The father welcomed home the son who left with his inheritance. He watched and waited for his return and ran to welcome him back home when he returned as found in Luke 15:11-22. Thanks and praise to our Holy and Almighty God who loves us so deeply that he sent his son Jesus to die for our sins so that we can be reconciled to God and welcomed into his heavenly home now and forever. Hallelujah. *Rosalie Hoklas – Editor. Contact email: hoklas@internode.on.net*



God says
'Welcome'



Father welcomes all his children to his family through his Son. Father giving his salvation, life forever has been won.

1. Little children, come to me, for my kingdom is of these; life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin.
2. In the water, in the word, in his promise be assured: who are baptised and believe shall be born again.



3. Let us daily die to sin, let us daily rise with him — walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.

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(Robin Mann wrote: 'The experience of having a child, being a parent, led to a joy that took me completely by surprise, along with the parable of the lost son & sacrament of baptism—that joy transformed into this song'.)



Amazing Nepal & ASIA Focus

The **Schiller family (Jon, Leanne, Joel & Tye)** travelled to Nepal in December 2018. The Schillers were not disappointed with what they saw, found and learned.

The Sheer Beauty of Nepal: rivers, rainforests, wildlife (rhino's, monkeys, elephants, birds), world heritage sites and the roof of the world - The Himalayan Mountain Range which has an impact on rainfall here in Australia.

The People of Nepal—Nepal is one of the 10th poorest countries in the world. This is the measurement of financial status! If they measured happiness, love of life, love of their neighbours—it would be off the chart & be one of the richest. We had the opportunity to be linked up through **ASIA focus**. (*A mission network supporting Christian communities in Asian countries.*) We had the pleasure of connecting with Rabrindra.



Rabrindra on the left in the hospital

Rabrindra is a pastor and works for Transforming Nepal (trying to maximise the amount of children getting adequate education). He loves what he does & is very passionate. He was our guide & interpreter for some of our time in Nepal.

Rabrindra grew up in a very poor family in a small country environment 7 hours by car from the nearest city.

Hospitals are very primitive. Currently they are raising money for an ambulance. Several pregnant mothers have lost their lives during labour difficulties and could not get the medical help they needed in time.

Rabrindra spoke about his love of the Nepalese people & his love for Jesus.

We met his mum, dad, uncle, aunty & children who all live in the same house. We enjoyed a meal with them one night. He showed us around the town he grew up in. He was the first one from his village to become a Christian. The Hindu family have all become passionate Christians (his mum being the last). His nephew commonly sang songs about Jesus.



Nepal was devastated by an earthquake in April 2015. A lot of repairs still need to be made.

One of the main reasons we went to Nepal was to give some of our time & money to people that are more in need than us.

As a family we wanted to understand that you don't need assets or the latest phone to fill that gap in your life. **You just need Jesus to fill up that hole in your heart and that's what we saw time and time again in Nepal.**



We undertook some building works. Here we are placing small boulders onto the ground side by side, water is then added. The rocks are then rammed into the ground to provide a firm support. Dirt mixed with cow dung helps seal it from water on the top or if they can afford it—a small concrete layer.

We also carried bricks for the walls, and assisted in making concrete (no concrete mixer). One of the challenges was that Rabrindra was the only one who spoke English and he was not always there to help with communication.



Joel & Tye playing football with Primary School children

The Schillers were asked to speak at the Sunday service in Kathmandu and at a church gathering near where we did the building works. They wanted to learn more about the Spiritual Gifts of Healing that we use at Golden Grove Lutheran Church. Joel & Jon spoke linking it to various Bible verses. Rabrindra interpreted for those people that did not understand English.

We then demonstrated and prayed for many of them. The young lady in the photo below, had back issues. We found that one leg was about 2cm shorter than the other and was causing pain up into the back area. We prayed and within a few minutes the leg grew to the same length as the other. There were a number of different healing and miracles that occurred. **People were very excited to see the power of Jesus (Gods Love) at work.**



Kathmandu is a city of over 1 million people. With many traffic lights not working it means traffic chaos on a very out dated road system. But what's more amazing was **we did not see any road rage, just a smile, a wave and a toot of the horn usually with a big smile!!**

Nepal has only a small Christian population but it is growing. The government makes it difficult for Christians. The passion they show in worship services and general day to day life is amazing.



Outside the tourist area a plate like Tye is about to devour may cost \$2 Australian, but a lot of Nepalese people may only earn \$2 in a working day.

The kids are really friendly, at church even the youngest of them were clapping their hands & singing at the top of their voices, loving Jesus!!! A wonderful experience.

Highlights from Church Council

Jon Schutz - GGLC Chairperson

- ◆ This year's Book of Reports to the Annual General Meeting was 35 pages, containing 16 reports – representing both quality and quantity. **Thank you to everyone who provided reports and all the people who supported the ministries** that are reflected in the reports.
- ◆ **Thank you to everyone for supporting this year's AGM.** The main topic of discussion was our budget, specifically about how we can plug the shortfall in offerings and put ourselves back onto a stable financial footing. Whilst we have spent a significant amount on renovations, the return through Café Connect (both monetary and mission-wise) has been well worth it. The real concern is our annual budget, which after having had a series of deficit years, is on current projections looking at a \$20k shortfall in offerings, which is more than our existing reserves. This is putting us in a very precarious situation.
- ◆ At the AGM, 21 ways were presented in which members can help to bolster the budget bottom line through a mix of volunteering, supporting fundraising programs and donation or regular giving. We are asking members to indicate to what activities they are willing to make a commitment. These are all entirely voluntary, and represent personal commitments to help in ways that suit individual circumstances.
- ◆ On the initial round of feedback the level of commitment to the Day Pay Challenge and increased levels of regular giving are very encouraging. All other initiatives – CashRewards, Olive Oil Fundraiser, Fete, Firewood and Café Connect - are receiving broad support.
- ◆ The cleaning roster and rosters in general were also discussed at the AGM. There are many ways that members can serve our congregation, and most do not take a lot of extra time. If you are not currently on a roster or are able to take on an extra task to help share the load, please contact John Fielke.
- ◆ On renovations, we have had a delay with TTG Council approval for the deck/verandah area. The construction is not expected to take long once approval is received.
- ◆ The purchase of new chairs is awaiting the firming of our financial situation.
- ◆ **Judith finishes her almost 28 years of service as office secretary at the end of June. We look forward to celebrating with her on the evening of Friday June 28. The process of replacing the irreplaceable is underway.**



At Home with His Lord

Pastor Len Tscharke died on Thursday 9th May at home. His funeral service was held at Golden Grove Lutheran Church on Monday 20th May @ 1pm. He was buried at the Enfield Cemetery later that

day. Len leaves behind his loving wife Claire, his sons Terry, Ken, Tim and Himony & 2 grandchildren, Justin & Kara. Len will be sadly missed by all those whose lives were touched by him. His service for God & his willingness to share the good news of Jesus love was always his deepest passion. He always pointed to Jesus. His favourite song **"To God be the Glory"** reflected this. The funeral service is on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/PastorLen>

assembly ground. Many people from PNG sent their tributes through letters and social media (face book). All in all what we did here is for the glory of God in honor of what the late Tscharke did for God which blessed many Papua New Guineans & most importantly Asaroka community.

Our Chaplin shared the message titled "Seed Time in God's Garden" based on Mathew 13 which is the title of Tscharke's recently launched book.

Also most of the older people especially Tscharke's 2nd group of students since the establishment, they gave some testimonies which makes most people cry. It was a mixed feeling service—sad for we will miss Tscharke & joyous moment for he went to be with the good Lord. The weather was also fine and we had a wonderful time."

Many greetings and condolences from the PNG & Asaroka communities have been received by the Tscharke family & the Golden Grove community.



Asaroka Mourns

The death of Len Tscharke- founder of Asoraka Secondary School is deeply felt.

The Asaroka community have been very saddened to hear of the death of Rev. Len Tscharke on the 9th May. When the news arrived at Asaroka the school principal Mr Aki Olisagave cancelled the 4 periods of lessons and the message was announced to students and the surrounding public. A committee was then formed to prepare a memorial service that was held on Friday 17th at the school. This was to honour what Len Tscharke did for the people of the Eastern Highlands and PNG. An article was posted in the local newspaper notifying of the death of Len Tscharke and his life. This can be found on:

<https://www.the national.com.pg/asaroka-school-remembers-tscharke/>

The service began at 12 noon & finished around 5pm. The Governor of the Eastern Highlands Province the Honourable Peter Numu attended along with other dignitaries.

Pastor Jacob Maso reports; ***"The service was planned to be held in the Chapel but because too many people, we hired a tent and had it outside on the***





Asaroka Partnership

News

Hello 'ol wantok'

The new principal of Asaroka Secondary School is Mr Aki Ollisagave.



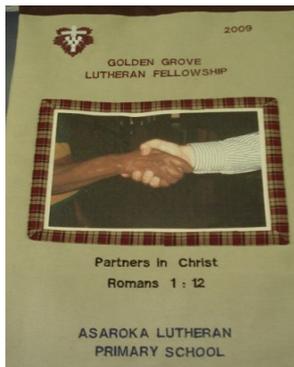
The rice that was planted last year has been harvested. The Department of Agriculture Eastern Highlands Province now intends to plant rice at the school.

Students attended the Easter Camp in Madang Province with many other students from all over PNG. They camped at Tusbab Secondary School. Teachers and students met and worshipped the Lord God.

The student population at Asaroka is 2,500 students. This means class sizes are large with 80 students per class.

A team from Golden Grove Church and School will be visiting Asaroka from August 17th to August 26th. The team consists of 7, Allyson Dutschke, Ken Tsharke, Pastor Greg Fowler, Ray Shillabeer, Paul Voigt (Youth Worker), Marion Chan (teacher from GGLPS) and Rosalie Hoklas (team leader).

The purpose of the visit is to continue the partnership established by the late Len Tsharke to build up & encourage our brothers & sisters in Christ in Papua New Guinea. While up there the group stay at the Lutheran Guest House in Goroka. The team will worship at St Johns in Goroka and at Asaroka during the visit. While staying in Goroka they will have an opportunity to catch up and speak with the nurses and the staff of the Bush Nursing Program.



Please continue to pray for this partnership, the travel plans, the team and for our friends in Asaroka and Goroka.



You are **welcome** to visit the café for a cuppa, light refreshment & a chat

Open 8-11am Monday to Friday.



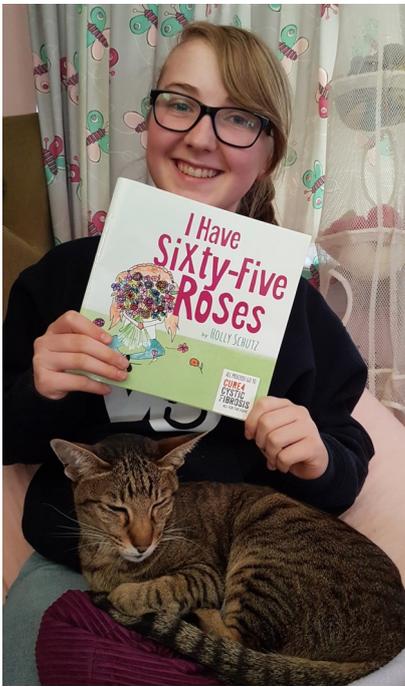
The Labor member for Wright - Blair Boyer popped in for a cuppa & meeting with Dave Shrowder.




Now in God's Care

An expression of thanks from the Tsharke family.

Claire and family say thank you to Pastor Greg and also to everyone who attended, and to the many people who helped with Len Tsharke's funeral. We appreciate all your love, concern and help. He has now gone to his eternal home with Jesus.



I Have 65 Roses is a book I wrote and published with the intention of raising awareness for cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that affects mainly the lungs & the digestive system. My cousin Sammy (now 14) was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis as a baby. The idea to write a book originated as a part of

an IB school project last year.

I Have 65 Roses is about a girl, Samantha, who has cystic fibrosis, and the book is her explaining what cystic fibrosis is to the reader, what treatments there are for it and the importance of finding a cure. The name for the book was chosen, as *65 roses*, which is a nickname, as such, for cystic fibrosis (say "cystic fibrosis" quickly a few times and you'll understand why) and is used mainly among young kids who have it. I wanted to choose a name for the book that kids would be able to not only say but one they would not be intimidated by.

One of the trickiest parts of the writing process was deciding on my target audience, and writing appropriately for that audience. I wanted the book to be able to be used in schools to explain the disease, but also for adults too. Ever since it has been published, I am thankful for the great positive feedback I have received about how it explains the condition basically to both kids and adults, which has been amazing to hear!

If you are interested in checking it out further it is available at <https://cure4cf.org/65-roses/>.

All proceeds from purchases of the book go to supporting Cure4CF.

Written by Holly Schutz—a member of our congregation and ex student of GGLPS. (*Why not purchase a book and ask the author to sign it for you personally*)

Another big endeavour Holly will be taking on later this year will be going on a mission trip to Scotland with Teen Missions. There, she will be helping to renovate the **Windmill Christian Centre in Arbroath** where less than 2% of youth are involved in faith today. If you would like to support Holly as she goes on this journey in the way of funds or prayer, please contact her at hollyschutz671@gmail.com or talk to her personally.

The Windmill Christian Centre is a residential centre providing good quality yet affordable accommodation for Camps, Youth weekends, Church outings and conferences in Arbroath on the East Coast of Scotland.

The purpose of the Windmill is to develop a self-catering centre in a Christian atmosphere for use by groups to learn about the Christian faith and enjoy fellowship in informal surroundings.



The Retreat that offers women of all ages from the church, school & wider community an opportunity to connect with each other, to be renewed, restored and refreshed as they relax in the company of each other.

Held at **Nunyarra Conference Centre, Belair**

Friday 26th July to Sunday 28th July

Keep an eye out for more details. Contacts are

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Refresh Your Life & Your Faith



As Youth Leaders at Golden Grove over the last few months we have been looking for opportunities to develop our skills in leadership at youth, so when the Growing Young Conference came up, we knew it would be a great way to develop our leaders.

A bit of background. Research was conducted by the Fuller Youth Institute over many years where they went to different churches & interviewed Pastors and Youth about their connection to the church and what makes them feel so at home. The research was done to find out why young people are leaving the church.

Jake Mulder came out from the US to speak to us and he shared what they found in their research. In the research six key areas were highlighted as to what makes a Jesus-centered community they include: **1. Unlock Key Chain Leadership 2. Empathize with Today's Young People 3. Take Jesus' Message Seriously 4. Fuel a Warm Community 5. Prioritize Young People Everywhere & 6. Be the Best Neighbors.**

Now when we came out of this day as youth leaders we were quite motivated, as we knew we were already doing some of these things but wanted to take the next step. After an initial meeting a few days after the event we decided we wanted to take it to Pastor Greg who was thrilled with the idea. A core team was formed including Natasha Jaeschke (Children's Ministry Coordinator), Paul Voigt (Youth Coordinator), Ruth Zimmerman (Christian Education), Ian Zimmerman, Luke Wachtel, Noah Hahn and Joel Schiller. Together we have been reading the book: **'Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church'**. We are identifying areas which need to be improved plus talking to young people and getting their point of view.

By Joel Schiller

G. G. Lutheran Youth

During youth in the last term we have been focusing on building a stronger community. This has been the focus of our 'Youth hang out nights' where we hang around and chat, chill and play games, building stronger interpersonal

relationships. Every second week we have an activity night ranging from blow dart skirmish (think paintball crossed with laser skirmish) to board games, swimming in the Fielke's pool and Mario Kart.

Bible study was held at the beginning of youth, many topics were discussed with the guidance of Pastor Greg. This was a **great chance to not only dig deeper into the Bible (which is something one can never do enough of) but to grow together on a spiritual level also.** It is incredibly important to discuss faith with others, not only because it makes us think deeper about our own faith but gives us the practice of telling others the hope that we have. *By Lauren Karl*



Service Night (Cooking tea for those who cooked for us at Youth Alpha last year)

The Wedding of Paul & Jess (Paul is Youth worker @ GGLC)





Teaching Saturday March 23rd with Lauren Di Ciaccio & Toni Pace

Although I have been brought up in a very “conservative” Christian family, I have always been curious about the power of the Holy Spirit. The spiritual gifts of speaking in tongues, the gifts of healing and the gifts of prophecy was not often taught about or even encouraged in my Christian upbringing. **But I always yearned to know more about how to receive these amazing gifts and how to use them to glorify my Lord and Saviour and how to bless others.**

Although these spiritual gifts are not taught too often (mainly only during Pentecost), I had this burning desire and passion for people who can and do use these amazing gifts, which I might add is available to everyone. I wanted to know how to receive these gifts for myself. So when Pastor Greg announced that Lauren Di Caiaccio and Toni Pace were coming to our church to teach us about the Gift of Prophecy my heart sang with joy.

My spirit wanted to learn and understand so much about the Gift of prophecy and how this gift goes hand in hand with the gifts of speaking in tongues & the gift of healing. I also knew Lauren Di Caiaccio as she taught my son Sam when he was at Endeavour College. My son Sam had been going through some really hard times so I was hoping to get some prayer or even prophecy over him.

On this special day we were taught how readily these gifts are available to anyone who believes, and that all we need to do is to eagerly desire these incredible gifts. Lauren and Toni taught us that **God actually wants to reveal things to us all the time and that we need to listen out for his voice, we need to pray constantly to become familiar with how He speaks.** They taught us that after spending time with God, and being in his presence we will start to recognise the things that please Him or distress Him. We will become more able to recognise his voice when he speaks to us and to pick out his words from those that are whispering to us from other sources. They told us that when we do hear his voice we are to be obedient with his promptings.

Lauren and Toni told us that there are different types of ways prophecy comes to people. This can be through

dreams and visions, through pictures, bible verses, through feelings, phrases dropping into people’s hearts, through colours and poems. In my own experiences with prophecy, a dear friend of mine who is very spiritual would write Christian poems to encourage me about the situation that I was going through at the time. These poems (that even rhymed) gave me the courage & hope that I needed to go on in my life and after a couple of years of prayer, prophecy and faith I got back what I had lost. She would actually read the bible & then be filled with the spirit & from those Bible verses God would allow her to write these amazing poems of inspiration for me.

After their amazing talk I waited & received prayer over my son Sam. Lauren remembered my son. She told me that the scales that are now covering his eyes will be removed & that he will see what has been happening in his life & will change his ways & will be ok. My son went through a very dark time in his life but I am happy to say that he has seen the light & the scales have been removed over his eyes and he is back on track. **Praise my amazing God all glory to Him!**

Lauren and Toni stressed that this gift is only possible through the Holy Spirit and that they would always give the glory to God for using them as his vessels to bring hope to his people. They stated that “it is a privilege and joy to be trusted by the Holy Spirit to bring the “now” word of God to each other”.

I encourage you all to attend the next teaching when the girls come back to Golden Grove and that you all will be filled with the Fire of the Holy Spirit. By Sue



The Teaching Saturday on March 23 involved over 40 people. Feedback on ‘Prophetic Ministry’ was positive and Greg and the Education Team would like to invite the presenters, Lauren Di Ciaccio and Toni Pace back to GGLC sometime in the next 12 months. During the session two resources were mentioned. One was a DVD, ‘Christ in You’ and a book, ‘The Divinity Code’. Two copies have been purchased of each of these resources and will be placed in packs with the notes from the day for congregational members to borrow. Ask Judith in the church office on how to borrow them.



Teaching Saturday “Prophetic Ministry”

I was very blessed to attend the GGLC Teaching Saturday on 23 March 2019. The topic was Prophetic Teaching led by Lauren Di Ciaccio and Toni Pace. Honestly, I knew a lot about the prophets of the Old Testament but not much about modern day prophesy. That day my eyes were opened how God can use ordinary people in their daily life to be God’s modern day prophets. What it meant to me is that prophecy is the act of sharing a message you have received from God with others around you. One thing is to hear God’s voice, another is to go up to a random person and say “Excuse me, but God is calling me to tell you.....”. Lauren and Toni shared how they used this method to share God’s encouragement to others to help them learn about the one true Triune God. During the day Lauren and Toni delivered God’s words of encouragement to individuals who attended the session. We were all on the edge of our seats listening to God’s messages directed personally to our lives. In the end we had to say thanks and farewell to Lauren and Toni with the caveat that we would like to invite them back again so we can invite a wider audience to hear the messages of encouragement and build our faith in our Saviour Jesus.

Now, when I look around there are so many prophets amongst us and we all can be God’s prophets if we dare to listen to God’s voice and speak about it with others. Following this experience at GGLC, I have just been to hear the American prophet Dr Kevin Zadai (<https://kevinzadai.com/>) at the Gateway Church, Tyndale. His testimony is of having died for 45 minutes on an operating table and spending time with Jesus in heaven and being instructed in a message to bring it back to all those he meets. His insight into the spiritual world around us aligned with Lauren and Toni and brought me more perspective on God the Father and the blood of Jesus, the perfect sacrifice for us. There were two things from Kevin’s message that really touched me. Firstly, that if you have seen an angel with wings then you haven’t seen an angel. I don’t mean a person being an angel to others but a spiritual being that is present who can intervene in events. That gave me peace in what I saw in an accident I

had in 1984 where angels (without wings) saved me from being cut up and squashed by machinery and I didn’t even break a bone. Secondly, he opened my eyes to demons, both who they are and how they operate. I encourage anyone who would like to know more, to ask Sue and I or look at Kevin’s website for some very detailed information about what heaven is like, the important messages from Jesus for us now and how we can learn more about God’s kingdom here on earth and in Heaven.

Yours in Christ, John Fielke



GGLC delegate attends SA & NT Synod Meeting of the LCA.

On Saturday 25th May @ Salisbury Lutheran Church.

Delegates & Pastors attended from congregations & churches throughout SA & NT.

The day began with worship, led by the Salisbury band.

Bishop David Altus shared the message **“From the Ashes” . Despite the devastation and mess in our lives and around us— we need to keep our eyes focussed on the cross, on Christ. He is our hope and future. We need to Step Out & Step Up for Christ. We need to not attack the behaviour, but listen to the hearts & speak the love of God into hearts, we need to look & listen.**

Bishop David Altus then gave us his report about what’s been happening in the last 12 months. More details will be available in coming weeks.

Rohan Feegrade of Lutheran community Care introduced himself and spoke of the inspirational work of this important agency.

The delegates voted unanimously for the acceptance of the merger of the Lutheran community Care & the Lutheran Disability Services.

The budget for 2019 was presented and approved. Stephen Schulz presented a way of looking forward with his presentation Of **‘Ministry structure in the LCA— Structuring ourselves for the 21st Century’**. Statistics were giving, new ideas were suggested, much discussion on ideas & where to now followed. You will continue to hear more of these conversations during the year.

Rosalie Hoklas



Thank & Praise God In All Things

My name is Karen Saunders. I am a fulltime carer for my frail aged mother as well as two special needs foster children. I am married and have also raised my daughter and foster son to adulthood. Many years ago I was having a lot of pain & swelling of my joints. Often I was unable to carry out the tasks that a mother and carer needs to do. I eventually went to the Dr and was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis. I was sent to a rheumatologist who prescribed methotrexate which I was told would slow down the process. I didn't feel comfortable with taking a medication with so many side effects. I wondered how was I to continue to run our household and care for my mother and children if I was going to be sick in bed 2 days every week after taking the medication.

I then thought that this couldn't be God's plan for my life. How could I fulfil my role in caring for the children if I could barely move? I was unable to lift my arms above my head or hold a knife & fork to cut my food. My husband had to help dress me. I decided I would deny this affliction as I felt strongly that I was called to foster and this just couldn't happen to me. One day soon after my son asked me if I would take him to church, **I realized I was being spoken to by God through my son.**

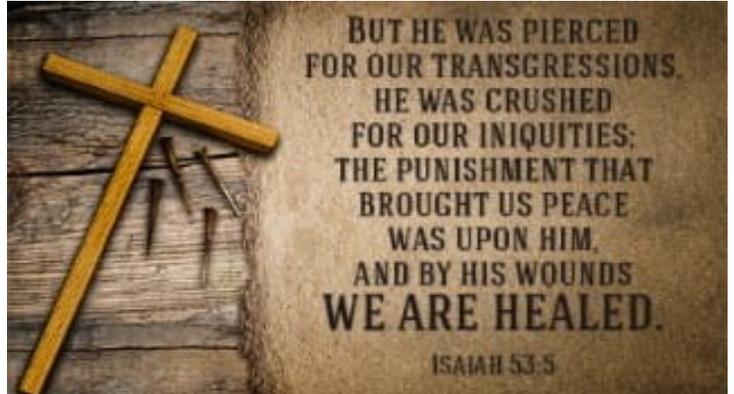
The following Sunday we turned up at Golden Grove Lutheran Church & attended the evening 'Salt Factory' service which was aimed at the youth. I went to support my son but found everything starting to fall into place. I was introduced to a member of the prayer healing group & was invited to attend their next meeting. I regularly attended and was prayed over numerous times and was given a copy of '**God's Creative Power for Healing**' by Charles Capps. It is full of affirmations which I started speaking over my body twice a day for many months.

I learned to thank and praise God even on the bad days and continued to believe that I would be healed. This was almost 3 years ago and I am still medication free. I can now lift my arms above my head, cut my own food up and perform many other tasks that I was unable to do a few years ago.

My favourite bible verse is Philippians 4:13. **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."**

To anyone who has been afflicted with any sort of illness my advice to you is **don't give up**, don't always believe everything the doctors say, **have faith, pray and ask for healing.**

Isaiah 53: 5 reads 'through Jesus stripes I am healed'.



Welcome to Kid's @ Heart

An opportunity for children on a Sunday morning to hear and learn of Jesus at a level they understand. It is generally based on one of the Bible readings for that Sunday. Topics covered have been Ascension, the healing of a lame person, the New Commandment on love, the healing of Dorcas & Saul's conversion.





GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal—Shane Paterson

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BELIEVE COLLABORATE ACHIEVE

... in our community all people matter

Welcome

How appropriate is the theme of **'welcome'** for the school. **'Welcome'** is a concept or action that we promote strongly in the school.

From when one first enters the school (or contacts us), we aim to make them feel welcome; no matter the purpose of their visit or call. This starts at Reception with Elaine or Tanya who are wonderful at welcoming every person. Other staff members also play their part in smiling or saying hello to visitors; showing genuine interest in them; students also have a role in being courteous and friendly. GGLPS has been known for a long time as a **community** centred school; being welcoming is a big part in promoting and strengthening this important aspect.

We **welcome** others in many different ways.

This year's Foundation class were welcomed into the church & the school & for many their first introduction to Jesus through receiving the wonderful gift of a Bible from the congregation.



Once a term we have MOT (middle of term breakfast) where the staff prepare and serve breakfast to the school community. This is eagerly anticipated each term. First term hot cross buns were served & in second term pancakes.



Our mothers were recognised in a special service prior to Mother's Day. Mums and kids sat and worshipped together.



The P. & F. welcome new families to the school, organise events and activities to promote community, while the Class Carers ensure that we look after each other.

It would be easy to share many more wonderful stories and anecdotes about the welcoming nature of the school as we build community. This community & welcome though is rooted in our faith and our desire to model Christ to the each other and to the stranger.

Two points of interest:

The **nature play area** was opened to the students in the last few weeks. It is wonderful watching the exploration and creative games which the students are playing as part of this new space.

Our **building programme** is heading towards completion (late - June). The staff and students are looking forward to the new spaces available which will support the teaching & learning programme of the school.

Blessings, Shane Paterson



My involvement with the Graham Tour 2019

by Rodney Hall.

The lead up for the tour was over many months, with much prayer and seeking God, a number of people were working on this nearly full time for a whole year.

The invitation to be a part of it came from many directions within the church, including emails, conversations and 1079 Life radio advertisements. I wanted to be a part of it. My Mum and Dad came to Adelaide from Clare for the Billy Graham Crusades in 1959, along with thousands of others.

I attended a City-wide prayer meeting where over a thousand South Australian Christians gathered to encourage and be encouraged to fast and pray for 40 days from the 1st of January until the commencement of the tour on the 9th of February. **Praying for God to move by His Spirit in Australia to release an awakening to the Lord in our land and to prepare hearts to receive the Good News of Jesus.**

Over 11,000 people took Christian Life and Witness training across Australia and many souls were saved even before the tour began as emboldened believers used the skills and tools to reach those around them in daily life. The simple message **“Be an Andrew” remembering that the first thing the Apostle Andrew did when he met Jesus was to go and tell Simon to come and meet Him.**

This training was mandatory for those wishing to volunteer for the events, regardless of how you were going to help and I found it to be clear, simple and true to scripture.

This was followed up with further training and preparation a few weekends prior to the event.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is working with the Christian Church all around the world reaching millions with the Gospel, in spite of the success, still totally reliant on God for His strategy in each location, but with programs that have been proven world wide.

At the event at Titanium Stadium, the worship was electric, but at times an assault on the senses. There was much joy and dancing along with some people looking a little out of place. The Australian worship leaders and musicians drew us into deeper worship than I felt from the internationals who tour with Franklin around the world.

Franklin Graham’s message was simple, clearly **proclaiming Jesus’ truth in offering a new beginning.**

This resonated with the seekers in the assembly and over 400 people responded by coming forward to receive Christ for the first time or to start afresh in a new beginning of their walk with God.

I prayed with a man in his 40s who wanted to start afresh after alcohol has wrecked his walk with God. His family

joined us as he committed his ways again to the Lord and we all rejoiced together knowing the plans for this family are good. Chris, his Dad, niece and brother-in-law are all now seeking a deeper and more powerful expression of Jesus in their lives and I believe they will accomplish many amazing exploits. They left for home in Murray Bridge with great joy.

Connecting new believers with a local, bible believing church where they can be nurtured and grow in their new Christian faith is a priority for the BGEA and everyone who came forward had some input to where they would like to go & the Church got their details to follow them up (with permission). Cleaning up the Stadium afterwards was also a great time of fellowship.

Let’s pray that our new brothers and sisters are made welcome in Christ’s body & are encouraged to fully trust in His Grace and grow into powerful, effective witnesses of His Love. God is Good!

Adelaide was the fifth stop of six for the Graham Tour with Franklin Graham. The evangelist was making his way across the continent of Australia to honour the 60th anniversary of his late father’s 1959 historic Australia Crusades.

*Franklin Graham, the oldest son of Billy Graham shared how people can have hope now and live forever with God after they die. **“You can have a new life, a new beginning, when accepting Christ as your Saviour”,** Franklin said. He taught from John 3 in the Scriptures, when Jesus told Nicodemus what it meant to be “born again.” **“You can experience that new birth tonight,”** Franklin told more than 9,600 people gathered at the Titanium Security Arena. **“It’s the union of your soul with Jesus Christ.”***



Kuki Kinyanjui says she was excited to come to the Graham Tour so she could be around other Christian believers. During Franklin’s message, Kuki (pronounced “Cookie”) stood near the back of the overflow area. The Kenyan citizen was born again when she was 16. Now 21 she lives in Adelaide

*studying architecture. Kuki knows her soul is secure after she dies but says a lot of people in Adelaide don’t. **“Religion isn’t a big thing here,”** she said. **“People are more independent. They say, ‘I’m spiritual,’ & they meditate or do acts of service. “They say, ‘I believe in doing good but not in God.’ They don’t have a need for God.”** But even if people fill that empty hole with other things, the need for God never goes away. **“I pray and am grateful for at least one thing every day,”** she said.*

“God is always there for you. He’s the ultimate friend. He’s like my brother, my best friend, He’s everything.”

In Confession, Jesus welcomes us with all our sinfulness, to give us a new heart, capable of loving as he loves.

Tight Lines



GGAF (Golden Grove Amateur Fishing)

Mission statement: Giving all people opportunities to fish in a Christ centred environment.

GGAF prides itself on being a welcoming club and giving all people opportunities to socialize and/or fish in a Christ centred environment . GGAF caters for all ages from young children to the more mature—just ask Ken Campbell at age 89.

COCKLING at GOOLWA BEACH Sat 3rd March

34 attendees enjoyed pleasant weather following 40 degree heat the previous 2 days. Cockles were

scarcer this year, however those cocklers who were willing to dig harder and longer were able to gather good numbers.

Luckily most were well over the size limit of 3.5cm. Louise Sumner and her group cockled near the Murray mouth with

good success. Almost all who made the trip stayed for the GGAF sponsored BBQ sausage sizzle lunch at Michael and Robyn Oatey's holiday house near the beach. Many thanks to them for their hospitality and to those members who provided salads.



CADELL on RIVER MURRAY Sat 13th April

On a perfect autumn day 35 fishers and friends ventured to Cadell. GGAF provided a BBQ lunch thanks to the use of the



school trailer. 31 legal fish were landed as well as a number of undersize callop. Largest fish winner was Chris Simanis with a 3.63kg carp measuring 77cm. Di Collison hooked a nice .63kg/36.65cm callop. Approx 20 people dined at the Commercial Hotel in Morgan to end a very enjoyable day.



SURF FISHING at WAITPINGA BEACH Sat 4th May

The weather leading in to the Waitpinga trip was not promising for pleasant fishing however 13 fishers tried their luck on what turned out to be a comfortable day. The catch number was down compared to



previous years with 19 fish landed—a mixture of Salmon, Salmon Trout, Mullet and Tommy Ruff. Joint winners (believed to be a first for GGAF) were Peter van Loggem and Chris Simanis each with a Salmon weighing .58 kg and 37cm length. An evening meal followed at the Beach House Café at Encounter Bay, thanks to recommendation by Shirley & Alan Hasler.

NEXT EVENTS 24th June: Tackle Night 7.30pm

12-15 July: Streaky Bay (Eyre Peninsula)

10th August: Mannum 10am

Enquiries to Graeme Hoklas 0419 828 091



Making My Library Book Bag



Story Time



All Welcome



Borrowing Books



Finding a Book to Borrow

Play Group is on Wednesday 9.30am to 11am in GGLC Worship Centre



Snack



Learning a New Song



Music Time



Intergenerational Playtime with Year 5/6 Students