



GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Robert will be on leave to 9th June. Please direct all calls and inquiries to Pastor Greg—details below.

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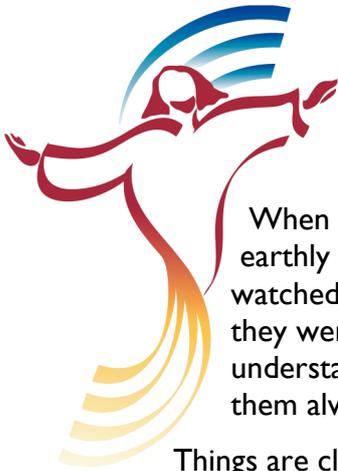
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24th May 2020—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Please join us this Sunday in our livestreamed Service—9.30am
Please visit the church website <https://www.gglc.org.au> for links of
YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEnQVJInZt7ubvRVPB87yeA> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/>

Ascension of Jesus



When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

Luke 24:50-51

When we consider the description of Jesus’ ascension it is easy for us to think that he left his earthly creation for a place that is elsewhere. If we imagine ourselves with the disciples as they watched him being ‘taken up’ into heaven, we may think that Jesus is being transported like they were on Star Trek. One minute he was with them, the next he was gone! However, that understanding is not consistent with what Jesus said previously where he promised to be with them always.

Things are cleared up for us if we meditate for a while on the nature of heaven and the person of Jesus. We declare that Jesus is God. That means that he has the capability of being in all places, at all times. It is a characteristic that is solely of God. So when Jesus was incarnate of humanity, he set aside this characteristic so he could enter our world. He did this for us; for our salvation. His ascension is Jesus returning to his exalted state, so that he can be with us all, always.

So when the disciples saw Jesus’ body ascend, they were witnessing the wonder of Jesus completing his mission of redemption. They witnessed God, having paid for our sin, now enacting his promise to be Immanuel (God with us). Let’s not rush too quickly to Pentecost. Let’s spend a time in prayer to he who sits at the right hand of God the father, enthroned in majesty.

Pastor Greg



Readings This Week:

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

You Can Now Download Weekly Readings!!



Online Worship Opportunities

Sunday 24th May	9.30 am
Sunday 31st May	9.30 am

Kids at Heart

During the service this week, we will be looking at “The Ascension of Jesus ” based on John 17:11

Check Out GGLC Website For Children Activities With This Weeks Theme!!



Remember to continue to send in your weekly artwork submissions. We love seeing what the children are creating! Please also share our webpage with family members to view your child’s master pieces!



The Children’s program operates under the ChildSafe LCA program which is a safety and risk management system with a focus on keeping children and young people safe in their programs and activities.

What's Happening In Our Community

THIS SUNDAY

GGLC Notice of Annual General Meeting



GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A special invitation is extended to all members of Golden Grove Lutheran Church to virtually attend our congregation's Thirty-second Annual General Meeting. This is an opportunity to share in the decision-making activities of our congregation and to become aware of the efforts being expended through God's Spirit in our community.

Sunday 24th May 2020 - 11am

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, this meeting will be held by Zoom teleconference. Teleconference details will be issued on completion of registration.

Please register to attend using the form on GGLC website.

<https://bit.ly/gglcagm2020>

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Just a reminder...



Digital copies of the AGM Book of Reports is available on registration page.
Printed copies will be available upon request.

NATIONAL 18-24 MAY 2020
VOLUNTEER
CHANGING COMMUNITIES.
CHANGING LIVES. WEEK

As this week is national volunteer week, GGLC would like to express our thanks and gratitude to **ALL** our volunteers who help out in all areas of the church and café connect.

THANKYOU!!

HELP NEEDED!!

Our Café is in need of more volunteers!!
If you would like to help or have considered in the past NOW is the time!!
Please contact Pastor Greg for more details.



A little Covid-19 humor...

**Ascension. To those who wonder what it's about:
It's the day when Jesus started to work from home.**




caféconnect

THE DECK AND INDOOR DINING AREAS ARE BACK OPEN!!

MAX 10 PEOPLE INSIDE AND 10 OUTSIDE

GREAT WAY TO CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS!!

VISIT
WWW.CAFECONNECT.COM.AU
TODAY!!

OPENING HOURS
MON-FRI: 8AM - 11AM

Remember to check out Pastor Greg's Daily Devotion Videos.

<https://www.gglc.org.au/church/index.php/publications/bible-study-Pastor-Greg>

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SYNOD CONVENTION UPDATE No.2

The 49th Synod Convention was to be held last weekend at Redeemer Lutheran School in the Barossa Valley, but due to the Covid 19 this did not happen. The delegate (Rosalie Hoklas) received the **Book of Reports** and will cover a few points of interest raised.

This is the second update.

It is important that we as a congregation know what happens within our wider SA & NT church community and continue to pray for our leaders.

The theme for synod was **"The Hope we Have"** 1 Peter 3:15.

(Very appropriate during these challenging times)

Listed are a couple of points from the Book of Reports

**** LLL Mission Outreach Grant 2020 - Pastor Stephen Schultz Assistant Bishop for Mission LCA SA-NT District**

Once again we are grateful to the Lutheran Laypeople's League for their generous provision of \$25,000 for use in our SA-NT District to encourage mission initiatives.

1. The **first grant of \$15,000** is awarded to **Pilgrim congregation, Magill, and the Adelaide Deaf Community Church**. This grant will help enable the installation of a video system capable of live-streaming and recording services held at Magill in AUSLAN (Australian sign language) and English. This is potentially the **only deaf church in Australia who will be broadcasting their services** in this way, offering a valuable ministry to the 30,000+ AUSLAN users in the country.

2. The **second grant of \$10,000** is awarded to **St. Peter's congregation, Loxton**. This grant will enable the establishment of a toy library on their premises. The region currently has no such facility. This project will provide a needed community service and create another opportunity for the congregation to connect with young families in the area.

We commend both these projects and wish the congregations every blessing as they continue to share the good news of Jesus with their communities.

**** SA-NT District Church Council - Tim Klein Chair of District Church Council**

The District Church Council meets monthly for a full afternoon. I remind the Synod that our chief function is governance – to develop and promote an ongoing vision for our district; to plan the pathways for the vision to unfold; and to ensure that our finances, safety and other structures that enable us to function are resourced and robust. In practice that also means that DCC works to ensure that the programs and policies of the Church and the District are carried out in the District.

Constitutional changes: These were due to be discussed at this Synod. We have deferred that process until we can meet face to face in 2021, rather than on-line. With that in mind, the District Church Council has proposed that Synod 2021 become a full Synod.

A challenge: The restructuring over recent years has settled into place and new systems have been developed.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic challenges it all. How do we continue to serve in new ways? What does ministry with young people look like in this season? How do we maintain district and congregational structures and viability? What ministry opportunities are there before us? How will we not only survive, but thrive as church in this season? Our hope is based on the Lord. In Him, all things are possible. Let's remain as people of hope: calm in the face of fear; confident in the face of uncertainty; and courageous in the face of fear. **We are called to be the calm, confident and courageous presence of Christ in the world!** We thank you, the members of the LCA SA-NT District for your patience and support as we travel this road together. Please continue to remember DCC in your prayers as together we seek to discern the Lord's purposes in our service to the SA-NT District of the Lord's church; all for the sake of the Kingdom of God!

Our hope in the Lord is well placed: "The Lord All-Powerful is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress." Psalm 46:11

For more detail and to read these reports in full go to our church website.

Report by Rosalie Hoklas (congregation delegate)

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https://www.gglc.org.au/church/application/files/7415/8950/3853/2020_Book_of_Reports_FINAL.pdf

Report by Rosalie Hoklas (congregation delegate)



New Story This Wednesday!!!



In the wake of GGLC Playgroup and Mainly Music cancellations, Natasha has created a new video series to keep connected with our extended family. Each fortnight, a new video will be released which includes a story, nursery rhyme and activity to share.

Link—<https://www.gglc.org.au/church/index.php/ministries/playgroup>

Please share this with all families with children!

ASAROKA NEWS

From Pastor Jacob & Teacher Daniel

“Thank you for your prayers because they are especially helping us. Behalf of me and my family I wish you and all the mothers at Golden Grove a Happy Mother’s Day. Shalom.”



- Our carpenters & plumbers are putting water taps & sinks from the main gate, road along the assembly ground, entrance to dining hall and dormitory area for both boys and girls.
- Dormitories are renovated & painted as advice from education & health authorities. One dormitory each for male & female are converted to isolation centre in the event that any student suspicious of Covid 19 will be isolated.
- Mrs Patricia Reupana is sewing 3,000 plus masks for both students and staff.
- School was to resume on the May 11th. Everyone will be a day student for the start. No one will reside at the school. Grades 9 & 11 will attend Tuesday & Thursdays; Grades 10 & 12 on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. We are trying to control the social distancing. At this stage no one has been affected but we are taking precautions.
- The school has purchased 3 tuffa tanks to store water and the carpenters are working hard. The school employed a few casuals to clear the dam because the health people are recommending it.
- The tractor continues to plough and rice planting is continuing.
- The Len Tscharke memorial plaques are done, but the memorial is yet to be completed. (See picture above)
- The Asaroka PS has the same principal this year as last.
- Asaroka elementary had 2 tuffa tanks installed last year and now have permanent toilet facilities so they are ready for the term. (See pictures)
- Due to the business of getting school corona virus ready for the school start, they forgot about memorial service for Pastor Tscharke. They were hoping to incorporate this in the Sunday worship.
- Hi to Pastor Greg, family and Golden Grove. Jacob has been able to follow the link and has been watching the GGLC sermons.
- The laptop that Pastor Jacob has been using is no longer functioning, so all his work is done on his phone. He is requesting if we can help with this matter. We will look into this matter.



Pictures: Preparation Area at Asaroka PS & Principal John Diunde

From Principal John Diunde of Asaroka Primary School:
He is very thankful for the laptop which he is using. Some children arrived at school this week, but not all students. The children are enjoying the books that was donated to the Library. The Primary School says thank you for the material and prayer support.

From one of the teachers—Catherine Aitapo:

“Yes we started Monday . We have shift classes. Grade 10s and 12s on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Grade 9s and 11s on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This will go on for 2 weeks until further notice from the government .”



Please continue to keep both the Asaroka and Goroka communities in your prayers.

Videos of Pastor Greg's messages can be viewed on our website or YouTube, and announcements are made on Facebook as soon as new items become available.

If you choose to give the video posts a Like/Share on Facebook, you're helping to increase the number of people that might see Pastor Greg's message. A seemingly trivial click - it may be the easiest act of ministry you ever do!

Website: <http://www.gglc.org.au/>, go to "For Members" and select "Pastor's Messages"

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/>


BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
 This week GGLC celebrate birthdays with
Genevieve Freund
 We hope your special day is blessed with
 God's love & grace!