

# Life in the Vine

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## *"Rejoice In The Lord Always"*

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again:*

*Rejoice!" Phillipians 4:4*

*"I will sing the Lord's praise, for He has been good to me." Psalm 13:6*

*"But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let*

*them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you." Psalm 5:11*

*".. My brothers & sisters, rejoice in the Lord." Phillipians 3:1*

*"Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord. For He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 106:1*

Rejoice always, pray continually give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

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Be *joyful* in hope,

patient in  
affliction,

faithful  
in prayer.

-Romans 12:12

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service. So simple and yet so difficult! It goes against our natural instincts to focus on things outside our wants. But this is what Paul commends them for. We too can experience joy apart from our circumstances when we shift our attention from what is happening to me, to what God is doing in my life. My everyday experiences will be up and down. Some days are good, some are bad. God, on the other hand, is at work all the time for good in my life. Seeing his action and responding with faith and generosity is a key to joy in life.

## Pastor Greg Shares

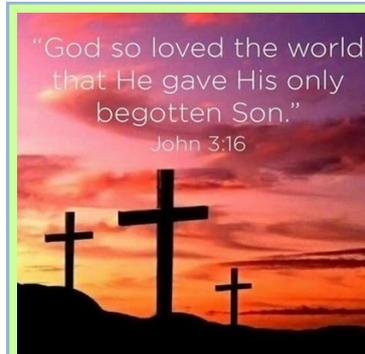
For the most part I am a positive person. When I take an inventory of my life, I see that I am richly blessed and I thank God for his provision. But there are times when I get down and I don't feel like rejoicing at all. Life's like that. We aren't constantly living a high; there are ups and downs. Our God knows the world and he knows our nature. So he has given us some much needed wisdom in **Philippians 4** to feed our heart:

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer & petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

The Christians at Philippi had quite a few things stacked against them and yet they remained joyful. Most of them were poor, they were on the edge of society because of their beliefs and there was a feud in the congregation. Doesn't sound so different from today really. But what we see in their reaction explains a lot about why they were joyful.

Paul tells us that the congregation was faithful and generous. When Paul was in need, they gave to him, despite their privations. He also talks about how their faith, despite their circumstances, causes him to thank God. There is much we can learn from the Philippians and it's about their orientation.

The Philippians looked outside themselves. Their faith was centred on Jesus and how he continues to be at work in their midst and they see whatever resources they have as gifts from God that are to be used in his



### Easter Services

Join us over Easter and hear again how God's great love for us cost Him His son but gave us eternal life.

#### Maunder Thursday Worship

\*Thursday 29th March @ 7pm  
Holy Communion.

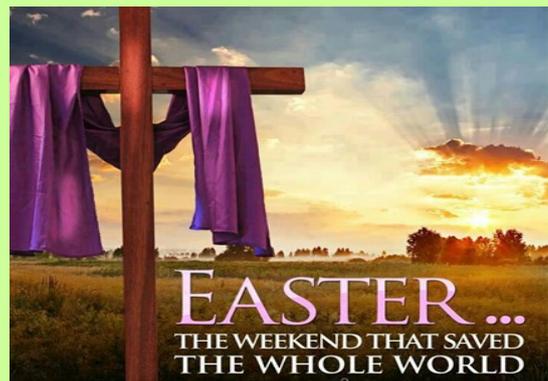
#### Good Friday Worship

\*Friday 30th March 9:30am

#### Easter Sunday Worship

\*Sunday 1st April - 9:30am service  
Holy Communion

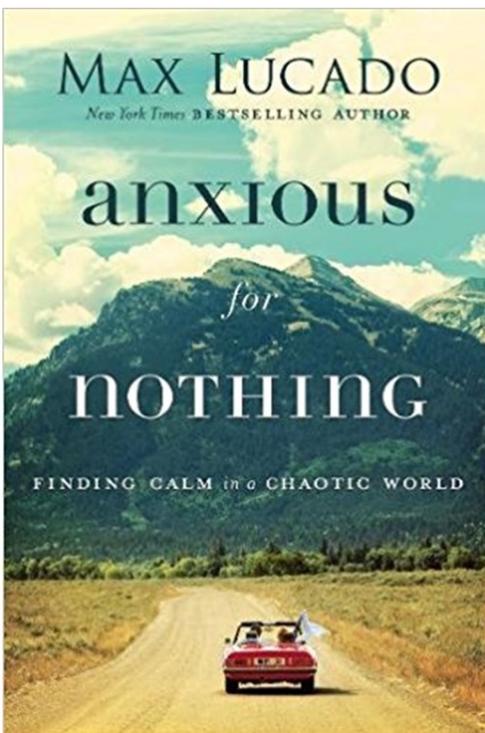
@ Golden Grove Lutheran Worship Centre.



# From the Editor

As we look back over the year 2017 there have been times of challenges, sickness and disappointments, but there also has been times of joy, success, celebration and peace. We can be sure that throughout all of 2017 we could confidently say **'rejoice in the Lord always'**, because God was with us all the time and kept all of his amazing promises to us. We now enter 2018 confidently and can **'rejoice in all things'** because we know that whatever comes our way—the good, the bad or the tough, God will walk with us and at times will carry us, His loved child. Our lives will be filled with His kept promises, His love, peace, forgiveness and grace. God has an amazing year planned for each of you and you can confidently trust that it will be a year that God will bless, because you are His precious and loved child. God's goodness will be evident in our School and congregation as we worship and honour Him, as we share God's love with all people, as we use the opportunities arising with the completion of building renovations, as we grow in our knowledge of God through the many education opportunities and in our love, compassion and care of each other. In all that happens this year 2018 we can say with the apostle Paul **"Rejoice in the Lord always. And again I say rejoice."** Because of Jesus death and resurrection we now have life, and it is an abundant life.

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I (Rosalie Hoklas Editor of LITV) love the work of Max Lucado. He is a powerful story teller and has a wonderful way of sharing God's message. He is author of many books (many of which I have read) & preacher at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas. ***The children of our 2017 confirmation class received the book "Glory Days—Living Your Promised Land Life Now" by Max Lucado as a gift from the congregation.*** This book "Anxious for Nothing" is based on Philippians 4: 6-7. It is focused on an aspect of Christian living that we may find challenging: overcoming anxiety to find peace in life. It is easy to read and many times I found that I could really relate to what he was saying. He reflects on his own childhood experiences, both the good & the bad, & demonstrates how the amazing power of God's grace can help us emerge from the pit of despair into the light of Christ's gospel. Lucado provides many moments of reflection pointing to the Scriptural lessons at the heart of any decision or situation. Lucado's message will delight all who read it: ***"You may be facing the perfect storm, but Jesus offers the perfect peace."*** Why not take the opportunity to read the book and see how God enables you to **"Rejoice in the Lord always."**

Thanksgiving

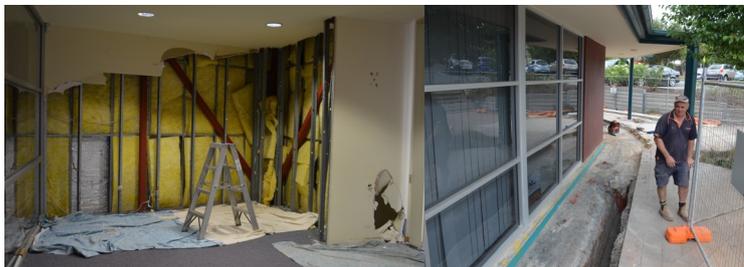
**Philippians 4:6**  
**"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done."**

*The Lord*  
**YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU**  
**HE IS MIGHTY TO SAVE**  
*He will take great delight in you*  
**HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE**  
**HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU**  
*with singing*  
ZEPHANIAH 3:17

# Highlights from Church Council

Jon Schutz - GGLC Chairperson

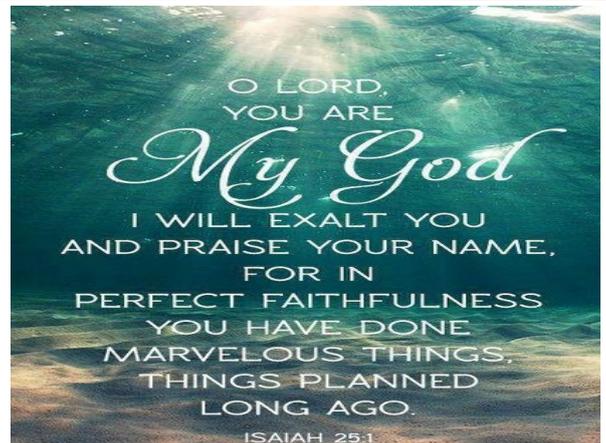
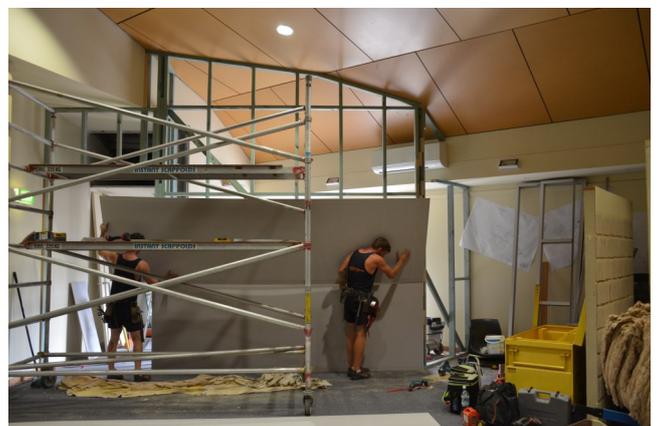
- I find that after two years as Chairperson all the work is done and now I can just put my feet up & the congregation runs itself smoothly like a well-oiled machine.
- ... is what I would have liked to have been able to say. Church Council met for the first time in 2018 in early February and the list of business was extensive. In the past, Council has met monthly but this year we will be trialling meeting on a 6-weekly basis; we were finding that as soon as we had completed one meeting we were preparing for the next, and then some meetings had to be cancelled due to conflict with school holiday dates, so we hope the 6-weekly regime will be a more efficient arrangement.
- We welcome our new members of Council for 2018: Noah Hahn as Youth Representative (with Luke Wachtel), Roger Kloeden as Property Representative, and Robert Mills as Extra Member.
- Building works for the foyer renovations including the café, Pastor's office and toilets began on Feb 19 and are scheduled to continue through to early July under Ivan's careful scrutiny. The deck component requires a little more engineering design and then we will be marshalling volunteers to help with that part of the work.



- Council has the privilege and challenge of dealing with all of the Big Decisions and of course one of them was to choose a café name and competition winner. It was a gruelling process – all members of Council will attest to this – but on Sunday Feb 18 it was my pleasure to announce the winning name and entry. **Our café will be called “Café Connect”** and we congratulate Leanne Crisp for submitting the winning entry. It was a close contest but “Café Connect” came out ahead because of its invitation to connect in fellowship, which is well aligned with the core values of GGLC and what we would like to achieve with the café.
- We are also very pleased to announce the formal and mutual endorsement of a “**Partnership Covenant**” between the congregation and the school. Stemming from discussions about the

school/church relationship throughout last year, and in particular from the school/church forum which was held on August 5, the Partnership Covenant is a declaration of how we see the shape of the school and church partnership and the undertakings of both parties to intentionally foster that relationship. A copy is included in this issue of Life in the Vine on page 5.

- I would have liked to have been able to report on our financial position at the end of 2017 but unfortunately the Life in the Vine deadlines and accounting system run on independent schedules. This information will be reported in due course so for now I will just reiterate that with building commencing and a new loan to repay, we ask for your continued support to maintain our budget in a balanced position.
- On our agenda for this year is to revisit our core value statements. Council has started the process of shortlisting values which we believe reflect the character of this congregation, but we also believe that the congregation should be actively involved in the process. We would like everyone to be able to articulate the core values and feel some ownership of them. More on this later in the year.
- Judith will be on leave from March 5, returning in the second week of April, and then Pastor Greg will be on leave from April 16, returning on July 9. Pastor Dennis Obst will be filling in while Pastor Greg is on leave.



## Golden Grove Lutheran community

# OUR PARTNERSHIP COVENANT

### Preamble

While there is a clear understanding in both Church and School that the governance responsibilities for both are separate, there is also an equally clear understanding that both Church and School have been called by God into an inextricably linked partnership. We share:

- \* a common Mission and Ministry mandate from the Lutheran Church of Australia
- \* a shared history
- \* common geography.

This Partnership Covenant document seeks to describe what this partnership looks like in theory and practice.

### Our common vision

To proclaim Christ to all who enter our community. This proclamation will be enacted according to our individual mission. Above all we aim to work together to make Christ known.

### Our common values

We value: \* our Lutheran heritage of grace, the theology of the cross and the Sacraments

\* core values which reflect the characteristics of God: especially love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, service, humility, courage, hope, quality and appreciation

\* open communication

\* each community's independence and interdependence.

### This partnership will show itself in:

- using "WE" language, not "US/THEY"
- always asking the question "How will this affect our partner?" when considering issues and making decisions
- championing the partner at every opportunity
- seeking opportunities to highlight our partner's activities and profile in our various communications
- orienting all new staff and Council members in both the content and importance of this Partnership Covenant.

### Principles

In strengthening and promoting this relationship the Pastor and the Principal will work closely together, spending time in prayer and mutually supporting each other in their respective ministries.

It is acknowledged that the Principal is the spiritual head of the School and the Pastor's role in the school is one of support. It is expected that the Pastor will be welcomed into the school and through clearly articulated understandings will fulfil his pastoral duties in support of the mission of the School and Congregation.

To build the relationship with the school community, in line with its mission, the Congregation will:

**1. endeavour to provide pathways** for primary school age children into a Christian life outside of school, specifically through:

teaching of Step-Up and Confirmation; providing the Sacraments

delivering an engaging child and youth ministry program

Christian role modelling through involvement of youth from the congregation

allocating Youth Worker time to build relationships with students

an open invitation for school groups to participate in Sunday worship, in a format of their choice (for example, drama, dance, choir, video presentation, or by involvement in worship bands).

**2. offer school families Christian support** beyond the boundaries of school life, through programs which the congregation delivers as part of its pastoral care ministry.

**3. support Pastor exercising his discretion in involving himself in the school community**, for up to 25% of his work time, typically for activities which are uniquely the domain of the Pastor, such as:

serving as a resource for the theological development of the staff,

supporting the Christian Studies curriculum of the School,

serving as a spiritual counsellor to the staff,

supporting the worship program of the school,

ministering to the whole School community.

being a member of Class Carers.

**4. promote opportunities for members to build relationships** with the school community through social events / activities

**To build the relationship with the Congregation, in line with its mission the School will:**

1. actively support the ministry of the Pastor in the School and after consultation with the Pastor and Chair of the Congregation delegate to Pastor clearly defined authority in these areas.

2. encourage involvement of staff, students and families in the life of the congregation in practical ways such as:

participating in congregational programs ; participating in music ministry; attendance at worship services



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**BELIEVE  
COLLABORATE  
ACHIEVE**

*... in our community all people matter*

For 30 years the Golden Grove community has had the blessing of a school on site as part of the congregation. During the intervening years from the 80's to now, education has changed, the relationship doesn't look quite the same as it once did and many of the school's families don't have the church or Christian background that our founding and early families had. However, **the one constant over the last 30 years is our unshakeable faith in God and our desire to share this with all who come through our doors.**

Lutheran Education Australia on its website writes about the uniqueness of Lutheran schools through the following:

*A Lutheran school provides a caring environment*

*A Lutheran school embraces high standards of teaching and learning*

*A Lutheran school is part of the greater community*

*A Lutheran school promotes Christian growth and development.*

As a school we certainly identify with these statements and see them in practice daily. Through our school the Holy Spirit is able to work in the lives of all our community members. Whether it be through the caring and supportive work of the Class Carers, through the nurturing, guidance and encouragement of staff, or via the connections with the congregation (eg. Playgroup, CC's, GGAF), we observe Christian service.

Through all of this we thank and praise God for his unconditional love towards us: we can **rejoice in Him always.** We rejoice for what has occurred here over 30 years, what is occurring now and we look forward to the future with hope as it is through God that this community has grown and been blessed to share the message of salvation with many, many people.



School Captains & House Captains are installed & blessed



GGLC members serve pancakes to children on Shrove Tuesday



Student Prayers



Staff & children lead worship in song during chapel



Students lead prayer in chapel



Children receive the ash cross during the Ash Wednesday morning chapel

# Golden Grove Lutheran Youth



G'day all,

With holidays now well and truly over youth is back in action.

In the holidays we hosted an event here at the church. It's the first time we've done that. We had a good group come out. We played some group games and watched a movie. It was a nice relaxing day aimed for those who had not much on in the holidays.

In January Spin Camp for yr 4-6s was held. Some of our leaders were involved with running small groups & games. It was a fantastic camp for all.

Youth has now kicked off beginning with a free BBQ, games & info night. Parents were invited along to see what youth at GGLC is all about. Pastor Greg shared the exciting news of a partnership between us and Para Vista Lutheran Church. There will be a joint youth event once a month. We are all looking forward to that. Our next conjoint event will be the popular 'blow dart skirmish' on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.

This term a lot is happening. There is a youth worship night, open to all churches in the area. We have 'A Night to Remember', an all-night reflective evening looking at the event of Easter and what Jesus did for us. It will begin after the Maundy Thursday night service and finish at the Good Friday morning service. Youth Alpha will be our bible study this year. It's a fantastic program which Pastor Greg will oversee. We

are very excited to kick that off and see where God leads us.

There are lots of events happening on the youth side of things. All the leaders are super ready to get back into it and we are all excited for what is to come.

God bless, Paul Voigt



**Foundation children receive their Bibles donated by Golden Grove Lutheran Church, presented by Paul the Youth Worker & Natasha the Children's Ministry Worker during Friday morning chapel.**



# Snippets on GGLPS New Staff

This year GGLPS have seven new staff members. Four of them have kindly shared a little about themselves.



Amber Kothe, Jayne Zadow, Sally Garrett, Beth Waldhuter, Vicki Kahl

**Name:** Jayne Zadow (nee Pfeiffer)

**Family:** Rob (husband) & children – Joseph, Rebekah and William

**Where you have come from?** I live at Lobethal. I previously have taught at St Michael’s, Hahndorf, St Mark’s at Mt Barker, Hills Christian Community School, Tanunda Lutheran & Ntaria (Hermannsburg) NT.

**What you are doing at Golden Grove?** This year, I am teaching Year 5/6 and am coordinating worship.

**Thoughts for the year:** I am feeling blessed to be a part of Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School and am really enjoying getting to know the students in my class and working with them to create a safe and rich learning environment.

**Favourite Bible Verse & why?** I reflect on many of my favourite verses through song. I love to play and sing in worship and am part of the worship team at Lobethal Lutheran Church. Some songs particularly touching me at the moment are: *‘You Make Me Brave’* and *‘Oceans’*.



Installation and blessing of GGLPS council. School council has three new members (Ruth Zimmermann, Susan Kent, Fiona Forgione) for 2018.



My name is **Sally Garrett** and I am teaching one of the Year One classes at Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School this year. I grew up in the Barossa Valley and since leaving school I travelled to many places, living overseas and interstate and feel blessed to be back living in my hometown again. I have been fortunate to have taught in other Lutheran schools in Mildura, Tanunda and most recently Port Lincoln.

I have a passion for education and really enjoy spending my days in the company of growing minds and providing opportunities for children to discover and learn about the world we live in. I am very excited to be a part of the Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School community and look forward to getting to know the families and staff.

I love to take risks and enjoy taking on new challenges. I credit a lot of where I have been and the opportunities that have been presented to me, to my faith in Christ and the knowledge that

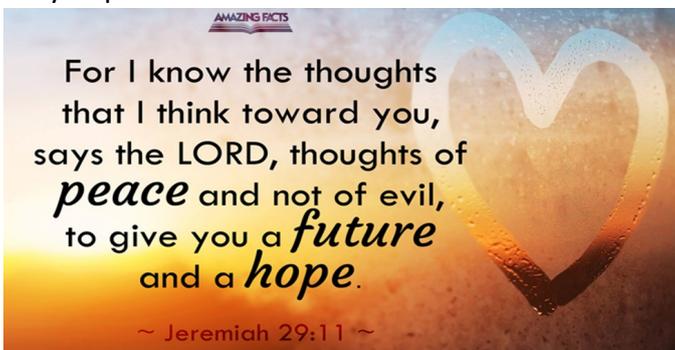
**“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”.**

**Philippians 4:13**





My name is **Bethanie Waldhuter** and I have begun teaching one of the Year 2/3 classes at Golden Grove Lutheran School this year. I grew up in the beautiful Barossa Valley and I was lucky enough to start my teaching career in 2010 at Tanunda Lutheran School. During my years of teaching I have also taught in Wellington, New Zealand. Here I enjoyed the experience of not only living in another country but working in a different education system. This year a Bible verse that I am really focusing on is, ***“For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)*** This verse is one I have often gone back to this year as I started at a new school and also moved house at the beginning of the year. I know God has a great plan for me and I am very hopeful of what the future holds.



**Name:** Vicki Kahl

**Family:** Simon my husband, myself, & three children Lauren (17), Jaxon (14) and Kendall (12)

**Where you have come from?** I have come from Modbury Primary School, where I am a School Service Officer (particularly working with children that have Autism/ Special needs & learning difficulties or have English as a second language) I still work there on a Wednesday.

**We also attend church at** St Johns, Tea Tree Gully

**What you see as your goals/challenges this year?** As the new director of GGOSH my goal for this year is

to have a smooth transition into GGOSH and to make it not too disruptive for the children & families accessing the service.

My challenges will be work, life balance and not adding to the stress of my eldest who is doing year 12 at Endeavour College. I think it's going to be an exciting year.

**Favourite Bible Verse & why?** This is a really tricky question to answer as I have many but the one I'm choosing to share is: ***Proverbs 3:4-6***

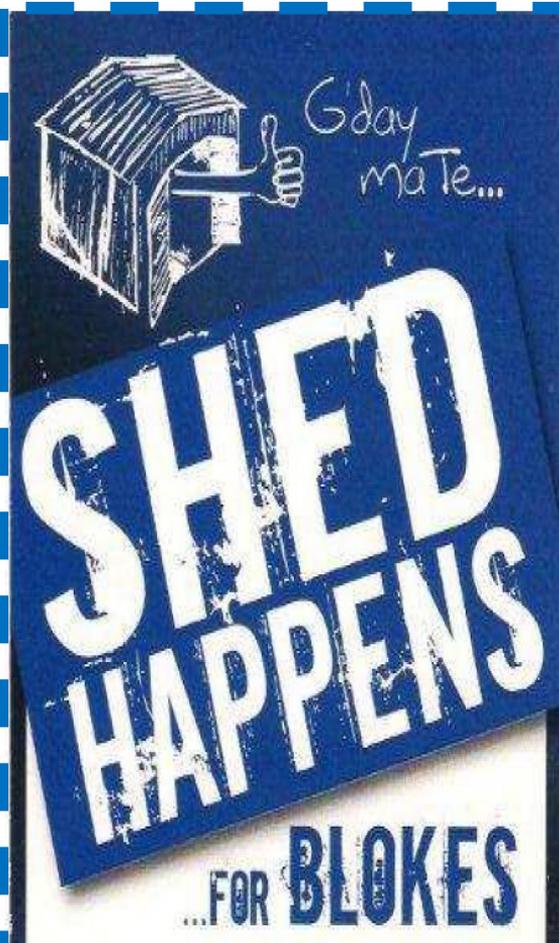
***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart & lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”***

I chose to share this one because this is what I probably live by the most. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. I know he has a plan. I don't always agree with it or think it's the right thing or want to travel the path he puts me on but I know he has his reasons for everything that I go through and what I do and I know that he has my back. So I just trust that I am where I am for him and hopefully do a good job.

**Items of interest :** I was born in Scotland and came to Australia when I was 7yrs old with my parents and two brothers. I was brought up in the Catholic Church but after losing my Mum to Cancer when I was 13yrs old. I had many questions and explored different Christian denominations until I felt at home at Pt Adelaide Lutheran church. I met Simon on a Rotary camp. Our 3 children all came to primary school here at GGLPS (except for a couple of years when we lived in Darwin where they attended St Andrews Lutheran School, Leanyer). They are now at Endeavour college. I love camping, spending time with my family and friends & doing jigsaw puzzles. My favourite colour is green. I am a tea drinker & lastly but certainly not least I (not Simon) am also a passionate Port Power supporter.



School community at worship & the installation of staff.



## Shed Night

2nd Tuesday every month – February to December

2018 dates

13<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July  
14<sup>th</sup> August, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> December

6.30 TEA – 7.15 Bloke's Stories – 9.00 Close

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**As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another**

Proverbs 27:17

We wish to acknowledge the support given by the City of Tea Tree Gully



*Hearts Burning*

LCA SA-NT District  
2018 Convention of Synod

Convention of Synod is a coming together of congregational lay delegates, church leaders, officials & clergy, primarily to conduct the business of the Lutheran Church of Australia, South Australia – Northern Territory District. Essentially, it is the District's Annual General Meeting!

Convention also serves spiritual and fellowship purposes. The schedule includes worship, celebrations and the opportunity to catch up with old friends or make some new ones!

**The 48th SA-NT District Convention of Synod will be held at Tatachilla Lutheran College, McLaren Vale, from Friday 4 May to Sunday 6 May 2018.**

**The delegate to represent our congregation of GGLC is Rosalie Hoklas.** Interested people are invited & encouraged to attend. Check out LCA website.

### Adelaide Men's Convention

**Where: Concordia College, Highgate**

**When: Saturday 12th May 2018**

**Speaker: David Cook**

**Theme: Titus: Men Worth Following**

**More Details: [adelaidemensconvention.org](http://adelaidemensconvention.org)**



### Exalting God

lifts everything in our life  
to the high level of  
understand and blessing  
that God desires for us.



# Asaroka Partnership



Jesus said, "I am the vine, You are the branches." John 15.5



Asaroka sends greetings to you in the name of our loving Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been informed that Peter Hasu has left Asaroka after eight years as the Principal for a deputy position at Goroka Secondary School in town.

At present a new principal has not been selected so the school academic year is late in starting. The teaching staff and students are present, but they are waiting for a leader to be chosen. Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters that God will guide the correct person for this role.

The new Home Economic building is not in use yet because it is partly incomplete. They are hoping that by mid term 1 it will be functioning and they can move into the HE building.

The girl's dorm has opened and the young women have moved in. The opening and use of this building will ease the boarding arrangements where overcrowding has been an issue in recent years.

The school thanks us for our continued prayers and pray that God will bless us all.



Top: girls dorm; mid: Home Economics Building; a class learning wood work skills; Patricia—Home Economics Teacher

## Christian Conference for Women

Where: Concordia College, Highgate

When: Saturday 26th May 2018

Speaker: Chris Quirk

Theme: Be strong in the Lord

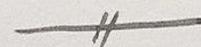
Further information & registration:

[w.graceconference.org.au](http://w.graceconference.org.au)



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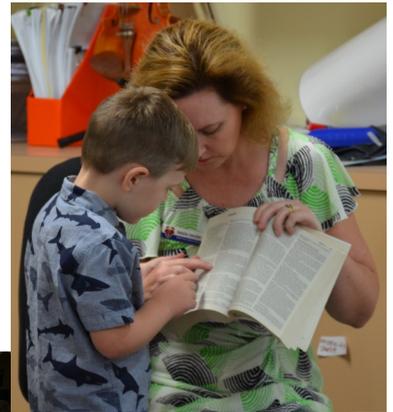
# Children's Ministry

By Natasha Jaeschke



## Kids @ Heart - Children's Ministry in Worship

**Bible Song** is held as part of our Sunday Worship Service at 9:30. Our focus for this term is Lent. During this time of 40 days we will learn about the Transfiguration of Jesus, Baptism of Jesus & the Bronze Snake. On Palm Sunday (March 25th) the children will lead worship. It's always wonderful to see children serve in worship and develop their gifts. This service will be something special, so please prioritise this Sunday to give support and blessing to the young people. It is our intention for the children to lead our worship four times a year.



## Mainly Music/Playgroup is held Fridays 9:30am in the Worship Centre.

The theme for this term is "Music & Movement", which combines body movement, music, following instructions & learning to make our own music rhythm.

This year has started with a bang! We have had about 20 new children join us. **God is good**. It has been exciting to welcome so many new families to meet and participate in our program. Please also pray that our new families would get to know the grace of Jesus through this ministry.



## CC's—children of Christ is beginning with summer outdoor recreation activities.

Week 4 – 23/2/18 Water night at GGLPS — Water play evening with a slip and slide, water guns and sprinklers.

Week 7 – 16/3/18 Sports rotation evening at GGLPS — Children experience & participate in 3 various sports on the oval spending 20 minutes at each activity.

CC's is an important part of our strategy for discipleship and outreach to non-churched families, particularly in our school. Please pray for the success of CC's and for the gospel to be heard and experienced through our programs. Pastor Greg, Paul and Youth leaders facilitate and run CC's. Assistance from congregational members in providing hospitality to school families during CC's is always appreciated. This would include serving tea, coffee, light refreshments & a chat between school & church families.



# Confirmation

On Sunday 21st January Nathan Shrowder reaffirmed his faith in his Lord Jesus during the service. Pastor Greg has journeyed with him and 5 others (who confirmed their faith last year) over 18 months teaching & guiding them on their faith journey. Please pray for him & encourage him and all our young people as they continue to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus.



## Faith statement

### Noah Shrowder

I have always grown up in a Christian family. We would always go to church and we would always worship. I have enjoyed going to church and going to Sunday school in England but I never understood what we were learning about. I would know all the different stories but I wouldn't know the message behind the story. I had many questions even though I still believed. Before confirmation I thought that it was a bad thing to have many questions because I thought it meant I didn't believe properly. As I went through confirmation I started understanding that having so many questions wasn't a bad thing and just meant that I wanted to know and understand more about God. One of the main things I had questions about was how could Jesus be fully man but also be fully spirit. I thought that surely it's impossible. But as I went through confirmation I found out the reason. Jesus isn't like us. He is perfect. Now I am a very strong believer and know a lot more. I believe that God our father created us. I believe that God is the creator and we owe him everything. Even though we should owe him a lot more all God wants in return is our love. I believe that God is three persons in one, he is the spirit, he is the son and he is the father. I believe that God wants us to believe but he gives us a choice and doesn't force us. I believe that God has a plan for me and that plan is unique and only I have that one plan.

As I went through confirmation it got easier to ask questions because everybody there was at the church for the same reason. We believed but we wanted to know more. It was really helpful to find out I wasn't the only one who had lots of questions. Now all of the questions I had have been answered but as I go through life my brain keeps generating more. Now I know it is ok to have questions and that I have people around me who can help me find the answers. I know that the questions will never end just like God's love for us.



My favourite Bible verse:  
**Philippians 4:13**

**"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."**

**A new confirmation class will begin in July. If your child wishes to take confirmation lessons or you would like your child to join in this class please speak with Pastor Greg (0413 075 665 or office 8282 6051). It is a great way to have many questions answered and explored. It will help them to grow in their faith journey and discover God more deeply.**





# Pastoral Care at GGLC in 2018.

by Dave Shrowder

Our official role as a Pastoral Care Team is to:

1. **care for people** who are not already being cared for;
2. be **available to care** at worship and fellowship events;
3. **integrate, disciple and challenge** members and new contacts to the congregation;
4. **encourage an atmosphere of care** and inclusion.

In line with the above, we see a long term role also to develop a culture within the congregation where members continually care for and share with each other.

At the beginning of 2017 we weren't too sure how we might achieve that long term goal, however, as a result of the joint Pastoral Care & Christian Education Survey several issues became apparent:

1. **Many people would prefer the Pastor to provide care for them when needed.**

\*\*Pastor Greg has taken this on board and will do his best at this stage to provide the care that is needed, and we as a Team will support him in the best ways we can.

\*\*In the long term this would mean some of Pastor Greg's time might be taken from other ministry areas. This will be reviewed regularly.

2. **Many people would like to be connected via a small group / friendship group.**

\*\*It's actually exciting to see the desire for groups in our congregation

\*\*As a result of comments and suggestions from the congregation Forum held after the survey, these groups will be called "**Connect Groups**".

\*\*Initially Pastor Greg and I will be identifying who is currently in an active small group of any sort.

\*\*At our recent Pastoral Care Team a list of potential Connect Group Leaders was identified.

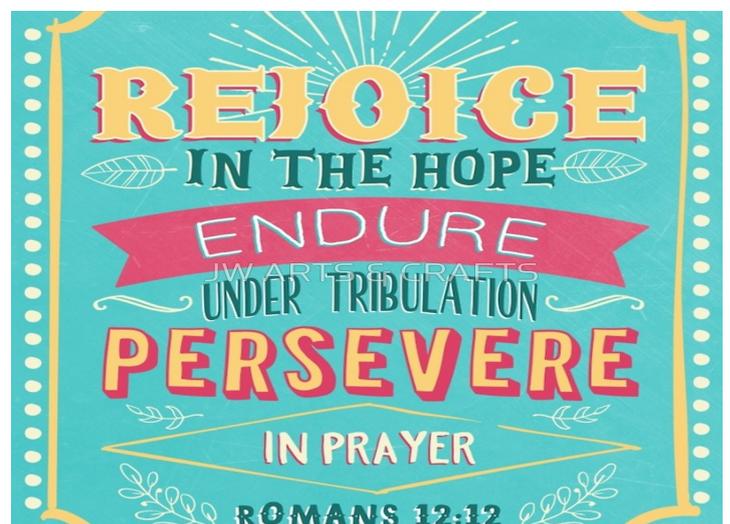
\*\*Once Leaders are confirmed for the groups we will meet with those Leaders and help determine who might fit most comfortably into each group. Careful consultation will be needed at this stage.

\*\*We will be stressing the importance of people being comfortable in their groups. We would like people to feel comfortable enough to be honest. If someone doesn't feel comfortable in a particular group we will do our best to find a suitable group for them.

\*\*Membership in a group is not compulsory, but obviously spiritual growth can occur more readily when people are "connected".

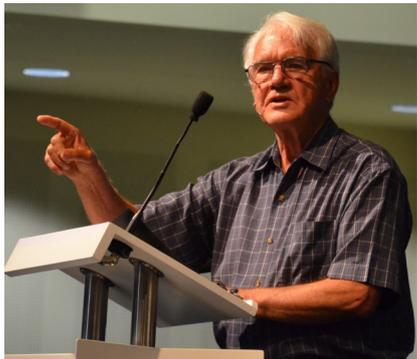
In the long term the development of our **Connect Groups** will be the ideal vehicle to develop the culture mentioned earlier where we become a congregation of members continually caring for and sharing with each other. This in turn will ease the caring workload for Pastor Greg so he can perhaps focus on other ministry areas as well.

Along with the Christian Education Team, we believe God is blessing Golden Grove Lutheran Church in some very exciting ways in 2018. Please pray that the Pastoral Care Team will be blessed with the wisdom to follow God's guidance so that we all grow together as caring and sharing disciples.



# Teaching Saturday A Bible Overview

Held on January 20th, 2018



Guest speaker **Dr John Kleinig** presented 3 sessions on the day, providing an overview of the Bible along with insights relevant to worship and our daily lives.

At the beginning of the first session, **'Introduction to the Bible'**, Dr Kleinig asked the question, **'How do you get to know God?'** reminding us that it is through His word that we not only deepen our relationship with God, we also receive spiritual enrichment, knowledge along with heavenly wisdom for our earthly life! Dr Kleinig also suggested that we should **view the Bible as a 'practical handbook' for worship, meditation and prayer.**

Session 2 focussed on the **Pentateuch**. In discussing God's covenant with Abraham, Dr Kleinig stated that God often works opposite to what we think. Each of us is encouraged to **'Look for the unexpected'** when reading God's word.

The last session of the day centred on the **gospels**, outlining the purpose of the gospels as proclamation of the risen Lord Jesus. Dr Kleinig reminded us that the gospel writers saw the same things but from different views and that no one person can give an adequate description of Jesus. **Each writer presents us with a different picture of Jesus.**

**Matthew:** Jesus as the promised Messianic King

**Mark:** Good news of Jesus as God's Son

**Luke:** Jesus as the Saviour of all people.

**John:** A book of signs showing who Jesus is & what he offers.

Luke in his Gospel emphasises that 'Jesus comes to announce his amnesty to all people'. The focus is on saving all who are lost in all ways. In conclusion Dr

Kleinig reiterated that Jesus reveals himself again and again to each of us through 'word and deed/word and sacrament'. **'God comes as Jesus to meet with us'.**

Overall the day provided much food for thought at both a personal and congregational level. The concept that impacted me the most was when Dr Kleinig briefly touched on **'hospitality'** as detailed a **number of times in the Gospel of Luke and what that may mean for us today.** Food for thought!

*Christian Education Team Co-ordinator: Ruth Zimmermann*



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sat 21st July 2018**

**For the Second**

**'Education Saturday'**

**To be held at Golden Grove Lutheran Church.**

**Come to grow and enrich your faith, hear from God's word and enjoy the fellowship of others.**

**Speak to Ruth Zimmermann or Pastor Greg if you would like to learn more about this amazing day or if you have suggestions for a topic to be explored.**

# Tight Lines



## GGAF (Golden Grove Amateur Fishing)

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

The **GGAF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** was held Sunday 11th February.

The following were re-elected to the **Committee**: President – Graeme Hoklas Vice President – Louise Sumner  
Secretary – Christine McCulloch Treasurer – Chris Simanis Other Committee Members – Ian Zimmermann,  
Geoff Hill, Dennis Arthur and Rob Pointon.

**Events Program for 2018- New to the program this year are Blanchetown on the Murray, St Kilda Breakwater, Rapid Bay Jetty and a 4 day trip to Streaky Bay in July. The Annual Camp destination this year is Kingston-On-Murray Caravan Park.**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> March Cockling at Goolwa Beach 9am
  - 14<sup>th</sup> April Warren Reservoir 10am
  - 5<sup>th</sup> May Waitpinga Beach 10am
  - 26<sup>th</sup> May Blanchetown River Fishing 10am
  - 18<sup>th</sup> June Tackle Night 7.30pm
  - 13-16<sup>th</sup> July Streaky Bay (Eyre Peninsula)
  - 11<sup>th</sup> August Rapid Bay Jetty 11am
  - 9<sup>th</sup> September St Kilda Breakwater 6am
  - 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> October Annual Camp-Kingston On Murray
  - 17<sup>th</sup> November Presentation Night 7pm
- Note: Events may be subject to change

Annual Membership cost remains at \$15 for Seniors  
and \$5 for Juniors (15 years and under)

**CRABBING at WEBB BEACH** on Sunday 18th Feb attracted a record 47 crabbers. This was a first for a

Sunday as all previous trips have occurred on Saturdays. The weather was overcast and light showers continued for a large part of the day—however conditions were otherwise comfortable for raking and socializing for lunch. A total of 106 crabs were caught—over 80 of which were cooked in Zimmo’s gas copper. Everyone enjoyed a healthy feed at the beach. Thanks again to Zimmo and Chris Simanis for organizing the event and Zimmo for demonstrations before raking and after the cookup. Zimmo and Ruth also provided a savoury platter and delicious watermelon. Largest crab winners were: Dual winners for Male Crab: Ian Zimmermann & Keith Hasler; Female Crab: Ruth Zimmermann.

**NEXT EVENT—COCKLING at Goolwa Beach 9.00am Saturday 3rd March.**

