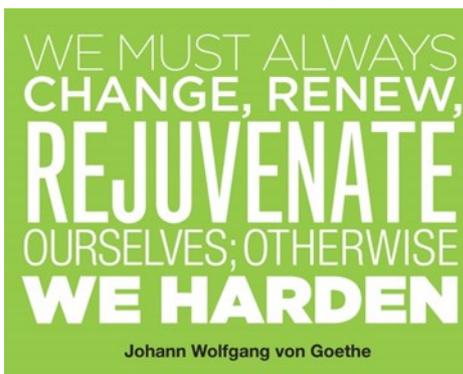


“Renewed to Serve”

“Praise the Lord my soul; & forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins & heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit & crowns you with love & compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles”. Psalm 103:1-5

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test & approve what God’s will is—His good pleasing and perfect will”. Romans 12:2

“Each of you should use what ever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of Gods grace in its various forms”. 1 Peter 4:10



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Pastor Greg Shares

Renewed to Serve

When I first got my driver's licence, I was eager to get a car of my own. My dad promised that he would buy the perfect car for a novice driver. Expecting a Monaro, imagine my surprise when dad brought home a dilapidated old EH Holden! It was full of rust, the electricals didn't work and the interior needed a total overhaul. 'Don't worry' dad said 'she's got a good motor, gearbox and diff'. Over the next three months we turned a piece of junk into the perfect P-plater's car and I was sad when I finally sold it.

Jesus also loves to make things new so that they serve His purpose. When Paul was writing to Titus he said:

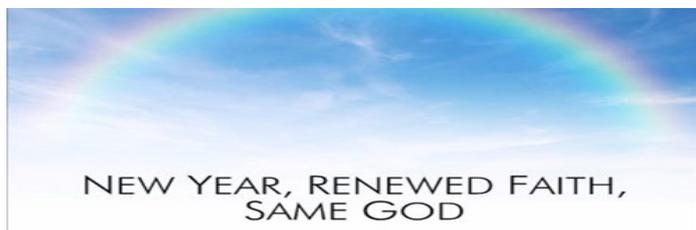
When the kindness & love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, ... so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. Titus 3:4-8

Just like my EH had a good engine but needed bodywork, so the Holy Spirit is at work in each of us encouraging us to use his gifts for the glory of Christ. We can get beaten up by the world and we can feel like we're rusted out and exhausted. We can feel like jaded and cynical just like a ripped up interior. When we look at ourselves we can wonder if we're of any use at all or if we are passed our best. But **Jesus' words and power can reform us** so that we are renewed for His service.

Being renewed is not a chore, nor is it difficult. As Paul said it is God who does the washing and renewal by His Spirit, it is not another thing we have to put on our to-do list. **We are renewed as we expose ourselves to the Word of God and allow that word to do its work.** It is when we regularly take time to read the scriptures and ask 'what does this mean to me?' that the renewal begins. It is when we believe that God has given us all unique gifts to serve him and we walk in faith exercising those gifts, that we are renewed.

May we be continually renewed by His authority for His work.

Pastor Greg Fowler ph: 0413075665



Join us in the Journey to the Cross this Lent & Easter to focus on what Jesus did for You & Me.

Ash Wednesday 6th March @ 7pm

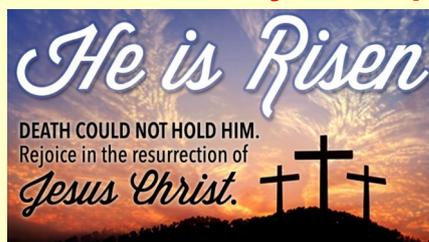
Palm Sunday 14th April @ 9:30am

Maundy Thursday 18th April @ 7pm

A service of contemplation led by youth; followed by 'a night to remember'

Good Friday 19th April @ 9:30am

Easter Sunday 21st April @ 9:30am



All Services at
GGLC, Wynn Vale,
Corner Sunnybrook
& Richardson Drive.

A Dying Christmas Tree

At Zion Lutheran Church, Gawler the Christmas Tree in the church has been left there until Easter. The Christmas tree that helped to celebrate the birth of Jesus will be transformed into the cruel instrument of Jesus crucifixion, the cross.

Everybody see things differently. Look at a dying tree, what do you see? Just the needles or leaves making a mess on the floor? The missing branches? A tree, dying?

Ordo you see the beauty of what the tree was? The straight sturdy trunk? The smell of the pine needles? It's still there!

What does God see when He looks at us?

The mess that sin has made in our lives? Or the person He thought was worth saving, so much, that He sent His own Son to die in our place? Food for thought..

(Taken & adapted from Gawler Church Bulletin)



Highlights from Church Council

Jon Schutz - GGLC Chairperson

Although there are a few outstanding little pieces of our renovations to tidy up, with the help of many volunteers, we were **able to start Café Connect operations on Jan 29th**, coincident with the start of the school term. It is pleasing to see how well the start of operations has been running.

But now that things are up and running, we risk forgetting all of the hard work that went into making it so! **A special word of thanks must be extended to Ivan Schmocker, our builder for this project**, to recognise his dedication and in particular the significant amount of unpaid work that he has carried out during the contract. Also his patience, as our budget limitations and committee-based decision-making processes did stretch out a few of the steps along the way.

We thank Roger, Denise, Robert, Joel and Greg for their painting efforts, and Roger for tiling and other work in the toilets. Also special commendation to Robert and Roger for squeezing the café refrigerator into its hidey hole.

As well as donations of time, we have received many donations of new materials and accessories for the café and office space – too many to list here but we **extend our thanks to all who have helped** in these ways.

At the time of writing, we have not quite completed 3 weeks of usage of the café and new office space, but the early signs are very positive. Visitors are coming in to the church to spend time in the café and to visit Judith and Pastor Greg in the offices. **Creating a hub of activity at the front of the church, helping to create connections amongst people in our community, and making Pastor Greg more accessible**, were some of our key objectives for the project - which we are now seeing fulfilled.

We had been planning for an official opening of Café Connect with a fete in early April. However, as the deck and shade area is likely to be in mid-construction at that time, the **opening will be deferred until later in the year**.

To counterbalance our success with the café, we have had a cluster of technology failures in recent weeks. We have had issues with the video recording PC and so have not been able to upload the weekly messages to YouTube for some time. All of the headset microphones have become unserviceable simultaneously and we have had to resort to backup options. One of the PA amplifiers has decided that it is at an age where it only needs to work part-time, and the Worship Centre

projector zoomed itself out so far that some of the service order escaped off the screen. Please be patient while we work on these issues. (Not to mention the café dishwasher fault which was fixed under warranty, the projector globe which was fixed by Kuno, and the phones which wouldn't redirect...)

Work on improving the acoustics in the Worship Centre, and in the Café, is ongoing.

Our 2018 annual budget ended with a deficit of about \$1000 (unaudited and after adjustment for unclaimed GST), which is an excellent result considering our projections in August and November were for deficits of \$17,000 and \$8,000 respectively. I thank everyone for their support of our annual budget and building project.

Remember, there are several opportunities to support our mission that don't cost anything extra – indeed they could save you money... We have the Entertainment Book to support Asaroka (see Judith), CashRewards (see details on our website) and now Café Connect loyalty cards for your daily coffee.

GGLC Library

Plans are underway to cull the library collection and to once again establish an area in the Church for library borrowing. You may have noticed the new white bookshelves in the cafe area. As from Term 2 there will be a seasonal display of books on these shelves, along with fiction books that are available for borrowing by both children and parents during the week and after Church on Sundays.

Currently the Library team consists of Dorothy Quick, Jenny Kupke & Ruth Zimmermann. If you can help in any way and would like to be part of the team please let us know!

Contact the church office on 82826051aining



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... in our community all people matter

Renewed to serve

I love the start of a new school year; there are the wide-eyed Foundation students who are beginning their next step in life, new students (and families) who are starting at the school, new staff and of course existing students who will have new books, a new teacher and perhaps new pieces of uniform. There is a strong feeling of expectation, excitement and hope for a new year; we have been renewed over the holidays.

There are many questions: what will my teacher be like, what will my class be like, is there anything different? One question I always like to ask during the first week when I visit classrooms is, ‘what wonderings do I have for this year’? Some of the wonderings are quite reflective and deep.

With the start of this new school year we welcome new staff:

Celeste Hueppauff (Foundation), **Lauren Neumann** (Yr 3 /4), **David Gardner** (Yr 5 /6) and **Lisa Katsikitis** (Japanese).

The staff began the new school year focussing on our themes for this year: wellbeing, literacy and student agency. Our professional development for the week prior to the start of school covered restorative practices, relationship building, discussion about reading and first aid. We spent time discussing the year and our hopes and dreams for it. The staff were certainly renewed for a new school year.



One thing I have learnt over a long period of time is to place my trust in God & to not worry about the future. Sure, I need to plan, I need to put well thought processes in place so that our vision and aims will be reached, but all of these plans and thoughts I put before the Lord who will I know, bless what occurs in the school so that we can prosper and continue to offer a rich and comprehensive programme to the students.

May God continue to bless and guide us as we walk into this new school year. As Jeremiah points out God knows what the future holds for us; we need to trust and put our faith in Him as we journey through 2019.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. Jeremiah 29:11



Foundation Classes with their Bibles from GGLC



School Captains & Vice Captains



Sport Captains



School Captains

School Captains and Vice Captains
Katie Tranger
Lucie Fremant
Madeline Peck
Louis Daniels



BIG and wonderful
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wonderful love,

Mini Moshers @ Chapel



Learn about and experience Prophetic Ministry

Teaching Saturday March 23, 2019

Join us for an all ages Teaching Saturday at Golden Grove Lutheran Church, Wynn Vale

Guest speakers, **Lauren Di Ciaccio & Toni Pace** will present 2 sessions



Over the last 5 years, Lauren and Toni have taught & ministered to Christians across different denominations. This is a unique opportunity to learn about Prophetic Ministry, how it is part of the Church today and how to personally receive Prophetic Ministry.

9am – Biblical basis of prophecy

10.30 – Morning tea

11am – Prophetic ministry for those who wish to receive it

12.30 – Lunch

1.15pm – Ministry time and prayer

\$15 per person for the day. Separate activities for children.

Please look out for details on how to register in the coming weeks to assist with session planning & catering.

All queries – Please contact Ruth 0411 230 601 or Pastor Greg 0413 075 665



From the Editor

A new year is well underway and the time has arrived for the first edition of LITV for 2019. I pray that as you read it you will be encouraged, challenged and blessed. It is easy to reflect on what has happened since the last edition, but it is more challenging to look ahead to what lays before us. The year will be filled with good times and not so good times. We will be challenged beyond what we feel are our capabilities and strength. This is when we need to trust and rely on God. He renews us, gives us exactly what we need to live the life He has called us to. We may be running a home, raising children, working, teaching, retired or facing a major health issue or a death in the family. Never forget that God walks with us, renews us and refreshes us, if we just allow Him to work within us. Daily we need to seek God in His word the Bible, in prayer and in meeting with fellow believers. Here at Golden Grove our premises have under gone a major change, they have been renewed and refreshed. This has come about with God's blessing and guidance, and a lot of hard work. We have ventured on this journey so that we can serve Him and those around us. We serve Jesus—the God who loves us unconditionally, through making connections and building relationships with all people, those who are connected to the school, the church or from our wider community. Every one is seeking support and companionship on the rough road of life and if we can help by showing the love of Jesus then we are serving our Lord. May 2019 be a year of renewal for each of you. May your faith, love and life be renewed, refreshed and rejuvenated by our loving Lord & Saviour.

Rosalie Hoklas – Editor contact email: hoklas@internode.on.net

**1. To God be the glory, great things He has done
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.**

**Chorus: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.**

Let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He has
done.**

**2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

Chorus: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,

**3. Great things He has taught us, great things He
has done,**

**and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer & higher & greater will be
our wonder our transport when Jesus we see.**

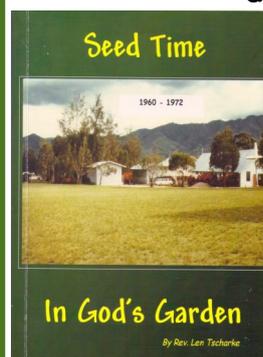
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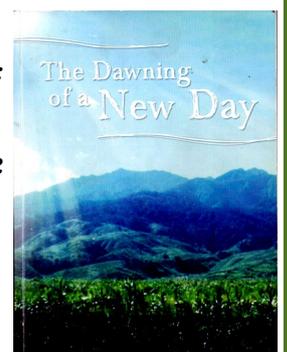
Len, Claire, Ken, Terry & Tim

**Len & Claire Tscharke have written two
books. Both are great reads. They give an
amazing insight into their commitment,
challenges & their great faith and trust in
God as they went about serving God.**

**"Seedtime in God's Garden" the latest
production gives an insight into the early
days of Asaroka.**



**"The
Dawning of
a New
Day" is the
pioneering
story of
Ialibu.**



Investiture with the insignia of 'The Companion of the Star of Melanesia'



was held at
Golden Grove Lutheran
Church on

Sunday 23rd December 2018

You can view this event in full on youtube

<https://youtu.be/o5uLvHGle3M> or it can be found on
GGLC website under news.



The companion of the Star CSM is awarded for distinguished service of a high degree to Papua New Guinea & Melanesia for over a period of fifteen years. This award follows 'The Grand Companion of the Logohu' in ranking order.



Day of arrival 1954



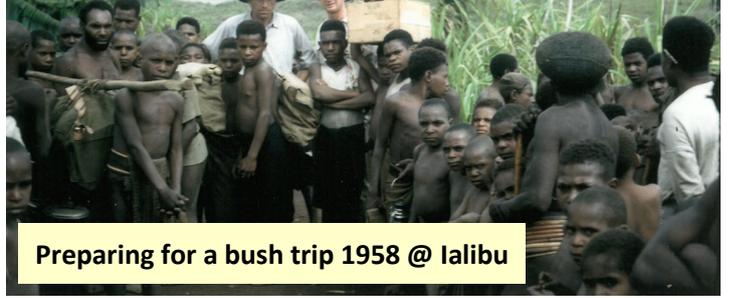
Asaroka buildings 1964-1971



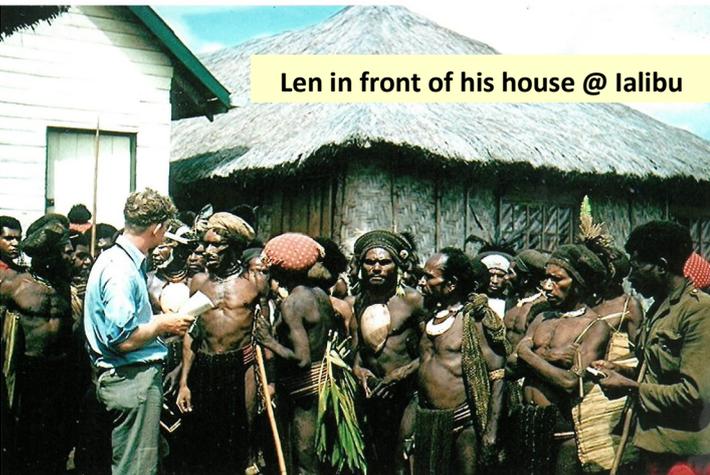
1st school class & 1st church @ Ialibu



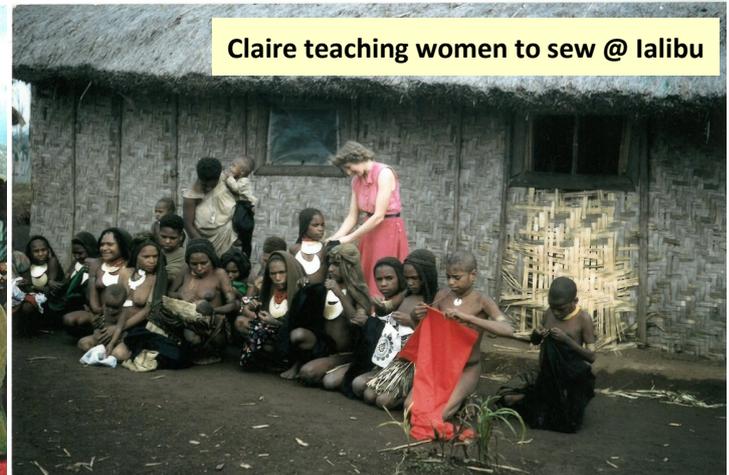
Sunday service @ Ialibu



Preparing for a bush trip 1958 @ Ialibu



Len in front of his house @ Ialibu



Claire teaching women to sew @ Ialibu

Himony Lاپسو on behalf of the Governor General of Papua New Guinea presents the citation and award for the Star of Melanasia to Pastor Len Tشارke

Greetings from St Johns Lutheran congregation Goroka; humbled to represent the Government of Papua New Guinea; the Lutheran Church, in particular Immanuel district in Ialibu where Pastor Len was pioneer missionary & Goroka District where Len was a pioneer teacher & established a high school on behalf of the Lutheran Church. He developed the school to a the stage where it is now.

I would like to acknowledge the presence of Christians here at Golden Grove who have partnership arrangements through Len Tشارke in PNG at Asaroka and Ialibu. This work is continuing. I acknowledge presence of friends and relatives who have come for this occasion. Thank you.

Len started his pastoral career in 1954 as a live in pastor at Asaroka. He later went to Kewamugl Bible School as a teacher. He then was called to Ialibu. Ialibu in 1954 was an area that the government or church had not been. He was one of the early white people to go to Ialibu in the southern Highlands. There was government Kiap—Brian O’Neil , Claire & baby Terry. In 1956 they were the only 4 white people there. He started his pastoral work there and he established & managed Ialibu up to 1959 & then he was called to the high school in Goroka in 1960. I was one of the pioneer students. In 1960 the school developed so that now it has over 1,000 students & 50 teachers & one of the biggest schools in the Eastern Highlands. A school had to be started with nothing. Len & Claire Tشارke worked really hard to bring the school up to the level where it is now. They left in 1972 but they still continue to help the school through partnership arrangements with Golden Grove congregation & also continue to help Ialibu through a partnership arrangement. I believe this year there will be 2 groups one to Asaroka Secondary to continue this partnership arrangement & another group going to Ialibu to continue the partnership that Len and Claire have established. Although it was a long time ago that they were there, but their love for the



country & the people has continued even as we speak. The church through Goroka District Evangelical Lutheran PNG as well as Immanuel District in Ialibu have realized his contribution to the church up there and to education in PNG. It was through them that this award was instigated some 3-4 years ago. At the district conference with the support of the Immanuel District a resolution was passed that perhaps we should ask the government to recognise these services to the church & to education. And here we are today to honour a great man who has done quite a lot for PNG for the church & education. It gives me great pleasure to be here, not only as his son but as a representative of the PNG government, the people of PNG & the church in PNG. I am honoured to be here to present him this award in front of you all.

On behalf of the people of Papua New Guinea, the Government of PNG, we thank you for the commitment & contribution you have made to the development of PNG. On behalf of the country & the people of Papua New Guinea I present this award & say thank you.

Pastor Len Tucharke Responds



Jesus is the one we need to honour today. Without Him we would not be here now. Nothing like this would have happened. He called us to go to PNG. He has made us all special—very special, not because of what we have done but because of His amazing grace & love. Just think of how much He loves you, me and all of us. He wants us to live with Him in His home forever & ever.

Claire & I left to go to PNG as missionaries on the 2nd May 1954, a little over a week after we were married. We were sent to Asaroka, a place well known to some of you here. A week after we arrived, the missionary at the time left for 12 months leave in America.

We enjoyed everything from the very beginning. God gave us good health, loving people to live amongst & to serve. We were blessed in an amazing way.

Twelve months later when the missionary returned from leave, we were stationed at Ialibu—a new area being opened up to the wider world by the Government. What a privilege it was to begin from the very beginning. Nobody there had ever heard about our loving Heavenly Father & our Saviour Jesus Christ. We were there 4 years, when we were asked to return to Asaroka, where we started a High School that God blessed with over 400 students.

Some of the blessings from the Asaroka High School that flowed into the Lutheran Church & the emerging nation at the time were quite amazing.

Here are some: *Himony OBE (local government & church); *Jerry Singerock Brigadier General of the Armed Forces of PNG; *1 Governor general; *6 Govenors of Provinces; *1 Ambassador to New York & then Brussels; *2 University Professors; *2 Bishops of the Lutheran Church; *numerous Pastors, teachers & others in positions of leadership leading up to & during the consequent years of nationhood.

Can you understand why we want to say thank you to God? Thank You God. Thank You Jesus for everything. But there are also people I need to thank.

Thank you Claire for your faithfulness, your support & your commitment. You never ever complained about hardship or loneliness. You were always there. Thank You. I love you dearly.

Thank you to my children—Terry, Ken & Tim. You played an important part in all of this too. You made us the family that we love & cherish.

Thank you to

*the current Govenor General—Sir Bob Dadae

*the Prime Minister—The Honourable Peter O'Neill

*Jerry Singerock—Brigadier General of PNG Armed Forces for 45years

*Himony Lapiso—OBE, deeply involved in Lutheran Church Eastern Highlands Province & wider Church

*Goroka District Evangelical Lutheran Church PNG

**Immanuel District at Ialibu of Evangeliacal Lutheran church PNG

*Pastor Graham Baitel—St Johns Goroka

Thank you PNG. I love you dearly. I pray for you daily. You are a peace loving, forward moving young nation & in many ways a God fearing people. May God bless your country PNG, & it's leaders as they lead you on. May your church & Christians every where continue to grow in your love for Jesus. May you find your joy & peace in knowing Him & loving Him. Thank you PNG for accepting me as one of your own.

Thank you for this award you have bestowed upon me. I receive it with deep gratitude & see it as an expression of thankfulness to our saviour Jesus Christ for all that He has done in PNG.



Greetings from Major General Jerry Singirok, MBE, DMS

Let me on behalf of my family, the Singirocks from Karkar Island in Madang, congratulate you for an award fitting from the Queen, although she approved your award in the Logohu category. Your award is from the people of Papua New Guinea for your un-dividing & loyal service to God through your ministry in spreading His word through quality education system you set up in Ialibu & Asaroka. I also represent hundreds that you have touched through your leadership and mentoring at Asaroka & have assisted many of us to succeed in our endeavours in life. I paid a very small part in your award but it was an honour & blessing when your name was called, when I represented you due to your unavailability to witness your investiture & to present myself to the Acting Governor General Honourable Pomat to receive your award. It was indeed emotional & spirited moment when I stood next to the Acting Governor General. An experience I will cherish for many years to come.

As stated, this is the evidence of your service to our country in which your children and grandchildren will cherish as we know it will find a special spot in your home to remind them of your love for God through your service in New Guinea. Once again we thank the Lord for your service & allowing us to share with you the joy of devoted service & allowing us to be part of your bigger family.
(Jerry Singirok, a previous student of Pastor Len)



Greetings from David Altus

Bishop SANT District

The District is thankful and proud that you have been recognised by the PNG Government in this way for your service. To be remembered like this later in life says that your work was indeed valued and has not been forgotten. I trust you feel a sense of godly satisfaction as you look back and recall your time in PNG. Every blessing as you enjoy this day and reflect with thanks to God.



An Asaroka Friendship By Erhardt Pinno; An excerpt from an email to Len & Claire.

First of all, thank you for your Christian friendship. It is now over 54 years since I first met you & your family in July 1964 at Asaroka. Being placed at Asaroka has made all the difference in my life. Claire, your kindness & hospitality was so welcoming & Len's leadership of the school was so amazing. I will never forget it. The two of you poured your heart & soul into the students. You worked tirelessly as you cared for each student & staff member. You were such a beautiful example of servant leaders. I believe that God blessed Asaroka & the Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG through your deep faith & commitment to share the love of God in Jesus. Your annual visits to PNG in recent years proclaim loud & clear that your love for the people of PNG has not diminished. You modeled the Christian missionary life & I observed your vision, knowledge, wisdom & love at work. Little did I know that one day I would be asked to follow in your footsteps to take leadership at Asaroka. As Headmaster from 1971-77 there were many occasions when I needed you nearby to ask some questions. I wished I could have texted you! I felt most inadequate to even pretend to follow in your footsteps. Thank you for your confidence in me. It is amazing what God can do when we commit to follow. But, as you know, God sent me a beautiful helper in Lorene, & together we had good years at Asaroka. God is good. *(Erhardt Pinno was headmaster that took over from Len. He now lives in Canada.)*

Baptism of Balian & Bria Frederick

The children were asked to reflect on this special occasion in their life.

Mum writes "I really love that they have totally different stories about such a special moment in their lives. Balian's is short and sweet, Bria's is a lot more in depth"



Balian:-

On the 9th in December 2018, I had my Baptism at Golden Grove Lutheran Church. I liked this because I got to be selected to go into God's family. I wanted to be baptized because it is a good way to show Christian faith to God. I enjoyed this experience because I got Holy Water poured onto my forehead and received special items such as a Baptism Candle and a Certificate that I framed and will keep forever. I liked this experience & enjoyed everything about it.



My favorite Bible Verse is Jeremiah 29:11
"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope".

Bria:-

Today I had my Baptism, I was really scared because I thought God wouldn't accept me into his family then I thought : No that's silly! God will accept anyone. Then I realised something : If God accepts everyone... then why did he kick Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden? Is it because they disobeyed him?

When Pastor Greg called us up to come on stage he did a little speech about me and Balian then he prayed for us. After he prayed he came & stood in front of Balian & he said a blessing, at the same time he drew a cross with his hands on Balian's forehead then he did the same to me.

Pastor Greg asked us if we believe in God, The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit, then we straight away said 'Yes I do'.

Pastor Greg asked Lisa, Amanda and Sarah if they will guide me through my life and if they will guide me in the light and in the path of God the maker of heaven and earth. They all said : 'Yes we will'.

Pastor Greg asked Ryan and Tom if they will guide Balian through his life and if they will guide him in the light and in the path of God the maker of heaven and earth. Ryan and Tom said : 'Yes we will'. Then Balian and I went up to the font (the baptism bowl) Balian went first, then me. When it was my turn I bent down a little, Pastor Greg got a handful of Holy Water from the font and he poured it gently on my forehead and he said at the same time : 'You have been blessed by God the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit. I believe in God.



My favourite Bible Verse is : **"I am Gabriel," the angel replied. "I stand in God's presence, and I was sent to speak to you and give you this good news."** Luke 1:19
 After the Church service everyone was coming up to me and saying : Congratulations Bria! Its so good to have you in our family.
 This was one of the greatest days in my life!!!



Hello 'ol wantok'

Asaroka Update

A team from Golden Grove Church and School community will be

visiting Asaroka High School while staying in the Lutheran Guest House in Goroka sometime in August. Dates and details are still in the early planning stages.

A group from the Barossa are also planning a trip and will be going onto Ialibu, their dates following ours.

Please keep our friends in Goroka, the nurses @ the hospital, the Asaroka High school,

Primary School and Elementary Schools and Staff in your prayers.





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COFFEE	Mug + 5	MILKSHAKES	5
Caffe Latte	3.5	Mini Moo	3
Cappuccino	3.5	Chocolate Vanilla	
Flat White	3.5	Strawberry Caramel	
Long Black	3	SMOOTHIES	6
Espresso	3	See specials board for flavours	
Mocha	4	SNACKS	
Hot Chocolate	3.5	Scones	4
Babycino	.5	Raisin Toast	2.5
Iced Coffee	5	Multigrain Toast	2.5
Iced Mocha	5	See the display case for other choices	
Iced Chocolate	5		
Soy and almond milk available			
TEA			
Small Pot	3.5		
Large Pot	4.5		
Ceylon English Breakfast Chai Earl Grey Peppermint Green Camomile			



Claire Tscharke celebrated her 90th birthday with her GGLC family on Sunday 24th February 2019. A time to give God all the glory for her faith & His many blessings to her.



Blessing of GGL Primary School Staff during GGLC morning worship followed with fellowship over morning tea.



Installation & Blessing of Kristian Appelt and the GGL Primary School Council. Chairperson is Gen Freund.





G'day again.

Wow the holidays went by fast and we are back in full swing for the first youth term.

We have made changes to the format for this year. **We will be running fortnightly youth** not weekly. Each night will have a bible study starting **from 6-7:15pm** which Pastor Greg will run, then from 7:15pm the activity part of the night will kick off.

Our first event this year was a **BBQ games and info night** where parents could hang around and hear a little about what will happen at youth this year. We had around 15 youth come out. About 6 parents stayed the whole night playing games together inside while the youth leaders ran games for the youth on the oval. We played a big game of capture the flag which ended with a game of leader's vs youth which resulted in no winner. So I declared the leaders the winner of that round.

This whole term we will be **following along the journey of Jesus to the cross**. So we looked at what Jesus was like as a child on our first night. Reading from the Bible from Luke chapter 2, where **Jesus is 12 years old & was at the temple** for 3 days while his parents were looking for him.

We will then look at **his baptism, his ministry and all the amazing things he had done and is still doing through to his death on the cross**.

Each night will end with one of these topics as our devotion & small group time. The bible study at the beginning will look more deeply into it for those who want to come early.

This year we will also be **holding one event a term opened up to all the churches in the community** and the yr. 6 students from the primary school. We will be holding the famous blow dart skirmish for the night.

There is lots happening at youth this year with some big changes but **we have prayed as a team about this & believe this is the way forward**.

Hope to see you around at youth on a Friday night.

God bless Paul Voigt



Youth Worker Paul Voigt handing out holding crosses (which he made) to the GGLPS Year 6 Graduating class December 2018



Children's Ministry

2019 brings a new and exciting year to children's ministry at Golden Grove Lutheran Church. Our Sunday morning children's program 'BibleSong' has been refreshed with new activities as we follow the church readings in Term 1.

We have explored Luke 4:18-19 "**Proclaiming Freedom**". The children discussed and drew who Jesus saves and how he saves. In week two we were blessed to have children of Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School staff gather with us to share in **1Corinthians 13:1-3 "Showing love"**. In the kitchen area we made popcorn together. We had heaps of fun hearing it "pop" and related it to how "Jesus love makes our heart POP". The children beautifully decorated cups to package the popcorn to take home. We have enjoyed activities inspired by **Luke 5:1-11 "Fishing for People"**. The children made fish key rings & have been encouraged to display them on their school bag to symbolize their Christian faith & become "fishers of people". A conversational starter about what we do at Golden Grove Lutheran Church. We finish term one with the Easter story as found in the Bible.



It was so exciting to see old faces and some new when **Playgroup/mainly music** commenced. Once again God has blessed us to serve the more than 40 children and caregivers that come to sing praise to Jesus and experience our GGLC community. Our parents and caregivers are enjoying the café and the new café space. It will be even better when we have the playgroud finished and families can stay for a bit longer building relationships and enjoying our hospitality. God is good! It is delightful to see the enthusiasm of the children and their families as they visit with us. May you please continue to pray for children's ministry. God's Peace
Natasha Jaeschke & Pastor Greg



Kid's @ Heart



**I'M JOINING IN
 GOD'S MISSION THROUGH
 Stamps for Mission**



God has wonderful ways of turning simple gifts into great blessings. The Lutheran Church of Australia's Stamps for Mission project has raised nearly **\$425,000!** All proceeds are donated to LCA International Mission programs and projects. This is possible due to the dedication of volunteers who collect, clean, package and sell the stamps.

Stamps for Mission was established in 1938 through the efforts of Pastor Ted Koch and Mr Ern Unger. Ern became the first stamp receiver & did this for the next 65 years, encouraging many others along the way. 2018 marked ten years since LCA International Mission took over the Stamps for Mission project from the Lutheran Youth of Australia. It is overwhelming to think how much money has been raised from those seemingly worthless used stamps. We thank God for His blessing through this project.

Collect & bring your used stamps into GGLC church or school office so they can then be sent to the relevant groups ready for use to fund mission work.



Pastor Greg's dog joined us for the GGLC & GGLPS 1/2 yearly meeting in December

Connect Groups

Since the beginning of 2018 it has been a goal of the Golden Grove Lutheran Church Pastoral Care Team to ensure that every member of the congregation has an opportunity to be involved in a Connect Group. Membership in a group is not compulsory, but obviously **spiritual growth and personal care can occur more readily when people are “connected”**.

It's taken a bit longer than we had expected to establish the Connect Groups but at the beginning of 2019 we have 7 groups either operating or about to start running shortly. This is exciting and we're very appreciative of the efforts of each of the leaders. However, to achieve the goal mentioned above of giving every member an opportunity to belong to a group, we would need at least 15 groups – that means **we need an extra 8 group leaders! Have you considered becoming a Connect Group Leader?**

Please give this prayerful consideration and if you believe God has blessed you with an ability to lead a Connect Group please contact Pastor Greg or myself through the church office. Training and support will be provided.

Dave Shrowder Pastoral Care Team leader



The **Day Connect Group** meets about once a month on a Thursday morning. It begins at 10am with a cuppa & chat, followed by a study on a passage in the Bible & concludes with prayer, finishing at 11am. Topics of Study have been on Romans & the importance of building each other up; Psalm 139; Psalm 23; the birth of Jesus; & Wise men visit Jesus. A great opportunity to share the journey of life & focus on Christ who walks with us in this journey.

Next meetings: 14th March; 11th April



A Connect Group met for Breakfast



Food
Fun
Fellowship



A group met for Christmas Lunch at the Blue Gums. This group meets 4 times a year for a meal. The next lunch group will meet at **'The Blue Gums Hotel'** on **Wednesday 13th March @ 12noon**. Please contact Ruth Zimmermann on 0411230601 if you wish to attend to assist with the booking of numbers. All Welcome

Women's Retreats

Renew • Restore • Refresh

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 each others company.

Held at **Nunyara conference Centre, Belair**

Friday 14th June to Sunday 16th June 2019

Keep an eye out for more details. Contacts are

Elnora Schmocker 0411 244 158

Tracey Dabinett 0423 031 421

Lee Norrey 0414 346 062

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 10th 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 and Rob Pointon. Dennis Arthur has stepped down from the Committee. We sincerely thank Dennis for his efforts and support over the last few years. We are pleased to advise that Keith Scott and Peter Van Loggem have been elected to the 2019 Committee.

Events Program for 2019- New to the program this year is Point Turton on Yorke Peninsula for the annual camp. We return to Streaky Bay for the 4 day trip in July and revisit Cadell and Mannum on the River Murray and Semaphore Jetty and West Lakes.



- 3rd March Cockling at Goolwa Beach 9am
- 13th April Cadell on River Murray 10am
- 4th May Waitpinga Beach 10am
- 1st June West Lakes/Tennyson Beach 10am
- 24th June Tackle Night 7.30pm
- 12-15 July Streaky Bay (Eyre Peninsula)
- 10th August Mannum 10am
- 14th September Semaphore Jetty 3pm
- 11th – 13th October Annual Camp - Point Turton Caravan Park
- 23rd 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 Saturday 9th Feb attracted 26 crabbers. Due to strong winds, regular showers and outgoing tide, crabbers only ventured out just before 12 noon. Fortunately the showers ceased and winds dropped for comfortable raking. A total of 52 crabs were caught and cooked in Zimmo's gas copper. Everyone enjoyed a healthy feed at the beach and afternoon socialising. Thanks again to Zimmo & Chris Simanis for organizing the event & Zimmo for demonstrations before raking & after the cookup. Zimmo & Ruth also provided a savoury platter & delicious watermelon. Largest crab winners were:
Dual winners for Male Crab: Keith Hasler and Chris Simanis;

Female Crab Winner:
Ian Lange.

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

Enquiries to Graeme
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