GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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

"Making Christ known in the community so that all may worship Him and receive the gift of eternal life"

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30th March 2008— 2nd Sunday of Easter

WELCOME to all worshipping with us over Easter.

Greetings to any visitors here with us. We are pleased to have you join us and we trust you have felt welcomed and pray the Holy Spirit may enlighten and empower us with the message shared with us today.

Tea & coffee is available in the Fellowship Centre following morning service and at 5.45 pm a light tea is available prior to the evening service at 6.30 pm.

Please feel welcome to join us.

TWO MINUTES

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 1 Peter 1:6, 7

How many of us have had times when our faith has been tested by suffering of some kind?

At this time I can't help but think of our country brothers and sisters suffering in the time of drought. To have their livelihoods depend on the coming of good rains is unbelievable unless you've actually experienced it. For them it means no income which affects nearly every aspect of their lives. How do you explain to your children that they can't have the special foods for birthday celebrations, or they can't go on a school excursion, or they can't play sport because there's no money? Having experienced this during our 25 years of farm living, it's so easy for us now as city dwellers to worry mainly about our gardens deteriorating and our rain water tanks getting empty.

It was at these times we tended to turn more deliberately to God asking Him to help us through, by sending the much needed rain or the things we thought we so desperately needed.

I believe God never let us down and he always provided for our most important needs – as He saw it. We just needed to trust in Him.

I pray that when this goes to print we have received the much needed rain where it's needed the most and that our faith has grown and become much more genuine through these times of suffering.

Praise, glory and honor to God who never forsakes us.

Judi Doecke



Readings for today

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

1 Peter 1: 3-9

John 20:19-31

Readings for 6th April Acts 2:14, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

Worship Opportunities

Today 30th March	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship with HC	
Friday 4th April	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club	
Sunday 6th April	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC	
Friday 11th April	1.30 pm	Term 1 Closing Chapel	

Family Friendly Worship

At Golden Grove, we love **everybody** to be involved in worship.

Please encourage children and visitors to join in the singing and prayers, and to stand and sit atappropriate times when they are able. This is best done by leading by example!

<u>For our 'little ones'</u> - Quiet bags & busy books are available for worship time from the church foyer. Paper & pencils are available for children (and adults too if they would like to take notes of the message!!!)

It is not appropriate for unattended children to play in the foyer at any time during the service. Please ask an usher if you require assistance, or speak to a "Ministry Leader" if you would like to help young families during Worship times.

Thank you for worshipping with us!





Pastor's Column

- What a wonderful celebration last weekend. Thank you
 to all those who contributed to our worship. If you didn't attend
 on Good Friday and didn't pick up a windowed envelope on
 Easter, please feel free to take one from the table in the foyer
 and write your name in the space provided before you open it.
- Through this season of Easter our theme is *Living with the Lord*. We shall be looking at the Book of Acts to see how life is different knowing that Jesus is Lord and alive to be with us through every aspect of life. This morning the theme of the sermon is *The Lord right beside me*, based on Acts 2:25.
- Over these next weeks I would like to present each week what I see as **the core values at GGLF**. I am looking for a response from you. Is this how you see our congregation? I need to know what we value so that is where I need to put the emphasis and encourage you to do the same.

Casual, meaningful worship where people use their gifts. A lot could be said about worship: Honouring God, In Christ's name, Holy Spirit inspired, Gospel centred, Sacramental, Bible based and using the technology at our disposal. But it seems to me that the casualness (meaning informal, friendly, spontaneous); being meaningful- appropriate for all age groups, contemporary and has all the attributes I listed above, as well as people being involved in as many ways as possible to use their God given talents and the gifts of the Holy Spirit eg.: as ushers/ greeters, announcers, PA and powerpoint operators, singers, musicians, readers, pray-ers, HC distributers, lay preachers, cleaners, giving the children's address, presenting the flowers, morning tea, salt factory dinner...all done to be best of their ability and to God's glory (excellent), is somewhat unique to GGLF and what we value.

- This week the Pastoral Support group meets on Monday; Worship Team meets on Tuesday.
- We have a Wedding here (Chris and Melissa's) on Saturday
- Next Sunday the LLL Promotions Manager, Andrew Waldhuter will be speaking after worship, Asaroka teams also will be meeting at 11am., Amy Vogt will be taking the next step in a special service in the afternoon at her home, our CPSW (chaplain) Cynthia Harbinson will be speaking at Salt Factory.
- Again I need to promote the **Welcome Sheets**. Please fill them in during the service.
- This is the last time I shall be advertising this: In relation to the Welcome Sheet, the Ministry Team is planning to offer a **SERIES OF ELECTIVES** on the Wednesday evenings in May: a three week series on **Spirituality**, **Parenting and Relationships**. (The thought is that you choose one of these electives and attend the 3 sessions on that particular elective). Thank you for those who have indicated on the Welcome Sheets which elective you would like to take up. If you haven't done so, could you please indicate on the Welcome Sheet today that you are, by writing "Elective YES" and either "Spirituality", "Parenting" or "Relationships".
- Once again: an idea that was floated last Sunday: the position of "Foster Grandparent": people who have volunteered to be available for parents with (small) children so they can look after the children (during the sermon) to enable the parents to have a better chance to not be distracted. It is happening already. But having this "position" would make this ministry available to more parents. Perhaps a badge could let new families know that this is available to them. What do you think?
- Would you like **a mentor**? If you like to grow in your spiritual life, take up particular spiritual disciplines, need to be held accountable... I am offering my services.
- The sermons in this season of Easter are possibly going to be from the first reading for the day (which are from the book of Acts) under the theme of *With the Lord*. Why not prepare for each Sunday by reading at least the first reading of the day: 6/4/08 Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 13/4 Acts 2:42-47; 20/4/08 Acts 7:55-60; 27/4/08 Acts 17:22-31; 4/5/08 Acts 1:6-14. Actually, next Sunday I plan to take up the wonderful picture of the early church in Acts 2:42-47 with the theme: *The Lord in our midst*.

Pastor Leon

Salt Factory Worship

Tonight: 6.30 pm service—Come from 5.45 pm onwards for food (gold coin donation) and drinks (\$1 cans).

YOUTH SPOT

So what is happening in the Youth scenes??

Easter:

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Maundy Thursday service. I thought that it was excellent and Brian and I appreciated all the effort you put into it.

Also Night to Remember, well done to everyone who attended. I was impressed by your participation.

Anthony did an excellent job organizing the night and I cannot wait for next Easter!

Coming up:

<u>CC's</u> this Friday, it will be a night filled with Chocolate and fun! For years 3 to 6, starting at 6:30 and finishing at 8.00 pm

Bakery is also on this Friday night. This is for people in year 10 to about the age of 20. So come along for a relaxed evening. Starts at 6 and finishes at 9.00pm.

Also coming up is **Ypout**. So if you are interested in going come and grab a form or go an the web site, www.lysa.asn.au/ypout, and fill out a form. They are also looking for leaders so if that interests you please come and get more info.

Alyssa



Eduardo Pena

We are delighted to receive Eduardo into membership of our church family at our morning service today.

We pray we can be of mutual support and encouragement as we seek to grow in faith and service to our Lord.

Please introduce yourself to Eduardo and help him settle into his new spiritual home here with us.

Praise God

Pastor Leon's Message

is available in printed copy form each week immediately after the service from the Fellowship Centre. Please feel welcome to take a copy home.

Internet access to weekly GGLF bulletin, Pastor Leon's message, Life in the Vine, rosters and other info. You can get to it by going to www.gglf.org.au and then clicking Files.

LLL Visit



the LLL, will be visiting our congregation. He will provide us with an update of the services offered by the LLL including; Deposits, Donations & Legacies and REG. After the service he will be available to answer individual questions.



Time is running out for Rover to Get Real.

Don't miss YOUR chance to GET REAL – putting passion into leadership with Rev Dr Mike Foss, to discover some important tools for getting your Church 'dressed' for ministry in the 21st Century.

Register online today at www.getreal.org.au or for more details.



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Hurry! Registrations close April 11th.

Conference will be held 17-19 April at Immanuel College, Novar Gardens



GGLF Annual General Meeting

will be held on

Sunday 4th May at 11.00 am

in the Worship Centre

Leaders of all our various groups for 2007 are kindly asked to please prepare reports and financial statements for submission.

It would be appreciated if all reports can please be submitted to Judith by 13th April so they may be collated for the Book of Reports.

Church Vacuum Cleaners

There are 2 Vacuum Cleaners in the Fellowship Centre storeroom to be used for all cleaning around the plant. We have had several in-

stances lately where people have tried to suck up items that they shouldn't, ie paper, crayons, wads of string etc. These have resulted in blockages which have caused the machines to work inefficiently, overheat and annoy the following user! Anything larger than a small paperclip needs to be picked up by hand first before vacuuming. Also, please remember to also empty the bag each time after use as a courtesy to the next user. Put contents into a plastic shopping bag, (found in the bottom drawer in the kitchen), then place into the rubbish bin. Thanks.



We are looking for an interested person to coordinate a

CAR BOOT SALE

to be held on Saturday 3rd May 2008

Proceeds will go towards a projection monitor for the back of the Worship Centre.

Please see a member of the Management Team if you would like to take on this coordination role.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

It's on again this year! Ladies, set aside the last weekend in May, Friday 30th May – Sunday 1st June, to come to The Old House at Woodhouse, Picadilly, for the annual GGLF/PS women's retreat. Our theme this year is 'The Wedding Party (in union with Christ)' and we'll be having some fun with dusting off those old bridesmaid dresses to wear at our wedding banquet on Saturday evening. Intrigued? Let Anna Watson (8282 6003), Dawn Rutter (8289 2031) or Sue Haill (8289 6757) know if you intend coming or talk to them to get more information.



Entertainment Books

Purchase your new 2008/2009 Entertainment Book now...

Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship is raising funds by selling the 2008/2009 Entertainment Book. Selling for \$65, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Entertainment Books will go towards supporting our mission partnership with Asaroka, PNG.

Entertainment Books contain hundreds of 25-50% off and two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotel accommodation, the arts, and sporting events. There truly is something for everyone, with high value offers from Avis, Warner Bros. Movie World, Crown Towers, Hamilton Island, and many more.

Order your new Entertainment Book now as they are sure to sell out quickly.

To order your copy of the Entertainment Book, please see Judith or Elaine in the Admin office or phone Judith on 8282 6050 or email office@gglf.org.au

Exploring Active Non-violence: A Spiritual Perspective

A workshop facilitated by Brendan McKeague, a professional peace-maker, facilitator and educator from Perth with international experience in this area for 20 years.

Date: 9:30 – 3:00 pm, Tuesday 1st April

Venue: Glynde Lutheran Church, 15-17 Glyndburn Road, Glynde Bookings: Helene Schulz at hschulz@lccsa.org.au Tel: 8331 3111

Cost: \$35.00 per person; \$20.00 concession. Bring your own lunch

Prayer Opportunities

<u>A prayer box</u> is available in the Church entrance for prayer requests (either private or public) on Sundays. If anyone has a prayer request we encourage you to fill out a prayer request form and place it in the right hand side of the box.

Prayer Chain: Means a lot of people praying about an urgent or special need. For urgent prayer requests during the week you are invited to contact one of following people and the prayer chain will be set in progress. (Chris Hahn, Jan Wegener, Pastor Len & Claire Tscharke, Catherina & Wim Belgraver, Anne Hanton, Joan Hochwald, Tanya Wilson, Judith Whaites.) All requests will be kept confidential.

The prayer chain is available for everyone in both the church and school communities. Likewise if anybody feels they would like to be a part of the prayer chain we'd love you to join us.

Video Ministry

Each service is video taped, with copies available immediately after each service. Please see the library to loan a copy. Even if you can't make it to the service, you can still participate in worship.

Meals Ministry

(A practical way we can share & show God's love) Families rostered to support Meals Ministry in March are: Quick, Rawolle & Shillabeer.

When donating meals for the freezer we ask that you please attach some details to the container, eg name of the meal, date meal was prepared, a list of main ingredients, and heating instructions.

Thank you.

GGLF Attendance & Offerings

(Offerings do not include electronic giving amount of \$9722 per month from 39 contributors.)

	Attendance	Offerings
Good Friday		\$ 805.25
Easter Sunday	146	\$1341.35



Don't forget the Library is open for browsing and borrowing

Christian greeting cards always for sale from the Mobile Unit in the Fellowship Centre —Cost \$2





Food For Thought—The topic of 'Marriage in the 21st Century?" will be discussed at with the assistance of Helen Lockwood (Manager of the LCC Centre for Learning). This will be held on Sunday the 30th of March at 4.00 pm at 137 Archer St North Adelaide. Everyone is welcome to participate in this presentation and discussion. Parking and entry at the rear of the building. Enquiries to Pastor Mike Pietsch (8370 3615 or 0409 725 573).

Friends of Lutheran Archives meeting. Topic: Pastor GJ Rechner. Speaker: Peter Rechner. At Bethlehem House, Sudholz PI, Adelaide on Monday 31 March at 7.30 pm

As President of the Immanuel Synod (1874-1900) and Chairman of the Mission Board he had a great influence in the Lutheran Church.

Supper. Gold coin donation.



Invitation to attend celebrations to commemorate the 40th anniversary of theological education in the Lutheran Church of Australia on **Wednesday**, **2 April 2008**

Position Vacant—Small Group Coordinator, Hampstead Lutheran.

Opportunity for Business men in the Church

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