

September Vine

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Are You Ready?

If the last 2 ½ years of living through the COVID pandemic have taught us anything – it's that we must be ready at all times. We don't know when (or if) each of us will catch the virus, how it will effect us, how long we might have to isolate, what practices can prevent us catching it, and the list goes on. We also don't fully understand how long it will last, if it will - like influenza - continue to be around, or if it will disappear as quickly as it came.

Consequently, for many it's been an abrupt lesson in being prepared.

Some people consider being a Christian a bit like living with the virus, taking for granted that they'll have time to 'remember about God' when the get the warning alert before a significant life event, but are too busy living life to worry about it now.

Enter Jesus – throughout the Gospels we are reminded:

- So, you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (Matt 24:44; Luke 12:40)
- Make ready a people prepared for the Lord (*Luke 1:17b*)
- Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

 (John 14:6)

Throughout the ages many have tried to predict Jesus' coming – all without success. Only God knows 'the hour and the day'. Our role is simply to be prepared, to 'Be Ready' – with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand (Exodus 12:11)

(Oh, and I'd better make sure I have at least 48 rolls of toilet paper and a dozen tins of baked-beans on hand, because I haven't had COVID!)

Allyson Dutschke

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2022

PLEASE VIEW CALENDAR AT WWW.GGLC.ORG.AU FOR MORE DETAILS AND UP TO DATE EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					9.30am Mainly Music	
					4pm Confirmation	
					6pm Confirmation	
					7.15pm Youth	
					Worship Night @ Para	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9.30am Worship with				10.00am Day Connect	9.30am Mainly Music	
HC				Group @ GGLC		
5.45pm SF Meal						
6.30pm Salt Factory	6.30pm Young Adults		7.00pm Online Live			
Prayer Healing Service	Bible Study		Bible Study			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9.30am Worship					9.30am Mainly Music	
9am GGAF					1pm - 1pm Ping	Pong A Thon
West Lakes 5.45pm SF Meal					3.45pm Ignite	9.30am Family Fun
6.30pm Salt Factory	6.30pm Young Adults	7.30pm Church			7.15pm Youth	11.30am Community
with HC	Bible Study	Council Meeting			Ping Pong A Thon	Lunch
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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HC				10.00am Day Connect		
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5.45pm SF Meal 6.30pm Salt Factory	6.30nm Voung Adults	7.30pm Worship Team	7.00pm Online Live		7.15pm Youth	
Discussion Sunday	Bible Study	Meeting	Bible Study		Get Real	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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5.45					4pm Confirmation	
5.45pm SF Meal	Canno Vouna Adulta				6pm Confirmation	
6.30pm Salt Factory with HC	6.30pm Young Adults Bible Study				7.15pm Youth Caesar Bomb Diggity	
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MONTHLY MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Ping - Pong - A - Thon

It's Pong season!!!

It is in fact that time of the year again where we can use our freedom and our one life to radically change the lives of those caught up in modern day slavery.

Our Pong journey began back in 2019 when, our then youth coordinator Paul Voigt, organised a Ping Pong A Thon. That event raised around \$6,000. From there we have only grown. In 2020 we raised \$8,693, and 2021 \$10,337. Overall, we have raised around \$25,000 and therefore freeing 16 people from slavery (roughly \$1,500 frees a slave and provides support). This is a stellar effort and I'm super excited to see what we can do this year!

I love the pong as it brings our church, school and wider community together; to have fun and fight against a common cause. This year I have partnered with a teacher from Golden Grove Primary School to really get the word out about the cause. There are some new initiatives too including competition of the house colours (Sunnybrook, Richardson and Grenfell) to see who can raise the most funds to win a reward. The school are also having regular opportunities to use the table tennis tables during lunchtimes. We also have a tally board setup in the church with a permanent table tennis table that anyone can use after Sunday services. The aim of all this is to help gain momentum.

We have some exciting new opportunities on Pong weekend itself like the family event and the community lunch to help us finish the event strong.

Register, invite your friends and seek donations as we have fun and help combat modern day slavery.

PONG NATION ASSEMBLE!



Other Ministries @ Golden Grove Lutheran Church



Mainly Music Fridays during school terms: 9.30am \$3 per child or \$6 for two or more. No booking required - all welcomed!!



Prayer Healing Held the first Sunday of the month, GGLC run a Prayer Healing Service at the Salt Factory service. This includes prayer in groups led by our prayer team.

TO SEE MORE MINISTRIES, PLEASE VISIT WWW.GGLC.ORG.AU

WEEKLY SERVICES @ GOLDEN GROVE

9.30 am Morning Service: Contemporary Style Worship with Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Vine Kids is available for all children each week including lesson and activity. This service is also livestreamed each week.

6.30 pm Salt Factory: Informal style of worship featuring the Youth Band. A shared tea from 5:45pm precedes this service (except during school holidays & long weekends). A Prayer Healing service is held 1st Sunday of month for anyone to receive prayer for any healing.

ALL WELCOME

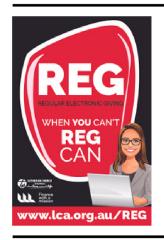


Each day Lutheran Care provide people with food and support in times of crises and need.

The donation of food items is greatly appreciated and allows Lutheran Care to offer a more diverse range of support services to the community. Examples include Tin Fruit & Vegetables, Noodles & Pasta, Can Soup & Cup-of-Soup, Cereals, Rice, Shampoo, Sanitary Items, Toiletries, etc.

Boxes are always in the church foyer waiting to be filled.





GGLC Regular Giving

The LLL Account No. for GGLC Regular Electronic Giving is 28190/S1/GOL

(use this for transfers from your LLL account to the REG account).

To transfer money into the LLL Golden Grove Lutheran Church REG Account from another bank please use

BSB 704942

Account 100118259

GGLC also accepts one-off donations through our website Please visit bit.ly/GGLCdonate for more information



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Knowing Christ and Making Him Known
"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear
much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5