



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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11th May 2008— PENTECOST

**WELCOME to all worshipping with us & Happy
Mother's Day to all the mums amongst us today.**

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

Jesus mothers us

That evening on the first day of the week, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. (John 20:19)...

This incident occurred on the first Easter night. The disciples were naturally terrified because of what had happened over the previous few days and were hiding together when Jesus appeared to them to show them that he was indeed alive.

I see many attributes of a good mother in Jesus' action: He was so close. Later he breathed on them - he was so close he could do that. He comforted them - when he could have disciplined them. "Peace be with you", he said. He expressed his feelings to them and it was contagious: They were filled with joy. He gave them what they needed: peace, the demonstration that he was alive and the Holy Spirit himself. Like a mother to her children - he spoke with authority: "I send you"..."If you forgive anyone's sins they are forgiven...". I see these as attributes of a mother but they are really expressions of love. (We'll see the Holy Spirit showing the attributes of a mother in the address this morning, which again are expressions of love.)

Don't we need the same love? : Jesus so close, Jesus comforting us, Jesus so real. Jesus giving us what we need, Jesus speaking to us with authority (to give us authority).

May you accept Jesus mothering you this morning.

Prayer: Lord Jesus thank you that you are a mother to us. Thank you that you are willing to be so close to us, comfort us, be real with us, give us what we need and speak with authority to us. Open our hearts that we may accept what you are so willing to give to us - your love. Amen.

Pastor Leon



Readings for today

Acts 2: 1-21
1 Cor. 12: 3-13
John 20:19-23

Readings for 18th May

Genesis 1:1—2:4
2 Cor. 13:11-13
Matt. 28:16-20

Worship Opportunities

Today 11th May	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
Friday 16th May	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
Sunday 18th May	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
Friday 23rd May	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club

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 at appropriate times when they are able. This is best done by leading by example!

For our 'little ones' - 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

- A **blessed Pentecost** and a **Happy Mother's Day** to you. I don't know how often Pentecost and mother's day would fall on the same day but we are going to use this opportunity of them falling on the same day to have a look at the theme: **Our Mother the Holy Spirit**, based on the first reading for today (Acts 2:1 f.) as well as other.

- From our AGMs last week: our congregation has passed the new constitution, agreed to be incorporated and Daryl reported we have a great tone to the school.
- **This week:** Management team: Tuesday. I will be away at Pastor's Conference from Wednesday through to Friday.
- **Next Sunday** we are celebrating confirmation. The theme is "Are you prepared to be blessed?" and text is 1 Samuel 9, 10. Four young people will be confirmed in the morning: Caitlin Andrejic, Darian Abraham, Nicole Fielke, Lachlan Ahrens and eight at Salt Factory: Matthew Christensen, Madalene DeVizio, Brodie Evans-Jachmann, James Norrey, Chris Rutter, Mark Schmocker, Daniel and Jessica Ward. Please pray for these young people as they prepare to be confirmed.
- From the **Confirmation 2008/2009** meeting last week we determined that the course will start at the beginning of third term, with Alyssa taking the first sessions, having the character of the 2007/008 course which was meetings, camps and field trips, but with the aspect of service included. We start on 22/7/08 at 4pm in the Fellowship Centre. (The time may change after the first session. The date of confirmation service being late February 2009 (possibly 22/2/09)
- Over the last several weeks I have been presenting to you what I see is **what is valued at Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship**. I summarized this last week:
 - ❖ casual, meaningful worship where people use their gifts.
 - ❖ our school as an expression of God's love and joy.
 - ❖ mission as the purpose for our existence.
 - ❖ fellowship groups for the care that's given to and through its members
 - ❖ our Youth with their enthusiasm, initiative and boldness

What do you think? Is it really what we value at GGLF? Is there a better way of expressing this? Are there other aspects of the congregation that we value? How about discussing it in your small groups and in other opportunities you have with members of the congregation.
- As you are probably fully aware I will be taking my **R and R Leave** from **19th May to 17th August**. Please see my article in the current "Life in the Vine ": Are we ready for Pastor's R and R Leave?"
- **Network:** a 6 session course....will be running on Wednesday evenings in late September October. Starting on Wednesday 24th September. Put it in your diary now. Cost \$15.

Pastor Leon

Salt Factory Worship

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

YOUTH SPOT

REV 320: This Friday we will be having a bon fire ☺ We will meet at the church then travel car pool there. So this means that we will need parents to help transport Youth to and from the bon fire. It will cost \$4 and I need any REV forms that have not been given to me yet. Parents can fill these in on the night if that is easiest. Hope to see you there!

Leaders Retreat is on Saturday 24th – Sunday 25th May. It looks like it will only cost around \$20 if we get about 20 people going. At the moment there are only about 2 people who have said that they want to come. So it is not looking hopeful... I will be a valuable time where the leaders can get together and share ideas and just relax. We are also privileged enough to have people coming along at different times. So I hope to see you there.

Step Up to Communion: We will be running a step up class near the end of May for anyone who is in year 5 or around that age. This is a chance for the students to learn more about why we have communion. The day of their first communion will be the 22nd June. If you would like more information please see either Anna Watson or myself.

We are looking for more people to put on the roster for Salt Factory services also. So if you would like to help out in any way for these services that would be wonderful!

Alyssa ☺



'CC' - Children of Christ (Yrs 3-6)

Supper Donations Needed

Can you please help with donations of food and drink for CC supper time (eg Cordial **not red**, biscuits, cakes etc.)

See Allyson Dutschke or Alyssa Wurst or donations can be brought into the Admin Office.

Next CC night will be 23rd May.

The **LCA Safe Place** committee has recently established an email address for complaints about sexual abuse or harassment in the LCA or its affiliated organizations. This complements the existing phone number and postal address. **The email address is: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au**

Pastor Leon's Message

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

Internet access to weekly GGLF bulletin, today'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.



You're invited to attend a GGLF Charity Evening full of fun and entertainment

The 'G' Dinner
Saturday 26th July, 7.00 pm

Come dressed as something starting with the letter 'G'

3 course meal, BYO drinks, mystery raffle, prizes, guest speaker, coffee & tea provided.

Cost \$30 per person. Organise your table of 8 That Would be "Great".

Proceeds to Schools Ministry Tea Tree Gully & Christian Pastoral Support Workers program

Tickets available from the Admin Office



Sew Each Week
Working Heirlooms And Treasure

Wednesday 14th May, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

at **Liz Shrowder's home,**
8 Mopoke Street, Modbury Heights (8264 7227)

Come along and enjoy an evening of stitching and fellowship. Bring your own light/lamp if needed.

For more information contact: Judi Doecke (Coord)
 8263 1039, Alison Ahrens or Anna Watson

CAN YOU HELP?

SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL

On Saturday & Sunday 24 & 25 May the Salvation Army will be conducting their annual door knock appeal.

The Greenwith Corps is only a small congregation of predominantly older people and are seeking volunteers to help them collect in the Greenwith area.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

If you feel lead to offer your help please contact the minister at Greenwith, Ted Wright on 8289 7330 or 0433 203 221 or email: ted.wright@aus.salvationarmy.org.

ROSTERS

The worship service rosters for the period June—August are available from your pigeon holes. Please check for when you are rostered and if you need to make any swaps **please record those swaps on the master copy in the foyer next to the door.** Thanks! *Anna Watson*

MEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday 17th May, 8.00—10.00 am
in the Fellowship Centre

Yes ladies we have arranged for our own Louise Sumner as Guest Speaker. Her topic is "Life in the Army Reserve".

Breakfast will be bacon & eggs, cereal, toast, fruit, spreads, cream, tea, coffee & orange juice.

Cost \$6.00 per head. (We'll feed the kids for free.)

A crèche will be available so that Mum can relax and enjoy the morning.

Please book with either Judith (*Church*) or Elaine (*School*) if you are attending to facilitate catering.

Enquiries to Ken Campbell: 0421 428 555 or 8265 3106



ChildSafe Training Opportunities

ChildSafe is a policy of the Lutheran Church of Australia. The policy is about keeping people safe especially children and about providing safe programs.

ChildSafe allows us to meet the SA Government child protection requirements. It is for people in ministry with children and young people, people in leadership, anyone interested in safety and care.

Next Workshop at Para Vista Lutheran on Saturday 24th May, 10 am-3.30 pm.

Please see noticeboard

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday May 30th – Sunday June 1st

It's getting closer! ~ Are you ready?

Let Sue Haill, Dawn Rutter or Anna Watson know of your intentions to come ASAP please, by completing the tear-off slip. Thank you.

2008 Women's Retreat

Name _____

Please book me in for the 2008 Women's Retreat May 30th – June 1st

- Payment enclosed:
- \$30 non-refundable deposit by May 9th please
 - \$60 full payment by May 23rd please



