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12th October 2008— 22nd Sunday of Pentecost

WELCOME to all worshipping with 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

Matthew 22:1-14—Wedding Feast

I love weddings! I love the wedding ceremony. I love to see the beautiful bride and the handsome groom exchange vows. I love the joy and celebration of the wedding reception as the newlyweds look so happy and excited – not to mention the great food! Whenever I receive an invitation to a wedding, I am so privileged and honoured to be invited.

Our Gospel reading today talks about a wedding feast where the invited guests did not come – they all had excuses. So the king rejected them and invited others from the streets to fill the wedding hall. The message is a warning for us not to be too busy or preoccupied with other things, even things that are good in themselves. Do we put God first in our lives? The Bible promises that if we seek first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, then all other things will be given to us. When we are too busy for God, we may miss out on a great wedding feast and spending eternal life with Jesus.

God is preparing a banquet for the day when Jesus returns to take his bride, the church – us! We who believe in Jesus are all invited to the wedding feast – will we all accept the invitation?

Jan Wegener

Worship Opportunities

Today 12th Oct	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship
Friday 17th Oct	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
Sunday 19th Oct	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship with HC
Friday 24th Oct	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club

Readings for today
Isaiah 25:1– 9
Phil. 4:1– 9
Matt. 22: 1-14

Readings for 19th Oct
Isaiah 45: 1– 7
1 Thess. 1: 1-10
Matt. 22:15-22

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.

Activity sheets for young readers and writers—Families with children of all ages, please notice there are new activity sheets (e.g. word puzzles) available for various age groups. The sheets will be changed over periodically. Please help yourself - they can be found with the children's toys, pens and papers etc.

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

This morning **Michael Gower** is speaking to us on the topic being ready for the wedding banquet and this evening at Salt Factory, we'll hear from **Alyssa**.

A group of us from the **Friends of Asaroka** have journeyed up to Cambrai/Sedan to lead their Mission Festival and present them with our congregation's partnership with the schools at Asaroka.

In this Appeal month of October, our treasurer Andrew will be presenting the second part of what we are doing at GGLF (where our money is going) as he concentrates on "Training".

Next week the theme for the sermon is: Two ways based on Galatians 5:2,3. Christiaan Hersevoort will also be **re-confirmed**. Since we are not having Holy Communion this morning, we will be celebrating it next Sunday.

Next Sunday too, the newly formed **Family Ministry Team** will meet over morning tea. You are more than welcome to join us to see what we are on about.

Don't forget about "**The Gathering**" (Retreat) on Saturday 25th October. This again will be at the Schmocker's. We plan to start at 9am and finish with a BBQ lunch - like last time.

This Friday we shall be celebrating **Holy Communion** at our 8.45am worship service. You are welcome to join us.

Repeating from last week: **From our worship team...**

- The season of creation was a great success. We raised \$593.10 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.
- We plan to hold another season of creation in 2 Years time (Series C).
- Next September we'll base the series on our congregational life, possibly to do with servanthood.
- This year's Christmas play "The Shoe Box" based on a heart touching story, is starting to be organized. If you would like to be involved see Margey, Ivan or Dawn.

This week:

Monday: Vision for Ministry (leadership) group

Tuesday: Confirmation and Bunji (for young people)

Wednesday: Network, session 3

Pastor Leon

Salt Factory Worship

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

Please note: Rostered for catering next Sunday 19th October — Kloeden & Nelson

YOUTH SPOT

A new term of **REV 320** is starting this Friday. It is for anyone in years 7 to 9. We will be having a board Games night! It costs \$4 and will start at 7 and finish at 10. If you would like to know more about the REV events go to www.youth.gglf.org.au

The bands are looking for new members. If you play **any instrument** we would love to see you in a Salt Factory band! Please see myself or any of the band leaders if you are interested. We would love to have you as a part of the group! ☺

We are also looking for more people to lead worship. If you are interested in doing this, but are unsure of what it involved, come and see me and we can discuss what it means to be a worship leader.

Thankyou
Alyssa ☺

Life in the Vine

Articles for the next edition of the *Life in the Vine* magazine are due by **Thursday 16th October** and can be emailed to dtnelson@internode.on.net So if you have any stories, photos, jokes or advertising I'd love to hear from you. Keep those articles coming in!

Tania Nelson

Golden Grove Amateur Fishing



STANSBURY OVERNIGHT FISHING CAMPING WEEKEND

Date: Friday 17th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th Oct 2008

Time: Everyone is welcome at any time during the weekend and quite a number will be there on Friday night.

Where: Meet at Stansbury Foreshore Caravan Park

Saturday Morning: Crabbing or any other activity you choose then cooking crabs for lunch

Saturday Afternoon: Fish/Squid Competition around Stansbury, or other activities including Township Walking Trails, Shopping, Touring, Reading/Relaxing etc

Saturday Evening: BBQ Tea, Camp Kitchen, Social Evening.

Sunday Morning: Fish/Squid Competition or any other activities as above.

BYO: Drinks, Food, Fishing/Squid Gear/Tackle, Bait, Crabbing gear (eg rakes, tubs, old sandshoes), Sunscreen, Insect Repellent, Hats, Bedding etc

If you intend to go and have not booked a site please contact the Caravan Park on 08 8852 4171 asap.

Enquiries contact Zimmo 8289 1212 or Graeme on 8289 6803.

Family Ministry Team meeting

Next Sun Oct 19th after the morning service
Morning tea provided

Meeting will be to receive and discuss ideas for

- Improving our ministry to children,
- Helping families to incubate faith in youngsters.

We would love to hear your ideas!
No obligations attached to this invitation!

MEN'S MINISTRY

FAMILY MUSICAL EVENING

In Worship Centre
Saturday 25th October, 7.15—10pm

Gold coin donation for Asaroka School PNG Mission

Please note this highly entertaining evening of DVD's & videos in your diary **NOW**

There is something for everyone. Full program in foyer.
Light supper provided.

Enquiries to Ken Campbell: 0421 428 555 or 8265 3106

Christmas Eve Play 2008

(and Matinee Sunday 21st Dec),
"The Shoe box"

is now being organised. Interested people either as actors or support / production crew now being recruited. Please see Ivan or Margey if you can help. First planning/organisational meeting to be Sunday 26th October. First read through play with actors to be Sunday 2nd November. Rehearsals to be Sunday afternoons in Nov and Dec.

ENGAGED



Congratulations to Kathryn Knapp & Matthew Hawke on the announcement of their engagement last Thursday 8th October
What wonderful news! May God be with you both during this special time as you make preparations for your future together.



Sew Each Week

Working Heirlooms And Treasure

Held on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month
Next get-together Wednesday 22nd October,
7.30pm – 9.30pm at Barbara Robertson's home,
Unit 4, 15-17 Grosvenor Pl, Wynn Vale (8251 1687)

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

Lifted Conference 2008

Lifted 08 is a single day conference for women who want to do more than go to another conference. It is on Saturday 25th October, 9am—5pm at The Journey Christian Church, 2-30 Surrey Farm Drive, Golden Grove.

Helen Meyer, the Director & co-founder of Careforce Life-keys Ministries will be the Main Speaker.

See flyers in church foyer

Christmas Cards will be available for sale from today after our worship services. Check out the nice selection

FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE 31/8/08

In 2008 our Fellowship set a challenging budget which included an increase in our Youth Workers hours.

Our actual overall offerings this year compared to the same 8 month period in 2007 are down by 2.3% (approx. \$2,700). For the 2008 year we budgeted for an increase of 3.9% or an additional \$7,000. REG has improved by \$14,000 with 2 less contributors whilst offerings are down by \$16,700.

To meet our challenging budget we require an average monthly income of \$20,625. For the 8 months to 31/8/08 our actual monthly income through offerings, donations and fundraising has only averaged \$17,450. If this pattern is to continue would see a overdraft balance of \$17,000. Remembering that our budget for 2008 showed a shortfall of \$20,000 and we started the year with \$18,000 in the Bank Accounts.

In order to maintain a satisfactory cash flow position and enable payment of normal monthly expenses we may need to cover interest only on our loan commitment in lieu of full repayment. To date we have withheld \$4,000. Withholding loan repayments just extends the term of our loan and also reduces the possibilities of further loan borrowings (ie Toilets & heating).

We seek your assistance to help meet the budget shortfall.

I think you will agree that God has given each one of us and our congregation an abundance of blessings.

One way we can express our gratitude for these many blessings is through financial support of our ministries. We are asking you to consider this prayerfully and practically by:

Using Regular Electronic Giving (further information from yours truly)

Increase your level of giving

Making a special one-off donation through an Appeal we are holding this month. (envelopes in pigeon holes)

Remember that generosity itself is a gift from God.

Andrew Schmidt

Treasurer—On behalf of the GGLF Management Team

