GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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

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

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26th October 2008— 24th 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

As a parent, a friend, a wife, a citizen, I find so many situations where I'd like to apply and enforce strict regulations – "boot camp" like conditions. It's not difficult to imagine the Jews expecting a strict law-enforcer to be the Messiah.

But they got Jesus! What a disappointment! Somebody who, instead of stoning the sinners, rescued them. Somebody who, instead of ignoring prostitutes, ate with them. Somebody who, instead of hating cheats, went to their home. No wonder the Jews gave him what he deserved, and murdered him! Thank God! Love was more powerful than their hatred.

How different would our lives be if we took lessons from Jesus – the God who is love, and loved instead of punished? What would society be like if instead of giving up on the unruly teenagers, children and their wayward parents - classifying them as delinquents and throwing away the keys, we loved them, giving them practical tools to love and care for themselves and their friends and family? A different stance on discipline in our home – where training of what we do want, a look of disappointment when behaviour is not what we want, and a big hug to show our love as we work out what consequences will result, has replaced corporal punishment, and has brought much better results than spanking ever used to! Think of how that can be reproduced, as our children follow the same process with the people whom they contact.

It starts with us as Christians loving God first – with all our heart, soul and mind. Only then, are we able to see ourselves and others through Jesus eyes. Only then can we truly love ourselves! Only then, can we learn to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Matt 22: 37-39 "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Julie Hahn



Readings for today Leviticus 19:1,2; 15-18 1 Thess. 2:1-8 Matt. 22:34-46

Readings for 2nd Nov Micah 3:5–12 1 Thess. 2:9-13 Matt. 23:1-12

Worship Opportunities

Today 26th Oct	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
Friday 31st Oct	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
Sunday 2nd Nov	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Special baptismal anniversary worship service Salt Factory worship with HC
Friday 7th Nov	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.

TPlease 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

You have heard the judgment: "He's fallen from grace"? It comes from the verse we are looking at this morning: Galatians 5:4 "You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace." Paul alludes to the position we have in this verse: You are justified by Christ. You are his friends. You are in his grace. We have to be so careful that we don't fall from this position.

Thanks to all those who helped out with Josiah's funeral last Thursday. I am sure the family and visitors really appreciated it.

Wasn't "**The Gathering**" wonderful yesterday? Thanks to all those who contributed to the day.

Today in this Appeal month we are looking at what we at GGLF are doing in regard to **Mission**, as we look at our budget in this light.

Next Sunday is panning out to be a red letter day for this year in our congregation. This **baptismal anniversary service** (in the morning service). God is blessing us with 2 baptisms - Mason Dohnt and Lucy Steen. As well as this, those who have been baptized over the last 2 years who can be with us (40 have been invited) will be commemorating their baptismal anniversary. We all shall be "Confessing our Baptismal Faith" during the service. There will also be a special morning tea with a "baptismal anniversary cake". (You can contribute to this day by joining and by **bringing a plate of morning tea to share** with our visitors on that day.) I hope you can join us along with the 31 families who have been invited to this special commemoration

Introducing God. Have you heard about this course? Do you want to know more? Simply it's Australian for Evangelism. It's a non threatening way for people to discover the Christian faith over a meal, with a video, in small groups....I believe it's a cause that can unite our whole congregation. Keep you ears open for details of a meeting in the near future to tell you more about "Introducing God".

This week:

Monday:Bands meetingTuesday:Confirmation,Wednesday:Network, session 5

Thursday: Friends of Asaroka meeting

Pastor Leon

Salt Factory Worship

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

<u>Please note</u>: Rostered for catering next Sunday 2nd Nov — Schiller & McLuckie

YOUTH SPOT

REV 320 is happening on Friday. We will be going bowling at Village Bowl Golden Grove.

We will meet at the church at 7:00 and get back to the church, for pick up, around 10pm. The night will cost \$10, which will pay for one game, shoe hire, some food and some games tokens. Parents will be needed to help with transport.

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 ©

ROSTERS

The worship service **rosters for Dec—Feb** will soon be put together. Please notify **Anna Watson** in writing either by email (watson.anna@goldengrove.sa.edu.au or through a note in her pigeon hole) of any dates which you may be unavailable to serve during this time.

This is also an opportunity for anyone who may have been thinking about serving in any of the many areas of our worship services *(morning or evening)* to let Anna know.

Extra help is always welcomed!

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 held **TODAY**. First read through play with actors to be Sunday 2nd November. Rehearsals to be Sunday afternoons in Nov & Dec.

Notice to Members of Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School Annual Election Meeting & Resolution to Amend the Constitution

To be held Sunday 30th November 2008 11.00 am in the Worship Centre

The School Council will run a Q & A session on the new Constitution on **Sunday 23 Nov 2008 at 11 am** in the Worship Centre.

Please refer to insert for Agenda & further details.

Draft Constitution is on GGLF website under GGLPS

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 offer ings 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 nay 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



Sew Each Week
Working Heirlooms And Treasure

Next get-together Wednesday 29th 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

MANGOES

In the next couple of weeks we will be receiving 20 boxes of mangoes for sale. Cost will be \$30 per box or \$15 half

If you would like to place an order please contact Judith in the Admin office. This will be a once-off delivery this year. No second delivery

160th celebrations of the Birdwood Congregation.

The service conducted by Dr Lance Steicke will take place in an informal atmosphere at the site of the original church on the northern side of the River Torrens on Sunday 9th November 2008.

Meet at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Church St Birdwood at 9.30 a.m.

From here you will be given direction to the old site approx 10 to 15 minutes drive.

Please bring chairs, drinks and picnic lunch to enjoy after the service.

If the weather is not favourable the service will conducted at the grounds of Holy Cross.

For any information please contact Mark Amber on 85 682 682 after 5.00 p.m.

Invitation

Friends and relatives of Ruby Kriewaldt are cordially invited to attend her 100th Birthday celebrations to be held at Elizabeth Lutheran Church Hall, 521 Main North Road, Elizabeth on Saturday 1st November.

Open House from 2-5 pm.

No presents please but a plate of food would be appreciated.



THE LORD IS GOOD

Topic: Some Basics of Praver Some Exploring of the Word

Presented by: RUTH OLSEN

Hosted by:

St John's Lutheran Church Tea Tree Gully Saturday November 8th 2008 9.15am - 3.30pm

See flyer in church fover for programme and registration details

Come & Sing All Together on **Reformation Day** Friday 31st October at 7.30 pm **Australian Lutheran College Refectory**

104 Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide

With Robin Mann & Co Books & CDs for sale

(All Together &)

Freewill offering for ex-

penses

From Curly Music & Australian Lutheran College

Prayer Opportunities

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, 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.

Bibles

Bibles are available at the back of the church so that you can follow the Readings and Bible references in the Sermon.

We offer you one of these Bibles to take home, if you need one, and possibly bring back each week (so that the one you use at home is the one you use in church). If you would like to make a donation towards it - \$10 would be appreciated.

Meals Ministry

(A practical way we can share & show God's love) Families rostered to support Meals Ministry in October are: Hoklas, Dutschke, Gower.

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.

Library

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

GGLF Attendance & Offerings

(Offerings do not include electronic giving amount of \$9527 per month from 35 contributors.)

Attendance Offerings

\$1068.10 Sunday 19/10 9.30 am 71 \$ 244.10 64

Pastoral training for the Lutheran Church of Australia

2008 is fast coming to a close. 2009 will bring new experiences and new opportunities. Next year many young people will begin tertiary studies, including those who will begin at Australian Lutheran College [ALC] to prepare for service in the parishes and schools of the church. Among them some will enter ALC's School of Pastoral Theology [SPT] to prepare for the public ministry. SPT prefers to receive applications by the end of November, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for the following year. The LCA needs pastors. It needs pastors to serve in congregations, schools and aged care facilities. Please pray for more candidates for the pastoral ministry. If you know of any suitable candidates for the SPT please encourage them to apply. Pastors in particular can assist in identifying and encouraging these candidates and in helping them to contact me to discuss pastoral training. Thank God for those who have already taken part in conversations this year.

Andrew Pfeiffer, Head of the School of Pastoral Theology, Australian Lutheran College ph (08) 8267 7400 email spt@alc.edu.au

Retirement Realities Tuesday 28th October—7.30-9.00 pm

Presented by Elizabeth Alvey, a highly skilled educator

A Free Seminar hosted by Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church

See flyer on noticeboard in Church Foyer

Christmas Cards will be available for sale from today after our worship services.

Spare copies of the October edition of The Lutheran are available (at no cost) from our Church Foyer today. Please feel welcome to take a copy.

The Habitat for Humanity®

SCRAP METAL COLLECTION FUNDRAISER!

James & Judi Doecke are going to Rach Gia, Vietnam with Habitat for Humanity from 8th-22nd November 2008.

We are seeking any types of scrap steel: (e.g. old roof iron, tubing etc). Also aluminium: (e.g. old security doors, fly doors & screens).

If you have any suitable items please contact James on 0411 420 037 or 8263 1039 (in the evening) who can assist with collection.

Funds raised will be going to Habitat for Humanity.

All donations (scrap or monetary) would be greatly appreciated.

For more information contact James or Judi.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Internet access to weekly GGLF bulletin, Serwww.gglf.org.au and then clicking Files.

LUTHERAN MEDIA Also refer to flyer on noticeboard for program details.

RADIO—Listen to FACE TO FACE

Download or listen online at www.facetoface.org.au

26th Oct Amazing Grace with Pastor Richard Mau The 31st October is the anniversary of the Reformation, when a priest by the name of Martin Luther nailed 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany. One of the key issues was the Grace of God. Ever since then Grace has been high on the church's agenda.

WEBSITES—Discover what's available on www.lca.org.au & www.lutheranmedia.org.au

mon, Life in the Vine, rosters and other info. You can get to it by going to

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Thurs 30 Oct Megan Seeliger Barbara Robertson Fri 31 Oct Sat 1 Nov Rose Hillier

> We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace

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