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23rd November 2008— Last Sunday of Church Year

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

Jesus said, "...stop making my Father's house a marketplace." *John 2: 16b*

James Wolfensohn, in 2005 in an interview while president of the World Bank, said that if a Martian were to land here, it would report home that this planet is crazy. That a minority on the planet live for today and do not see the majority of poor. That the developed countries of the world spend immense amounts on arms but only a fraction on aid. "I personally feel the world is out of balance," he is quoted as saying. "The way the world is dealing with problems of poverty and peace seem to be disconnected."

He described how military spending worldwide is probably \$US1000 billion, and spending on subsidies or tariffs to protect farmers in the developed world is about \$US300 billion. In comparison, wealthy countries offer no more than \$US50-\$US60 billion in aid to developing countries while blocking most of their agricultural exports – one of the few opportunities these countries have to haul themselves out of poverty.

"There are 5 billion people in the developing world, 3 billion earning under \$US2 a day, and 1.2 billion earning under \$1 a day." Wolfensohn urged listeners to give people hope, which comes from getting a job or doing something productive, giving them their self-respect...and continue, "If you cannot deal with the question of hope, there is no way that with military expenditure you can have peace."

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**For reflection...**In what ways are we making our lives like a marketplace? What aspects of life consume us...? What aspects of our life give life to those around us...?  
From SA Council of Churches



**Readings for today**  
**Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24**  
**Eph. 1:15-23**  
**Matt. 25:31-46**

Readings for 30th Nov  
Isaiah 64: 1- 9  
1 Cor. 1: 3- 9  
Mark 13:24-37

**Worship Opportunities**

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| <b>Today 23rd Nov</b>  | <b>9.30 am</b><br><b>6.30 pm</b> | Special Remembrance service with HC<br>Salt Factory worship    |
| <b>Friday 28th Nov</b> | <b>8.45-9.15 am</b>              | Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club |
| <b>Sunday 30th Nov</b> | <b>9.30 am</b><br><b>6.30 pm</b> | Contemporary worship<br>Salt Factory worship with HC           |
| <b>Friday 5th Dec</b>  | <b>8.45-9.15 am</b>              | 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.

**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

Welcome to our **Service of Remembrance**. A very special welcome to those who have come to pay respect to someone whom you have lost..... and to receive the comfort and assurance that only God can give. Thank you to those who invited their friends who thought they could gain from this commemoration. May God touch you in a special way this morning. We have provided a candle for you to light this morning. This is a very ancient ritual. I see it as putting a positive light on our loss - knowing that God is in control, he is with us in our grief and he is caring for our loved one - whether they have died or have moved away from us.

How confident are you? Paul says in Galatians 5:9, 10: "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will have to pay the penalty, whoever that may be. In the sermon this morning I pray that God will give you that **Confidence in the Lord** as we discover again who he is for us.

Are you able to help out with **the morning tea for the Wynn Vale school staff** tomorrow (at recess: 10.45-11.05am. when the staff meet their new principal)? We need morning tea and help to set up on the morning. Lee Norrey, our school's Class Carers' coordinator is coordinating this. (You can drop your plate of food off in the Fellowship Centre today and we'll take it across or bring it over on the morning.)

Next week we start our count down to Christmas through the season of Advent. Over these 4 weeks to Christmas we are going to look at how the different characters in the story of "Jesus anointed by a sinful woman" (**Luke 7:36-50**) responded to Jesus love and we'll ask ourselves how do we respond to Jesus' love, especially his love at Christmas. Over the next month you'll have opportunity to read this passage in this slot in the Bulletin:

<sup>36</sup> When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. <sup>38</sup> As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

<sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup> Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

<sup>41</sup> "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

<sup>43</sup> Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

<sup>44</sup> Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

<sup>49</sup> The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

**Advance Dates:** (from last week's Bulletin)

- Sunday January at 6.30-7.30m: a DVD series in the Worship Centre (instead of Salt Factory worship)
- The next **Gathering** proposed date 14/2/09.

**This week:**

**Monday:** Family Ministry Team 3.30pm (Fellowship Centre lounge)

**Tuesday:** Confirmation, School Council

**Thursday:** Pastoral Carers Team

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 30th Nov — Dutschke**

## YOUTH SPOT

**REV 320** is on this Friday. Let's pray for nice weather because we will be having a water night. This night will be filled with different water activities. So make sure that you are wearing something that can get wet! The year 6's are invited to this night, so if you are in year 6 or you know someone in year 6 who would like to come, please join us! It will start at 7pm and finish at 10pm, and will cost \$4. Hope to see you there if you are in years 6 – 9 ☺

We are still looking for people to be involved in worship services. So if you think that you can help out in any way please let me know. It would be excellent to have many different people involved.

Thankyou  
Alyssa ☺

## Notice to Members of GGLF Half-Yearly Meeting AND

**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 **today Sunday 23 Nov 2008 at 11 am** in the Worship Centre. Copies of Agendas for each of these meetings are in the Church Foyer.

GGLPS Draft Constitution can be viewed on GGLF website under GGLPS

**Please Note:** Additional item of business for GGLF meeting 30 November 2008.

**Discussion/affirming of search for replacement Youth Team Leader**

## Wanted: pre-loved toys and books

It's time to tidy up / top up the children's busy bags to keep our little ones entertained during services. If anyone is having a clear out, please consider donating clean, small, quiet toys and books, especially board books, so they can be loved some more! There is a box in the foyer at the library end for your kind donations!

If there are any questions, please ask Lesley Friedrich, 0402036183.

## Letter from Alyssa

As you may have heard by now, I am not planning to continue my employment at Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship, as Youth Team Leader, next year. There are many things that have led to this decision. And I strongly believe that God has something wonderful planned for both the congregation and myself next year.

Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship is an amazing congregation! There are many different groups and activities happening all the time. It is a large congregation and most of the ministry seems to happen during these different activities and gatherings. I believe that it is important to connect all the different groups. I am passionate about the youth and would love to see them involved with more than just the programmed youth activities. I believe that God will bring someone to you who is able to facilitate this connection.

My passion for the youth is something that, I am sure, will continue to grow and my involvement with Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship will hopefully not end. I am unsure of where God will lead me next year, but I hope and pray that I will still be able to be involved with the youth here. There are some programs and events happening at the moment that will only be completed after my employment ends, however, I still plan to see these things through to completion (confirmation is one example).

Finally, I would like to say thanks! The support and encouragement that I have received over the last year has been amazing. There was always a smiling face asking me how I was going, or offering me support, or a friend to just chat with. It has been these kind words and support that has made the year so enjoyable. I pray that, and encourage that, you show this same support and love for whoever is in this role next year.

If you have any more questions I would love for you to come and chat to me. ☺ And I thank you for supporting me in my decision. "Fly with Christ"

Alyssa Wurst

### Rehearsals for Christmas Eve Play 2008 "The Shoe box"

**Sun 30th Nov 1.30 - 3.00pm— actors only,**  
practise for scenes 1, 2 and 4  
Please have all lines memorised before practise on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Sunday 7th Dec— actors only,** practise for scenes 1, 2 and 4

## WANTED

Children to participate in the Nativity Scene of our Christmas "The Shoe Box" story. Please contact Lesley Friedrich on 0402 036 183 if your child is interested.

**First practice next Sunday 30th Nov after morning service.**

Watch this space for practice times 7th, 14th & 21st Dec.



### Fresh Christmas Trees

If you would like a fresh, high quality Christmas tree to decorate and fill your room with a lovely fresh pine fragrance then Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Birdwood are once again offering trees at \$25 each. Orders are to be placed through our GGLF office so please contact Judith to place an order—email office, phone or contact in person. Trees will be delivered on Saturday 13th December.



## Our Sympathy

Loving thoughts and prayers are extended to **Deb Dutschke & family** on the passing of Deb's father Peter Dutschke last Wednesday 19th July. We uphold you in prayer and pray God may be your strength and comfort in your time of pain and loss.

## Visit from PNG folk

The upcoming visit from PNG folk is almost here now. We have a confirmed number of 15 ladies coming. Thankyou to all those who have assisted with the billeting. We are preparing a programme for them at the moment. As well as visiting various school/church sites, there are a number of places around Adelaide we would like to show them. **Please note that after the morning service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, we want to have a Aussie BBQ luncheon with our guests, and also for the Salt Factory service have tea with them beforehand.** They are looking forward to meeting you all, I hope you are all able to spend some time with them as well during their stay.

The main thing we are currently **looking for** now are **people** who may be **willing and available to run our guests around** on days when they are able. We want to be able to share this around as it is not necessarily the billets responsibility. Also there will be some costs for entry to places of interest that we want to cover for our guests, so we want to have a **kitty of donations of money** for this, especially from people that may not be able to help in a practical way otherwise. If you can help with either of these, please speak to Pastor Len Tscharke on 8289 4667, or pass donations to either him or Judith ASAP.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### Ladies & Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 6th December, 8.00-10.00 am**

In the Fellowship Centre

Guest Speaker: our own Chris Hahn speaking on "Cancer is not a sentence"

Come along and bring your friends as well.

Breakfast cost \$6 per head. It's pancakes and the usual goodies this time.

A crèche will be provided.

Please let Judith or Elaine know if you are attending.

**Enquiries** to Ken Campbell: 0421 428 555 or 8265 3106

