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9th September 2018—16th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME to worship today

May we all be encouraged and strengthened in our faith through the Word of God .



Tea & coffee is available following morning service and at 5.45 pm a light meal is available prior to the 6.30 pm service

> Please feel welcome to join one another. ALL WELCOME

Before worship

Righteousness

"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place" Ephesians 6:14

Righteous is not an everyday word. When I first heard the word, I immediately thought of *Top Gun* where the Righteous Brothers' song 'You've lost that loving feeling' was sung by the lead character Maverick. That was the only time I had heard the word. The idea that righteousness is a characteristic of God that Christians seek to embody was completely foreign to me. Despite the bible talking of righteousness often, in many ways it is still confusing to most of us.

God asks us to be righteous and he commends those who displayed righteousness, and yet the bible tells us that we are covered by the righteousness of Jesus. No wonder we have trouble getting to the bottom of being righteous. It's when we see righteousness as a gift from God and the fruit of discipleship that it starts to make sense. When we believe in Jesus we are absolutely seen as righteous by God because of his action. We enjoy the benefits of Jesus' perfect life and his obedience to the Father as he went to the cross. This is the good news.

We also grow in righteousness as the Holy Spirit leads us in our everyday life. The bible says that we are regenerated as we connect to God and we naturally seek to do his will. We begin to live the righteousness of God simply because we are in relationship with him. So putting on the breastplate of righteousness is both depending on Jesus and allowing his Spirit to lead us every day.

Pastor Greg



Salt Factory Service Tonight

6.30 pm

Come at 5.45 pm for food and fellowship before the service commences.

Gold coin donation.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Eph. 6:10-20 Acts 12: 1-19a

Worship Opportunities

TODAY 9th Sept	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory service with HC		
Friday 14th Sept	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community		
Sunday 16th Sept	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship		
Friday 21st Sept	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community		

What's Happening in our community

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Monday 10th Sept	Tuesday 11th Sept	Wed 12th Sept	Thursday 13th Sept	Friday 14th Sept	Sunday 16th Sept	
7.30 pm APPLY—Young Adults Bible Study	12.30 pm Fellowship lunch at Blue Gums Hotel		7.00 pm Women's Bible Study	9.30 am Mainly Music/ Playgroup	9.30 am Worship	
				7.15 pm GGLC Youth	6.30 pm Salt Factory ser- vice	

Kids at Heart

Children are invited to join Kids at Heart children's ministry time during the morning worship service.

This Sunday's BibleSong topic is *"Armour of God"* based on Ephesians 6:10-20

The Kids at Heart BibleSong program operates under the ChildSafe LCA program which is a safety and risk management system with a focus on keeping children and young people safe

women's bible study

Held each Thursday evening during school term 7.00-8:30 pm. at Ahrens' house. ALL WELCOME.

growing deeper, together

Anyone interested can call Lee Norrey (*mobile 0414 346 062*)



Fellowship Lunch

On Tuesday 11th September at 12.30 pm an opportunity for a get-together over lunch has been organised to be held at the Blue

Gums Hotel, 345 Hancock Road, Fairview Park.

EVERYONE WELCOME.

Please let Ruth Zimmermann know by 9th September if you plan on coming *(phone 0411 230 601)*.



September Sermon Series

During September GGLC will have a focus month on Discipleship.

If you visit <u>http://www.gglc.org.au/gglc/members/</u> growing-as-disciples.html you can access study material and bible readings that compliments the Sunday message.





Playgroup / mainly music this Friday 14th Sept, 9.30–11.00 am in the Worship

Centre.

Designed for pre-schoolers, please come join us as we sing, dance & play using the mainly music program followed by a healthy snack. Gold coin donation. **ALL WELCOME**.



PA + Opening/ Closing up	Power- point	Music Group	Greeters / Ushers	Readers	Devotion for Bulletin ——— Prayers	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning
Paul Friedrich	Judith Whaites	Allyson Dutschke	Dutschke	Jenny Rawolle	Ps Greg John Fielke	Allen Kupke Jenny Rawolle	Dorothy Quick	Kloeden
Billy Saunders								

Convention of Synod

19TH GENERAL CONVENTION OF SYNOD @

ROSEHILL GARDENS SYDNEY NSW | 2-7 OCTOBER 2018



Our General Synod logo is inspired by the journey of the Israelites, written in the book of Exodus. With every step of faith they took towards freedom and future – through good times and bad, in obedience or rebellion – they were held safely in the hands of God. As are we.

I would encourage congregation members to go to the web site: <u>http://</u> www.convention2018.lca.org.au/ to check out what all the symbols of this logo

mean. If you are unable to do this please contact the church office or Rosalie Hoklas who can give you a hard copy to have a look at.

The 2018 General Synod will be examining a number of high level issues relevant to the ongoing health and vitality of the LCA. Among these will, once again, be the question of the ordination of women and men and the unity of the church. We will also consider our place in the international Lutheran community and the communion of infants. There will be many practical and structural issues on the agenda such as governance and administration, constitutions, compliance, church discipline and mission initiatives. The agenda will be quite full and each decision made will have an ongoing impact.



John Henderson (Bishop) is calling the LCA once more to prayer as we come together to place our future into God's hands, and discern his will for this church. So let's pray then, as a church, trusting that the church is safe in God's hands.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for every believer you have gathered in the LCA/NZ. You bind us together as one body in Christ.

Thank you for all who serve us in this community, volunteer and paid, lay and ordained. We especially thank you for the many service agencies with which you have blessed us – for aged care, for schools, for community care organisations, and for other special forms of ministry. Thousands of people work in these agencies as paid staff, volunteers, chaplains, pastoral carers and contractors. Each is special to you, and their work is a blessing to those whom they serve.

When our Synod gathers and considers governance structures that will best help these agencies flourish, help us to be wise stewards of your gifts. Help us, above all, to value the gift of the gospel and the opportunity you have given us to do good works that will benefit others. Give us strength and courage to be a blessing to the world and bring the gift of hope into the lives of many.

Bible study focussed on healing followed by prayer

OPEN HOUSE 7:30pm, Wednesday 12th Sept

At 77 Ilford Street, Vale Park, home of Paul & Nadia Napier Jon: 0424 186 149 or Paul 0413 604 000

Bible study teaching God's word with the opportunity for a "personal breakthrough" in prayer & healing for anything people have needs in, mental, physical, spiritual, employment, family issues - anything at all. Learning also to be disciples of Jesus. Bible study based on the "Lord's Prayer"

ALL WELCOME

Friends of Lutheran Archives next meeting will be on Monday 17th September at Bethlehem House in the city. The guest speaker, Dr Clara Stockigt, has researched Lutheran missionaries' descriptions of Aboriginal languages across SA missions from the coast to the Centre.. How did they tackle the challenge of recording unwritten languages with unfamiliar structures? What knowledge did they bring with them, and how successful were their efforts? 7.30 pm, supper & gold coin donation. All welcome.

Men@Para Vista

A donation of \$10 is appreciated \$8 Concession, \$5 under 16s Contact: Jim 0438 899 629 Eric 08 8263 7183 Email: men@paravista.org.au

Come to breakfast and hear Henry Olonga



Henry is one of the Zimbabwean cricketers who staged a protest against president Robert Mugabe during the cricket 2003 World Cup. As a result of this protest he received death threats and had to flee Zimbabwe.

Henry is a wonderful mix of conviction and charm, his life has taken him from national sporting champion to political exile and now an Opera Singer in Australia. Henry resides in Adelaide with his Australian wife and family

Saturday 22nd September at 7.30am Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 388 Montague Road, Para Vista



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Boxes and bags are always in the Foyer waiting to be filled!

Videos of Sunday's messages can be viewed on our website or YouTube, and announcements are made on Facebook and Twitter as soon as new items become available.

If you choose to give the video posts a Like/Share/Favourite/ Retweet on Facebook or Twitter, you're helping to increase the number of people that might see Pastor Greg's message. A seemingly trivial click - it may be the easiest act of ministry you ever do!

Website: <u>http://www.gglc.org.au/</u>, go to "For Members" and select "Pastor's Messages"

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/

GGLC OFFERINGS

Members are offered the opportunity of Regular Electronic Giving (REG) which provides a way to give regularly and consistently without having to remember to bring money for the offering plate every Sunday. More information about REG can be found in the <u>Giving section of the LLL</u> <u>website</u>.

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

To transfer money into the LLL Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship REG A/c from another bank please use:

BSB (Branch) number - 704942 and Account No. - 28190