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23rd September 2018—18th 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

Sword of the Spirit

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:17

Swords were never a big part of my life. When I was growing up it was the light sabre of *Star Wars* that captured my imagination. As Luke fought all those on the 'dark side' with his Jedi moves, I was enthralled how he could defend against laser guns and attack his opponents with his cool weapon. In the time of Jesus, swords were used similarly. They could be a defence against another sword or projectile, or they could inflict harm on an enemy.

Paul tells us that the word of God is the sword of God's Spirit. It too is something we can use both defensively and offensively. We know that when we are under threat from lies or temptation, the word of God guides and encourages us. By being in God's Word we defend against schemes of the evil one.

Just like a sword, the word of God can also be used offensively. There are times in our life when we feel there is no 'cut through'; it's almost like we are weighed down by our issues and circumstances. It's at times like this that God encourages us to use his word to take the initiative and allow our actions to be shaped by the word. The bible tells us that God's word does not return to him without achieving a purpose. We can be confident that the Spirit of God is at work when we live in God's word.

Pastor Greg



Readings for today: Mark 9:30-37 Acts 20:17-38

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!

TODAY 23rd Sept 9.30 am Contemporary worship 6.30 pm Salt Factory service with HC Friday 28th Sept 2.30 pm End of Term 3 chapel service Sunday 30th Sept 9.30 am Contemporary worship with HC 6.30 pm Salt Factory worship Sunday 7th Oct 9.30 am BREAKFAST & Worship 6.30 pm Salt Factory Prayer / Healing service

Worship Opportunities



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> <u>growing-as-disciples.html</u> you can access study material and bible readings that compliments the Sunday message.

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

GGLC Day Connect Group

The GGLC Day Connect Group will meet for the $\ensuremath{1^{\text{st}}}$ time

On **Thursday 27th September; 10am to 11:30am** In the **school meeting room**, for a cuppa, discussion

and prayer. Looking forward to a wonderful time of fellowship and growth in God's Word.

Coordinator of group is Rosalie Hoklas

women's bible study

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

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

growing deeper, together





DONATIONS and HELPERS NEEDED for 7th Oct Breakfast





Please let Pastor Greg or Natasha Jaeschke know if you can donate food items or be a helper.



Playgroup / mainly music this Friday 28th 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**.

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PA + Opening/ Closing up	Power- point	Music Group	Greeters / Ushers	Readers	Devotion for Bulletin ——— Prayers	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning
Robert Mills	Geordie Mills	Allyson Dutschke	Ken Campbell	Kloeden	M Knapp M Knapp	Denise & Roger Kloeden		School
Billy Saunders								

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



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://www.convention2018.lca.org.au/</u> 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.

faith they took towards freedom and future – through good times and bad, in obedience or rebellion –

Some of the proposals for synod are

Ordination of men and women

Holy communion of infants

Review of Professional Standards Department

Membership into Lutheran World Federation & International Lutheran Council

Recognizing & continuing the "Hidden Hurts Healing Hearts" program

College of Bishops to address the serious shortage of Pastors.

**Synod will be using the song <u>"Where love comes to life"</u> as a song that is used each day as part of Synod. You can check out the words or hear it on the website <u>http://www.convention2018.lca.org.au</u>

**<u>During</u> Synod there will be an offering. It had previously been advised that the Synod offering would be directed to the Local Mission 'You're Welcome!' video project. However, given the gravity of the drought affecting large parts of Australia, it has been decided to direct the offering to the support of struggling farming communities. The LCA Disaster & Welfare Fund will receive the offering, and donations will be distributed in accordance with the fund's existing procedures and regulations.

If you as a congregation member would like to make a contribution to this please deposit the offering in the Synod Offering account at the LLL (check out the website for how) or Alternatively, you may deposit in this account: LCA Synod Ac; BSB 704942; Account 100698743

** all delegates, Pastors, Principals and other personal have now received the book of reports which is 438 pages long plus a smaller book of nominations which they need to be familiar with for synod.



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, our General Convention in Sydney is now only just over a week away, and we pray for the delegates and leaders and all who will attend.

During Convention, delegates, guests and visitors will frequently gather to listen to your Word and receive your blessing. As they do that, please give them your Spirit so they listen humbly, practice grace to one another, and make wise decisions.

Across the church, in our congregations and worship centres, homes and places of work, please also give us grace to pray for our delegates and leaders, and for the welfare of your church.

Help us to be faithful witnesses who serve you by what we do as much as by what we say. Help us to respond wisely and generously to those who may feel uncertain, rejected, isolated or powerless. Help us to honour all your people, women and men, young and old, healthy and sick, and to reach out to all those in need.

Please bless us Lord, and keep us as one family in you, that we may go on serving you on earth until you take us to our heavenly home.

Lord, in your mercy ...

GGLC and GSPV youth Retreat Oct 5-7 Camp Kedron, Barmera For more info: Contact Paul Voigt - 0477 218 447 Chelsea Schiller - 0447 225 517

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GGAF ANNUAL CAMP KINGSTON-ON-MURRAY CARAVAN PARK in the Riverland Fri Evening 19th to Sun 21st October ACCOMMODATION at the Caravan Park ALL WELCOME at any time during the weekend for <u>FISHING, FUN & FELLOWSHIP</u> You do not have to be a GGAF member to attend

Contact Graeme Hoklas 0419 828 091



Ladies the women's retreat has been booked for June 14-16 next year, so we encourage you to save the dates in your 2019 calendar.





Support for the work and ministry of **Lutheran Community Care** is ongoing and encouraged.

During the month of **September LCC** invite you to replenish their Emergency Relief shelves with donations of **Single bed sheets** (new or used in good condition); **Breakfast cereal** (no Weetbix); **Packet Soup**

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

Date to note

TEA TREE GULLY LOCAL CHURCHES presents the CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thurs 29th Nov to Sat 1st Dec

See: Decorated trees, Nativities, Train layout, Wall hangings Buy: Crafts, Biscuits & Cakes, Plants, Produce, Children's gifts Enjoy: Morning/ Afternoon Teas, Light meals, Sausage Sizzle

A bi-annual event, hosted @ Tea Tree Gully Uniting, 600 Milne Rd, Banksia Park

MANY CHURCHES ... ONE LOCATION with proceeds supporting our local Pastoral Care Workers / Chaplains

GGLC will be helping with supplying and serving afternoon tea at this Christmas Tree Festival on **Saturday 1st December**.

Jenny Rawolle will be coordinating this and in due time will be **seeking donations** of scones, slices etc and **helpers to serve** for this event.

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> website.

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