



Jesus said, "I am the vine,  
You are the branches."  
John 15.5

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

# GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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*Our goal:  
Care,  
Communicate,  
Connect  
so that people  
know CHRIST.*



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3rd February 2013—4th Sunday after Epiphany

## 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 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 6.30 pm evening service  
Please feel welcome to join us.*

### Before Worship ....

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING**— Saying thanks doesn't always come naturally. As children we were 'harped' at by our parents and teachers to use good manners. Now we plead with our own children to do the same.

This is quite an old problem for humans. Today's Old Testament reading written in Deuteronomy 26 shows that even the Children of Israel needed reminding during Moses' farewell speech to show gratitude to God. And this was even after being freed from the yoke of slavery and given a land flowing with milk and honey – something you think they'd be mighty grateful for. It seems people quickly forget that God is the source of everything they have. Saying thanks to God helps us remember.

But today's gospel reading from John 6 also reminds us that God doesn't want us to be content just with having our physical needs met. It refers to the time after Jesus had fed the large multitude with only five loaves and two fish. Thinking of their stomachs, the people want to make him king. But Jesus calls them on their materialism. He says: "you are looking for me ... because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." When Jesus then declares, "I am the bread of life" he is proclaiming he is much more than something to satisfy a hunger pang. He is everything we need – both now and for the life to come.

Really? Do the people of Bundaberg right now feel he is everything they need as they come to terms with their devastating losses? Do you feel he is everything as you start another school year wondering how you will get through it?

The Philippians text helps explain how. Rather than being anxious, it commands us to pray. It says 'with **thanksgiving** [that word again!], present your requests to God' (Phil 4:6). We are promised we will then be given God's supernatural peace that will keep our hearts and minds in Jesus. The 'I Am' always delivers on his promises, both here on earth and in our heavenly home to come.

**Prayer:** Thank you Heavenly Father for Jesus the Bread of Life. Thank you for the harvest that you plentifully provide for us. Guide our hearts and minds in our worship of you today. In the name of our Bread of Life. Amen.

**Matthew Bishop**

### Worship Opportunities

<b>Today 3rd Feb</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b> service & Installation of GGLPS staff & council Salt Factory worship with HC
<b>Friday 8th Feb</b>	<b>8.45-9.15 am</b>	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
<b>Sunday 10th Feb</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
<b>Wed 13th Feb</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	ASH WEDNESDAY Service

### 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 children's area inside the church.

The "Kids at Heart" team run a **QUIET** craft table during the sermon. That way, the children have some time with their parents during the morning services, and also a little bit of time to be creative, to wriggle around and to learn about our God and what He means to us through artistic activities, with their friends. All children are welcome to join in this time. 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

**There is more than the harvest.** Think about it. *That is ridiculous isn't it?* It's all about the harvest- what you finally get, surely. Why does a farmer work- if it's not for the harvest. Don't we gain our fulfilment through what we achieve? I know I do. But *it's the journey that counts.* It's actually *in* the journey that you grow to discover who you are, you grow together in depth of relationship, you grow in faith as you discover who is this "son of man", this "one sent from God", this "bread of heaven" we read about in the Gospel (**John 6:25-35**) for today. This is what I shall be speaking about this morning.

Also at this morning's morning service we shall be **installing our school staff and our school council**

Tonight **Salt Factory worship** commences for the year with Jason speaking on **Faith through Christ's promises.** He'll be speaking about how God wants us to put "all of our hope into our faith" and that stirring quotation: "Give me some hope to follow, and I will run." We will have opportunity to partake in Holy Communion at Salt Factory as well.

Speaking of Holy Communion.... Our **"Step up to Communion" course** commences tomorrow for the Year fives in our school. (I teach them the meaning of Holy Communion in three sessions at school and then they have the option of doing three more session on a Sunday afternoon so as to be ready to have their first communion at the Salt Factory service on Palm Sunday- this year, it will be 24<sup>th</sup> March) For those other young people who would like to be "received into communion membership" (Year 6s and 7s and 10 year olds and above in other schools I encourage you to approach me and we'll work when we can meet so that you can join this group for the Sunday afternoon session and your first communion.) *If you would like to know what is involved in the Step Up to Communion course – the course in on our website (under the "Files" menu on the maroon left-hand side of the home page).*

**The Journey** (confirmation) is starting in the next few weeks. The Journey is aimed at Year 7s and above. If you are interested in The Journey come to the meeting tomorrow night (7.30pm in the Admin Building) where parents and prospective "travellers" on the Journey will talk about our expectations, The Journey course (*of which again you can find the curriculum on our website*) and we'll determine when and where we'll be meeting.

Please see the insert in this Bulletin: **"The Highlights of the Golden Grove Way discussion evening"**. These are my feelings about the evening. A few people (Thanks Steve, John, Lesley) also gave me some feedback which I incorporated. Talk to me about it if you would like to express your opinion.

**What a wonderful congregation** we have at Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship. God is doing wonderful things here. Sure, there are some issues. But I see God blessing us in so many different ways. Today marks 6 years of me being the pastor here. (I was installed on 4/2/07). **My thrust** (for this year) is using our gifts, improving personal relationships and better cooperation between churches.

Taking up this last point, I encourage you to come along to **PrayTTG**. PrayTTG has been meeting as a monthly prayer breakfast, rotating through churches, for many years now but this year it has changed its format to weekly (3 weeks a month) on Thursdays (9-10) and in one location: Torren Valley Christian Centre (1323 NE Rd. TTG). I intend to attend as often as I can. Join me.

Please note the information on **"Disability 101"**: next Saturday at Para Vista elsewhere in the Bulletin. I have enrolled.

Next Sunday the theme for the morning address is **"Turning to Jesus in awe, in fear and in empathy to his suffering."** It is **Transfiguration Sunday** and it commences the theme we are using through the Sundays in Lent.

This is also the theme for the devotions at our school this coming week as well.

Also next Sunday we are holding a gathering for all those who are members of Fellowship Groups (especially the leaders) and those who would like to join a Fellowship Group.

We are going to have a **REAL COFFEE** for morning tea. Please bring your coffee plungers and we'll use the PNG coffee that the ladies from Goroka gave us on their visit late last year. There will be a selection of *Highlands Blue, Espresso, Premium Estate and Paradise Gold.*

Next Sunday afternoon **GGAF's** AGM. Come along and find out what is on the agenda for this coming year. Don't forget we are holding **The Fishing Fete** here in April (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>)

If you have been involved in **Mainly Music** you would have heard that there is a special meeting on Tuesday week (12/2/13). You are welcome to attend. Since James Ziersch has been cut back on his hours as chaplain at our School, unless someone else steps forward to lead Mainly Music this ministry at GGLF will be coming to an end.

Our mid week Lenten worship starts on Wednesday week (**Ash Wednesday**) The theme for the mid week Lenten devotions (7-7.30 Wednesdays) is **"Jesus' look when he turns to us."**

**Advance Notice: Longest Lutheran Lunch at GGLF:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Ken Campbell is organizing a team these days. See him if you would like to help.

Pastor Leon

## What's coming up?

### This week:

Monday (4/2/13)	7.00pm	<b>Sit and Sew</b> (Fellowship Centre)
Monday	7.30pm	<b>The Journey</b> (confirmation) meeting parents and "travellers" (Admin Building)
Monday	7.30pm	<b>Serendipity</b> Fellowship Group (Fellowship Lounge)
Tuesday (5/2/13)	6.30pm	<b>Worship</b> Team
Tuesday	7.30pm	<b>Band leaders</b> meeting
Thursday (7/2/13)	9.00am	<b>PrayTTG</b> (Torrens Valley Christian Centre)
Friday (8/2/13)	8.45am	<b>Worship</b> with the School community
Saturday (9/2/13)	9.00am	<b>Disability 101:</b> Foundations for enabling the Church (Good Shepherd, Para Vista)

### Next week:

Sunday (10/2/13)	11.00am	<b>Fellowship Group</b> meeting
Sunday	4.00pm	<b>GGAF</b> AGM
Tuesday (12/2/13)	9.00am	<b>Mainly Music</b> meeting
Tuesday	6.00pm	<b>Board</b> meeting
Wednesday (13/2/13)	7.00pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> worship
Thursday (14/2/13)	7.30am	<b>SMTTG</b> meeting
Thursday	9.00am	<b>PrayTTG</b>
Friday (15/2/13)	8.45am	<b>Worship</b> with the School community

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for Next Sunday 10th February

PA + Opening/Closing up	Power-point	Music Group	Greeters/ Ushers	Readers 9.30 am only	Children's Address 9.30 am	Prayers 9.30 am only	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning	Salt Factory Catering
Karl Dutschke	Tanya Wilson	Allyson Dutschke	Ken C Andrew S	J & T Rawolle	Kristian Appelt	Graham Pfeffer	Allen Kupke Pastor Len	Dawn Rutter	School	
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## Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February



The Lord has richly blessed us with an abundance of harvest and the foods resulting from this harvest. To say thanks and give praise to God we offer our harvest and goods back to Him during this service.

All donations will be given to Lutheran Community Care and Australian Lutheran College

### “Sit & Sew”

resumes for 2013  
**Monday: 4<sup>th</sup> February  
7.00pm in the  
F/Centre**

You are most welcome to join us even if you haven't been before. These sessions are not a formal teaching class, instead you are encouraged to bring along whatever project you are currently working on.

We finish at 9pm. Bring your friends.  
The cost of each session is \$5.00.  
Supper provided.

### All Fellowship Leaders

are invited to a meeting after church (at 11.00 am) on **Sunday 10th February**, in the front room of the Fellowship Centre to talk about the current situation, future direction and any other issues/concerns. Please contact Geoff Thiel on 0418871919 if you are unable to attend. Hope to see you all there.

Its a new year and a great time to think about **joining a Fellowship Group** here at GGLF? If you are interested (and we hope you are), please contact Geoff Thiel on 0418871919 or by email, [thiel@bigpond.net.au](mailto:thiel@bigpond.net.au)

### The “Latest” Longest Lutheran Lunch

Deferred from Reformation Day Celebration 31st Oct 2012

**Sunday 24th Feb, 11.45am—3.30 pm  
In the Fellowship Centre**

We are are planning an extra special fun Lutheran lunch for family and friends to gather and have a chat. Invite your friends and neighbours to have lunch with us. Bring the kids to make it a family event.

**MENU** Entrée: **Potato and Leek Soup**  
Main: **Cold collation, salads, sauerkraut & apple sauce**  
Dessert: **Homemade Bienenstich, cream and ice cream,** followed by **tea, coffee and chocolates**

**COST** Adults \$15.00 head, under 15's \$5.00 head or Family \$40.00 (maximum)

**PAY AT THE DOOR ON THE DAY**

Cost includes fruit juice, cask wines and some bottled wines. Cans soft drink available \$1.00 each (to support Youth)

To assist with catering please book with  
**Judith Whaites (Church) 8282 6050 or  
Elaine Baldock (School) 8282 6000**

## Youth News!

Another week, another exciting youth event! Our senior youth group (Years 9 to 12) will now be called **Revival**. The theme verse we have chosen comes from Isaiah 53:10b - “He gave himself as an offering for sin so that he'd see life come from it—life, life, and more life” (MSG). We are pumped for the year to come, as we hope to bring about revival in the hearts of youth and set the wheels in motion as we move for Christ.

The first event of **Revival** will be on **Friday, February 8** from **6pm until 10pm**. In **The Beginning**, we will be exploring an amazing passage from Isaiah 53 over a **wonderfully homemade meal**. We will also be exploring what revival means, the relevance of it to our lives and the direction that we can lead our church. We ask for a small donation of **\$4** to cover costs, **\$1** for cans.



We do require Childsafe forms for every child that comes. Could we ask that **even if you filled out a form last year to do another one online this year?** Go to our Youth website ([youth.gglf.org.au](http://youth.gglf.org.au)) and register on that (following the prompts), print it out (should be on two pages if done correctly) and bring it on the night. This will help us with our database immensely! Include email addresses and mobile phone numbers please! Any queries, email me ([jason@gglf.org.au](mailto:jason@gglf.org.au)).

God bless your year, Jase ☺

## Golden Grove Amateur Fishing



### Welcome to Fishing Year 2013

**A Happy New Year to all from the GGAF Committee.**

**The GGAF AGM will be held on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm in the Golden Grove Fellowship Centre**

Where: Corner of Sunnybrook Drive and Richardson Drive, Wynn Vale

The 2013 program will be available and Memberships will be taken on the day.

Membership cost remains unchanged - \$15 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors (15 Years and Under).

Note: Geoff Thiel is standing down as Vice President

Please consider nominating or nominating other members for the positions of President or Vice President or Committee Member.

**Next Events:** **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013 Crabbing at Webb Beach 10am**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013 River Murray Fishing at Cadell 10am**

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM

