### GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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

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

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## 1st February 2009— 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 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**

#### Which readings?

Years ago, Chris and I were invited to join a bible study group. The group was full of interesting people – several ministers, a judge, accountants, real estate agents, mums at home. And their choice of book to study was even more interesting! The leader had chosen a book about Jesus – and about questions about Jesus.

Interestingly, the only bible study that happened during this study was the book author's point of view that the bible was inconsistent. He spent the entire book giving us his perspective. It was the first book I ever demolished....ripped off the cover, ripped up every page and put it into the garbage.

What caused my reaction? ...Being invited to another Bible Study where we studied God's Word – not somebody's opinion. And what did I learn? That if the bible seems inconsistent, it's because we take out bits of it and try to understand it out of context. If I can decide which bit to believe, and which bit to leave out as mythology, I'm putting myself in God's shoes – and my brain is not that big. Neither is my heart!

The same God who gave us the 10 commandments is the one who IS LOVE - 100% LOVE. Try to get your head around that! I give up...I surrender all... and in doing so, I can see that it doesn't matter which verse I read today, or hear in the readings this week, it connects to everything about God that is love. 100%. I also know that if I hear anything about God that isn't love — it isn't right.

Julie Hahn



Readings for today Exodus 20: 8-11 2 Thess. 3: 6-13 Mark 10:13-16

Readings for 8th Feb Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Cor. 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

### **Worship Opportunities**

Today 1st Feb	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
Friday 6th Feb	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
Sunday 8thFeb	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
Friday 13th Feb	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.

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.

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 **Thanksgiving Sunday**. The theme for the address this week is "Rest, work and play" which was what the church and school staff looked at our Retreat the week before last.

This morning we are also installing the School Staff and School Council. They plan to stay around for the lunch they are having together so why don't you catch up with these guys over a coffee.

As I stated in last week's Bulletin, the text I am using each Sunday for February is taken from the previous week's **Bible Reading Plan** from "The Growth Journal". I am hoping that you will read the passages and so get more out of the sermon. It's concurs with our aim of integrating our daily spiritual life - home with the Sunday - Church.

So this week the Bible reading plan (taken from The Growth Journal):

Mon	2/2/09	Acts 9. Ex 15-16
Tues	3/2/09	Acts 10, Ex17-18
Wed	4/2/09	Acts 11, Ex 19-20
Thurs	5/2/09	Acts 12, Ex 21-22, Ps 12
Fri	6/2/09	Acts13, Ex 23-24, Ps 14
Sat	7/2/09	Acts 14, Ex 25-26
Sun	8/2/09	Acts 15, Ex 27-28

Don't forget about **The Gathering** in 2 weeks time (14/2/09). Are you planning to come? See my article in "Life in the Vine" coming out soon. Here's a snippet from it: *I personally don't want to go if it's as bad as some of you are perceiving it to be.* There are other things I could do on a Saturday too. However it is most important to me. Why? Because it is pure Church. The Gathering is giving us a wonderful opportunity in a casual setting to talk, sing, pray, be quiet, commune, fellowship, get things off our chest, be encouraged, listen and be listened to, be inspired, learn what's happening in our congregation, get insights....

Another opportunity is "**Be Inspired and refreshed**" Primary Age Ministry Training Day on 28/2/09. It is a day (9am-4pm) which enables us to teach Christian Option in public schools. I have enrolled (it cost \$20) and I would encourage you to join me if God is calling you to share your faith in a public school setting and you are available during the week to do so a few days a year. See the noticeboard for the poster and Judith in the office to enrol.

**Everyday Evangelism**: starting 4<sup>th</sup> March for the Wednesday evenings in March. See the flyers for further details.

#### This week:

Wednesday Ministry Team

**Friday** Rev320 7pm Life size Board Games **Saturday** Confirmation Day Camp: 9am-5pm

(unless otherwise stated all meetings start at 7.30pm)

**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 8th Feb — Quick/Kupke/Hoklas

# Would you like to be part of the NEW revamped Salt Factory team?

An exciting opportunity to use your creative skills in organising our youth led service for the whole congregation.

See Brian Quick

#### **YOUTH SPOT**

I hope everyone has had a wonderful break over the Christmas and New Year.

I would like to say a huge thankyou to all the parents and leaders that helped out with the running and transport of the "taking the next step" camp! It was a wonderful weekend filled with many activities and without you it would not have been such a success ©

Youth is starting up again on the Friday 6th February! **Rev**320 will be having a fun night with life size board games!
Rev 320 is for anyone in years 7 to 9 and runs from 7pm to 10pm on every second Friday night. It costs \$4 and is a fun exciting way to meet new people.

So we hope to see you there ready for a year of fun activities!

Alyssa 😊

#### Life in the Vine

Articles for the next edition of the *Life in the Vine* magazine are due by **Monday 2nd February.** Stories, photos, jokes, advertising, etc can be sent to my email address at <a href="mailto:dtnel-son@internode.on.net">dtnel-son@internode.on.net</a> or you can leave a note in my church pigeon hole or give me a call on 8288 7351.

Tania Nelson



# Church pens (red pens with

"Golden Grove
Lutheran Fellowship" inscribed on

the side) are available to fill in the "Welcome Sheets". Please leave them in the holder in the foyer or on the seats in the worship centre on leaving the service. If you would like to souvenir one please make a gold coin donation in the receptacle provided for this purpose.

#### NEW GGLF COMMUNITY DIRECTORY FOR 2009

A new directory will soon be prepared so if anyone has any changes to their address or telephone number can you please phone or email to let me know ASAP.

Thankyou, Judith

#### **GGLPS Staff Members for 2009**

The following list of Golden Grove Lutheran School staff members is provided for your information.

Principal Daryl Trigg
Deputy Principal Tania Nelson
Reception/Year 1 Barb Stringer

Reception/Year 1 Angela Seeliger/Skye Geyer

Reception/Year 1
Year 2/3
Year 2/3
Year 4/5
Ruth Carter
Sue Prideaux
Tim Kriewaldt
Kristy McGuire

Year 4/5 Melanie Rees/Jacqui Paech

Year 4/5
Year 6/7
Year 6/7
Year 6/7
Year 6/7
Teacher/Librarian
Learning Support

Carly Bergen
Adele McCusker
Damian Pietsch
Andrew Tiller
Karen Schoff
Tania Nelson
Joy Doecke

Music Jacquie Paech PE Coordinator Skye Geyer LOTE: (Japanese) Meryl Perks Counsellor Anna Watson Chaplain James Ziersch Staff Support Officer Margie Jacoby Groundsman Nereo Canavese School Secretary Elaine Baldock Graeme Hoklas Business Manager Finance Assistant / Staff Jenny Canavese

Support Officer

GGOSH Director Katrina Burrell
GGOSH Staff Lauren Baldock

#### **MEMBER NEWS**



Jenny & Nero Canavese welcome with love a grandson—Jordan Colin Skipworth. Born 1.32

am on Friday 30th January, 9 lb 10½ oz to Laura & Phil.

#### **ENGAGED**

**Congratulations** to **Amy Rosenberg & Nick Schultz** on the announcement of their engage-

ment on Thursday 22nd January. What wonderful news! May God be with you both during this special time as you make preparations for your future together.

#### **CAR BOOT SALE**

to be held on Saturday, 14 March, 8.30 am - 12.30 pm, at St Mark's Anglican Church, Cnr The Golden Way and Wynn Vale Drive, WYNN VALE.

\$10 a site - limited sites.

Contact: Audrey on 8396 0752

#### Para Vista Lutheran Homes

We are currently refurbishing two bedroom independent living units. If you are interested in having a look at these units or registering your name please contact Kylie on 8263 5087 or 0401 415 528.



# Golden Grove Amateur Fishing ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# Sunday 15th February 4.30 pm in Fellowship Centre

Note: Membership fees can be paid and all GGAF dates for 2009 fishing trips and events will be available

#### **Advanced Counselling Skills**

This 10 week course has been created to help people help others. It is based on Christian principles and is designed to help you respond effectively to people with a variety of relationship issues and problems. It assumes some prior experience or a basic counselling skills course (LCC, RA, Lifeline or other training). Case studies, presentations, journaling, reading and the group's personal experience and existing skills provide opportunities for learning in a relaxed and fun environment.

Dates: Tue 3rd Mar 3rd -5th May, 4:45 -7:00pm Cost: \$210.00 for 10 week course (or \$22.00 per

week). Concessions available.

Location: Centre for Learning, Lutheran Community

Care, 19 Edward Street, Magill

Enquiries: Helene Schulz Tel 8331 3111 or

magill@lccsa.org.au

#### **ACCOMMODATION IN ADELAIDE**

If you are looking for accommodation or wanting to share a house or a flat in Adelaide, please contact Pastor Mike Pietsch (Lutheran university chaplain). He will put you in touch with people who are looking for and those offering to share accommodation. Call him on 0409 725 573 or 8370 3615 or email him mike.pietsch@lca.org.au

# AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT INVERELL LUTHERAN CHURCH NEW SOUTH WALES

We have received a lovely letter from the Inverell Lutheran Church casting out seeds and inviting people to be part of the work and mission that is happening in the Inverell church.

The Inverell Lutheran Church is only a few years old and works as an outreach mission and ministers mainly to aboriginal children and their families. Many of these families are severely disadvantaged.

It makes very inspiring reading to hear how this church began and it is well worth taking the time to have a read of their story and their hope.

Copies of the letter and their inaugural newsletter are available from the church foyer.

Please pray for this community and all its workers and all it is doing in the name of our Lord and whether you may be encouraged to contribute in whatever way the Lord may lay on your heart.

#### **Prayer Opportunities**

<u>Prayer Chain:</u> 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 February are: Schiller, Tilley, J Lawrence.

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 \$9687 per month from 35 contributors.)

Attendance Offerings

Sunday 25/1 9.30 am 83 \$416.20



#### THE INTER-NET: CURSE OR BLESS-ING?

Will today's Christians get themselves caught in the net, or will they utilise it as a modern-day mission tool?

#### **E-PRAYER CHAINS**

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lector Judith Whaites for details.

# The Australian Christian Diary 2009

Two copies of this diary are available for purchase at \$10 each. If you would like to purchase one please see Judith.

Internet access to weekly GGLF bulletin, Sermon, Life in the Vine, rosters and other info. You can get to it by going to www.gglf.org.au and then clicking Files.

#### LCA BOARD FOR MISSION



Rev Dr Mike Semmler (President LCA) together with Rev Dr Solomon Rajah (Bishop Elect) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malaysia (ELCM)

# In your prayers during February you're invited to pray for

- Rev Dr Solomon Rajah as he is consecrated as the new Bishop of the ELCM on the 21st February
- Leaders and people in our partner churches in Singapore, Malaysia (east), Sabah (west Malaysia), Thailand, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea
- Rev Simon, Oiy and Nopakorn Mackenzie in Chiang Rai and the Nan province, Thailand
- Rev Greg Schiller serving at Martin Luther Seminary in Lae, Papua New Guinea
- Scholarship recipients studying at Australian Lutheran College—Jess Vun (Sabah), Rev John Hasiholan Pakpahan (Indonesia)
- "Lord renew your church, begin with me"

**GGLPS Principal:** Daryl Trigg

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name John 15:16

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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Today 1 Feb David Bartel Kevin Watson 3 Feb Tues Melissa Imeson 4 Feb Anne Beckett Wed mr Fri 6 Feb Rebecca Knapp ≨ ★ Sat Benjamin O'Brien 7 Feb Allen Kupke

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

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