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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14th June 2009—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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 messages 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.

TWO MINUTES

How does faith grow?

All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. (Mark 4:28)

Have you ever wondered about the mystery of life: life *just knowing* how to grow? The verse above describes it as *all by itself*. Literally it is *automatically*. From this verse you could conclude what *wonderful soil we have*.

We know it's not the soil. The first reading for this morning (Ezekiel 17:22-24) reminds us that the same God who is involved in history causes the seed to grow/produces life.

Jesus tells this parable – this illustration from nature to tell about the Kingdom of God- how faith grows.

It just seems to happen. Yes, in stages like the plant: grain-first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. But it's God that causes the faith to grow.

But that raises a few questions.

What if faith doesn't grow? Jesus actually addresses that earlier in the chapter with the parable of the different soils.

Another question: what stages are there in the growth of faith? You have heard about how it has to *travel about 18 inches*: from the head to the heart: from knowing to feeling and responding. You know that God *reveals different aspects of himself and ourselves when we are ready for them.* To grow in faith is *to grow in confidence* as Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 - today's second reading. Also you have heard that the *last thing to be converted is the wallet!* These are all expressions of the growth of faith.

Another question: how can we encourage the growth of faith? What you are doing here this morning does just that: taking God's Word to heart with the intention of pleasing God, getting to know who we are through Baptism and living that out, receiving God's grace in Holy Communion and thanking Him for His forgiveness. *This is how faith grows*.

Prayer: Lord God, thank you for the wonder of life, for using illustrations of life to teach us about faith and indeed for giving us faith. Please forgive us for neglecting the means you use to strengthen our faith. May you take us from the stage we are at in our faith to the next one, even this morning. Amen. **Pastor Leon**



Readings for today Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Cor. 5: 6-10 Mark 4:26-34

Readings for 21st June

Job 38: 1-11 2 Cor. 6: 1-13 Mark 4:35-41

Worship Opportunities

Today 14th June	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship	
Friday 19th June	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club	
Sunday 21st June	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC	
Friday 26th June	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

Today we are taking up the last in our sermon series on "Where is God when we are struggling?: God is blessing us, taken from 2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. What a wonderful thought to keep in mind when we are tempted to accuse of God of not being close/ not being interested/ too busy to care that he is in fact blessing us. We'll be visualizing God blessing us, keeping in mind what he has done for us in the past and remembering who he is and what he has done for us through Jesus.

Last week after looking at **God is in the poor** a number of people wanted to find out more about Lutheran World Service which helps people in developing countries by building up their infrastructure which I believe is the best approach to world poverty. If you would like to look at Australian Lutheran World Service please see the information in last weeks Bulletin.

I am on **annual leave** from tomorrow until next Monday (15-22/6/09). Heidi and I will be going over to visit Sarah and Syzmon and Lilly at Wingin in the Hunter Valley.

Next Sunday James leach who is studying in his 2nd year at Australian Lutheran College (formerly Luther Seminary) will be giving the presentation at both services. He is taking up the Gospel reading; Mark 4:35-41. Thanks James. Brian Quick, one of our experienced worshipped leaders from our Salt Factory service, will be leading the morning service.

The following week we'll be considering the theme: **Blessed are the Peacemakers.**This will be followed by another sermon series, based on our goals: Care, Communication and Connect to come to Christ. The following week we shall be celebrating the second Kid's at Heart Family Service (26th July). If you have any thoughts on sermon topics or series please let the Worship Team know.

Recently I had a conversation with someone about how we can remember those people who have been baptized in the last year so that we can pray for them and "support them in other appropriate ways as we have opportunity". We have already had 13 baptisms since the baptismal anniversary service. One thought is a photo board (perhaps on the window between the worship centre and the Fellowship Room).

Pastor Leon

This week:

Wednesday: 4.45pm Head to Heart **Friday:** 8.45am Friday worship

(Unless otherwise stated all meetings start at 7.30pm)

Salt Factory Worship

Tonight: 6.30 pm service—Come from 5.45 pm onwards for food (gold coin donation) and drinks (\$1)

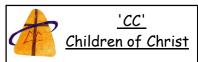
<u>Please note</u>: Rostered for catering next Sunday 21st June — Dutschke group

Bakery

Friday 19th June from 6 - 10pm

A time for year 11 and ups to get together, relax and share God's word.

For any enquiries please contact Paul Swansson 0432 646 064



(For children in Yrs 3-6)

Friday 19th June 2009, 6.30—8.30 pm

Sports Night

Donations of biscuits for supper for be appreciated



Golden Grove Amateur Fishing PORT NOARLUNGA JETTY FISHING TRIP

Sunday 21st June, 12.30-5.30 pm

We will be having tea at a local venue. Feel free to stay and join us. There is an abundance of fish species to fish for, eg salmon, tommies, mullet, whiting, trevally, squid.

Suggested bait: cockles, gents, worms, lures, berley, red meat etc. Note:

- There is spare fishing gear available if you don't have any
- You don't have to fish
- Toilets are nearby

Everyone Welcome

Enquiries contact Graeme Hoklas (82896803) or Zimmo (82891212)

Calling for scripts or detailed concept plans for 2009 Christmas Eve dramas

Please submit these to the Church office by Friday 31st July. Written responses are required so that the Worship Team has time to review them but there is an opportunity for authors to speak at the Worship Team meeting and present their ideas personally if desired.



ALC Ministry Appeal See what God GROWS with the seeds you sow

ALC is an exciting place, constantly evolving and changing to meet the needs of the church.

Support is needed to grow and prepare teachers, lay-workers and pastors to serve our Lutheran Church.

To grow for the future, we need to plant seeds now.

You are invited to be at the heart of this exciting ministry by donating to ALC. Please feel welcome to pick up your **ALC Ministry Appeal Pack today** so that seeds can be planted that will grow into a harvest!

All donations direct to ALC are tax-deductible!

KIDS AT HEART

Please support the craft helpers with your prayers over the next few weeks. Thanks to Adele, Leanne (Solomou), Meg, Jacqui/Emi/Alex and Jane (Swansson) who will be organising the kid's Sunday morning craft.

To assist families, the Kids at Heart team would like to highlight some helpful websites

Parenting tips:

A helpful website from the Australian Government in conjunction with various sponsors including Australian Parenting Research Centre and the Royal Children's hospital Melbourne: http://raisingchildren.net.au. Includes information for each age group, on behaviour, communicating and connecting, development and learning, nutrition and fitness, safety etc.

Mark this date in your diary: Sunday July 26th 9-30am. Family service- lots of fun!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies Breakfast—Will now be held on 20th June, 8.00-10.00 am in the Fellowship Centre.

Breakfast will include bacon and eggs, cereal, toast, spreads, fruit and cream with orange juice, tea and coffee to wash it all down.

Cost \$6.00 head.

Guest speaker is Gabi Proc from Rostrum. Gabi is a retired school teacher and administrator. This lady is an exceptional speaker.

Her topic is "Communication in Relationships". It will be serious entertainment.

A crèche will be provided so that Mum can enjoy the morning.

Please book with Judith or Elaine in the office.

Enquiries to Ken Campbell: 0421 428 555 or 8265 3106

JUST DANCE

Bring your dancing shoes! Local coverband playing hits from all eras with Top Adelaide comedian Jason Pestell, plus lots more!

Saturday 20th June, 7.30pm at Salisbury Lutheran Church.

Pre-bought tickets \$15 (Under 12's \$5), At the door \$20. Finger food provided, BYO drinks, Semi-Formal Dress.

For tickets see the Hahns, or see purple ad in foyer!



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Reserve this date

Evening Saturday 25 July 2009

GGLF fundraiser

"L" themed fully catered dinner with Treasures & Talent auction.

Further information to follow.

If you are interested to work with a team to develop the evening please contact Elaine Baldock and Denise Kloeden.



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Brett & Erin Copeland on the birth of their first child, a baby boy, Judah Brett, born on 9th

June, weighing 7lb 4oz - another beautiful grandchild for Pam & Geoff Copeland.

We wish you all much joy and added blessings as you nurture your precious new gift of life.



Lutheran Community Care have shopping bags similar to those at supermarkets available for \$2 each as a fundraiser.

These bags can be used for your own purposes or you can buy a bag and donate it back to LCC or you can fill them with grocer-

ies for their winter appeal.

LCC are currently in very short supply of the following food items: Milk, Pasta Sauce, Biscuits, Canned Meat, Coffee, All canned vegetables, All types of soups, Jams, Spreads (Vegemite Peanut Butter etc.), Noodles (2 minute noodles, cup of noodles), soap, sugar, rice. The urgency of need is in descending order. A sample bag is displayed in the church foyer and shopping bags can be purchased from the Admin office.

Tangara 2008—(40th Anniversary Edition)

Tangara is the magazine of the Australian Lutheran College and contains articles from the ministry stream students along with other aspects of the ALC community.

There are three copies available from the Admin office at \$10 each. If you would like to purchase a copy please contact Judith in the Admin office.



The June/July edition of this publication is available from your pigeon hole.

Prayer Chain

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 June are: Abraham, Schiller,

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 -

GGLF Attendance & Offerings

(Offerings do not include electronic giving amount of \$10486 per month from 35 contributors.)

		Attendance	Offerings
Sun 7/6	9.30 am	55	\$867.95
	6.30 pm	44	\$213.70

WANTED TO SHARE

Tenant (either sex) wanted to share with two other Barossa ex Faith Lutheran School students (21 years old {male} and 20 years old {female}) at Mawson Lakes near train station & UniSA. Cost approx. \$120 rent plus food and bills. For further information, please ring 0400 752 380.



We still have a few 2009/2010 Entertainment™ Books left. They are selling for \$65, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the books will go towards supporting our mission partnership with Asaroka, PNG.

To order your copy of the Entertainment Book, please see Judith or Elaine in the Admin office or phone Judith on 8282 6050 or email office@gglf.org.au



'Come Holy Spirit' Conference

10-12 July, 2009 **Holy Trinity Lutheran** Church, Horsham, Victoria

There are guite a few host families willing to take billets. More information can be found at www.spiritconf. synthasite.com Great list of Guest Speakers. Refer to flyer on noticeboard

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.

City of Tea Tree Gully Ageing Strategy 2009-2014

Tea Tree Gully Council invites interested members of the community to attend a discussion about the Council plan that focuses on the needs of older residents.

Wednesday 17 June 2009 1.30pm to 3.30 pm Civic Centre, 571 Montague Rd **Modbury**

Please see flyer displayed in Church fover

Food for Thought

(a monthly forum for students, graduates, and others)

Sunday 28th June, 4.00-6.00 pm

Topic: "A Christian lawyer's view of a Bill of Rights"

Rev Dr Paul Babie will share his view & insights. Rev Dr Babie is a full-time Law lecturer at the University of Adelaide and serves the Uniate Ukranian Catholic church as a priest.

Held at 137 Archer St, North Adelaide (Parking at rear)

Further enquiries to Pastor Mike Pietsch 8370 3615 or 0409 725 573.



LUTHERAN MEDIA Also refer to flyer on Noticeboard for program details. Listen to Face to Face

14th June I Can't Believe I did it! When was the last time that you got really angry? Did you embarrass yourself and others? How we deal with anger is important, because when we manage anger poorly, it can cause many serious physical, social, and emotional problems. Join Richard Mau who will be talking about managing anger and offering a free booklet that suggests some helpful ways to manage it.

Pastor Leon's Message

is available in printed copy form immediately after the service from the Church Foyer . Please feel welcome to take a copy

***** BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Today 14 June Celina Heuston Mon 15 June Don Warren Tues 16 June James Doecke Thurs 18 June Jeramy Lindner Lauren Phillips **Bradley Rogers** Fri 19 June Belinda Heinrich

Sat

Marilyn Seidel Geoff Thiel 20 June

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

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