

Life in the Vine

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CLOTHE *yourself*
 with *tenderhearted*
mercy. **KINDNESS**
gentleness **AND** *patience*
Make *allowance*
FOR EACH OTHER'S
faults, **AND** *forgives*
ANYONE *who* *offends* *you.*
Colossians 3:12&13
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Growing Together As God's Community

"May the God who gives endurance & encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart & mouth you may glorify the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you in order to bring praise to God." ROMANS 15:5-7

"Let us consider how we

may spur one other on toward love & good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another ..." Hebrews 10:24-25



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Pastor Greg Shares

Created for Community

Every one of us has a need for community. We all need a group of people around us with whom we can share life. Some of us see our workplace as our community; after all we have much in common with those we work alongside. Others see their family as their primary community, while others might seek out an interest group or sporting association. More recently, online communities are flourishing as physical boundaries are overcome and like-minded people seek each other out on the internet. Of course, God provides our church as a community of believers. This innate desire comes from the fact that we are made in the image of God and he lives in eternal community as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Psalm 133:1 says 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!'

But many of us experience something less than good and

pleasant in our communities. Workplaces can be tense and political, families can break down & difficult personalities can alienate us from activities we love. We encounter the effects of sin. However, this is not God's way. His desire is for us to commune with Him & to enjoy the wonder of God-filled communities in our everyday life. This is only possible if we embrace the good news of Jesus and live that reality.

Jesus gives us the authority to create God-filled communities. **In Matthew 18:20 he says 'where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'** How simple and powerful! We can be transformed, and we can affect transformation, when we gather in Jesus' name and our actions are in response to His presence. The gospel promises that all relationships can be redeemed. In the power of grace, injury and offence can be overcome by forgiveness and love. As followers of Christ it is our responsibility to take the lead.

**FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE
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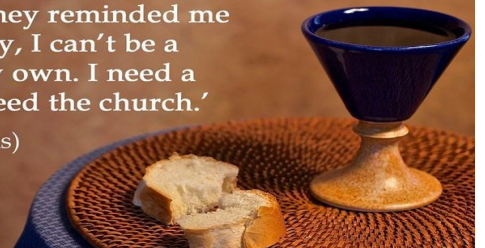
MATTHEW 18:20



As we live in a community of grace here at Golden Grove Lutheran Church we allow Jesus' presence to be evident to all who are drawn in by His Spirit. We can be a haven of acceptance and peace in a world of rejection. We will never be perfect but we can be honest, forgiving & loving. We can point to Jesus who commits himself to transform our community. Pastor Greg

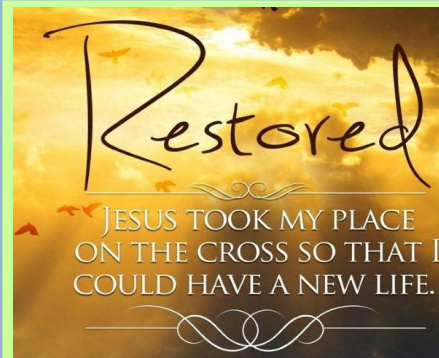
'The sacraments...reminded me that Christianity isn't meant to simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people. They reminded me that, try as I may, I can't be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church.'

(Rachel Held Evans)



Easter Services

Join us over Easter and hear about God's great love for you.



Maundy Thursday Worship

***Thursday 13th April @ 7pm Holy Communion.**



Good Friday Worship

***Friday 14th April 9:30am**

Easter Sunday Worship

***Sunday 16th April - Dawn Service**

(Details to be advised at a later date

***9:30am service Holy Communion**

**@ Golden Grove Lutheran
Worship Centre.**

He is not here. He is risen.

We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves.

— Rick Warren —

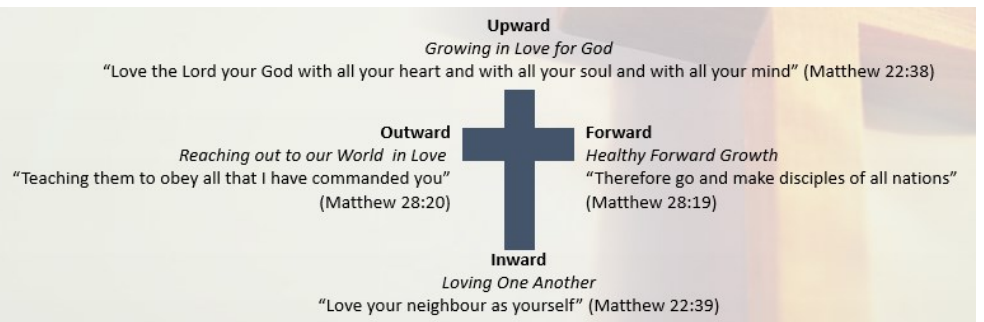
From the Editor



I welcome you to this edition, the first for 2017. I pray that during this year that the magazine 'Life in the Vine' will help you to grow in your spiritual journey and in your connection with this vibrant, active and passionate community. I hope you will be encouraged and inspired from members of our community as they share their faith journeys. I pray that you will learn about what happens within this community—our children's ministry, our school, the youth, pastoral care, the fishing club etc. Our community is made up of people who are loved by God and who want to share this amazing God and His love with all they meet. My family and I have been involved in both the church and school since our son began school here 24 years ago. We felt a strong desire to be involved in the community where our children would go to school and to be involved in the worship of the church. We have been so blessed by this decision. We have grown together as relationships have been developed and in times when we have worked together in various ways. God has led us to serve in this community in many ways using the gifts and talents that He has given us. Golden Grove is our family, and like families we too have experienced times when things haven't gone so well but this community has supported us, encouraged us, forgiven us and helped us to grow in our faith. All this has been possible because we are rooted in Jesus Christ. I pray that you too will feel that this is your family, be touched by God & be Blessed as part of this community.

Yours in Christ, Rosalie Hoklas –Editor hoklas@internode.on.net

THE LORD CALLS US TO LIVE IN COMMUNITY, SHARING TOGETHER THE JOYS, SORROWS, TRIUMPHS, STRUGGLES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIS WORK—AND OUR LIVES—IN THIS WORLD. WE DEVELOP AND NOURISH LIFE-CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER, CREATING SAFE PLACES, GUIDED BY GOD'S WORD. WE STAND BY AND PROTECT ONE ANOTHER, STRENGTHENING AND SUPPORTING, WORKING, LEARNING, AND PLAYING, SIDE-BY-SIDE.
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GOD MINISTERS



The Zimmermann, Quick & Kupke friendship group celebrated living in and being part of our Australian community with an Australia Day Breakfast. We prayed for our country and its people & acknowledge the amazing country that God has given us to live in.



A Christ-Centred Community of K-12 Lutheran Schools

**COLLABORATE
CREATE CELEBRATE**

Our commitment to partner, dream, & passionately engage across our sites of learning in support of students & families is based on evidence that schools are capable of much more working in partnership, than they could ever imagine or achieve individually.

Endeavour College; St Pauls PS, Good Shepherd PS, Salisbury Lutheran Kindergarten & Golden Grove PS.



The 5 Lutheran Learning Sites in the Northern Suburbs are building community as they connect with each other & build relationships. At the start of each school year these sites gather together for worship, Holy Communion & fellowship. Hosted in 2017 by Golden Grove Lutheran PS.

Highlights from Church Council

- *We welcome our **newcomers to Church Council** for 2017, Dave Shrowder representing the Pastoral Care Team, and Ruth Zimmermann representing the Christian Education Team.
- ***Church Council met** for the first time in 2017 in mid February. After the Christmas/New Year break, we had a lot of ground to cover.
- ***Strategic Planning** – we have a busy year ahead as we look forward to our 30th anniversary celebrations in July, whilst at the same time planning renovations, ramping up Playgroup and CCs, revising our constitution and having just appointed a Youth Coordinator. Delivering on these plans is our focus for 2017.
- ***GGLC Foyer Renovations** including Coffee Space, Play space, Pastor’s Office, Toilets. Phase 1 will include office & reception area, hospitality space & play area. Phase 2 the toilets. There are a few details left to sort out for Phase 1, but after several design iterations we feel we are converging on an appropriate and affordable solution. This will be presented to the congregation in the near future.
- ***Sanctuary** – we have a design for the altar and other items in the sanctuary to mark our 30 years as a congregation. Again, there are just a few details to deal with, & this will be presented to the congregation soon. We hope that members will support this once-in-a-lifetime project with special donations to cover the cost.
- ***Constitution updates** – have been reviewed by Church Council & have been sent to the District for the next step in the long journey toward sign-off.
- ***Children’s Ministry** – Natasha Jaeschke, previously employed for a limited term, has been reappointed to the casual role of Children’s Ministry Worker on an ongoing basis.
- ***Youth** – we welcome Paul Voigt as our Youth Coordinator, a part-time position starting March.
- ***Pastor’s Review** – as Pastor Greg has been with us for 1 year, it is LCA policy that a “Review of Ministry” is conducted. This will happen in the coming weeks.
- ***Finance** – Our unaudited accounts from 2016 show a small surplus for the year. This is an outstanding result, given that when we were only a few months from the end of the year we were looking at a deficit of approximately \$20k. Thank you all for generously supporting your church.
- ***Thank you** to everybody who attended our Half-yearly Meeting in December.

Jon Schutz GGLC Chairperson

Asaroka Update

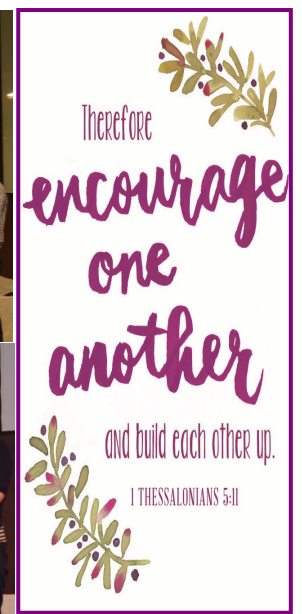


Communication has been difficult with Asaroka due to problems with the phone network up there lately. We have now ascertained that the school year has begun with a total of 2500 students from years 10-12! They have cut the numbers of boarding students to help ease pressure on aspects of the infrastructure. Peter Hasu is again Principal. There has also been some building works happening around the School. The issues around building works, the work in preparing for the big numbers of students this year & having the school ready has meant that the container has yet to be unloaded. They are being careful to plan this, so things are done right and the goods can go directly to where they are needed. Peter is aware of what is in the container and is very happy about it.

We are looking to visit Asaroka later this year. If we can work it, we may be able to coincide our visit with the Goroka Cultural Show. I believe this is in early September. Can people please communicate ‘Expressions of Interest’ in this trip to me so I can start keeping records. Thanks.
Daniel Dutschke 0437896892



Church council: Pastor Greg, Jacquie Schutz, Simon Williams, Denise Kloeden, Shane Paterson, Ruth Zimmermann, Elnora Schmocker, Jon Schutz



Geoff Thiel Recognized by Salisbury Community— 2016 Working Legend Award

Geoff Thiel led the operations of R.M Williams for more than 20 years as Chief Operating Officer at the base at Salisbury South. Geoff is well known as a tireless worker and manager devoted to developing, coaching & mentoring. While manufacturing in Australia has been in decline over the past decade, Geoff has increased both capacity and staffing at R.M Williams with the workforce more than doubling under his watch. He has been a strong vocal advocate for better employment outcomes for families living the Northern Suburbs. Geoff played a leading role in the Dare To Lead program, which gave opportunities to disengaged indigenous students and hosted family days where local indigenous elders were able to visit the plant. He has also been on a number of local Boards, most notably Northern Economic Leaders, which brings business leaders together to discuss innovative ways of supporting and growing economic activity in northern Adelaide.



(article taken from Salisbury Aware magazine—Summer [Nov]2016)

{Geoff is an active member of the Golden Grove Lutheran Church and has been involved in the Golden Grove School community. Our congratulations to him on receiving this award.—Editor }



Last year at Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School's year six graduation ***I had the privilege of giving a gift to each student of the graduating class on behalf of our youth purchased by the congregation.*** The gift was a small Christian book which I believe draws a closer connection between the church and the school but it ultimately signifies the Lutheran backbone that each of the students have been brought up in ever since they started at Golden Grove. ***Ultimately this builds community between the church and school but it also spreads the love of Christ*** as it says in:

Acts 20:35 (NLT) '... You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus': "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Joel Schiller



**Mysteries
and
Miracles**

Girls Getaway/Women's Retreat

5pm Friday 2nd – 3pm Sunday 4th June
@ Nunyara Conference Centre, Belair

Cost: \$140 full weekend 1st timers \$130, (part-time cost is proportional)

Start saving now or can organise part-payments eg approx. \$40 per month Feb-May inclusive (first payment of \$40 is deposit) to church office; online payment & registration details coming soon. We can supplement individuals who are not able to afford the whole price.

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see Dawn at Coffee Club after school chapel.

*****Invite past members/
friends who have moved
on, for a 30th Anniversary
reunion
***invite new members,
GGLPS parents, others in
the community!**



Celebrating 30 years of 'Growing together as Community' in worship, fellowship & learning.

Join us to worship, thank & praise God on Sunday 2nd July 2017 @ 9:30am

Did you know.....

- ◆ Golden Grove Lutheran Church has had 4 Pastors—Lyle Bartel— installed 1st February 1987; Alex Stevenson—installed 6th July 1997; Leon Rosenberg—installed 4th February 2007 and Greg Fowler—installed 7th February 2016
- ◆ Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School has also had 4 Principals—Trevor Winderlich—installed 31st January 1988; Rainer Mayer—installed 5th February 1995; Daryl Trigg—installed February 2008 & Shane Paterson—installed March 2016.
- ◆ The church began as a friendship group on 13th April 1987 meeting in the home of Leanne & Tim Albers with Pastor Bartel & Anne, Tim & Leanne Albers, Jan & Jeff Wegner and Melitta Rogers.
- ◆ The church met in 7 different locations over 12 years. Pedare Christian College for 4:20pm worship; The Heights School for 11am worship; The Wynn Vale Primary School @ 11am and later 10am; Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School double classroom; the Wynn Vale State School Resource Centre, then to Wynn Vale State School Multi Purpose Hall and finally to our purpose built Worship Centre in 1999.
- ◆ The land on which both the church and school are established was originally vineyard.



Golden Grove Lutheran Youth

“We believe that through the trinity (Father, Son & Holy Spirit), young people will come into relationship with Christ, believe in his sacrificial love & promises for them, & live out their faith every day so that they can be the light of the world.” (Ephesians 5:8) 5:8).

G'day. My name is Paul Voigt and, for those who do not know, I have just been hired as the Youth Coordinator. I will be giving you an update on youth this term and what we have planned, but first let me tell you a bit about me.



So as you know my name is Paul. I am from a very small town in the middle of nowhere called Brownlow. I live on a farm with my parents. We run mainly sheep and I work with my Dad as a cabinetmaker. We build furniture and Christian education materials. I have also spent the good part of the last 4 years working on summer camps in America. I had various positions from

senior counselor to program director. I have a huge passion for working with youth and youth camps. I have been on many camps and this last year I was one of the Directors for SPIN. I love working with kids and helping them find their faith and/or strengthen it. It's great to help grow them to become the next generation of leaders and see them become confident in their faith to help others.

My favorite Bible verse is the last part of Romans 8:31 where it says "if our God is for us, then who could be against us". I love the fact that every day I wake up with the God of the universe behind me so what have I to worry about and what could beat me/us with such a great God?



Youth will remain the same format as last year with a devotion and games night and with the alternate night being a Bible study. Pastor Greg will continue to lead the Bible studies which he does an incredible job of. The first one this term was focused on bullying as it is a big issue in today's society and looking into how we as Christians can deal with this issue. The games and devotion nights will be led by me and the incredible youth leader team we have at the church. We will work together to make the nights as enjoyable as possible, as well as teaching them something new to help them grow and to discuss in their

small groups. The topics will be different every week. Our first event of the year was an inside games night where we played life size battleship and volleyball. Pastor Greg came in to talk about what Bible study will look like and opened it up for what the youth to say what they would want to look at. The next event is a service night where we will be doing some work around the church and looking into what it is to be humble and basing our topic on that.

So this is what we have done in the short time we have had this year so far. I am super excited to get started in this new role & to work with the youth leaders to make this year as enjoyable as possible while ultimately learning more about God.

God bless! Paul Voigt



Harvest Thanksgiving is a time to **give thanks & praise to our Almighty God - 'Creator of all things'**. God showers us daily with all we need just because he loves us unconditionally.

Harvest Thanks is a time for us to **thank God for the community** of farmers, market gardeners & all those who produce, process & sell food and items needed for life.

Harvest Thanks is a time to **think of others in our community & to share with them the gifts God has first given us**. The items on display are donated to Australian Lutheran College to help those who are training to be Pastors & to Lutheran Community Care who support and help those in need.



Smiles Welcome Me In This Community



Most of you will have seen me at church with my two little grandsons, Oscar and Angus. Angus is the chatty outgoing one even though he's the youngest, and his cousin Oscar is extremely shy. My son is a single Father and he and Oscar live with me, but I have Angus nearly every weekend and take him to school on Monday mornings.



I have four children, three boys and a girl, & seven grandchildren so I have been well blessed, & I thank the Lord every day for the joy they all give me.

Two of them went to Endeavour college, and on Grandparents day when Michael was taking me round his sister Monica said "Make sure you take nana into the art room". I found out later she had been telling the teacher about the paintings I do, and had said "You must meet my nana" when asked by the teacher how she would know me? The reply was "She'll be the posh one that talks funny!"

Even after 52 years in Australia I haven't lost my Manchester accent, and it has always been a great source of amusement to my family. As for being posh, well, I grew up in a family where there was a great deal of love but very little money. My mother worked part time in an old people's home once her youngest went to school. She used to bring home the old people's cast offs and remake them into clothes for her five children.

Like Pastor Greg I went to work on my first day in clothes that were not really appropriate. Mum changed them as much as she could but they were still old ladyish & my shoes were definitely an old lady's. No one said anything to me at first, but one day a kindly gentleman in the office took me to one side and suggested that I was dressing too old for such a young girl, he told me I should be in younger styles and pretty colours. But no way was I admitting that that was the best my parents could afford, so I told him I liked what I wore, and left the poor man shaking his head. So to be told I look posh is very funny to me.



Persistent prayer

LUKE 18:1-8

Life hasn't always been easy, & in the last few years life has often been very

sad. But I have always had a strong faith and the Lord has always been there for me. Pastor Leon was a great support and now I have Pastor Greg bless him. I have also made some good friends in the congregation, and it is so nice on a Sunday morning to see those smiles of welcome. I can't honestly say I have a favourite bible verse, but one I have to remind myself of from time to time is the parable of the persistent widow, **don't give up, keep on praying until the miracle happens.** Luke 18:8
by Maureen Holcroft



Did you know that a Synod Meeting for LCA SA/NT District will be held at Golden Grove Lutheran Church on May 20th 2017
This is a special event to discuss business for the Lutheran Church that needs to be discussed and voted on. The 48th District Convention of Synod will be held in 2018. This meeting is for Pastors, Synod Delegates and visitors.
Our church delegate- Christiaan Hersevoort (was elected at our church AGM) will be our representative.
Find out more about our wider church community through this event. Chat to Christiaan (since 2009) or Ken Campbell who have represented our congregation .



Leigh & Emily bring Sonny to be baptized

Baptism is when God comes to us through the water and His word to bring us into his family & the community of believers.



God in my Life

My name is Margaret Caldicott. I have 2 children: Mark who is married to Leanne & Alison who is married to Rob. I have 4 beautiful grandchildren.

I was christened at 6 weeks in the Congregational Church and have almost always attended church. I met my late husband Bruce through the youth group. We were married for over 40 years before he went home to our Lord. I was truly blessed to share my life with him.

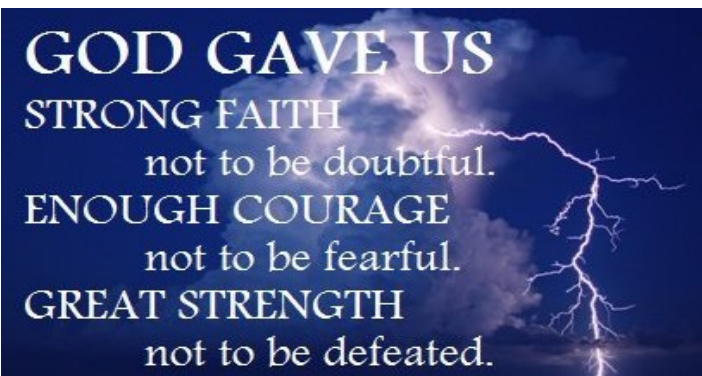
My faith has kept me going through some rough times, particularly when I had to lose an eye. Bruce and my Surgeon were very concerned but I told them **I had the Lord on my side helping me through this.** Life went on sharing my life with my children and grandchildren. So I am truly a one eyed Port supporter.

How I came to Golden Grove Lutheran..... Having moved from my home of 44 years in Paradise I was feeling lost and down. Mark asked Pastor Leon to visit me, which he did. Bless him. He asked Lynette Plane to visit. **From there our friendship has blossomed along with many other friendships with members of the church who have welcomed me into the Church Family. I truly feel Blessed.**

My favourite Bible passage..... is Psalm 23 The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want. I find so much comfort from the words of this Psalm.

I have a very strong relationship with my family and friends. My daughter and her family have just moved back to Adelaide from Melbourne, so now I can share in all of my grandchildren's lives, being much closer to them.

I love to garden, knit & read. I love listening to 'Songs of Praise', to hear the old hymns but most of all **I am happy to have God in my Life.**



We—**Mark & Leanne Caldicott** were married in 2003 at Langmeil Lutheran Church in the beautiful Barossa Valley. We have 2 boys Lachlan

and Joshua who both attended Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School, and have moved on to Tyndale Christian School. Through the boys attending GGLPS we have made many friends and acquaintances. We are all members of the Golden Grove Amateur Fishing club and have had many wonderful outings and camps with our fellow fishers, even taking mum on camp last year.

Leanne works as a Customer Service Officer with the City of Playford. Mark manages the Norwood Garden Centre and has worked in the Nursery industry for over 31 years (but is still trying to finish his own garden).

Faith has guided us through so many good and not so good times. Times like being blessed with meeting each other and 2 great children, whilst on the other hand the passing of my Dad, and Leanne's Brother in less than a year and way before human time but obviously in God's time. Also guiding us to send our children to GGLPS where former Principal Daryl Trigg said to me one day "I'll introduce you to the Groundsman who I think you'll hit it off with". We did. Kuno Berghout and myself have become great mates. Our families have become great friends and last year took an epic journey to Innamincka, spending hours and hours enjoying each others' company and finding out how much we and our children have in common. **God obviously meant us to meet.**

Favourite Bible verse.....not so much a verse but the whole story of creation. To think what an amazing Earth we have been given to be custodians of for future generations.



Berghout & Caldicott families enjoying time together

Hello and welcome to 2017. This year has begun with a very exciting start. I (Natasha Jaeschke) have been appointed to the position of 'Children's Ministry Worker/Co-ordinator'. I am very excited and happy to begin my new role. This year will see my previous hours extended. I am the co-ordinator of three main areas:

1. Bible Song. This is a Christian Education program that children participate in during the church service. Our themes will be following the lectionary readings so as to add cohesion and deeper spiritual growth to the children when discussing the topic with their families. This program is specifically aimed at children aged 3-10 years but certainly all children are welcome to participate or assist with the younger children.

2. CC's—Children of Christ. This provides an opportunity for all children whether it be our congregational families or the families of Golden Grove Lutheran Primary school, to collaboratively participate in fun, organised Friday night activities. This year we will have 3 planned events per term.
 Term 1 will have 24/2/17 Water play evening at GGLPS
 10/3/17 Golden Fields park visit
 24/3/17 Come and try a variety of sports



at GGLPS with a sports rotation evening. It will include Tennis, Basketball, Football & Table Tennis.

CC's will begin at 6:30 with a devotion prior to beginning our activities. We are truly blessed to have a group of dedicated volunteers who will assist and support the children in their activities. The Volunteers are from Youth Salt Factory and from our own congregation. CC's will offer a chance for our school and church children to come together, build relationships and have fun. More information will be available through the bulletin.

3. Mainly Music/playgroup will begin in Term 2. Mainly music will be held in the chapel followed by a fruit snack and playgroup time for the children in the fellowship centre. The day and time are still to be decided. This playgroup will be aimed at our baptismal and congregational families. I will keep you informed on our progress and also request volunteer assistance. Please check the church bulletin, eNews & the school newsletter for updates & requests.



Tight Lines



GGAF (Golden Grove Amateur Fishing)

Mission statement: Giving all people opportunities to fish in a Christ centred environment.

The **GGAF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** was held Sunday 12th February.

The following were re-elected to the **Committee**: President – Graeme Hoklas Vice President – Louise Sumner Secretary – Christine McCulloch Treasurer – Chris Simanis Other Committee Members – Ian Zimmermann, Geoff Hill and Dennis Arthur. Mick Hiscock has retired from the Committee and we welcome Rob Pointon as a new committee member.

Events Program for 2017 - New to the program this year are *Cadell on the Murray, Pt Hughes and Semaphore Jetties and a Fish Cooking Night in August with GGAF master chef Geoff Thiel. Annual Camp destination this year is Meningie Caravan Park.*

2017 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

18th March (Saturday) – Cockling @ Goolwa Beach 9.00am

29th April (Saturday) – Waitpinga Beach 10.00am – 4:30pm

21st May (Sunday) – Cadell River Fishing 10:30am

19th June (Monday) - Tackle Night 7.30pm @

GGLPS Conference Room—Wynn Vale

22nd July (Saturday) – Pt Hughes Jetty Fishing 10am–4:30pm

26th August (Saturday) – Fish Cooking Evening

10th September (Sunday) - Semaphore Jetty 6am–9:30am

20th - 22nd October (Fri-Sun) – Annual Camp @ Meningie Caravan Park

18th November (Saturday) – Presentation Night @ GGLC 7:00pm

Note: Events may be subject to change

Annual Membership cost remains at \$15 for Seniors

and \$5 for Juniors (15 years and under)



CRABBING at WEBB BEACH on Saturday 25th Feb attracted 37 crabbers. The weather was ideal for raking at 27degrees with a slight breeze. A club record of 197 crabs were caught—3 cookups in Zimmo's gas copper. Everyone enjoyed a healthy feed at the beach and there was enough left over for all to take a few home. Thanks again to Zimmo for organizing the event -including demos before raking and after the cookup. He also provided a savoury platter and watermelon. Largest crab winners were: Lou Goegan (male crab) and Michael Oatey (female crab).

NEXT EVENT—COCKLING at Goolwa Beach 9.00am Saturday 18th March.





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Believe Collaborate Achieve

..in our community all people matter



You may have noticed over the last few weeks the message on our new electronic sign which makes the above claim. Community is one of the strengths identified at the school and that everyone here is important. Each individual (student, parent and staff) is important because they are a forgiven child of God, with all their weaknesses and idiosyncrasies, however, *Jesus died for all of us and we as a school then value, love and support each person.* It is one of the foundational understandings of the school. Community is practised and observed in many ways in the school:

- *Through events such as MOT (Middle of Term) breakfast
- *Class Carers who coordinate assistance to school families in need and also organise family events
- *P. & F. who organise school community events - Christmas picnic, Showdown and the recently held beginning of year BBQ
- *School and congregation working together in community can be seen in the Receptions receiving their Bibles, CC's, Coffee mornings, Shrove Tuesday Pancakes.



It is one thing to say we are community but another to observe it, to see it action. We can praise God that the community at Golden Grove Lutheran is strong and supports all who are a part of it.



**BELIEVE
COLLABORATE
ACHIEVE**

One of the changes introduced this year is the launch of our new value statement, "Believe, Collaborate, Achieve".

These words are unpacked on our new website (which was launched in the past few weeks) and represent our beliefs and understandings about the school. Coupled with the rollout of this new value statement and website is the release of a Strategic Plan for the school. This can be accessed from the website should you be interested.

GGLPS is definitely a vibrant community where rich and deep learning occurs within a strong Christian environment. I encourage you to continue to pray for the school as we minister to the students and their families.

Blessings, Shane Paterson



School Council



School Captains



Blessing of School Staff

