



"Hand of Friendship"

"I will not forget you! See I have engraved you on the palms of my hands."

Isaiah 49:15-16

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you & help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ...For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand & says to you 'Do not fear; I will help you.'" Isaiah 41:10,13

"Two are better than one... If one falls down the other can help him up...A cord of three strands is not quickly broken"

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

"that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."

Romans 1:12



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Pastor Greg Shares

Hand in hand



*If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.*
Psalm 139:9-10

There is something about touch that communicates much. Lovers walk hand-in-hand. Mothers rub bumps 'better' with their magic hands. Caregivers relieve suffering by gentle strokes on the forehead. People shake hands when meeting as a sign of acceptance and potential friendship. It's no wonder God uses the image of his hand guiding and protecting to show his people the intimacy of the relationship.



When my new grandson was born I couldn't wait to hold him for the first time. I loved him even before he was born but the fullness of emotion & attachment occurred when he was in my hands for the first time. My hands brought him close to me so I could cuddle him. My hands would protect him from anything that may come

too close. My hands cupped his head while I simply looked at him. God does this for us too. He reaches into our world, touches our life and wants to pull us close to him so we hear his Father's heart. God promises to protect us from the attacks of evil and he delights in us as his creation.

Hands also join us to others in ministry. We reach out to the community through our playgroup and café, extending our hand of welcome and friendship. All those who grace our place with their presence experience the warmth that comes from life lived in Christ. Our partners on the other side of the Coral Sea in PNG are joined to us in hands of friendship symbolised by a handshake photographed on our first visit to Asaroka (see front page). Hand-in-hand we do

ministry together, all the while being guided, protected and loved by the hand of God. We touch lives. Our lives are touched. God's hand is in it all.

May the hand of God be always for you,
Pastor Greg



God reaches out His hand in friendship, welcoming us into His family in Baptism



From the Editor

Welcome my dear friends to another edition of LITV. Throughout this magazine you will see countless times when the Golden Grove Lutheran Community of both church and school offer a hand of friendship. This was very evident in the recent trip to Asaroka, PNG. I have been involved in this partnership for over 10 years and have spent many hours communicating in person, via email or letters to many of those in the Asaroka & the Goroka communities. I feel we have a very close relationship & friendship. Friendships like this don't just happen. One needs to work at them by being open & accepting, sharing ideas and feelings, praying for each other and spending time together. This is not always easy when we are separated by thousands of kilometres, poor internet connections and the business of life. These friendships have blessed me in so many ways and helped shaped my life. I am very thankful to my loving God that I have so many wonderful friends, not just in PNG, but everywhere & who have been there throughout the various stages of my life. Why not take this opportunity to thank God for your friends and all those people God has placed in your life . No matter how loyal and great our friends are, there is a friend who is a perfect friend. That friend is Jesus. He is my best friend and my loving Saviour. If you do not have him as your friend why not reach out to Him. He is waiting to be your friend. This Jesus loves us each so much that He gave His life for us, so that we can have a personal and eternal relationship with Him. Like all friendships we need to work on it and spend time with Him. You can meet with Jesus every day through reading His word- the Bible, in prayer, meeting with other Christians, and in worship. Jesus wants to walk hand in hand with us each day, helping us to face the pleasures, hardships, adventures & disappointments of daily life.



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Community Fete 
 &
Official Cafe Opening

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**ART
 COMPETITION**

**- Kids Under 16 -
 Prizes To Be Won!**

Any arts and crafts can be submitted
 e.g. paintings, drawings, collage,
 needlecraft, models, clay/plasticine

Categories:
 - Jesus and Me
 - 3D
 - Nature
 - Space
 - Free Choice

Art Display at Fete:
 Sunday Oct 20th
 11am to 3pm
 Entertainment!
 Stalls, Fun, Food!
 Kid's Side Show Alley!

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 18 October With Contact Details

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 Supported by the Golden Grove Lutheran Community

Farewell Judith

A poem by Margy Knapp

Sweet and kind and nice, helpful beyond measure,
that's the Judith we all know and treasure!
Have a question, a problem, a need? Judith's the one
to take the lead.
Statistics and contacts, numbers and dates, Service
orders, props to locate,
"Who is that person?" - Judith will know
"When did that happen?" - Judith can show
"Why did we do that?" - she will remember . . .
Our walking recorder, our history buff, as if typing
bulletins wasn't enough!
With encouraging words and a winsome smile Judith
has mastered her ministry style.
Kindness personified, patience king size,
understanding, supportive & wise, so wise!
She's never too busy, you're never too late . . . she
always has time for the needs you relate.
How does she do it - treat everyone special - even
when caught in an IT wrestle!
She's kept our office running just right, helped all the
Pastors fight the good fight.
She's welcomed the visitor, even the stranger, a
heart of compassion and nothing will phase her.
She's honest and humble and self-effacing, cheerfully
helping - though deadline chasing!
She listens with empathy clear on her face, quick
with a comforting arm of embrace.
Shinning so bright in her steadfast faith, her strength
is in Jesus; with Him she is safe.
'Grace and Love' is the perfume she wears.
Her words give comfort and support for our cares
and once they are spoken and we walk away,
We know that she'll pray for the rest of the day.
How can we thank her for what she has done,
through good times and tuff, she's kept us as one.
Judith, we thank you and we bless you too . . .
May God grant you the retirement that's best for
you.
May all of your days be filled with His love,
May your friendship with Christ make your heart soar
above.
May both body and soul stay strong and refreshed.
May the next stage of your life be the one most
blessed.
So retire with the knowledge of a job well done.
In our eyes sweet Judith, you're second to none.



On Friday evening June 28th congregation members, community, family & friends joined an evening of recollections, speeches, fellowship & supper to farewell Judith the church office secretary. On Sunday 30th June Pastor Greg prayed for her and blessed her in her retirement in front of her home congregation.

Robert Mills is the new office/Café co-ordinator. Robert says 'I thank GGLC community for this opportunity and I look forward to the new evolving job and the challenges it will present. Please feel free to call in anytime during office hours to have a coffee and a chat. Cheers and God Bless'

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****Tuesday & Thursday 8am—1pm**

****Wednesday & Friday 9am—4pm**

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Thanks Judith

Judith started in the first week of Spring - September, 1991. 18-22 deg C that week. Fine. No rain. Perfect spring day to springboard her new career.

Judith's time has been just shy of 28 years. About 1/3 of a lifetime. That's 10,162 days ago, 1452 weeks. Judith would have produced about 1400 church newsletters, sent countless emails, taken countless phone calls, counselled countless people. She has seen off 4 pastors, 4 school principals, 9 chairpersons (actually 10 since we count John Fielke twice). 28 years of loyalty and dedication deserves a lot of respect, particularly having to work in such intolerable conditions in the early years (no Google). To me, Judith's work ethic is exemplified by the photo below, of her lugging part of a tree around in the firewood fundraiser (the one in the picture is just a twig, I have seen her shifting chunks of trunk that look about twice her size - tumbling end to end, rolling it down the hill, bit by bit encouraging it to its final destination. Then she goes and gets another one, and another. This steadiness and persistence is the hallmark of Judith.



On behalf of the congregation I'd like to say thank you for all those years of loyalty and dedication - including all those trees you've moved both in tree form and paper form.

So to Judith - and Tom - we wish you all the best in your retirement, trust this next phase of your life will bring new and interesting challenges. May God bless you both. *(Extracts from the speech by Jon Schutz GGLC Chairperson given at the farewell evening)*



So Many, Many Blessings!!

My recent retirement from my church office role at GGLC was filled to overflowing with them.

Rich blessings poured upon me at the amazing extraordinary special celebration evening organised for my retirement that gave honour & acknowledgement to me beyond anything I could imagine & was such a precious and beautiful & memorable gift that I shall forever cherish. Treasured words spoken, lovingly crafted & heartfelt poems written & wonderful wishes shared with me during that evening & in the days & weeks beforehand kept on blessing me all the while & embracing me with God's amazing grace & love. My deep & heartfelt thanks to all those who helped organise the evening & those who were able to share in it with me & still adding to that evening was yet more blessing through the generous gift given me. My, oh my! My heart still leaps with joy remembering that incredible night.

Naturally retirement is a time to reflect and in so doing I cannot help but feel extraordinarily blessed and thankful for the opportunity and privilege of serving in the church office role for the past 28 years and reaching an age and stage to be able to retire. In that reflection of my time at GGLC two things that stand out in my heart and mind is **LOVE** and **COMMUNITY**. God's love and provision and care shown in and through each of you makes this a special place.

I hold a deep love and heart for the Golden Grove Lutheran community & its people, & I am deeply thankful for the love and support shown me over the years. It's been enriching and rewarding and a true and wonderful blessing.

So for me there are so many blessings they are uncountable & I can but give my thanks & praises to God for all His goodness.

Humbly, Judith Whaites



Children's Ministry



Much has been happening in children's ministry here at Golden Grove, reflecting our commitment to the spiritual wellbeing of those God has entrusted to us. On **Sunday morning**, our kids can be seen doing craft, making biscuits or playing games while learning about the foundational stories of the faith. Our **Mainly Music** program continues to grow and many families from our community are blessed with a warm, safe space for fellowship and care.

We are quite excited about our new **Wednesday playgroup** that is a joint ministry of our church and school. Each Wednesday during term time, our children's ministry leader, Natasha, conducts a program of singing, dancing and activities designed to assist with pre-schoolers developmental needs. There is an opportunity to **borrow from our church library** and our year six students come and join in free play. We are so blessed to have a **dedicated team of volunteers to serve** those who come our guests on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Pastor Greg

All Welcome



Play Group is on Wednesday 9.30am to 11am in GGLC Worship Centre

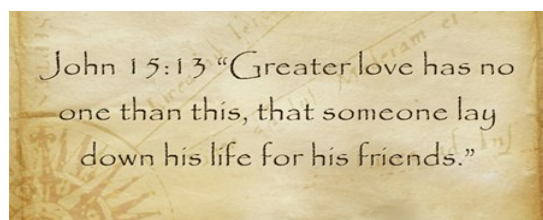


In recent years, Con Schlenk (involved in children's ministry in Cambodia) produced a small bible book for Cambodian mission, with artwork depicting the characters as Cambodian and in their Khmer language. His mission was to print them in bulk and give them to small children as a "Good News Reader". This was supported wholly by Lutherans in SA & the outreach work of Trans World Radio (TWR). This reader has gospel stories in full colour and the thirst for this book is vast. The radio station received more than 2000 thank you letters from children who had heard the broadcasts in the first few months of broadcasting.

Daniel Dutschke's brother Matt was aware of these and after his trip to Kenya and Uganda last year (2018) wondered if a similar thing could be done in Africa. After discussions with Con Schlenk and the same artist who did the original paintings, the book has been reproduced for an African audience. The pictures have been redone with a generic African look and the words have been reset to English as per request by his contacts in Africa. Matt's goal is to get them printed in Kenya (with the first batch of 10,000) about to go to print. He has financed all costs to set this up himself. His aim is to give out 1,000,000 of these over the next few years.

A very small run was just printed in Adelaide and Daniel purchased 10 from Matt that were taken on the trip to PNG for them to look at and see if they will be suitable for their ministry.

Cheers
Daniel
Dutschke



2019 GGLC & GGLPS Team visit our partners in Asaroka PNG

August 16th a team of 7 left for Goroka in the Eastern Highlands with the goal of connecting again with our brothers & sisters at Asaroka. This partnership began under the leadership of the late Len Tscharke in 2006 with the aim of encouraging & supporting the Asaroka community both in faith & in material items. Although the partnership is formally with Asaroka Lutheran Secondary School our friendship & assistance has extended to the Elementary & Primary schools & the surrounding community that supports the Secondary School. This is the first trip without Len & Claire Tscharke, although their son Ken who was born in PNG continues to be an important member of our team. His knowledge and understanding of both culture and Pidgin is vital to the success of each visit & the partnership. A wooden plaque was presented to the Asaroka Community to acknowledge the work of Reverend Tscharke in both establishing the school and the partnership.

We were welcomed on arrival by Jacob, Dan, Chaplain Benson & others at the airport & then taken to the guest house where we spent time together in prayer & the organization of activities for the week. These special people looked after us all week, spending each day with us, taking time out of their work to devote time with us.

On the first Sunday we worshipped with our dear friends at St John's, Goroka & Pastor Greg had the privilege of sharing God's Word. On the last Sunday we worshipped & shared Holy Communion with our Christian family at Asaroka. During this service we were privileged to witness the young people of the 'outreach team' hand over to the incoming 'outreach team'. The passion and servant hearts these young people have for the Lord was touching & uplifting. A German missionary, his wife and group of young men from Germany were also part of this service.

During the week we travelled on the school bus out to Asaroka (approx 1 hour on both bitumen and very bad dirt roads) each day. On the Monday we were on our way to the High School when we were stopped by the Primary School. They were waiting to welcome us and to worship with us, giving thanks to God for the partnership and Pastor Len. Each team member was then allocated a class to spend time in. What a wonderful, joyous occasion. On arrival at the High School, much later than expected, we were part of the assembly. Standing in front of 2500 students can be quite daunting but we offered words of encouragement for their faith journey.

A tour of the school and its buildings, a visit to the water source all helped us gain an appreciation of the many needs of the school, the work that has been done & work still needing to be done. There were many opportunities for us to chat with staff, the Principal Aki Olisagave, & Chaplain Benson. The final Saturday was shared with the 'outreach team' at the camp mumu. Celebrating with food and fellowship.



Reflections from the Team visiting Asaroka PNG



Worshipping with our brothers and sisters in PNG was the highlight of the trip for me. While so many things were familiar, the local culture and indigenous expressions of faith were a delight to experience. It was wonderful to see the passion of those worshipping and the relaxed, reverent approach to worship. No one is in a hurry in the presence of God in PNG. God is a priority and it is no more evident than on a Sunday. My faith has been strengthened and I will always have a piece of Highland worship with me. **Pastor Greg**

The highlight for Ray Shillabeer was:

Being able to converse again in Pidgin after a period of 37 years. Seeing the wonderful smiling faces of the students and their joy in having us visiting their schools. Receiving all those cards from the grade 4 students at the primary school was most uplifting. Then there was the emotional reunion with the Nurses, wonderful dedicated women. I can honestly say I enjoyed every moment of the trip, and the companionship of all the other team members.



A Blessed and Meaningful time at Asaroka & Goroka. by Ken Tscharke

From my experience, and I am sure from the rest of the group who visited Goroka and Asaroka, time spent with them, was blessed & meaningful. Their hospitality towards us all was just amazing. Nothing was too much trouble for them. They looked after us every day by providing our transport out to the schools at Asaroka and for general sightseeing. God also took care of us on our visit to PNG. We have a lot to learn from them in many ways. Most people do not have many material possessions & are still happy. Happy in their Christian faith and their reliance on God each day. The accommodation at the Lutheran Guest House was excellent. Good quality meals were provided, and the total honesty of the people working at the guest house. However, on the streets just a few people can be dishonest. Most are law-abiding, good people, same as in Australia. In their worship they often sing old hymns, taught to them by Christian missionaries. (from many years before.) They love playing the guitar within their music groups. May God bless the people in Papua New Guinea. They have, and are achieving many amazing things in their country.



Allyson Dutschke reflects on the recent 10 day trip to PNG

As this is my third visit, there was a feeling of 'coming home', which was very comforting and welcoming, and I was looking forward to seeing many familiar faces – and was not disappointed.

It was very special to be able to spend time in the classroom, both with the Primary School Year 6 class, & with the Elementary School reception class. These children are being well educated, and in English, from an early age.

I thought I'd teach the reception children 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star' – but when I started, they chimed in perfectly. The teacher explained they find learning English through rhyme and song is very effective.

The Year 6 class were interested to learn about Australia – just as they learn much about PNG. They asked very intelligent questions about the land, people and industry. And the only question to stump me: What is Australia's main economy? (I now know this is mining – followed closely by agriculture & education) Will I be returning again? Definitely! Papua New Guinea has a firm place in my heart, E-tru!



Generous & loving people; Amazing cultural differences; Thought provoking. Paul Voigt



I often hear that the faith of the people in PNG is far above ours & it encourages us.....but I want to see this encouragement mean more to us. The amount of medicine Christians in the western world take is crazy, we don't rely on God nearly as much as we could. A place like PNG can point us towards the knowing of Gods healing abilities to keep us going. I would love to see more of the faith filled culture from PNG back here. I feel encouraged and motivated coming back from PNG to live out my faith and be more generous with what I have.... time, possessions and most importantly sharing the healing work of Jesus.



Blessed, Alive & Challenged are three words that express my thoughts on my visit to PNG. I Have been so blessed by the people of PNG. Their faith is so alive and is expressed in all they do. It has challenged me in my walk of faith. The blessings resulting from the work of Len & Claire Tscharke are very evident everywhere in their schools, community and has had an impact on the whole country. Don't ever discount what one or two people can do when it is from the Lord & for the Lord. **Marion Chan**





GGLPS partners with Asaroka PNG



It began when Mrs Hoklas was invited into the year 2 Classes to talk about how the church helps those in other communities. Both GGLPS and Golden Grove Lutheran Church have a partnership established 13 years ago to support the Asaroka community which consists of an Elementary, Primary and Secondary schools. Following a power point presentation explaining the partnership and the assistance & friendship that has been provided over the years, the classes wanted to know what they could do to help. It was suggested we put together birthing kits for women in the surrounding villages to assist when they have babies. The classes with the assistance of their teachers also decided to fundraise by selling cakes and hot chocolate to raise money to purchase Australian picture books, textas, pencils and resources for the Elementary School. Money was taken with the team to PNG for the elementary teachers to choose items that they needed from the shops in Goroka.



Each child made a card with a message that was placed in each birthing kit. Altogether 36 birthing kits were delivered.





GGLPS Year 2 classes with Pastor Greg blessing the Birthing Kits & items for PNG. Teacher Marion received a blessing at chapel.



Sunday worship with the blessing of GGLC team to Asaroka & the Barossa team travelling to Ialibu PNG. A fellowship lunch followed.



The delivery of Australian picture books, pencils & textas to the Elementary School. The team read several of the stories to the classes. On the Friday teachers went shopping to find resource books, buckets & scoops for collecting rain water so the children had water to drink, a spade & a machette knife for use at the school.



Delivery of picture books to Primary School & laptop to Principal John Nuldiunde

Delivery of Birthing Kits to Asaroka First Aid Post.



The partnership continues as we support & encourage each other.



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**BELIEVE
COLLABORATE
ACHIEVE**

... in our community all people matter

'Praise God from whom all blessings flow'

Having grown up in the Lutheran church, the words on which this article is based around are familiar, as it was the start of a sung grace at congregational lunches / dinners. It is rarely sung now but the words are timeless and it is often a refrain which runs through my head.

There is much for which we can praise God who has showered the school with many blessings.

Capital works: We have now taken possession of our new building. This building has four classrooms in it. While the original building has been refurbished and a new classroom added, the space certainly feels as if it is new. The students and teachers are enjoying this space which has included a technology room and a well-being room.



Community: There are many events which we celebrate as a community. Our middle of term breakfast (provided by the P. & F. and cooked by the staff) is a great tradition. Mother's Day and Father's Day have both been celebrated and our annual Special Persons Afternoon is fast approaching. Our P. & F. remains strong and is a great support to the school. Class Carers are involved with supporting families in need and recently had a 'cook up' to store meals for when they are needed for families.

Staff: I continually thank God for the staff, teaching and non-teaching at the school. They are truly a blessing and serve with compassion and a desire to make a difference in student's lives.

Students: We have many blessings through the students that are in the school. Every day is different as we interact with each other, but to see the wonder, excitement and joy on student's faces as they engage in their learning is wonderful to experience.

We can praise God for all these blessings and the many others that haven't been mentioned. May God continue to bless this school, the relationship between the school and congregation and our community.



“Life’s a Beach”



What do you think of when you think of the beach?

*Sunshine, sand castles, shells, waves, dolphins and sunsets? But what about sunburn, rocks, castle crushers, hidden currents, storms, and sharks? **The beach is a lot like life, perfect one day, interesting the next, and sometimes harsh and unpleasant.***

So much of Jesus ministry took place on and around the Sea of Galilee. Four of his disciples were fishermen. GGLPS staff took a journey with Jesus like his first disciples to sit at his feet in a boat, listen to his words and follow in his footsteps. (Verena Johnson/ lay worker formation officer for LCA Lay Ministry was the facilitator for the day)



On July 1st, GGLPS staff attended their 2019 retreat, ‘Life’s a Beach’ at the Adelaide Sailing Club, West Beach. The day was interactive, prayerful and enabled staff to engage with God’s creation while exploring scripture.



Together staff waded through the themes of...

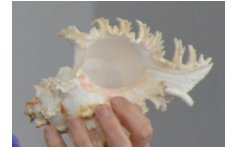
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...Resurrection & Redemption...



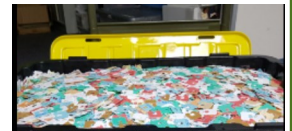
Thanks to Verena for leading us and ‘The Oceanique’ restaurant for their awesome hospitality and delicious food.

GGLPS Spiritual Life Team

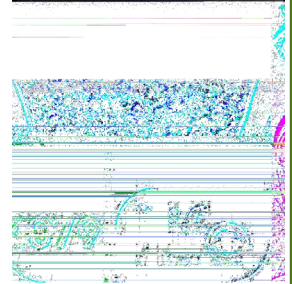
(Jacquie Paech, Georgia Burden, Greg Fowler, James Salisbury)



BREAD TAGS
for wheelchairs



The charity “Bread Tags for Wheelchairs” are able to cash them and use the money to purchase wheelchairs for disabled adults and children. Since April 2008 approximately 75 wheelchairs have been purchased annually from the proceeds of bread tags donated. These tags can be dropped off with 1079Life or bring them to the church office where they will be collected by Jenny Rawolle and taken to 1079Life.



Below are 2 links to find out more information. A small way we can lend a hand of friendship to others.

<https://1079life.com/your-bread-tags-can-provide-wheelchairs-for-the-less-fortunate/>

<https://1079life.com/the-roadies/>

G.G. LUTHERAN YOUTH

G'day,

During my time as youth worker I have seen so much change in trying to improve the program from not just having fun & building relationships but to disciple the youth. Every term I feel we are getting closer and closer to this goal. In Term 3 we started a new night called 'get real'. This night is all about getting real with each other over drinks and snacks from the café. It is a time of worship with a leader sharing their testimony and sharing their struggles (which we all have in our lives) along with their faith walk. We want to get beside each other and encourage each other.

We still have game nights. We all enjoy a night of fun followed by a devotion and small groups. We are also working on getting the older generations of the church involved in different activities such as 'the step back in time' event. Another event this term is called "Beat the Professional". More details to come. If you are someone who would like to get involved with helping at youth by either sharing a devotion, preparing a snack, helping in small group or in various other roles on the night, please let me know. We would love to have you assist. You are never too old to be involved.

A lot of our youth are also helping run JR Youth events that happen twice a term. We have looked at the story of 'Moses Crossing the Red Sea', where the kids engaged in a scavenger hunt of finding the '10 Commandments'. The next one will be looking at the story of 'Samson'. Pastor Greg and I are very excited about how JR Youth is developing and we look forward to seeing it continue to grow.

Thanks

Paul Voigt

An evening with the nurses & members of St Johns Goroka.



Lutheran Community Sewing Group "Sew What"



As Australia questions how we welcome a stranger, the Lutheran Community Sewing Group in Adelaide has the answer all stitched up. Each Friday volunteers from nearby suburbs and towns welcome new neighbours from South Sudan, Iraq and Afghanistan and teach them how to sew. But what's learnt here is so much more than sewing. Volunteers Helen and Noreen started the group 16 years ago as a way of helping South Sudanese friends settle in.

Why not watch the video 'One Stitch At A Time' on the link below to understand how one group has lent a hand of friendship to help others.

<https://www.lca.org.au/departments/local-mission/cross-cultural-ministry/lutheran-community-sewing-group/>

If you want to read some inspirational stories from this group check out the following link.

<https://lutheranwomenofaustralia.org/one-stitch-at-a-time/>

Speak with Jack & Judy Ross who recently visited when donating some material for their use or contact Helen.

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THOSE WHO LEAVE
EVERYTHING IN GOD'S HAND,
WILL EVENTUALLY SEE GOD'S
HAND IN EVERYTHING.



YOUR
DAILY
BREAD

Highlights from Church Council

Jon Schutz - GGLC Chairperson

***Budget** – At the AGM, 21 ways were presented in which members can help to bolster the budget bottom line through a mix of volunteering, supporting fundraising programs and donation or regular giving. Roughly 3 months since the AGM, we are seeing the effects as people fulfil their undertakings through the Day Pay Challenge or once-off gifts, & increased regular giving. At this moment it is tricky to get a good fix on our long term budget position because of the difficulty in separating long term trends from once-off gifts, but it is certainly clear that our situation has improved. We will have an accurate update on our budget position later in the year. Thank you all for your support.

***Firewood** – Thank you also to everyone who helped out with our firewood fundraiser this year. We sold almost 13 tonnes of firewood & raised \$4700.



***Deck and Playground** – Construction of the verandah over the deck started on July 24th. Pipes in all the wrong places caused some challenges but the builders completed their work on August 13. In parallel a team of our volunteers have worked on the deck & play area – setting the levels, installing drainage, building borders, filling & levelling the play area base, setting up pylons for the deck, installing deck joists, installing soft fall mats,

assembling play equipment, securing the decking, & reinstating the paving. Preparation for oiling the deck & installing the balustrade fence have begun. In what can only be a conspiracy, more pipes and old footing found their way exactly to the places where we need to dig for the fence spigots. Roughly 400 hours of volunteer effort have been invested so far, including quite a few due to conspiratorial pipework. A big thank you to everyone who has helped!



***Olive Oil Fundraiser** – Church Council has decided to start with a modest-sized trial of 100 litres. Order forms will be available soon – stay tuned.

***Fete** – The organising committee has been meeting regularly to plan for the café opening celebration fete on October 20.

***Chairs** – Replacement of the aging & failing Worship Centre chairs is the last major component of our renovations program. One year ago Church Council assessed the options & made a decision – albeit a compromise, as the preferred option was out of budget range – but that was soon put on hold after we received new information which affected the basis of the decision. Budget status as relayed at the AGM left us without expectation of being in a position to pursue the chairs. However, we have now been able to place an order! With some ongoing negotiations on price coupled with support from the school, we have arrived at a workable solution. The school will pay the full amount for the chairs initially, & the congregation will reimburse our 50% share over the next year & a half. The chairs are high-back Trilogy chairs that received the best overall response when the options were trialled by the congregation & school last year. 192 will be in “beam seat” configuration (like our existing brown chairs) & 108 as single seats. We thank the school for agreeing to an arrangement that makes this purchase possible.

***Staff changes** – Judith finished almost 28 years of service as office secretary at the end of June. We welcome Robert Mills into the new position as Office/Café Coordinator. Our Youth Coordinator Paul Voigt will be stepping down from at the end of the year. We thank Paul for his outstanding work of the last 2 ½ years & wish him all the best as he settles into married life with Jess.

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

GGAF extends its “Hand of Friendship” to all who attend the club’s events—whether they are fishers or not. New friends are constantly made and many are long lasting.



WEST LAKES —Monday 24th June

Mild sunny weather welcomed 14 fishers to West Lakes. Only 7 legal fish were landed of which 6 were Mullet caught by Chris Simanis mainly on gents bait. Lou Goegan caught a Mullet and several undersize bream were also landed.

TACKLE NIGHT—Monday 24th June

Tackle Night in the GGLPS Conference Room attracted an excellent attendance of 36 fishers, friends and presenters. **Danny Simpson and Alex Williams from RecFishSA** provided an update on the formation of the State Minister’s Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee (MRFAC) and its impact on RecFishSA. This was followed by an informative discussion on reservoir fishing and restocking. At interval all were treated to a delicious seafood bake tasting prepared by Louise Sumner. **Steve & Lyn Castle and John Filmer from Spot On Fishing & Outdoors Salisbury Plain** followed with an entertaining presentation including night fishing, reels and rods and tips to catch yellowfin whiting. Thanks to Spot On for their generous donations of prize draws at the end of a very informative evening.



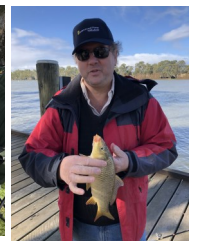
STREAKY BAY—12th to 15th July

24 keen fishers and friends ventured to Streaky Bay on Eyre Peninsula and were accommodated at the **Streaky Bay Foreshore Caravan Park**. Conditions were not ideal—a cold 14 degrees and windy. 25 fish were caught on the Saturday and 15 on Sunday at various locations including jetty, surf and rocks. Fish landed included Salmon Trout, Mullet, King George Whiting (KGW) and Trevally. A number of Rock Cod were also caught. Popular locations were Streaky Bay Jetty, Fishermans Paradise, Back Beach and Hallys Beach. The surf beaches proved difficult due to persistent weed attaching to rigs. Zimmo fished the jetty with success with 7 Salmon Trout as did Lachlan Caldicott who jagged a KGW and 2 Salmon Trout. Graeme Hoklas bagged 3 KGW and 4 Mullet. Those who did not fish enjoyed the sights and the local cafes/coffee shops. Dinner was enjoyed by all at the Streaky Bay Hotel on Saturday Night and the BBQ at the Park Camp Kitchen on Sunday night. Thanks to Chris Simanis for sourcing the BBQ meat from the local butcher and those members who provided salads and sweets.



MANNUM on RIVER MURRAY– 10th August

The weather prior to the Mannum trip was not promising—cold, wet and windy. Conditions however for the 26 attendees were quite pleasant with 16 degrees, light wind and a very light shower. First time fishers welcomed were Paul Voigt (Youth Worker) and family and Joel Schiller from the Church. The big story of the day was the presence of a number of nuisance pelicans—1. A pelican flew across Peter van Loggem’s line resulting in rod and reel being pulled into the Murray out of reach and sinking to the bottom 2. Keith Scott caught his first ever river fish (a Carp) only to have it taken from his landing net by a pelican and 3. Peter Van Loggem’s catch was taken by an aggressive pelican at weigh in. Only 6 legal fish were caught—all Carp. 4 undersize Callop were also landed and returned to the water. Graeme Hoklas landed the largest Carp—41cms. A great sausage sizzle was provided by Peter Van Loggem and Keith Scott.



NEXT EVENTS 14 September: Semaphore Jetty 3 to 6.30pm

11-13 October: Point Turton Caravan Park Camp

20th October: Community Fete 11am to 3pm

23rd November: Presentation Night

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