



29th July 2007—9th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME to all worshipping with us today.

Greetings to any visitors here with us today. 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

Luke 11:1-13

As I sat here wondering what to write, our dog Shelby kept whining and scratching on the door. "Shush Shelby!" "Enough!" I cried. But Shelby continued. It took me ages, and much more whining from Shelby for me to register that she hadn't been fed by one of the kids today. So, I fed her, and the whining stopped.

Shelby helped me to realise what Jesus meant when he was teaching about prayer in Luke 11: 1-13. Jesus taught us to boldly bring our needs to God. Jesus told the story about a man who went to his neighbour in middle of the night, to ask for bread for unexpected visitors. *"I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs"* (vs 8). This morning, the "boldness" sounded a lot like a dog's whining!

In praying the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught us to first acknowledge we are dependent on God as His children, by calling Him "Father". We put Him first, acknowledging His Holiness and Sovereignty, and then we acknowledge that He is the Giver of our needs day by day (grace), the Forgiver of our sins (mercy), and our Protector from the evil one.

God wants us to be bold in asking for God to fulfil our needs – because, in doing so it reminds us that He is our Father and Healer and Friend.

Julie Hahn



Readings for today

Hosea 1:2-10
Col. 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13

Readings for 5th Aug

Hosea 11: 1-11
Col. 3: 1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Worship Opportunities

Today 29th July	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship with HC
Friday 3rd Aug	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
Sunday 5th Aug	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
Friday 10th August	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 church foyer. Paper & pencils are available for children (and adults too if they would like to take notes of the message!!!)

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 Corner



• **Today** we are starting our new sermon series: "Fight the Good Fight". This morning's address is based on James 4:7 *So humble yourselves before God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.* **Resist the devil.** Have a look at "Hey let's talk about the sermon to get some idea about what I am preaching about.

• What did you think about the film "**Amazing Grace**"? If you didn't avail yourself to going with the congregation to see it last Friday, I would advise you to see it in the near future.

• Don't forget to let me know that you are coming to the **Leader's Retreat on 20th October.**

• How are those **spiritual disciplines** going? (See last week's sermon).

• Remember the **Giant Book sale** this coming Saturday: Over 7000 books on sale! Congratulations to Alison and Dorothy and the team for organizing this.

• **Next Sunday** I plan to take us the theme: Unmask deception, Have a look at John 8:44 to prepare for this.

• **Wednesday week:** a bus load of people from Strathalbyn are coming to visit us. If you are available from 10.30-12noon come and join us.

• A couple of weeks ago I reminded you about the opportunity we have to present the Gospel in schools through **Christian Option.** I attended one of sessions at Wynn Vale Primary last week and was struck how very good it is. I believe God has planted us amongst all these schools in TTG city for a reason. Please consider seriously if you are available for a few mornings to help with Christian Option at Wynn Vale and other schools in the area. To be able to do this we need to attend a Christian Ministry Training Day on Thursday 9th August (9.30am-3pm). We will learn about working with unchurched children, safe people programs and environments, sharing your faith with children, working in small groups, opening the Bible helpfully. **I AM VERY INTERESTED IN THIS BUT I AM NOT GOING TO GET INVOLVED UNLESS I HAVE A TEAM OF PEOPLE FROM GGLF WITH ME.**

Also talking about involvement with **Wynn Vale School** itself, Cynthia Harbinson, the school chaplain there, is looking for adults to hear reading. I know that we have a lot of involvement in our own school, but surely we need to reach out as well.

Pastor Leon

Hey let's talk about the sermon!

(These questions may help you to get more out of the sermon. Why not use them in your devotional time or in a discussion with a friend or in your small group?- Remember copies of the sermon available at the front door.)

1. We can make 2 mistakes in regard to the devil: ignore him or pay too much attention to him. Do you feel that you have made either of these mistakes?
2. What does it mean to "submit to God"? Have you submitted to Him?
3. Can you think of 3 ways we humble ourselves before God? How does that clean us, enable us to depend on Him and to find strength in Him?
4. How do you resist the devil? What trap do people fall into in respect to resistance?
5. How does the promise that the devil will flee from you encourage you?
6. How does the devil try to deceive you in respect to you "resisting him"?

The Salt Factory

'A service of Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship, run by young people for all people'

Tonight—6.30 pm service starts

Come from 5.45 pm onwards for food (gold coin donation) and drinks (\$1 cans)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Bakery (15-20 year olds)

Aug 3rd from 6pm-9pm.



Golden Grove Amateur Fishing

West Lakes Fishing

Sunday 29th July, 1.30-4.30 pm

Meet in carpark at the Inlet Reserve, Tennyson (corner of Trimmer Parade & Military Road)

Fishing for mullet, bream & whiting

Suggested bait: cockles & tubeworm

Note: toilets are close by

Any enquiries to Graeme Hoklas 8289 6803 or Zimmo 8289 1212.

ALL VERY WELCOME—especially new comers

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Breakfast— Saturday 4th August, 7.45-8.45 am (NOTE TIMES)

Due to book sale no guest speaker but come and have fellowship over a bacon & eggs breakfast beforehand. **Cost \$6.00/head**

Enquiries to Ken Campbell

0421 428 555 or 8265 3106 (new number)

BOOK SALE & Cake Stall

Devonshire Teas, Sausage Sizzle, Clowns

Saturday, 4 AUGUST 9 am to 4 pm

*Over 7000 second-hand books priced to sell !
Including Fiction, Non fiction, Children's &
Picture books & more !*

All proceeds to support Asaroka School (PNG)

Come along and bag yourself some bargains !

*We are also looking for **homemade cakes and goodies** for the cake stall. All items need to be labelled with ingredients, date baked, weight, and if it has been frozen. Cooking donations can be brought to the Fellowship Centre on Friday 3rd August or Saturday morning 4th August.
Any queries ph **Nadia** on 0422 406 331*

For book sale queries please ph : Alison 8395 9118 or Dorothy 8263 4809.

GGLF Ladies Guild for a Day !

The *GIFT* craft group would like to invite any interested ladies of the congregation to help us host the ladies from the Strathalbyn congregation. They are travelling here to visit Pastor Leon and have a look around our church and school on **Wednesday 8th August from 10.30 am to 12 noon.**

Morning tea provided and a lovely morning guaranteed!

Prayer notes for Josiah Page, Greg & Meredith Page and Sonya Page

You are invited to write a note or prayer for members of the above family to support and encourage them through this difficult time of Josiah's illness. Your thoughts will be collected and presented in a book and given to each family.

Please consider sharing your thoughts and prayers as they have the power and potential to provide a wonderful source of comfort and strength.

Contributions can be given to either Anna Watson or Judith Whaites by **Sunday 12th August**.

Background Information

Josiah is receiving treatment for a malignant brain tumour. During his courses of chemotherapy he will be hospitalised, with recovery time spent at home. He is about to begin a 5 day intensive regime of chemo followed by a week and a half of recovery time. The following treatment is then 3 days chemo with a week's recovery. The treatments (5 days/3 days) will alternate. In all there will be 33 weeks of chemo. At the 18 week mark he will begin a 6 week block of radiotherapy. Treatment will continue through till next year.

Josiah has almost completely lost his hair (once his pride and joy!) and wears a beanie. You may be aware that during last week they discovered a blood clot and on Fri 27/7 he was operated on to remove it. Sonya reports that he is generally in good

spirits, but looks forward to visitors (young or old – he doesn't care, he'll take anyone!) and is fearful of being forgotten.

A point to remember – **do not visit** if you are ill or feeling 'off' as he will be susceptible to any bugs and germs.

Prayer Points

Sonya has requested that we pray for:

Josiah – hope for a future; complete healing and recovery; the ability to cope with his treatment

Tayla – strength as she supports her brother; being able to lead a normal teenage life and not assume the role of carer; continued healing in her relationship with her mum

Sonya – strength, strength and more strength; thanks for the healing in her relationship with Josiah and Tayla; being able to stay strong and cope ...

Greg – new marriage, blended family, ALC studies, strength, coping skills ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may be aware, Brett Copeland and I have both been involved in instructing the confirmation or "Next Step" class, and also in revising the constitution of GGLF.

About 4 years ago, several members of the congregation including Pastor Alex Stevenson and Rainer Mayer met to discuss the goals and methods of instructing confirmation lessons. The "Next Step" was set up as a temporary answer for this. As recent instructors of this course, we believe strongly that the purpose and content of "Confirmation" needs to be reassessed at a congregational level at GGLF.

Coincidentally (or as we believe, God-incidentally), one of the issues that is proving to be most contentious in the discussions around the constitution revision, is the issue of membership – or more specifically, "confirmed members" e.g. What do we mean by confirmed members? Would somebody who has been instructed in an "Alpha"-type confirmation course be recognized as a "confirmed" member in another Lutheran congregation? Is there a core component that we as a congregation believe all "confirmees" should know? Should "confirmation" be an automatic component of Year 7 in a Lutheran School? Is there a minimum age for confirmation, or for voting members? Who needs to be confirmed? These are but a few of the questions we are asking ourselves and the other constitution committee members and of course, Pastor Leon Rosenberg.

The purpose of this letter is to invite your input, so that as a united Church family we may come to know God's will in dealing with this issue. We appreciate that you may have questions, or particular views about what confirmation does/does not entail and we would value any thoughts you have. We are planning to have an open discussion on **Sunday 5th August at 5.00 pm** in the Worship Centre, to answer questions and more specifically, listen to your ideas and views. If this is not convenient to you, or you would prefer to write down your views rather than speak about them publicly, please feel free to leave a note for us at the church office, or email either of us at the addresses below. Rather than have the expectation that we will come to a conclusion by the end of the 5th August meeting, we see this as the beginning of the discussion.

In the meantime, you may find the following questions helpful in generating your thoughts, prayer, study of scripture and discussion amongst your household and friendship group.

- What is meant by a "member" of the church – and by GGLF?
- What is the obligation of GGLF towards its members?
- What is the obligation of members towards GGLF?
- How do we as a congregation care for our members – and how does this extend to the GGLP school community?
- What is the purpose of confirmation/Next Step?
Are there minimum requirements we expect of the confirmation curriculum? Who should be confirmed? Should lack of confirmation be a mechanism for exclusion?

Yours in Christ,
Julie Hahn and Brett Copeland

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