



5th August 2007—10th 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

Hosea 11: 1-11 God's love for His people.

"You don't know how good you two have got it!" Wayne declares nightly as he enviously observes our twin dachshund puppies curled up on the lounge chair where he once sat.

Since getting our puppies three months ago they have become part of our family. They regularly get cuddled, praised, walked, fed and kept in a warm basket. Do they deserve all these privileges? Probably not. But do we take their bed away from them even after they chew a hole in it and proceed to rip the foam out of it time and time again? No. Instead out come the needle and thread every time to sew up the holes so they have a warm place to sleep each night. Why? Simply because we love them.

This is how I see God treating us, His people – not as we deserve. When I think about how many times I have disappointed God by not worshipping Him, not praying, speaking badly of others, treating my own family and friends poorly, I realise I do not deserve God's love and compassion, but rather His wrath.

Just as Wayne continues to remind our puppies how good they've got it, it is good for us to be reminded of how good we've got it with God. Simply because we are a part of God's family and He loves us so much, he forgives us time and time again, providing us with a warm, comfortable peace that can only be found in Him.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for not treating me as I deserve. Please forgive me for all the times I have turned from you. Thank you for your mercy Lord Jesus. Amen.

Kerry Jachmann



Readings for today

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

Readings for 12th Aug

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Worship Opportunities

Today 5th August	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
Sunday 12th Aug	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
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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



- What a **monster book sale** yesterday! Congratulations to Alison, Dorothy, Nadia and all those who helped make it such a success.
- **Today** we are continuing the new sermon series: "Fight the Good Fight". Today we are going to look at the theme Unmask deception, based on John 8:44 *For you are the children of your father the Devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. There is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.* Have a look at "Hey let's talk about the sermon" to get some idea about what I am preaching about.
- **Next Sunday** we'll look at "Taming Temptation" based on 1 Peter 5:8-10. Have a look at it before hand to be better prepared for the sermon. Of course I will be preaching this at both the morning and evening services. Keep in mind I am fresher at the morning service and I believe my presentation is better there.
- Don't forget about the **Forum this afternoon** (at 5pm) to discuss Next Step/ Confirmation/ our ministry to our young people.
- **This Wednesday:** a bus load of people from Strathalbyn are coming to visit us. If you are available from 10.30-12 noon come and join us.
- Don't forget about the **2007 Make it Count this Thursday:** An Australian first... the leaders of the two political parties have offered to speak live to the nation (via webcast) to local churches across the nation 6.30-9pm. (For more information visit www.alc.org.au) If you want to gather to be part of this : Clovercrest Baptist Church or St John's Tea Tree Gully. If you plan to go to St John's would you please phone and let them know of your attendance by Thursday morning.
- Over the last few weeks I have been **challenging you** about a few things that we could take up.: eg. Christian Option, more involvement in Wynn Vale school, healing services, Leaders' retreat, Global Leadership Summit, Pastoral Carers, hospital visiting...Please don't get me wrong. These are not for everyone. Please allow God to lead you into what he wants you to be involved in.
- I would like to **take this opportunity** to say what a great job our office secretary Judith, is doing. I really appreciated how she not only organized the tickets for "Amazing Grace" but prepared supper for us to have when we came back to the fellowship centre to discuss it. I also appreciate how she proof reads the sermon before it is printed every week and how she is always ready to lend a listening ear to anyone who comes into the Office. Thank you Judith.

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. Talk about the different ways we can lie? What about the subtle forms?
2. What has the devil got to do with lying? How does he being the "father of lies" play into this?
3. How has the devil "got hold of our society"? How do you feel about this?
4. Do you see "deception in the church"? In what form?
5. Are you "living in deception"? How do you unmask deception?
6. What does it mean that "you can't heal a lie"? How can healing come about?

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

Youth Forum – www.gglf.org.au/youth/forum

REV₃₂₀ (yrs 7-9) Bring \$4

Friday 10th August, 7-10 pm

The Simpsons

Bakery (15-20 year olds)

Aug 18th from 7pm-11pm at Clovercrest Baptist.

40 Hour Famine Party

\$10 or free if doing 40 Hour Famine

The Sundance Kids & Wone playing + Lan Party, Bouncy Castle and much more

Youth Alive

Sept 7th—

Be quick to book a place. Brett has 35 tickets at \$20 each. Come and see Switchfoot and dance group The Nubian Gents and the complete Exo day experience.

Providence

4th-6th of October

World Harvest Christian Centre (Ingle Farm)

Providence is a conference to help young girls (aged 8-18) realize their value and potential, gain confidence and skills and overcome life's challenges. See Brett for details. \$40

Christian Life Week

Oct 1-5 at El Carim camp at Ironbank near Stirling. See Brett for details.

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!



Golden Grove Amateur Fishing

Talking Tackle Night

Monday 13th August, 7.00 pm

Will be held at the "Dorsal Fin" Tackle shop, Diagonal Rd, Pooraka. Demonstrations on knife sharpening, fish filleting, cooking and much more.

Bring your favourite knife along for sharpening.

Any other fishing tackle questions answered.

Merchandise will be discounted more than usual on the night.

Light refreshments also provided.

Please let Zimmo (8289 1212) or Graeme Hoklas (8289 6803) know if you intend coming along.

Reminder of Camping weekend at Lake Albert Caravan Park, Meningie (ph 8575 1411) **October 27/28th.** Book under GGAF asap. More details to follow shortly.

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**.

What if it happened in 2007?

After a great response, I am still looking for 2 Wisemen, 2 Shepherds, sheep (children), Nativity scene (children) and backstage workers + anyone at all who wishes to be involved with our Christmas Eve play.

Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 2.00 pm, but not everyone will be required to attend all rehearsals every time. We will also be having the choir singing traditional Christmas Carols.

Please phone Dawn on 8289 2031 or 0401740701 if you can help.

VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA PETITION

Recently a bill to legalise euthanasia was proposed by Hon. Bob Such MP. If you are oppose this bill and would like your voice heard, an opportunity is available through signing a petition. Please see petition in Church Foyer.

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 **TONIGHT 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.

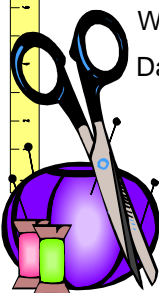
- What is meant by a "member" of the church – and by GGLF?
- What is the obligation of GGLF towards its members?
- What is the obligation of members towards GGLF?
- How do we as a congregation care for our members – and how does this extend to the GGLP school community?
- What is the purpose of confirmation/Next 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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Attention Quilters & Stitchers

QUILTING & EMBROIDERY EXHIBITION



Where: Golden Grove Lutheran Church
Date: **Saturday 22nd September**
10.00 am—5.00 pm
Sunday 23rd September
11.00 am—4.00 pm

Proceeds to:
Habitat for Humanity—supporting Judi & Anna Doecke going to Vietnam Sept 29th-Oct 13th.
PNG visit supporting Asaroka High School.

A wonderful opportunity to show and share **YOUR** talents with others.

More updates to follow.

For more information chat to: Judi Doecke, Heidi Rosenberg, Margey Knapp or Liz Shrowder.

Mobile phones

If you have any old but working mobile phones (with chargers please) that you no longer need or use, they can be put to good use in Asaroka. Donations can be left at the Church Office and can be taken with the 'Asaroka Mk II' team when they leave on 24th August. .



