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WELCOME to all worshipping with us over Easter.



Greetings to any visitors here with us. We are pleased to have you join us and we trust you have felt welcomed and pray the Holy Spirit may enlighten and empower us with the 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

Acts 17:26-27

"From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though he is not far from each one of us."


This bible verse speaks about how God has a plan for each of our lives. He is in control and knows what is best for us. However He also gives us free will so at times we do not follow God's will for our lives but our own will.

God knows our past, present and future. We trust this because it is written in the scriptures but as we are only human we forget. When we are struggling with God's will versus our own will we should be encouraged by the words written in these verses as they remind us that God loves us and wants what is best for us.

These verses also remind us that when we are going through difficult times it is all a part of God's plan for our lives and that we should draw closer to Him and He will give us peace and the strength to carry on. God doesn't promise that there will not be difficult times but we know He will bring us through them.

Mardi Kalika

Worship Opportunities



Readings for today
Acts 17:22-3
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Readings for 4th May
Acts 1: 6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17: 1-11

Today 27th April	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
Friday 2nd May	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
Sunday 4th May	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
Friday 9th May	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 Column

- This morning I have pleasure in welcoming **Mike Leske** who will be speaking to us on the topic of community. Consequently, I shall be presenting a shorter address. It will be on the theme of "**The Lord so close**", based on a verse from the first reading for today: Acts 17:27 "*His purpose in all of this was that the nations should seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.*" The full sermon is available at the door and on our web page and I will preach at Salt Factory tonight.

- Over these weeks I have been presenting what I see as **what we value at GGLF**. I have chosen to keep it to 5 core values. I have only presented those that are important and somewhat unique to Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship. When we came up with the core values initially, we included: God's inspired Word and the gift of faith, that God wants all people to be saved and that God has gifted every Christian for service but I take these as given for all Churches. I could have included inclusivity, communication and working with other churches and even though they are important I don't believe they are as highly valued as these five.

- So for the fifth value...

We value our Youth with their enthusiasm, initiative and boldness. The young people of our congregation are an integral part of our congregation. We cater for their particular needs with a Youth Team Leader, CCs, Step Up to Communion, Rev320, Bakery and Salt Factory. But we also look for opportunities to fellowship and worship together. Salt Factory dinner and worship is our main venue for this. The Youth help keep our congregation enthusiastic, with initiative and boldness. At Salt Factory ("worship run by the Youth for the whole congregation") the Youth can experiment different worship approaches and use their gifts to grow in their relationship with God.

- Confirmation session** today is on the topic of The Fruit of the Spirit, witnessing and serving. The next time we meet is a "Day Camp" (next Saturday in the church/school plant) in which the young people will be prepared for the day of their confirmation. Next Sunday is their rehearsal and the day of confirmation is planned for 18th May.

- Next Step/Confirmation 2008/2009 meeting** for young people and their parents/guardians - to work out the structure of the course: **Wednesday 7th May** - with the thought that confirmation sessions would start at the beginning of 3rd Term with Alyssa leading the first term.

- Please note when Alyssa and her team is running "**Step Up to Communion**" this term.

- This week** our School starts second term with a Holy Communion service tomorrow. You are welcome to join us. I shall be attending a Lutheran Education Association (LEA) Visioning workshop on Tuesday morning. We have our School Council meeting Tuesday evening and since I am on the Ardtornish Primary School committee to appoint a CPSW (chaplain) the meeting to achieve this will take up much of the next two Fridays.

- Next Sunday** we have 2 baptisms: Nathan and Justin Dunn. Nathan is a student at our school, parents: Belinda and Steven. It is also our AGMs: church and school. Also God will ing, Amy Vogt will be taking her **Next Step** (at her home.)

- For your information:** I will be taking my Rest and Recuperation Leave (alias Long Service Leave, formally Recuperation Leave) from 19th May to 17th August, which starts in 3 week's time, but whose counting? (See my article in the up coming "Life in the Vine")

Pastor Leon

Salt Factory Worship

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

YOUTH SPOT

Coming up:

Leaders retreat. This is for anyone who is interested in leadership. It is on the 24th and 25th May. We will start at about 10 on Saturday and finish about lunch time Sunday. Please let me know if you are interested in coming. It will be a fun time where we can get together as a group and grow together in our ministry.

REV 320: Starting again this week! ☺ We will be having a photo hunt, starting at 7pm and finishing at 10pm. It costs \$4. So come along for a fun night. Also if you have not filled out a form for REV 320 this year please do so because we really need these before some of our events this year. Thankyou

Please continue to keep the youth of the church in your thoughts and prayers ☺
Alyssa

ROSTERS

The worship service **rosters for June – Aug** are in the process of being drawn up. Please let **Anna Watson** know (watson.anna@goldengrove.sa.edu.au or through a note in her pigeon hole) by **27th April at the latest** of any dates which you may be unavailable to serve during this time.

This is also an opportunity for anyone who may have been thinking about serving in any of the many areas of our worship services (*morning or evening*) to let Anna know. We would welcome the extra help!

Life in the Vine

Articles for the next edition of the *Life in the Vine* magazine are due by **Thursday 1st May** and can be emailed to dtnelson@internode.on.net or left in my pigeon hole.

So if you have any stories, photos, jokes or advertising just email me at the address above, leave a note in my church pigeon hole or simply give me a call on 8288 7351. Keep those articles coming in!
Tania Nelson

The **LCA Safe Place** committee has recently established an email address for complaints about sexual abuse or harassment in the LCA or its affiliated organizations. This complements the existing phone number and postal address. **The email address is: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au**

Pastor Leon's Message is available in printed copy form immediately after the service from the Fellowship Centre . Please feel welcome to take a copy home.

Internet access to weekly GGLF bulletin, today's message, Life in the Vine, rosters and other info. You can get to it by going to **www.gglf.org.au** and then clicking Files.



Sew Each Week Working Heirlooms And Treasure

Wednesday 30th April, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

at Judi Doecke's home,
6 Geraldine St, Valley View (8263 1039)

Come along and enjoy an evening of stitching and fellowship. Bring your own light/lamp if needed.

For more information contact: Judi Doecke (Coord)
8263 1039, Alison Ahrens or Anna Watson

We have heard that there are about 5 in the pipeline already, so **Calling for scripts or detailed concept plans for 2008 Christmas Eve dramas.**

Please submit these at the Church office by Friday 2nd May so that the Worship Team can review them at the next meeting Tue 6th May - before Pastor goes on LSL. Written responses are required so that Team has time to prepare but there is an opportunity for authors to speak at the Worship Team meeting and present their ideas personally if desired.



GGLF Annual General Meeting

will be held on

Sunday 4th May at 11.00 am
in the Worship Centre

Thank you to all the leaders of our various groups for your reports. The Agenda and Book of Reports is available today from the entrance table. Please feel welcome to collect a copy and read before the AGM. The distribution pack for the School AGM (*which will be held on the same date*) is also available today. A copy of the full financial report is available for perusal from the table in the Church Foyer and will also be available on the school website from next Tuesday.



CAR BOOT SALE

to be held on Saturday 3rd May 2008

How can you help?

- You might want to bring your car along to the 'car boot sale' and man your 'stall/boot' for a \$15 donation.
- You might be able to help convene the day.
- Sales, organization, preparation
- You might be willing to cook a sausage sizzle?

If any of these things are of interest to you, could you please let the Admin Office know as soon as possible so that we can plan advertising etc. Unless we have a few cars, it may need to be deferred to a later time.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

It's on again this year! Ladies, set aside the last weekend in May, Friday 30th May – Sunday 1st June, to come to The Old House at Woodhouse, Picadilly, for the annual GGLF/PS women's retreat. Our theme this year is 'The Wedding Party (in union with Christ)' and we'll be having some fun with dusting off those old bridesmaid dresses to wear at our wedding banquet on Saturday evening. Intrigued? Let Anna Watson (8282 6003), Dawn Rutter (8289 2031) or Sue Haill (8289 6757) know if you intend coming or talk to them to get more information.

ALPHA Course

St John's, TTG will be running the Alpha course at their church (182 Hancock Road, Ridgehaven) commencing with an Introductory Dinner on Wednesday 30th April at 7.00 pm. The first Alpha lesson will be held on Wed 7th May and will be held every Wednesday evening until 9th July. Evenings start with a meal (which is provided) at 7 pm sharp. Course costs are a donation of \$4 per evening per person. If you wish to know more about **Alpha** please contact TTG Church Office on 8396 4466 or Charmaine Kerber on 8395 8979 or 0411 286 362. All welcome.

September brings a new Season in the Church Year at GGLF. It is called the **Season of Creation**. We are focussing on 4 aspects of God's creation, one each Sunday:



Forests
Land
Outback
Rivers



As well as a liturgical focus, we would like to have visual displays that illustrate these themes. To manage the task we are looking for 4 leaders (one for each Sunday) plus teams of people to decorate the church. This can be a real outreach time for our congregation and a great teaching tool for our school so please get excited by the possibilities and volunteer your help. The ideas on what and how will just flow when the planning begins so don't let creativity (or lack of it) stop you. Let the Worship Team know you want to be involved for one Saturday in September.

Alternative Routes to Ordination

In order to comply with a resolution from the 2006 General Synod, the General Church Council has established a task force to investigate

- the possibility of alternative routes to ordination in the LCA;
- the issue of the professional development of pastors serving in the LCA.

The task force intends to include in its investigation a survey of the views and opinions both of targeted members and groups and of the general membership of the church. Members of the LCA are invited and encouraged to participate in this survey by any of the following ways:

- On-line at <http://www.lca.org.au/ordinationsurvey>
- By requesting a survey form from The Executive Secretary, ARTO Task Force, 197 Archer Street, NORTH ADELAIDE SA 5006, phone 08 8267 7300.

The deadline for responses is Friday 2 May 2008.

Prayer Opportunities

A **prayer box** is available in the Church entrance for prayer requests (*either private or public*) on Sundays. If anyone has a prayer request we encourage you to fill out a prayer request form and place it in the right hand side of the box.

Prayer Chain: Means a lot of people praying about an urgent or special need. For urgent prayer requests during the week you are invited to contact one of following people and the prayer chain will be set in progress. (Chris Hahn, Jan Wegener, Pastor Len & Claire Tscharke, Catherine & Wim Belgraver, Anne Hanton, Joan Hochwald, Tanya Wilson, Judith Whaites.)

All requests will be kept confidential.

The prayer chain is available for everyone in both the church and school communities. Likewise if anybody feels they would like to be a part of the prayer chain we'd love you to join us.

Video Ministry

Each service is video taped, with copies available immediately after each service. Please see the library to loan a copy. Even if you can't make it to the service, you can still participate in worship.

Meals Ministry

(A practical way we can share & show God's love) Families rostered to support Meals Ministry in April are: Jachmann, Kupke.

When donating meals for the freezer we ask that you please attach some details to the container, eg name of the meal, date meal was prepared, a list of main ingredients, and heating instructions.

Thank you.

GGLF Attendance & Offerings

(Offerings do not include electronic giving amount of \$9307 per month from 37 contributors.)

	Attendance	Offerings
Sunday 20/4 9.30 am	122	\$952.80
6.30 pm	22	\$635.00



Don't forget the Library is open for browsing and borrowing

Christian greeting cards always for sale from the Mobile Unit in the Fellowship Centre —Cost \$2



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Mon	28 April	Adrian Lindner
Fri	2 May	Nigel Pfitzner Madeleine Teh

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

Understanding the Sikh Faith

You are invited to be part of this presentation by Balbir Kaur and the following discussion at Food For Thought on **Sunday 27th of April at 4.00 pm** at 137 Archer St North Adelaide. Parking and entrance from the rear. Enquiries to Pastor Mike Pietsch (8370 3615 or 0409 725 573).

Prayer Retreat Saturday 10th May 2008 at Para Vista Lutheran Church

This event is open to all who would like to take some "down time" and receive, particularly in the area of prayer and intimacy with God.

See noticeboard for further details.

LSF Reunion

You are invited to be part of this year's LSF reunion for anyone who would like to reconnect with people from their tertiary student years. It will be held on Saturday evening **May 10th** at Fellini's (102 O'Connell St, North Adelaide).

Rev Dr Mark Worthing is the after dinner speaker and Stephen van der Hoek and Julian Pietsch will provide the music.

You can obtain the tickets at \$25 per person from Julian Pietsch (0431 071 265 or julian.pietsch@gmail.com).

Lutheran Community Care's Refugee Services extends an invitation to attend:

An Information Session for People Volunteering and Working with New Arrivals from a Refugee Background

**Tuesday 6th May 2008
7 pm – 9pm
Bethlehem House,
170 Flinders St, Adelaide**

Topics will include:

The Refugee Experience
Volunteering
Post Traumatic Stress (Presented by STTARS)
Building Relationships with New Arrivals
Lutheran Community Care's New Arrivals volunteering opportunities

For registration contact Sarah Homan, shoman@lccsa.org.au or phone reception 8269 9300

Bookings are essential

LSF Quiz Night

The annual LSF Quiz Night will be held on **Friday 23rd May** at ALC (the Sem) from 6:30pm. Everyone invited! \$10 full/\$5 concession. Bookings: Miriam 0422 030 486 saevents@lsf.org.au Always a great night of fun and prizes. (See the noticeboard for further details.)

POSITIONS VACANT

Please refer to Noticeboard for more info on the positions below

- **Principal, Australian Lutheran College**
- **Small Group Coordinator, Hampstead Lutheran.**
- **Christian Pastoral Support Worker, Ardtornish Primary School, St Agnes**
- **Finance Administrative Supervisor, ALC**
- **Part-time Receptionist, 2 days/week—SA/NT District Office**

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