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WELCOME to all worshipping with us today.

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

As a parent, a friend, a wife, a citizen, I find so many situations where I'd like to apply and enforce strict regulations – "boot camp" like conditions. It's not difficult to imagine the Jews expecting a strict law-enforcer to be the Messiah.

But they got Jesus! What a disappointment! Somebody who, instead of stoning the sinners, rescued them. Somebody who, instead of ignoring prostitutes, ate with them. Somebody who, instead of hating cheats, went to their home. No wonder the Jews gave him what he deserved, and murdered him! Thank God! Love was more powerful than their hatred.


How different would our lives be if we took lessons from Jesus – the God who is love, and loved instead of punished? What would society be like if instead of giving up on the unruly teenagers, children and their wayward parents - classifying them as delinquents and throwing away the keys, we loved them, giving them practical tools to love and care for themselves and their friends and family? A different stance on discipline in our home – where training of what we do want, a look of disappointment when behaviour is not what we want, and a big hug to show our love as we work out what consequences will result, has replaced corporal punishment, and has brought much better results than spanking ever used to! Think of how that can be reproduced, as our children follow the same process with the people whom they contact.

It starts with us as Christians loving God first – with all our heart, soul and mind. Only then, are we able to see ourselves and others through Jesus eyes. Only then can we truly love ourselves! Only then, can we learn to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Matt 22: 37-39 "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

Julie Hahn

Worship Opportunities



Readings for today
Leviticus 19:1,2; 15-18
1 Thess. 2:1-8
Matt. 22:34-46

Readings for 2nd Nov
Micah 3:5-12
1 Thess. 2:9-13
Matt. 23:1-12

Today 26th Oct	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
Friday 31st Oct	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
Sunday 2nd Nov	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Special baptismal anniversary worship service Salt Factory worship with HC
Friday 7th Nov	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.

Activity sheets for young readers and writers—Families with children of all ages, please notice there are new activity sheets (e.g. word puzzles) available for various age groups. The sheets will be changed over periodically. Please help yourself - they can be found with the children's toys, pens and papers etc.

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

You have heard the judgment: "He's fallen from grace"? It comes from the verse we are looking at this morning: Galatians 5:4 "*You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.*" Paul alludes to the position we have in this verse: You are justified by Christ. You are his friends. You are in his grace. We have to be so careful that we don't fall from this position.

Thanks to all those who helped out with Josiah's funeral last Thursday. I am sure the family and visitors really appreciated it.

Wasn't "**The Gathering**" wonderful yesterday? Thanks to all those who contributed to the day.

Today in this Appeal month we are looking at what we at GGLF are doing in regard to **Mission**, as we look at our budget in this light.

Next Sunday is panning out to be a red letter day for this year in our congregation. This **baptismal anniversary service** (in the morning service). God is blessing us with 2 baptisms - Mason Dohnt and Lucy Steen. As well as this, those who have been baptized over the last 2 years who can be with us (40 have been invited) will be commemorating their baptismal anniversary. We all shall be "Confessing our Baptismal Faith" during the service. There will also be a special morning tea with a "baptismal anniversary cake". (You can contribute to this day by joining and by **bringing a plate of morning tea to share** with our visitors on that day.) I hope you can join us along with the 31 families who have been invited to this special commemoration

Introducing God. Have you heard about this course? Do you want to know more? Simply it's Australian for Evangelism. It's a non threatening way for people to discover the Christian faith over a meal, with a video, in small groups....I believe it's a cause that can unite our whole congregation. Keep your ears open for details of a meeting in the near future to tell you more about "Introducing God".

This week:

Monday:	Bands meeting
Tuesday:	Confirmation,
Wednesday:	Network, session 5
Thursday:	Friends of Asaroka meeting

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Salt Factory Worship

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

Please note: Rostered for catering next Sunday 2nd Nov — Schiller & McLuckie

YOUTH SPOT

REV 320 is happening on Friday. We will be going bowling at Village Bowl Golden Grove. We will meet at the church at 7:00 and get back to the church, for pick up, around 10pm. The night will cost \$10, which will pay for one game, shoe hire, some food and some games tokens. Parents will be needed to help with transport.

The bands are looking for new members. If you play **any instrument** we would love to see you in a Salt Factory band! Please see myself or any of the band leaders if you are interested. We would love to have you as a part of the group! ☺

We are also looking for more people to lead worship. If you are interested in doing this, but are unsure of what it involved, come and see me and we can discuss what it means to be a worship leader.

Thankyou
Alyssa ☺

ROSTERS

The worship service **rosters for Dec—Feb** will soon be put together. Please notify **Anna Watson** in writing either by email (watson.anna@goldengrove.sa.edu.au or through a note in her pigeon hole) 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.

Extra help is always welcomed !

Christmas Eve Play 2008

(and Matinee Sunday 21st Dec),

"The Shoe box"

is now being organised. Interested people either as actors or support / production crew now being recruited. Please see Ivan or Margey if you can help. First planning/organisational meeting to be held **TODAY**. First read through play with actors to be Sunday 2nd November. Rehearsals to be Sunday afternoons in Nov & Dec.

Notice to Members of Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School Annual Election Meeting & Resolution to Amend the Constitution

**To be held Sunday 30th November 2008
11.00 am in the Worship Centre**

The School Council will run a Q & A session on the new Constitution on **Sunday 23 Nov 2008 at 11 am** in the Worship Centre.

Please refer to insert for Agenda & further details.
Draft Constitution is on GGLF website under GGLPS

FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE 31/8/08

In 2008 our Fellowship set a challenging budget which included an increase in our Youth Workers hours.

Our actual overall offerings this year compared to the same 8 month period in 2007 are down by 2.3% (approx. \$2,700). For the 2008 year we budgeted for an increase of 3.9% or an additional \$7,000. REG has improved by \$14,000 with 2 less contributors whilst offerings are down by \$16,700.

To meet our challenging budget we require an average monthly income of \$20,625. For the 8 months to 31/8/08 our actual monthly income through offerings, donations and fundraising has only averaged \$17,450. If this pattern is to continue would see a overdraft balance of \$17,000. Remembering that our budget for 2008 showed a shortfall of \$20,000 and we started the year with \$18,000 in the Bank Accounts.

In order to maintain a satisfactory cash flow position and enable payment of normal monthly expenses we may need to cover interest only on our loan commitment in lieu of full repayment. To date we have withheld \$4,000. Withholding loan repayments just extends the term of our loan and also reduces the possibilities of further loan borrowings (ie Toilets & heating).

We seek your assistance to help meet the budget shortfall.

I think you will agree that God has given each one of us and our congregation an abundance of blessings.

One way we can express our gratitude for these many blessings is through financial support of our ministries. We are asking you to consider this prayerfully and practically by:

Using Regular Electronic Giving (further information from yours truly)

Increase your level of giving

Making a special one-off donation through an Appeal we are holding this month. (envelopes in pigeon holes)

Remember that generosity itself is a gift from God.

Andrew Schmidt

Treasurer—On behalf of the GGLF Management Team



Sew Each Week Working Heirlooms And Treasure

Next get-together Wednesday 29th October,
7.30pm – 9.30pm at Barbara Robertson's home,
Unit 4, 15-17 Grosvenor Pl, Wynn Vale (8251 1687)

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

MANGOES

In the next couple of weeks we will be receiving 20 boxes of mangoes for sale. Cost will be \$30 per box or \$15 half box.

If you would like to place an order please contact Judith in the Admin office. This will be a once-off delivery this year. No second delivery

160th celebrations of the Birdwood Congregation.

The service conducted by Dr Lance Steicke will take place in an informal atmosphere at the site of the original church on the northern side of the River Torrens on **Sunday 9th November 2008.**

Meet at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Church St Birdwood at 9.30 a.m.

From here you will be given direction to the old site approx 10 to 15 minutes drive.

Please bring chairs, drinks and picnic lunch to enjoy after the service.

If the weather is not favourable the service will be conducted at the grounds of Holy Cross.

For any information please contact Mark Amber on 85 682 682 after 5.00 p.m.

Invitation

Friends and relatives of **Ruby Kriewaldt** are cordially invited to attend her **100th Birthday** celebrations to be held at Elizabeth Lutheran Church Hall, 521 Main North Road, Elizabeth on **Saturday 1st November.**

Open House from 2-5 pm.

No presents please but a plate of food would be appreciated.

TASTE AND SEE

THE LORD IS GOOD

Topic: Some Basics of Prayer
Some Exploring of the Word

Presented by: RUTH OLSEN

Hosted by:

St John's Lutheran Church
Tea Tree Gully
Saturday November 8th 2008
9.15am – 3.30pm

See flyer in church foyer for programme and registration details

Come & Sing
All Together on
Reformation Day
Friday 31st October
at 7.30 pm
Australian Lutheran
College Refectory

104 Jeffcott Street,
North Adelaide

With Robin Mann & Co
Books & CDs for sale
(All Together &)

Freewill offering for expenses

From Curly Music & Australian Lutheran College

