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**30th November 2008— First Sunday of ADVENT**

**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**

The Isaiah reading for this week struck a note with me because, like the Psalms we are studying in K.Y.B. (Know Your Bible), Isaiah reveals to us the awesomeness of our God and unveils to us the full dimensions of His judgement and salvation.

In these verses the author rightly identifies that God's people are all unclean because of sin and he asks the obvious question – 'how then can we be saved?' (vs 5) He is right to ask as it would appear quite an impossibility if it were up to the people themselves: Fortunately it's not. The author in his despair, reminds God that they are actually the work of His hand (i.e. His creation), probably in the hope that this would appeal to God's compassionate nature. He asks God not to give up on them and pleads with Him not to get angry nor remember their sins.

We are really not much different to the people Isaiah addresses but we are fortunate to be living under the Gospel, and know that God has washed us clean with Christ's precious blood and He offers us His grace – freely – that we might be assured of eternal salvation. Praise be to God.

*Prayer: Thank you dear heavenly father that you love us so much that you sent your own son to die for us so that we may not perish but receive eternal life. Amen*

**Chris Thiel**

**Worship Opportunities**



**Readings for today**

**Isaiah 64: 1– 9**  
**1 Cor. 1: 3– 9**  
**Mark 13:24-37**

Readings for 7th Dec  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1– 8

<b>Today 30th Nov</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
<b>Friday 5th Dec</b>	<b>8.45-9.15 am</b>	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
<b>Sunday 7th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
<b>Thursday 11th Dec</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b> <b>7.00 pm</b>	End of school year closing service School Graduation service

**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

**Today** is the first Sunday of Advent- 3 more Sunday's to Christmas (25 more sleeps). I know you didn't want to hear that - with all that has to be done. But there is joy, peace and of course the love of Christmas that we long to experience each year.

Over these 4 weeks to Christmas we are going to look at how the different characters in the story of "Jesus anointed by a sinful woman" (**Luke 7:36-50 below**) responded to Jesus love and we'll ask ourselves how do we respond to Jesus' love, especially his love at Christmas.

As I said last week you'll be able to read the text each week in this slot in the Bulletin:

<sup>36</sup> When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. <sup>38</sup> As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

<sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup> Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

<sup>41</sup> "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

<sup>43</sup> Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

<sup>44</sup> Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

<sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

<sup>49</sup> The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Thanks to all those who helped out with **the morning tea for the Wynn Vale school staff** last Monday morning at recess when the staff and school council met their new principal), especially Lee Norrey and our school's Class Carers.

Would you like to be involved in **the visit of the group from PNG?** (I understand they arrive tonight. It's not too late to welcome them, get to know them, assist in transport, financially assist the visit or even in having a billet. See Pastor Len, Daniel or Judith.

There doesn't seem to be that much interest in the "Introducing God" course, so I have chosen to put it on the back burner and instead will run a course "**Everyday Evangelism**: a tool for creating confidence in sharing the faith" during Lent next year.

**Advance Dates:** (from last week's Bulletin)

- Sunday January at 6.30-7.30m: a DVD series in the worship centre (instead of Salt Factory worship)
- The next **Gathering** proposed date 14/2/09.

**This week:**

**Tuesday:** Confirmation,

**Wednesday:** Endeavour end of year service.

**Saturday:** Men's & Ladies Breakfast

Pastor Leon

## 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 7th Dec — Napier group**

## YOUTH SPOT

**Bakery** is going to the beach on Friday. ☺ This is an opportunity for year 9's to come along and see what Bakery is all about. We will meet at the Church at 6pm and return shortly after 9pm. Please bring money for tea and if you are in year 9 we also need permission from your parents to be travelling in the leaders cars. Thank you! Can't wait to see you there ☺

**CC's** is having a family Christmas Party. This is a time to celebrate with Families. Keep an eye on the school newsletter next week for more details.

Next year we would like different people to speak at the Salt Factory services. I do not know many names of people outside this church who might want to share with us, so if you know anyone that I can contact please let me know. Also if you are interested please come and see me and I will book you in! ☺

Thankyou  
Alyssa ☺

## Notice to Members of GGLF Half-Yearly Meeting AND

**Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School  
Annual Election Meeting &  
Resolution to Amend the Constitution**

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

Copies of Agendas for each of these meetings are in the Church Foyer.

GGLPS Draft Constitution can be viewed on GGLF website under GGLPS

**Please Note:** Additional item of business for GGLF meeting 30 November 2008.

**Discussion/affirming of search for replacement Youth Team Leader**

## Wanted: pre-loved toys and books

It's time to tidy up / top up the children's busy bags to keep our little ones entertained during services. If anyone is having a clear out, please consider donating clean, small, quiet toys and books, especially board books, so they can be loved some more! There is a box in the foyer at the library end for your kind donations!

If there are any questions, please ask Lesley Friedrich, 0402036183.

## Update On Visit From PNG folk

**TODAY** is the day we can expect the arrival of our PNG guests. We have a confirmed number of 14 ladies coming. Thankyou to all those who have assisted with the billeting. We have prepared a programme for them (allowing for some flexibility). As well as visiting various school/church sites, there are a number of places around Adelaide we would like to show them. They are looking forward to meeting you all, I hope you are all able to spend some time with them as well during their stay.

The main thing we are currently looking for now are people who may be willing and available to run our guests around on days when they are able. We want to be able to share this around as it is not necessarily the host family's responsibility. Also there will be some costs for entry to places of interest that we want to cover for our guests, so we would like to have a kitty of donations of money for this, especially from people that may not be able to help in a practical way otherwise. If you can help with either of these, please speak to Pastor Len Tscharke, Daniel or Judith ASAP.

**Please note that after the morning service next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**, we want to have a **congregational Aussie BBQ luncheon** with our guests. We will be supplying the meat, but we **ask for members to bring a salad and a dessert to share**. They will also be here for the Salt Factory service, so you will have the opportunity to have tea with them beforehand.

**An open invitation is extended to come greet the PNG folk and give them a warm "Golden Grove Lutheran" welcome.** They are arriving at **7.00 pm tonight** on flight QF 663

### Rehearsals for Christmas Eve Play 2008 "The Shoe box"

Today 30th Nov 1.30 - 3.00pm— *actors only*,  
practise for scenes 1, 2 and 4  
*Please have all lines memorised before practise*

Sunday 7th Dec— *actors only*, practise for scenes 1, 2 & 4



### Golden Grove Amateur Fishing

#### THANK YOU TO MARGEY KNAPP

for the brilliant banner she designed  
and made for the fishing club (GGAF).

It is now hanging in the Worship Centre.

## WANTED

Children to participate in the Nativity Scene of our Christmas "The Shoe Box" story. Please contact Lesley Friedrich on 0402 036 183 if your child is interested.

**First practice TODAY after morning service.**  
Watch this space for practice times 7th, 14th & 21st Dec.



### Sew Each Week

#### Working Heirlooms And Treasure

**Final get-together for 2008**  
**Wednesday 3rd Dec, 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



### Our Sympathy

Loving thoughts and prayers are extended to **Andrew Schmidt & family** on the passing of Andrew's father on Tuesday 18th November. We uphold you in prayer and pray God may be your strength and comfort in your time of pain and loss.

### ABORTION—It's time to pray

**Christian Silent Prayer Gathering**  
**Thurs 4th Dec 2008, 12-2 pm and 5-7 pm**  
**On the steps of Parliament House, Adelaide**

**Please Note:**

This rally is **NOT**

- **A protest gathering**
- **A demonstration seeking publicity**
- **A judgement against any woman who has had an abortion**

**We ask that there be NO posters or placards**

*Please refer to brochures available in our Church Foyer*

### MEN'S MINISTRY

#### Ladies & Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 6th December, 8.00-10.00 am**  
In the Fellowship Centre

Guest Speaker: our own Chris Hahn speaking on "Cancer is not a sentence"

Come along and bring your friends as well.

Breakfast cost \$6 per head. It's pancakes and the usual goodies this time.

A crèche will be provided.

Please let Judith or Elaine know if you are attending.

**Enquiries** to Ken Campbell: 0421 428 555 or 8265 3106

### Use of Nappy Disposal Container

A reminder for users of the nappy disposal container in the Fellowship Centre toilet that hard waste should be flushed down the toilet prior to wrapping the soiled nappy and disposing in the bin.

*Thank you*

