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**7th December 2008— 2nd 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**

**Have you heard the voice of one crying?**

For the last couple weeks I've had this song stuck in my head 'My Deliverer is coming, my Deliverer is standing by'. If you were at church last Sunday morning you would have sung it with me. The season of Advent is a time when we can all grab hold of this thought with renewed faith and joy, even amongst all the secular consumerism and expectations that try to overwhelm us in the lead-up to Christmas. The bible readings for today are filled with images and dare I say it song themes, of comfort for God's people, of forgiveness and of preparation for the Deliverer's coming. There is a message to proclaim of how God endures when humanity withers and fades and of the Good News that the Deliverer has come and will come again! It is the message of Isaiah and of John the Baptist. It is our message to proclaim too. It is the message for us to live out as we wait patiently on the Lord, all the while singing "My Deliverer is coming, my Deliverer is standing by. He will never break His promise, He has written it upon the sky. My Deliverer is coming, my Deliverer is standing by." Come now precious Deliverer, come. Amen.

**Michael Gower**

**Worship Opportunities**



**Readings for today**  
**Isaiah 40:1-11**  
**2 Peter 3:8-15a**  
**Mark 1:1-8**

Readings for 14th Dec  
Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11  
1 Thess. 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

<b>Today 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
<b>Sunday 14th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
<b>Sunday 21st Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Play



**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 I would like to especially **welcome our visitors from Papua New Guinea**. I hope you are having a good stay with us and God is blessing you through our hospitality and the new experiences God is giving you.

Thank you Pastor Len, for preaching **this morning**. It is most appropriate that Pastor Len preaches on this occasion of having our guests from PNG for Pastor Len heads up our "Friends of Asaroka" team. I am especially looking forward to what our sisters from Goroka will be presenting to us in the service this morning. I am sure it will be a fitting way to give glory to God.

**I hope you can stay for our Aussie BBQ for lunch today and get to know some of visitors.**

**This evening** I plan to preach on the woman in the story that we are looking at in this sermon series, from **Luke 7:36-50 below** and next week Simon, the Pharisee. The series is "How do we respond to God's love", especially his love at Christmas. I believe the woman's behavior challenges us in this respect.

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, <sup>42</sup> and the other fifty. <sup>43</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."

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

- Sunday January at 6.30-7.30m: 4,11,18,25/1/09 : a DVD series in the worship centre (instead of Salt Factory worship)
- The next **Gathering** proposed date 14/2/09.
- **Everyday Evangelism:** Wednesday; 4, 11, 18, 25/3/09

**This week:**

**Monday:** Vision for Ministry

**Tuesday:** Confirmation, Management Team

**Thursday:** School Closing Service

**Pastor Leon**

**Come meet our PNG visitors at lunch today or Salt Factory tea tonight.**



## Salt Factory Worship

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

**Reminder there will be NO Salt Factory catering during the school holiday period, ie 14th Dec 2008—1st Feb 2009.**

## YOUTH SPOT

**REV 320** will be going to the beach this Friday. We will meet at the church at 7 and leave around 7:15. We will then arrive back to the church at about 10:15pm. For this event we need lots of parent supervision! We also need parents to help with the transport to the beach. If there is not enough parents for transport or to help with supervision we will not be able to go to the beach. So we hope to see many parents and youth at the church at 7:00pm Friday night! ☺ The night will cost \$4 for the youth.

We are having another REV 320 camp meeting. So if you are interested in being a leader at this camp please come along to the meeting. It will be at 4:30 in the fellowship centre on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. I hope to see many enthusiastic leaders there!

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 ☺

## Congratulations

to all the Year 12's who have or are about to graduate this year, especially those that graduated from Endeavour College: Megan Andresen, Megan Chinn, Ashlee Herrmann, Skye Hoklas, Emma Johnson, Emily Nelson, Lauren Thiel, Chloe Wachtel.

May God continue to look after you. If you are hoping for a position in higher education may you get your first choice. If it's a job may you find employment. Or if you are having a "gap year" that you find what you are looking for in that. Yes, may God bless you and keep you close to him.

Pastor Leon.

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

**Today 7th Dec 1.30 - 3.00pm— actors only,**  
practise for scenes 1, 2 and 4  
Please have all lines memorised before practise

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1.30-3.00pm first Dress Rehearsal—**  
when we *need everybody*, all actors plus children for scene 3, Narrator, Music, Lighting, PowerPoint, Stage Management with props etc.

## Scene 3 Children's Practice for Christmas Play TODAY after morning service.

Also practice after morning service next Sunday  
14th & 21st Dec.

## WANTED

We still need more "angels, wisemen and shepherds" 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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We at Lutheran Community Care are in desperate need of volunteers to pack **Christmas hampers** and to help on the distribution days.

We also need **NEW** toys for children 12 years old and under as our main supplier is not doing it this year.

Can you help us?

We need volunteers from **24<sup>th</sup> November** until distribution on the **15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December**.

For any further information **phone 8269 9300** and ask for Bev Cooper or Audene Knowles.

## FREE to give away

Cream tubular single bed (mattress not included).  
Excellent condition.

Contact Di Collins 0431 373 616

## NEW FEATURES FOR OUR CHURCH

**A new Song Request Book** – is in the foyer. All requests considered! If you'd like to be contacted when your choice is to be played, please put your name in the book too.

**Coming soon to the  
Library – STORY TIME!**



## 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.

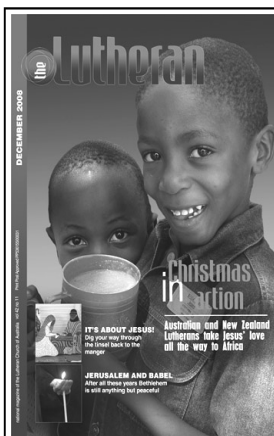
If anyone is having a clear out, please consider donating clean, small, quiet toys and books, especially board books, so they can be loved some more!

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.

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