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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
Please feel welcome to join us.

TWO MINUTES

Now I have seen it all.

*"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
(Luke 2:29,30)*


When Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the temple Simeon was prompted by the Holy Spirit to praise God with the words (above): the so called "Song of Simeon" or *Nunc Dimittis* which has become a part of our traditional liturgy. What a great way to view Christmas: Now I have seen it all.

The first reading for today is seen as a reflection of Simeon's attitude: ...*"I will not remain quiet..."* (Isaiah 62:1). The second reading declares what his eyes had seen ...*born of a woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law...* (Galatians 4:4,5) and so what else is there to see? This is God's love - the love of Christmas and the love that will carry us into the New Year. This declares the faithfulness of the Sovereign Lord - the one in control - who keeps his promises and gives us that peace for which Simeon asked, now that he had seen it all.

So, are you always looking for something more? I know I am. I believe it is a good attitude to have. It keeps our eyes open. It gives us a feeling of anticipation. It makes us optimists. But in some ways it's good to know that we have seen it all. We have seen God's love, now all that is left is to discover the depth of that love. May you discover more of that this morning and more and more of that through out the New Year.

Prayer: Thank you Lord for showing us your love again this Christmas. May that love assure us of your presence with us and so carry us into the New Year. Give us your peace "now that we have seen it all". May we be excited about what you are going to do this coming year and in the coming year discover the depths of your love for us. Amen. **Pastor Leon**

Worship Opportunities


Readings for today
Isaiah 61:10—62:3
Gal. 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

Readings for 4th Jan
Jer. 31:7-14
Eph. 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Today 28th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship with HC
Sunday 4th Jan 2009	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship DVD series (<i>instead of Salt Factory worship</i>)
Sunday 11th Jan	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC DVD series (<i>instead of Salt Factory worship</i>)
Sunday 18th Jan	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship DVD series (<i>instead of Salt Factory worship</i>)

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 children's area in the church.

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 Page

Well we have come to the end of another year. **What has 2008 meant for you?** For our family it was our R and R Leave, a wedding and a baptism. **What have you learnt in 2008?** In regard to the congregation coming up with our values was a major achievement for me. **What are your hopes for 2009?** I am looking forward to where God is leading us through our Vision for Ministry Team and the Gathering.

On this last Sunday in the year I like to give a few stats. We have given "peaceful dismissals" to 7 people (**transferred to other congregations**): Jasmine Lister, Greg, Tayla and Josiah page, Cora Snook, Anne Hausler and Joan Kowald and we have received 13 **people from other congregations**: Alyssa Wurst, Daryl & Suzanne , Matt & Nick Trigg, Eduardo Pena, Christiaan Hersevoort, James, Adele, Amelia, Keziah Leach, Joy Bormann and Rae Robinson. We have had 15 **baptisms**: Chelsea Cohen Bryan, Tyson Calley, Isla Campbell, Mitchell Stevenson, Nathan and Justin Dunn, Irene Robertson, Abbey Groves, Samuel Bartel, Brodie Bartel, Dakota Mitchell-Cox, Mason Dohnt, Lucy Steen, Lilly Kumela and Ezekiel Leach, 14 **confirmations**: Tiarna Hahn, Darian Abraham, Lachlan Ahrens, Caitlin Andrejic, Matthew Christiansen, Madelene DeVizio, Nicole Fielke, James Norrey, Chris Rutter, Mark Schmocker, Daniel Ward, Jessica Ward, Brodie Jackmann-Evans and Christiaan Heresvoort, had 4 **weddings** officiated under the auspices of our congregation: Chris Imeson & Melissa Copeland, Eduardo Pena & Lisa Rosenberg, John Glasby and Theresa Graham (by Pastor N Schmocker at Hallett Cove), Matthew Swift & Renee Rogers and 1 **funeral**: Josiah Page. Our condolences, congratulations and the cry: take up the challenge. There are mixed feelings that come with stats: sadness, joy, encouragement, discouragement but overall gratitude to God.

I am pleased to announce that Mardi Kalika is prepared to coordinate CC: our Friday evening children's ministry in 2009 (at least for first term). Please encourage and support her in this endeavour.

Please note the **dates for 2009** (at least the first few months)

- **29/12/08 to 11/1/09**: Pastor on annual Leave
- **16/1/09** Close of applications for YTL
- **16-18/1/09** Confirmation/Rev 320m Camp
- **4,11,18,25/1/09**: a DVD series in the worship centre 6.30pm (instead of Salt Factory worship)
- **29/1/09**: School starts
- **1/2/09** Thanksgiving Sunday: "Rest, work and play" and school staff and teachers installation service
- **14/2/09** The Gathering.
- **15/2/09** GGAF (Fishing Club) AGM
- **22/2/09** Confirmation Service:
- **28/2/09**: Christian Option training Day
- **4, 11, 18, 25/3/09** Everyday Evangelism: Wednesday- Wednesdays in Lent

Please note we have **Church pens** to fill in the Welcome Sheets. If you want to souvenir one a gold coin donation what be appreciated.

Our sermon today is the last in our series on **How do we respond to God's love?** based on Luke 7:36-50 (below): looking at Jesus in this story: how he was sent, how he is holy and how he waits, and what that means for us.

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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.

³⁹ 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."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² 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?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

⁴⁴ 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. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

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

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

A golden opportunity



We offer you a golden opportunity at Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship, SA

Youth Team Leader -

30 hour per week paid position.

We already have age specific groups:

"CCs", "Rev320", "Bakery"
and "Salt Factory"

(worship run by the youth for all ages).

We have great potential with our school,
our gifted people, our location
and now we would like to make the next step...

Are you being called to take up this
golden opportunity?

To receive a "Position Description" please call Judith on
828 26050

or email her on office@gglf.org.au.

Any other enquires call Pastor Leon Rosenberg on 0432 224 721

or email: rosenberg.leon@goldengrove.sa.edu.au.

Applications are to be received by Friday 16th January 2009.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

We are members of one human family. We have a financial system which effects nations and people across the globe. We are people who from one side of the world to the other are interconnected. We are not created to act in isolation. The 2008 financial market crash should remind us that our hope is not built on what moth and rust can demolish. While some will prosper from the financial ruin of others, we need to know that investing in people and what is God's is the way to get the best out of our possessions. Money reaches its full potential when it is used for the benefit of those who need us. The furtherance of God's kingdom is what the whole world needs.

In fact it is God's investment in this world that needs to reach the lives of every person on earth. It is the Christmas investment of God the Father sending his son to earth. The complete investment of the life of Jesus has eternal dividends for each of us.

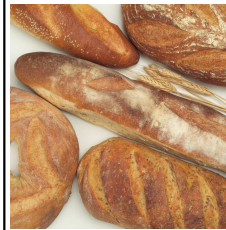
What ever the drought or job loss, or superannuation struggles or any other earthly insecurity that may come our way in 2009, the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ is already there in our future.

True prosperity is life in him.

Prayer points:

- *Thanksgiving for the gift of God's Son, our Saviour, to the world*
- *Safety and protection of all who travel during the holidays*
- *For emergency workers, hospital staff and counsellors on duty over the holiday period*
- *Pray for rain where it is required*

BREAD MINISTRY



The ministry to our community through the bread ministry is in danger of coming to an end. We need extra people in the new year to collect bread from Bakers Delight at Golden Grove Village on Friday evenings at 5.20pm and deliver it to the

church.

If you can help out approximately every 6 weeks, please ring Jenny Rawolle on 8251 3448.

YOUTH SPOT

The **REV 320** camp is fast approaching. It will be from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th January 2009, and is for everyone in years 7 – 9. It will be held at Glenhaven campsite and will include many different activities and small group times, where we will tackle the topic of 'taking the next step'. If you are interested in coming along please call me and I will get you all the information! ☺
I hope to see many young people there!

Alyssa ☺

