



## Devotion

This week's reading is from Mark 10: 46-52. It is the story of the blind man receiving his sight when Jesus came to Jericho. It is a great reminder that God is faithful and that He cares for us. When we call out to Jesus he hears us even if there are people around us saying that God won't hear you. The man said "Rabbi, I want to see". "Go" said Jesus "your faith has healed you". He then immediately received his sight and followed Jesus. How does this relate to your life right now? Do you have faith that God can heal you or get you through a challenging situation? I hope and pray you do have this faith because God loves and cares for you. So keep believing and being open to how God can work in and through your life.

*Dear God, thank you for your love, presence and peace. Help us to stay strong in our faith and hold on to your promises when life gets tough. Remind us that we have you and other followers of you in our lives which we can approach and talk to about how life is going (how life is really going- not just a how are you? good... conversation). Please give us people in our lives to help us on this journey of faith with you. Amen*

Nicole Fielke



**Invitation to a free movie event this evening at 6.30 pm at Golden Grove Lutheran Church** where the movie "Holy Ghost Reborn" will be screened

A sausage sizzle will be available beforehand at 5.45pm for a gold coin donation. Popcorn, water & soft-drinks will be available for purchase.

### ALL WELCOME.

Please note this movie is in place of the normal Salt Factory service and runs for approx 2 hours.

Pastor Michael Dutschke will be in attendance for discussion following the movie and Paul Napier will lead any individual prayer request following the movie.

### A NEW OPPORTUNITY

The worship team are creating a new, small team responsible for changing the banners and altar cloths from time to time according to the church seasons. Currently this is done by Margey Knapp alone. Please let Margey or Jacquie Schutz know if you are interested.



### A special welcome to Margaret Caldicott

whom we formally receive into membership of GGLC today. Even though Margaret has been worshipping here for some time now we are delighted to join together in our faith journey and pray we may be of mutual support and encouragement to one another.

## From the Chairperson ....

### Manse Appeal and Finance Update

As many would be aware, our congregation's finances are an ongoing point of concern for the Church Council. The figures below represent up to date budgetary figures for the year to date:

Budgeted income for 2015:	\$210,000
Budgeted income through Sept 2015:	\$157,500
Actual income through Sept 2015:	\$133,221
Expenditure through Sept 2015:	\$152,815
Profit/(Loss) through Sept 2015:	\$(19,514)

As you see above, the congregation faces a budget shortfall of almost \$20 000 for the year. This shortfall comes mainly from a reduction over time in the amount of regular giving through weekly offerings and REG (Regular Electronic Giving) that is received by the congregation. The silver lining to the cloud is that at the end of next year we will have paid off the church building which will save us \$45 000 per year which is great news that should be celebrated.

As you will see below, we are now holding a 'Manse Appeal' to raise much needed funds to contribute to the refurbishment of the manse. I ask all who are in the position to do so to be generous with your giving to ensure the continued strength of GGLC.

### Manse Appeal

As you would be aware from previous notifications we were looking to borrow from the LLL an amount for urgent work to update the Manse before Pastor Greg & Connie move in at the end of the year. This was passed by the congregation at a meeting after the morning service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Also as previously mentioned we want to raise at least \$10,000 via Congregation Appeal to ensure we have enough to finish the job and keep the borrowing amount down to a minimum. This money will go mainly towards Floor Coverings & Curtains/Blinds. The job needs to be finished by mid December as that is when their furniture will be arriving to be moved in. A builder has now been engaged for the major works. A lot of work has already been done on the outside via Working Bees with more to happen as needed. Thanks so far for your great support here.

We would like the appeal to be run over the next 4 weeks and we ask you to prayerfully consider what you can contribute towards this major project.

Please make a contribution by putting a donation in an envelope marked 'Manse Appeal' and into the offering plate, directly to Daniel Dutschke or by direct deposit into the Church LLL account earmarked 'Manse'. Account details are as follows:

Name of Account: Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship  
BSB: 704942  
Account No: 28190

Any questions please speak to Daniel Dutschke, Michael Vullings, Denise Kloeden, Susanne Trigg or Darren Stevenson. *(Thanks, the Manse Project Team)*