



Our mission:
**KNOWING
CHRIST AND
MAKING HIM
KNOWN**

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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Our goal:
**Care, Communicate,
Connect so that people
may know CHRIST.**

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6th April 2014—Fifth Sunday in Lent

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.

Before worship

I am going to open your graves and bring you back to life...Then you will know that I am the Eternal One. I will breathe My Spirit into you, and you will be alive once again – Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Let's play a game! Describe the Trinity in three words. For me, God = creator, Jesus = friend and the Holy Spirit = guider. It's more than likely that each part of the Trinity will mean something different for you, however. So I encourage you to do this quick activity and remind yourself of it daily.

The Trinity brings us life! God, our creator, gave us original life, and Jesus, our friend and sacrificial lover, gave us new life. But how does the Holy Spirit make us 'come alive'? While I know that the Holy Spirit is the divine wind, I really struggle to understand how the Holy Spirit lives in me. I love the concept, and generally feel the Spirit's guidance, strength and support in my life, but it's difficult to believe. This explanation that's offered by Max Lucado is excellent: "The Holy Spirit is the presence of God in our lives, carrying on the work of Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps us in three directions – inwardly (fruits of the Spirit), upwardly (prayer) and outwardly (God's love in us, shown to others)".

The Spirit of God is at work in all of our lives, and in all three stories today: making us come alive! In the Valley of Dry Bones, God restores life in Ezekiel's prophecy over Israel. God called out: "Dry bones, I will breathe breath into you, and you will come alive" (Ezekiel 37:4b), and they did. The lifeless bones suddenly had tendons, muscles and most importantly, true life! Sometimes, we try and find life in the wrong things, such as material possessions or worldly joys. "A mind focused on the flesh is doomed to death, but a mind focused on the Spirit will find full life and complete peace" (Romans 8:6). Full life and complete peace sound pretty good to me! And Jesus illustrates that death is no barrier to Him or us, as He beautifully raises Lazarus from the dead. Jesus was vulnerable: openly weeping (verse 35) and intensely troubled (38). He was struggling at just the thought of Lazarus' death. But God's Spirit still worked through Him. Jesus proclaims in John 11:25 – "I am the resurrection and the source of all life; those who believe in Me will live even in death".

Prayer: Hey God, thank you that you make us truly come alive. You are our true life, our full life and our source of all life. Help us to remember Your promise that "those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God" (Romans 8:14). And may we pass Your life onto those around us through our actions. Amen.

Jason Kupke



Readings for today

**Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45**

Worship Opportunities

Today	9.30am 11.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Korean Community Church Salt Factory worship
Friday 11th April	8.45am	Informal worship with the school community followed by Coffee Club
Sunday 13th April	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Contemporary worship Korean Community Church Salt Factory worship with HC



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 inside the church.

The "Kids at Heart" team run a **QUIET** craft table during the sermon. That way, the children have some time with their parents during the morning services, and also a little bit of time to be creative, to wriggle around and to learn about our God and what He means to us through artistic activities, with their friends. All children are welcome to join in this time. 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 we taking in **the smell of rope** and thinking about the time that Jesus was bound (**John 18:13**) so that the soldiers could do to Jesus all that we read in the Bible passage we are concentrating on today (**Matthew 27:27-31**).

This reminds us of all that can binds us and more importantly, the love that Jesus shows in allowing himself to be bound so as to free us from all that.

In **Salt Factory** worship this evening we are taking up the same theme but putting the emphasis on receiving the freedom that Jesus offers from all that binds us.

Next week on Palm Sunday, we have a look at the last of the smells of Lent: **the smell of wood**. Remember if you have missed out on any the sermons in this series they are all available on our website in the section "For Members".

The themes over the **Easter weekend**: Maundy Thursday (led by our Salt Factory team): the smell of faith, Good Friday: the smell of love, Easter dawn service (ecumenical service at Golden Grove cemetery, combined again with Golden Grove Uniting Church): the smell life and joy; Easter main service: the smell of hope.

Have you been using our **weekly devotions** "When God Almighty came to be one of them- a diabolical viewpoint"? These are available to down load from our **website** during. There will be a new devotion every day during holy week (starting on Palm Sunday)

I forgot to ask for hands up last week about whether you available to **put out the chairs for District Synod on Thursday May 1st**, 7pm at Mawson Lakes. *I hope to remember to do this, this morning.*

Pastor Leon

What is happening during the week?

This week:

Monday (7/4/14)	Sit and Sew 7pm
Thursday (2/4/14)	The Journey (session 8) 3.15pm
Friday (3/4/14)	worship with the school community 8.45am
Saturday (4/4/14)	10am GGAF at Cadell 10am

Next week

Monday (14/4/14)	GGLF Council 7.30pm.
Thursday (17/4/14)	Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion 7pm
Friday (18/4/14)	Good Friday worship with Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday (20/4/14)	Easter Dawn service with Holy Communion 7am
Sunday (20/4/14)	Hot Cross buns 8.45am.
Sunday (20/4/14)	Easter Main service with Holy Communion 9.30am

That during this season of Lent we have weekly devotions "When God Almighty came to be one of us—a diabolical viewpoint." These are available to download from our website—www.gglf.org.au. Go to the home page and in the "For members" folder.

**DID YOU
KNOW ?**

CHRISTMAS PLAY SCRIPTS

All budding scriptwriters are asked to submit their offerings for this year's Christmas Eve play. Please remember it needs to be family / child / community friendly and run for no longer than 45 minutes. We require the plays before the end of June ready to choose the finalist and start preparations in August. Scripts may be left at the Office or given to a Worship Team member.

Charter Raffle Results

Congratulations to Nadia Napier for winning the Fishing Fete Charter Raffle. Thanks also to all those who assisted in any way with helping to sell tickets or on the day. We have raised \$815 which will go towards the work with our Partnership with Asaroka.



FISHING FETE



A huge thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the Fishing Fete.

We were blessed with some great weather and a large crowd of people. Our catering groups that were involved made pleasing amounts of money and none of it would have been possible without a willing and generous work force. Sincere thanks to all.

See you all in 2015 – Sunday 5th April (Tentative date.)



Thank you!

Thank you
To all who prepared Homemade Goods and the Help given on the day, for our Coffee and Cake stall.
\$509.05 was raised. :-)

This will be donated into the Budget of our Youth Worker: Jason.

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for Next Sunday : 13th April

PA + Opening/Closing up	Power-point	Music Group	Greeters / Ushers	Readers	Children's Address ----- Kid's Craft	Devotion for Bulletin ----- Prayers	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning	Salt Factory catering
Joel Schiller	Judith Waites	Kristian Appelt	A. Schmidt C. Hersevoort	Ken Campbell	R. Hoklas ----- S. Williams	M. Knapp ----- Pastor Leon		Jenny Rawolle	McLuckie Rawolle	
Mark Rawolle			Ahrens				Luke Napier Tessa Rawolle			No Meal (school hots)

Youth News!



He gave Himself as an offering for sin so that He'd see life come from it – life, life and more life - Isaiah 53:10b.

No youth this week, but please keep a lot of our youth in your prayers as they go to NOVO next weekend (April 12-15). The camping ministry is a powerful connection for many youth, and is greatly supported by our leaders also (most of us are down there for the camp also)! J

A reminder that we'll be holding **A Night to Remember** between our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services (April 17, 8:30pm until April 18, 9:30am). More details next week, but any high-school aged youth are welcome!

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Claire and Len sincerely thank you all for your prayers, concern and love to us during the past months. The delicious meals that you provided for us have been so welcome! We don't know how we would have managed without them. Thank you so much! We thank and praise our Lord for his goodness to us at all times which was also so evident through you all. May God bless you all!



GGLF Working Bee

Saturday 3rd May 8:30am to 3:00 pm



We'll be carrying out a variety of jobs around the school and church facilities, including general tidy-up (inside and out), painting, repairs to chairs, and other miscellaneous jobs.

As well as improving our facilities, working bees are a time of fellowship and an opportunity to become better acquainted with others in our community.

If you have any queries, or are aware of any specific jobs that you feel should be done, please contact Simon Ahrens (0421 910 604).
Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Girls Getaway

Just a reminder to pick up a flyer & return with deposit \$30 to school/church office by end of March.

Name badges

We are placing a name badge order for those requiring one. There is an order form on the table near the front door. Could this please be filled out and given, with money, to Margot Mertin or to the Church office. Please have your forms in by April 9th.

Should you go to movie "Noah"?

I have always advocated going to see such movies as Noah because they are a great conversation starter with people who wouldn't normally go to church. However, now that I have seen the movie I have my reservations about it. I felt there was a plot to keep God out of the film. I cringed at certain parts. In fact there was a few times I felt like walking out of the theatre. In the words of Dr Jerry Johnson in the blog on five negative features about this film link:

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2014/february/noah-five-negative-features-about-this-film.html> he says: "So *Noah* gets Noah wrong, gets the environment wrong, gets evolution wrong, gets angelology wrong, and gets some biblical details wrong."

There are positives (as he says in another blog <http://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2014/february/noah-five-positive-facts-about-this-film.html> "*Noah* seems to work as a film because of a plot that is paced to move along, convincing special effects, and quality performances from name brand actors like Russell Crowe and Anthony Hopkins."

I would encourage you to read the full blogs above. I certainly wouldn't go and see it again. But unless you see it how can you have an intelligent conversation with someone who has?

Pastor Leon

Daily Bible Readings for this week

Mon:	(7/4/14)	John 8:1-20
Tues:	(8/4/14)	John 8:21-38
Wed:	(9/4/14)	John 8:39-59
Thurs:	(10/4/14)	John 9:1-23
Fri:	(11/4/14)	John 9:24-41
Sat:	(12/4/14)	Psalms 118:1,2,19-29
Sunday:	(13/4/14)	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

Lutheran Media Mini Movie series
Lutheran Media has produced a series of 5 new mini movies that are being released every couple of weeks. The series is called "Chronic". It tells the story of Pastor Stephen and Therese Abraham and is designed to give people hope in the midst of suffering. Please go to www.facetoface.org.au to watch a 30 second clip promoting the series about the upcoming Chronic Pain series. It's also on www.youtube.com/luthmedia and called "Introducing Chronic". You may also like to subscribe to our YouTube channel so you don't miss them. The first mini movie is planned for release on the 14th March 2014 on the Face to Face website and our YouTube channel

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE NOTICEBOARD FOR MORE POSITIONS VACANT NOTICES AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Aid for Hearing Impaired

As an aid for the hearing impaired, the service is transmitted on 88.3 MHz FM radio.

Prayer Chain

Means a lot of people praying about an urgent or special need. For urgent prayer requests during the week you are invited to contact one of following people and the prayer chain will be set in progress. (Pastor Len & Claire Tschärke, Jon Schiller, Tanya Wilson, Judith Whaites.)

All requests will be kept confidential. The prayer chain is available for everyone in both the church and school communities. Likewise if anybody feels they would like to be a part of the prayer chain we'd love you to join us.

Worship recording

Each service is recorded. DVD's can be ordered for a \$5 donation. See the Church Office.

Bibles

Bibles are available at the back of the church so that you can follow the Readings and Bible references in the Sermon.

We offer you one of these Bibles to take home, if you need one, and possibly bring back each week (so that *the one you use at home is the one you use in church*). If you would like to make a donation towards it - \$10 would be appreciated.

Meals Ministry

(A practical way we can share & show God's love) Families rostered to support Meals Ministry in April are: Kloeden, Friedrich.

When donating meals for the freezer we ask that you please attach some details to the container, eg name of the meal, date meal was prepared, a list of main ingredients, and heating instructions. Thank you.

Library

Don't forget the Library is open for browsing and borrowing.

Christian greeting cards always for sale from the Mobile Unit in the Fellowship Centre —Cost \$2 .

Pastor Leon's Message

is available in printed copy form immediately after the service from the Church Foyer . Please feel welcome to take a copy home.

Internet access

to weekly GGLF bulletin, Sermon, Life in the Vine, rosters and other info. You can get to it by going to www.gglf.org.au

Stamps For Missions

Remember to keep collecting your used postage stamps for missions. Box in Foyer.

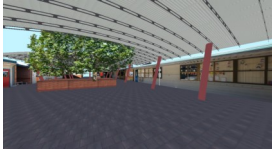
GGLF Attendance & Offerings

(Offerings do not include electronic giving amount of approx. \$12000 per month .)

The LLL Account No. for GGLF Regular Electronic Giving is 28190/S1/GOL

To transfer money into the LLL Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship REG A/c please use:
BSB (Branch) number - 704942 and Account No. - 28190

		Offerings	Attendance
30/3/14	9.30am	\$431.95	72
	11.30am Korean	\$ 85.00	20
	6.30 pm SF	\$ 115.00	36



School Courtyard Shade Project

The school is currently running a fund-raising project to build a shade structure across the courtyard. Any assistance you can offer will certainly help out. Even a dollar or two will help. Please help out by donating through the school website. <http://bit.ly/gglf2ggpls>

955 North East Road, Modbury. Bus stop 42, across the road from Westpac and the Modbury triangle.

Free Entry **BBO & Softdrinks** **Plants**
Churches of Christ Modbury
Craft Fair
Saturday, 3rd of May
Come enjoy a wide variety of craft, from 9am to 3pm.
Produce **Devonshire Tea** **Cakes**
With Freshly Made Scones
Undercover

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace
Sun April 6 Emma Gillard
Mon April 7 Simon Kupke
Tue April 8 Alison Ahrens
Chelsea Beckett
Wed April 9 James Wilson
Thurs April 10 Georgina Carter
Fri April 11 Winny Prodoehl
Sat April 12 Gemma Mann

LUTHERAN community care
Support for the work and ministry of **Lutheran Community Care** is ongoing and encouraged. **LCC's request list for April** is for Cheese spread, cup of soup and toothbrushes. Boxes and bags are always in the Foyer waiting to be filled! Donations will be kindly transported to LCC at the end of each month.

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