

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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Our goal:

Care, Communicate, Connect so that people may know CHRIST.

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Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Day 2014

WELCOME to all worshipping with us over Easter.

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 messages shared over Easter.

SHARE THE GLORY OF EASTER

Before worship

Hope. Isn't that what we need in our hopeless world?

Hope. Isn't this what we need for our own messed up lives?

Hope. And isn't that what we need through this whole weekend? Sure we will hear about hope on Sunday as we see how the realization that Jesus had actually come back to life gradually dawns on Mary (in **John 20:1-18**)- as I put it in the address-the smell of hope came stronger and stronger, but don't we need it as we go with Jesus into the upper room, as He washes his disciples feet and He institutes Holy Communion (to give that smell of faith) and as we go with Jesus through his suffering before the Jews and Romans and is killed to present the smell of love to us which in turn stirs us to love: Him and one another?

Where does this hope come from? Listen to the first reading we have chosen for Easter Sunday (main service) - **Romans** 6:4, 5. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his (verse 5) Isn't this baptism? So doesn't it come from water - the water of baptism? His smell of His breath upon us at the font.

Where do we smell it the strongest? Listen to the second reading we have chosen for that day (1 Corinthians 15:1-11). Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. (verse 1) It's the Gospel. It's what we believe and what we proclaim. It's the humility to accept the grace God offers us (as he goes on in the passage to say). This is what gives us a new and strong breath of hope as we exercise that faith.

Listen, and I pray you may actually smell it as Jesus breathes it upon us over Easter. The smell of hope is the smell of his breath

Prayer: May we be alert to what You, Lord are presenting to us over this Easter weekend so that we may smell the faith You give us, the love you have for us and hope we have because of what you have done for us. May the message of Easter be so strong for us that we actually smell it as your presence so close to us. Amen.

Pastor Leon



Readings for Easter Day

Rom. 6:4-5 1 Cor. 15:1-11 John 20:1-18 Worship Opportunities

Easter Service Times

Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Day

7.00 pm 9.30 am 7.00 am

9.30 am

Worship with HC Worship with HC

Easter Dawn Service at Golden Grove Cemetery (Crouch Rd, Golden Grove)
Easter Main service with HC preceded by hot cross buns at 8.45 am.



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.

Pastor's Column

On behalf of Heidi and myself, MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!

Keep safe on the road and those who are holidaying: may you have an enjoyable and relaxing time. May the faith, love, hope and peace of Easter give you that joy deep within.

If you are holidaying in our district and so have chosen to worship with us: Welcome. May you be blessed through our worship togeth-

The theme over this Easter weekend is the smell of Easter.

The Salt Factory service on **Maundy Thursday** has the theme: "the smell of faith". Jason is speaking on that, even though Jesus knew what he was about to go through (he refers to Jesus' passion predictions) trusting in his Father and out of love for the Father and for us, he still went ahead with his passion. The Youth are following this service up with "A Night to Remember" in our church complex (using the stations of the cross and watching a DVD on Jesus' passion).

Good Friday has the smell of love. In this solemn service we review the smell of Lent as we journey to the cross. Other features of this service include the ancient "bidding prayer" and the so called "reproaches from the cross".

The smell of new life and joy is the theme of our **dawn service** at 7.00 am at Golden Grove cemetery (Crouch Road, Golden Grove) which we shall be holding with Golden Grove Uniting Church. This is followed by hot cross buns which they supply for us.

The climax of this weekend is the main Easter service. The theme is "the smell of hope". Again this is preceded by another hot cross bun breakfast. This service features the Easter dialogue, the introductory liturgy from our Friday morning service (chapel) during Lent and the Korean Christian church presenting a song during the service.

Speaking on "the smell of hope"; a question for you: in the story of Mary visiting the tomb, Peter and John's race to the tomb and Mary's encounter with the "gardener" (John 20:1-18) when did she smell hope?

All of these worship services offer **Holy Communion**. However they will all be so different. I encourage you to make use of all these different worship opportunities to get a well full "smell of Easter".

We conclude the series (which started on Ash Wednesday- with "the smell of ash") with "the smell of peace" next Sunday (the second Sunday of Easter) when we shall consider the couple of times Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection (John 20: 29-31) with not only the words "Peace be with you" but also with the smell of peace on his breath.

Advance Dates:

- Pastor will be away at **Pastors' Conference** at Birdwood on 30th April/ 1st May
- Our Church's **Working Bee** on 3rd May.
- **Synod** weekend: 3rd /4th May, at Mawson Lakes Community Church
- Our School and Church **Annual General Meeting**: 25th May

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.

For anyone in Years 8 to 12, please come along to a **Night** to Remember tonight. Be prepared for an amazing, spirit -moving evening, beginning at the church our Maundy Thursday service around 8:30pm. BYO snacks, sleeping gear, Bible, pens, etc. We'll be staying at the church overnight until the beginning of the Good Friday service (which you're more than welcome to stay for!) Over the course of the night the plan is to watch a movie or two, have a lot of discussion and follow in Jesus' footsteps through the Stations on the Cross. This is an exciting, challenging night where we walk through Jesus' final moments and realise how deep His sacrifice for us was. If there's a favourite youth event among the leaders, this would be the one!

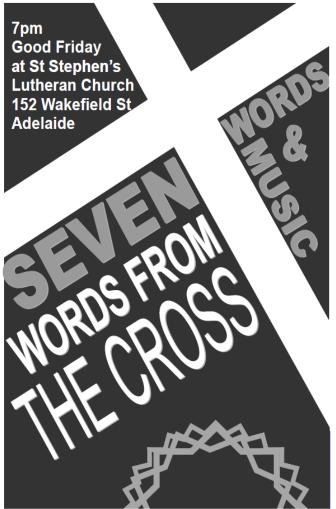
> jason@gglf.org.au 0403 180 607 youth.gglf.org.au

Easter reading available from our library

The spinners in our library have been filled with inspirational Easter reading and Easter kids books.



Check it out and feel welcome to borrow.



Pastor Leon



PA + Open- ing/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
Sue Fielke	John Fielke		Hoklas	Rosalie Hoklas	Ps Leon ————— M Appelt	A Dutschke ———— R Hoklas		Chris Thiel	School	
Simon Ahrens			K Campbell N Napier				D & R Kloeden			NO MEAL



GGLF Working Bee

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



We'll be carrying out a variety of jobs around the 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.



Just a reminder to pick up a flyer (available from table in Church Foyer & return with deposit of \$30 to school/church office ASAP.

Fellowship Group News & Events

OPEN HOUSE - Prayer/healing get together this Monday night (Easter Monday) at the Schiller household 7.30 pm (50 Greenridge Court, Wynn Vale). Based on a DVD from Blind Healer - Rev Mike Endicott. Come once or as often as you like. Contact Jon Schiller 0424 186 149 or Paul Napier 0413 604 000 .





The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever

serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour." (John 12:23-26 NRSV)

It has now been two months since I have written to you through a Heartland eNews. In some ways that reflects the complexity of the role of Bishop, being involved in so many things that sometimes you don't get back to the things that matter most. I hope you have been keeping up with things LCA through the eNews, website, and The Lutheran.

This week, being Holy Week, I had planned for some space as I reflected on the journey of our Saviour to the cross, worshipped, and focussed on the more important things. I even took a few days out of the office to give some space.

However, deadlines still stand, people's needs demand attention, and every time you take a pause, the work piles up. If it's like this in the leadership of the church, you must forgive me for wondering what it's like for Christians working in secular institutions where the timing of Holy Week and Easter are inconsequential to the demanding flow of business. How is it for you?

I believe that Jesus faced pressure as we do, only of a much greater magnitude. People demanded everything from him, and we still do. It wasn't just them; it was all of us, the sins of the entire world. The more he delivers, the more we demand. In the Biblical narrative, it seems to peak at Palm Sunday, followed by an all too brief expectant pause as everyone waited for him truly to deliver what they all wanted - whatever that was. It was momentary. Their enthusiasm for him quickly waned and he met an increasing wall of resistance and unbelief. John's gospel even says, "he departed and hid from them" (12:36).

Easter is the crucible of our faith. We can do without the details of Christmas (see, for instance, the Gospels of Mark and John, which do without the Christmas story), but we can't do without the details of Easter. They are specifically the death and resurrection of the Son of God. We should never tire of hearing it told. It is what you will hear proclaimed in services across the church this weekend, and every Sunday of the year.

We are Easter people. If we have to set aside everything else we do in the church, this is it, the big deal. Not, as I have written elsewhere, religion for religion's sake, but faith for Christ's sake. That's the business the church is in. In ourselves, we are deeply flawed, imperfect – even worse, we are dying, we are already dead. The evidence is all around us, in life, in relationships, in the world, and even in the church. You could easily give up hope and live as selfishly and greedily as you can for as long as the good times last. It will all be over before you know it.

Only Easter turns that around. Only faith in the resurrected Saviour makes our resurrection possible. God does what none of us reasonably expected, against all the evidence. He raises the dead. He raises Jesus. He can raise you. He can raise me. He raises all those who believe in him, to eternal life. Now there is a new story for us to write, a new life to be lived, without end.

.... when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead." (Colossians 2:12 NRSV)

So let's celebrate this weekend, as only those who are baptised and saved can. None of it is our own work. It is entirely God's doing. That makes us confident. We are ready now, to get on with life, with being the church, and with living out the faith in our daily lives. May you have a blessed and a happy Easter.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor John Henderson

Bishop

Daily Bible Readings for

(21/4/14) Hebrews 1:1-14 Mon: Tues: (22/4/14) Hebrews 2:1-10 (23/4/14) Hebrews 2:11-18 Wed: Thurs: (24/4/14) Hebrews 3:1-11 (25/4/14) Hebrews 3:12-19 Fri: (26/4/14) Psalm 16 Sat:

Sunday: (27/4/14) Acts 2:14, 22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

School Courtyard Shade Project



The school is currently running a fundraising 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/gglf2gglps

************* TRTHDAY REETINGS

Sun Apr 20 Elaine Baldock Mon Apr 21 Jesse Hahn Alex Schmocker Wed Apr 23 Jack & Max Haill Tom Davidson **Thurs** Apr 24 Courtney Fielke

Nadia Napier Debra Heinrich

★ ★ Sat Apr 26 **Daniel Dutschke**

We hope your special day is

Australian Lutheran College are excited about our upcoming 'Autumn Evening Classes'.

These classes will be held over the four Wednesday nights of May (7, 14, 21 & 28) onsite at ALC from 7pm-9pm. The cost is \$40 per person (\$25 conces-

There are 3 classes available to attend:

- Dr Peter Lockwood 'Does the Old Testament leave a disturbing legacy?'
- Dr Andrew Pfeiffer 'Baptised to live: living your faith in your daily life'
- Dr Mark Worthing 'Frodo's God: the theology of J.R.R. Tolkien'

For more information and to register www.grassroots.edu.au

Friends of Lutheran Archives (FoLA)

To give them a future & a hope - Lutheran Mission work among Aboriginal people in SA 1838-1853, & the differences in expectations between the SA Colonial Authorities & settlers, the Dresden Mission Society & other Christian bodies.

Christine Lockwood will be the guest speaker at the FoLA meeting on Monday April 28th 7.30 pm, Bethlehem House, Sudholz Place, City. Supper. Gold coin donation. All welcome!



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.

GGLPS Principal: Daryl Trigg

Grant Hampel

Mardi Kalika

Jacquie Schutz

Elnora Schmocker

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 Tscharke, 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

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. -2819Ò

	Offerings	Attendance
13/4/14 9.30am	\$271.85	62
11.30am Korean	\$149.00	15
6.30 pm SF	\$0	9

blessed with God's love & grace ****

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