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22nd March 2009— 3rd 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 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

God's grace

...in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. **Ephesians 2:7**

God has raised us up for a special purpose: to show his grace *in us* and indeed to show *us* his grace. It is this grace - undeserved love, pure gift, helping us when we couldn't help ourselves- his kindness - in Christ, through his death and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sin that he speaking about. Words we have heard before but when he gives them to us in a new light become real and are our motivation to live for him.

God confronted the people wandering in the desert with their sin through the snake on a pole. It would heal them. But they had to look at the snake first. (**Numbers 21:9**) Jesus took up this image in the Gospel reading (**John 3:14**): an image of the crucifixion which again shows us our sin. But it also heals us. This is a picture of grace.

One of the thoughts that came up in this week's **Everyday Evangelism** course (as we were sharing "our story") was that even though we may have been brought up "in God's grace" (in a Christian community) there comes a time when God shows it to us personally. He gives it to us in a new light and it becomes real and indeed changes our life.


I pray that God may be using the images in the sermon series during Lent: "**The I am statements of Jesus from the gospel of John**" to not only give us different views of Jesus - deep insights into who he is, but show us God's grace. We have looked at Jesus as the bread of life, the light of the world, the gate for the sheep and this morning we'll see him as the Good Shepherd. All of these views are indeed expressions of his grace.

Prayer: Lord God, please show us the incomparable riches of your grace, expressed in your kindness to us in Christ Jesus, this morning. Give us deeper insights into your love. May we learn to trust in Jesus more deeply and through this, please give us hope for the future. Amen.

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Worship Opportunities

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| Today 22nd March | 9.30 am 6.30 pm | Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship |
| Friday 27th March | 8.45-9.15 am | Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club |
| Sunday 29th March | 9.30 am 6.30 pm | Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC |
| Friday 3rd April | 8.45-9.15 am | Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club |


Readings for today
Num. 21: 4- 9
Eph. 2: 1-10
John 3:14-21

Readings for 29th March
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5: 5-10
John 12:20-33

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.

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

Jesus says "I am the Good Shepherd". What a wonderful picture of Jesus – if you are a sheep! What can this image mean for us? It can make us feel special. It can reassure us. But it can also challenge us. Let's allow the Good Shepherd himself tell us about that this morning as we take heed to his voice (John 10:4).

This morning we are holding a "call meeting" for a new Youth Team Leader. The team that has been asked to look into this position have come up with a candidate: **Paul Swansson**. See last week's Bulletin for a brief overview of Paul with his picture. (Some of you may have met Paul. He has been worshipping with us over the last Sundays.)

Have you booked in for **Soul Factor Gospel Choir's "The Power of his Love"**? (Our group booking is for Saturday 4th April at 8pm. (Cost \$15 Adults; \$13 concession for pensioners & students; \$8 children 14 yrs & under) **We need to book in by this Friday for this sitting.** Book in with Judith.

Sessions are also being presented at other times (see advert to the right) and we can book you in for one of those sittings but it will be a few dollars more because it won't qualify as a group booking.

Please pray for the young people who are **stepping up to communion**. The first communion for most of the class will be 5th April. For others it will be 3rd May.

Tuesday week (31st March) we are holding a **Confirmation Information meeting** for parents/carers and prospective confirmees.

We are starting the new confirmation class (Head to Heart) at the beginning of second term. If you are in year 7 or older and you haven't made this next step come along to this meeting. We'll be considering when we shall be meeting for the course, how long the course will be and what format it will take.

This week:

Sunday: Step Up to Communion 4.30 pm
Tuesday: Salt Factory Team
Wednesday: Everyday Evangelism session 4
Thursday: Worship team
Friday: Worship with school community at 8.45 am

(unless otherwise stated all meetings start at 7.30pm)

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Salt Factory Worship

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

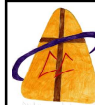
Please note: Rostered for catering next Sunday 29th March — Napier group

YOUTH SPOT

Bakery is on this Friday. Meet at the church at 6:00 pm. Please bring money for tea. Bakery is for anyone aged 15 to 20, so if this is you feel free to join us! We will finish around 9pm.

Hope to see you there

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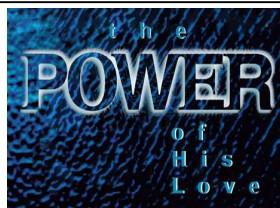
'CC' - Children of Christ

(For children in Yrs 3-6)

**Friday 27th March 2009
6.30—8.30 pm**

Treasure Hunt

Are you up and coming Sherlock Holmes? Bring your investigating skills. Put your detective hat on cause we have a Treasure Hunt for you!



Soul Factor Gospel Choir will present a reprise of the powerful Easter Musical **"The Power of His Love"**.

The Power of His Love retells the story of Easter several years after the actual event and then brings the "memory" scenes to life on centre stage. Through the personal perspective of

the main characters, the audience experiences their thoughts and feelings, witnessing the power of God's love changing each life.

The Musical will be presented at The Salvation Army, Adelaide Congress Hall, 277 Pirie Street, Adelaide

Performances:

3pm & 8pm Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March
3pm & 8pm Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th March

From the Ministry Team we aim at a group booking for Saturday 4th April the 8 pm session

For bookings call Judith at the Church office before the 27th March
Phone 8282 6050

MEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies Breakfast—The breakfast planned for 21st March has been deferred to 16th May (details later).

Our sincere apologies for the late cancellation—hope we contacted everyone beforehand.

Ken Campbell—Men's Fellowship

Yes! It's on again!

Advance Notice of WOMEN'S RETREAT Friday 12th June—Sunday 14th June

Do as little or as much as you like. Enjoy the comforts of the old Woodhouse Mansion in the Adelaide Hills.

All women welcome! Plan to come!

Put the dates in your diary now.

Enquiries—Dawn on 8289 2031, Sue on 8289 6757 or
School/Church office on 8282 6000



Children's Handprints

During March, after morning service, Lesley Friedrich will be making permanent hand prints of children's hands for a fabric wall hanging for the children's area. If your child is interested to be part of this please assemble in the playground after the service. Parents help in cleaning up their child would be appreciated. 😊

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.

TOOLBOX PARENTING COURSE:

The middle years (6-12)

This course covers: Building Character, Self Esteem, Creating Memories, Emotional Intelligence, Discipline and Increasing Responsibility.

Make the most of these years while your children still want to be part of your team!

At: Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School
Sunnybrook Drive, Wynn Vale 5127

Wednesdays May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, June 3rd and 10th
7-9 pm

Cost \$36 – includes manual.

Registrations essential.

Contact: Elaine or Anna 8282 6000

Habitat for Humanity Music Quiz Night Fundraiser

Four students and a teacher from Endeavour College, including Jason Kupke, will be travelling to the Philippines in July to help build Habitat for Humanity houses. To help raise funds a Music Quiz Night Fundraiser will be held.

When: Saturday March 28th

**Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Hall
388 Montague Road, Para Vista**

Time: 7pm till 11pm

Cold Drinks, Tea & Coffee for sale
BYO Nibbles

Bring your spare change for games
Prizes will also be auctioned throughout the night

Tickets \$10 each

**Tickets available from Habitat Team
or Endeavour College Reception**

Tables of 10 can be booked
Seats are limited so book early

For any enquiries please contact
Endeavour College on 8368 3311



ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE invites you to an OPEN DAY

Sunday 22nd March, 1.30—4.00pm

Come and see Endeavour College – a secondary school committed to 21st century quality education in a caring Christian environment:

Enrolling now for 2010 and beyond.

For further information please contact Endeavour College, 85 Mawson Lakes Blvd, Mawson Lakes. Phone 8368 3311



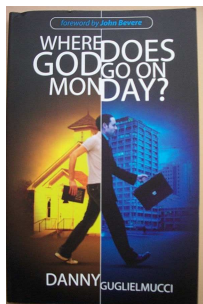
Entertainment Books for 2009/2010 will be available from next week. They are selling for **\$65**, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the books will go towards supporting our mission partnership with Asaroka, PNG.

Entertainment Books contain hundreds of 25-50% off and two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotel accommodation, the arts, and sporting events and more

A sample book is available in the front office for your perusal.

Books sell out quickly so make sure you don't miss out.

To order your copy of the Entertainment Book, please see Judith or Elaine in the Admin office or phone Judith on 8282 6050 or email office@gglf.org.au



Where Does God go on Monday?

Danny Guglielmucci, the pastor of the Edge church, previously Southside AOG, in this very short book (105 pages) in answering this question gives a vision of what he sees the Church should be doing during the week.

Pastor Danny speaks on "Repositioning the Church" and then what the Sunday-Monday Church would look like: working

together, how they began, their journey and ours, then what kind of Church do we need become and changing the atmosphere of our congregation.

His vision is what has led to the involvement of a number of congregations in refurbishing Adelaide's Women's & Children's Hospital, which you might have heard about on the news: "mobilizing 377 volunteers from the Christian churches of Adelaide...our community has been blessed and the Church made visible once more" (p. 104) to helping a family that had fallen on hard times (pp 73-75) as well as a few other pertinent stories.

I feel that his message is most relevant to us who are considering our vision here. A good read, available from our library.
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A Spirited life: The seven acts of mercy (Matthew 25) in the care of older people.

Friday 3rd April, 9.00-11.00 am

This 2 hour workshop is a wonderful opportunity to hear from Maria Hebart-Herrmann, Lecturer and Psychologist from the School of Geriatric Care in Bayreuth, Germany. Venue: Centre for Learning, Lutheran Community Care, 19 Edward Street, Magill.

Cost: \$20 per person (\$10 concession)

See noticeboard for further details

