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**Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday 2009**

**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**

**TWO MINUTES**

...And then what happened?

This week's readings are full of the greatest story ever written, the greatest story ever told, the greatest story ever lived. But which is the word that stuck out to me this Easter?... "THEN!" Though the actual word "then" is used only a few times in each reading, other words such as "while, after, and" give the same meaning.

Easter is full of what in every other story would have been "The End". But in this story, and only this story, the power that is in Christ overcame his death. He didn't stay dead!!!!!!

And then what happened?... You and I happened!


We are the "and then what happened"! Easter is not the end of the story, but the reminder that we get to choose our own adventure. And we can go it alone if we want to.

But, if we choose to recognise the great I AM as our constant companion - the one who overcame death, and, whether we like it or not, lives with us always, what an adventure we can live now and look forward to in the future! And in confidence we can keep looking forward to asking

"And then what happened?"

**Julie Hahn**

**Worship Opportunities**

 <b>Readings for Easter day</b> <b>Acts 10:34-43</b> <b>1 Cor. 15: 1-11</b> <b>John 20: 1-18</b>  Readings for 19th April Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>EASTER DAY</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b> <b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.15 am</b> <b>8.45 am</b> <b>9.30 am</b>	Worship with HC Service of Readings Dawn Service at Schmocker's block Hot cross buns served in Fellowship Centre Easter worship with HC
	<b>Sunday 19th April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
	<b>Sunday 26th April</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship

**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

**A blessed Easter to you.** Depending when you are picking this Bulletin up: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, or reading it on line, I hope you are hearing Jesus, being touched by Jesus, celebrating with Jesus in a most significant way for you.

The themes for this weekend are:

**"I am the true Vine"** on Maundy Thursday." What does it mean that Jesus was pruned and that we are pruned? What blessings do we receive once we are pruned? How does Holy Communion and prayer fit into this?

**"I am king."** How do we respond to the death of a king? What sort of king is Jesus to you? How is Good Friday a preparation for Easter for you?

**"I am returning to my Father."** Why do you think Jesus told Mary not to hold onto him now? Why do you think Jesus says I go to my Father and your Father, my God and your God? What is Easter going to mean for the rest of your life?

Over season we are giving out **little Scripture cards**. Last Sunday we gave out "I am the way". See if you can collect the four in the set.

A special event for the youth is **The Night to Remember** - a sleepover to meditate on Christ's suffering, starting after the Maundy Thursday service and going to the Good Friday service.

Don't forget to about the **Easter Dawn Service**: A resurrection celebration: 1Corinthians 15 with Easter hymns:- 6.15am at the Schmocker's: fire, testimony, Hallelujah chorus, hot cross buns.....

A special welcome to the Longmires who are joining us on Easter morning for the **baptism** of the twins.

**Hot Cross buns breakfast** 8.45am on Sunday.

The sermon series for the season of Easter is **"Where is God when we are struggling?"** The people of Corinth were struggling after Paul's first letter. Where was Paul? He said he would come. Where is God? Where is God when we are struggling? The book of **2 Corinthians** is the prescribed reading for the Growth Journal up to Easter. We'll be looking at a verse each Sunday from the first seven chapters of 2 Corinthians under this theme.

Next Sunday the theme for the address is **"With his arm around us"**, 2 Corinthians 1:3 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort."

**Head to Heart (Confirmation)** starts on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4.30pm. in the Fellowship Centre. If you know of anyone who could be interested please encourage them to attend or contact me or Paul Swansson. (The session will be on Wednesday after school with several Sundays thrown in so parents can join us.)

**This week:**

**Tuesday** Management team

**Saturday** GGAF 6am St Kilda

(unless otherwise stated all meetings start at 7.30pm)

Pastor Leon



## Easter Day

People are asked to wear or bring/hold a flower on Easter Day to fill the church with life, beauty, colour and perfume

## Salt Factory Worship

Please note there is **NO** Salt Factory worship on Easter Day.

**Please also note:** There will be **NO** Salt Factory catering next Sunday 19th April during the school holiday period,



## Baptisms

Joining God's family Easter Day through the gift of Holy Baptism are

**Ben Gordon Longmire**  
&  
**Abbey Joan Longmire**

We are delighted to share in the celebration of this special occasion with Ben & Abbey, their parents Simon & Jodie, Ben's sponsors Kath Longmire & Justin Brown, and Abbey's sponsors Andrew Longmire & Katherine Terrell, together with family and friends here with us today.

We pray Ben & Abbey may continue to grow in the love & strength of God



*Baptism, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*



## Golden Grove Amateur Fishing

### ST KILDA BREAKWATER FISHING

Saturday 18th April

Meet in the carpark at St Kilda at **6.00 am**.

Bacon & eggs breakfast to follow after weigh in at 9.30 am.

Fishing for salmon trout, mullet, whiting, bream and tommyes.

Toilets are nearby.

Enquiries to Zimmo (8289 1212) or Graeme Hoklas (8289 6803)

## ROSTERS

The worship service **rosters for June - August** will shortly be drawn up. Please let **Anna Watson** know

([watson.anna@goldengrove.sa.edu.au](mailto:watson.anna@goldengrove.sa.edu.au) or through a note in her pigeon hole) if you are unavailable to serve during this time due to holiday plans etc. Rosters should be out in the first week of May.

Are you wanting to feel more connected to our congregation? Has God gifted you with friendliness, encouragement, oral reading, public prayer, musical ability, public speaking? Then we can use you in our worship services, morning or evening! For various reasons our roster lists have become somewhat depleted over the past year so if you are not currently serving on a roster and would like to do so, please let Anna know.

A **big thank you** from the Worship Team to all our members who have made a commitment to help out during our worship services

## KIDS AT HEART

The Kids at Heart team would like to welcome all our visitors to our Easter services. On Sunday we invite the children to participate in some q-u-i-e-t craft activities during Pastor's message. (The children's area is on the RHS of the church as you face the altar.) The children will be doing paper-craft using some of the symbols of Easter. At home, parent's might like to help the children to understand the origin of these symbols for Easter.

- The word Easter comes from the name "Eastre", the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. Every spring (in the northern hemisphere) the Anglo-Saxons had a festival to honour her and to celebrate the beginning of the new life of spring. The Christian church "converted this festival" to teach about Christ.
- The rabbit: Rabbits are a symbol of spring and Easter because the hare, which is similar to a rabbit, was said to be Eastre's favourite animal. Another reason is that rabbits have many kittens, a reminder of new life.
- The cross: Jesus died on the cross and came back to life on the first Easter Sunday. The cross is the symbol of Christianity.
- The cocoon and the butterfly: the cocoon seems lifeless, but it contains new life. The butterfly is that new life.
- The Easter Lily: The Easter Lily is a beautiful flower that grows from a lifeless looking bulb. This is a reminder that Jesus came back to life.
- The lamb: Jesus is known as the Lamb of God. Long ago, it was considered lucky to see a lamb on Easter Sunday.
- The egg: Eggs look lifeless, but many new creatures hatch from Eggs. Eggs are a symbol of new life and a reminder of Easter and spring (in the northern hemisphere!)
- The chick: Chicks are hatched from eggs- a symbol of new life.
- The candle: The candle symbolizes the Easter Sunrise and Easter fire. After the darkness comes light and after death comes new life.

(From: "Pathways to discovery- Craft ideas, 1994.)

So you can see that Easter is a celebration of new life – the new life we have in Christ.

To assist families with Christian education at home, the Kids at Heart team would like to highlight some fun and safe websites that kids can enjoy.

For children 4- 7 years old:

[www.happyland.com.au](http://www.happyland.com.au)

Happyland is a Lutheran media production. The purpose of Happyland is to introduce children to Jesus and what he teaches us about the way we should live, and to let them have lots of fun at the same time. Build houses and play games with biblical messages. Everything is read aloud and has full instructions.

For children ages 6 to 10:

[www.bigideafun.com](http://www.bigideafun.com)

Veggietales website featuring games and puzzles and fun.

Kids under 12 years:

[www.albertweb.com/evenachild/](http://www.albertweb.com/evenachild/)

Fun for all ages! Includes games and jokes.

If you know any other websites that are suitable, please let us know so that we can share them with other people.

Researched by Emi Schutz.



**GGLF & GGLPS AGM's** will be held on  
**Sunday 17th May at 11.00 am**  
in the Worship Centre

Leaders of all our various GGLF groups for 2008 are kindly asked to please prepare reports and financial statements for submission.

It would be appreciated if all reports can please be submitted to Judith by **24th April** so they may be collated for the Book of Reports.

### Life in the Vine

Articles for the next edition of the *Life in the Vine* magazine are due by **Monday 27th April**. Stories, photos, jokes, advertising, etc can be sent to my email address at [dtnelson@internode.on.net](mailto:dtnelson@internode.on.net) or you can leave a note in my church pigeon hole or give me a call on 8288 7351.

**Tania Nelson**

## WANTED

Enthusiastic and thoughtful GGLF members who are interested in serving God, by nominating to serve on the Management, Ministry and Worship teams of our church from May 2009—May 2010.

We are looking for people who are interested in serving as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson on the Management team. We also particularly need a Treasurer.

If serving on the Ministry or Worship teams interest you, then please let us know. It would be great if we had a good mix of male and female, old and young members on all teams.

Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship  
**NEEDS YOU**



Please talk to Gerda Rawolle or Pauline Taylor at church, or leave a note expressing your interest in either of their pigeon holes



**ChildSafe**<sup>TM</sup>  
safe people / safe programs

The LCA requires that all members holding a position of authority in their congregation undergo training in the Safe Place Policy (sexual abuse and harassment) and those dealing directly with children and young people receive training in the new Childsafe Policy. Members who work in a ministry area involving children, young people and vulnerable people are also required to have a police check (renewable every 3 years).

As we have no-one trained to deliver the Childsafe package, members are asked to attend training offered elsewhere.

Next training session will be held:

Sat 25 April for Team members

Sun 26th April for Team Leaders.

Team Leaders need to attend both.

They both start at 12 noon and end at 6.15pm. Both will be held at St Marks Lutheran Church in Mt Barker. You can register by phoning 83911695.

The next course after that is in Unley on 2 & 3rd May or after that 23 & 24 May in Hampstead.

Please contact Anna Watson if you have any queries or require further information.

