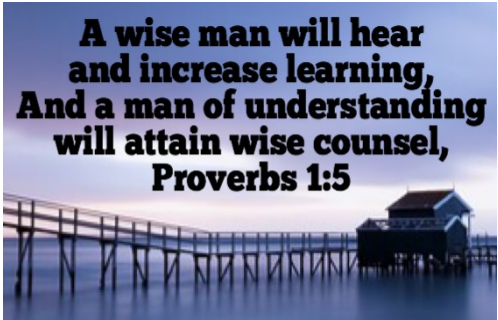


# Life in the Vine

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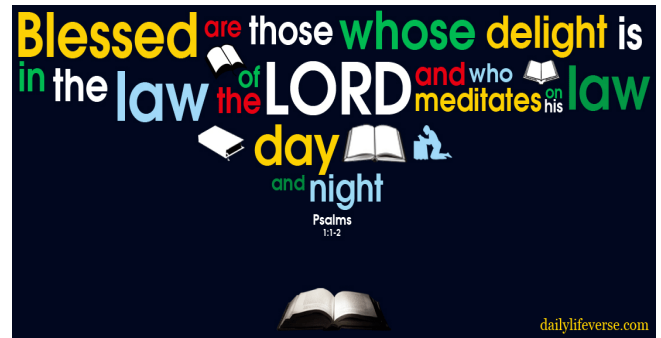
*"Growing in the knowledge & love of God"*



*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. 2 Peter 3:18"*

*Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter 2:2-3*

*For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance & the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4*



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# Pastor Greg Shares

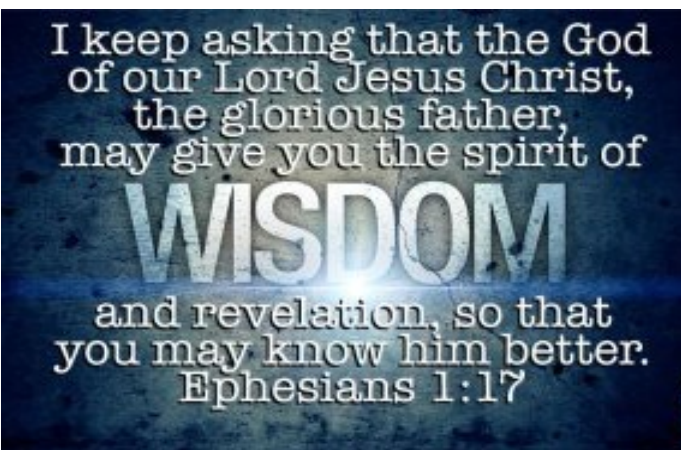
*Growing in the knowledge and love of God*

***Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."***

***Matthew 28:18-20***

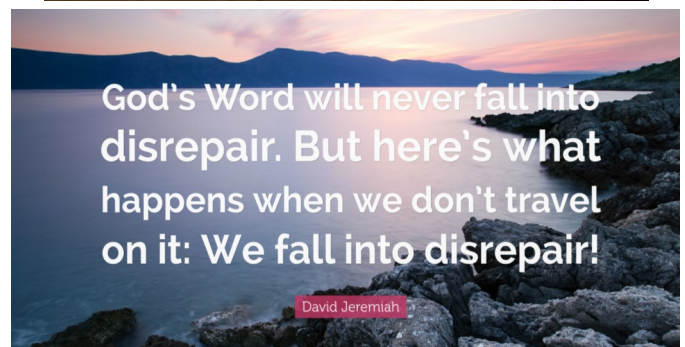
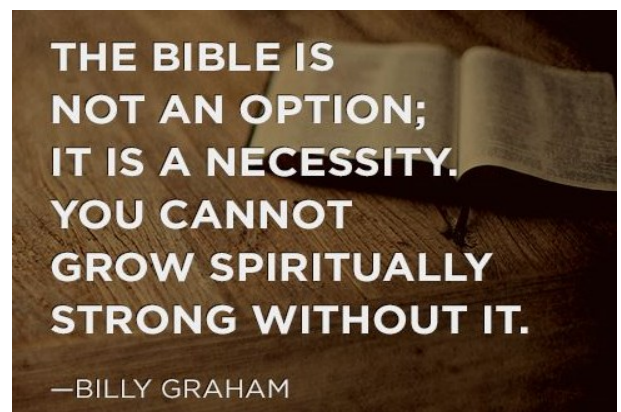
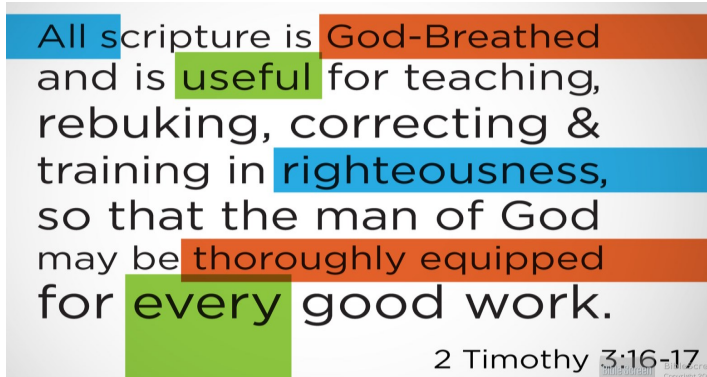
Just before Jesus left the disciples and ascended into heaven he gave the command to baptise people and teach them all about their saviour Jesus. Learning the faith has always been a fundamental role of the Church because it's hard to be in a relationship and exchange love if we don't really know someone. This is true for our relationship with our spouse, our parents, our siblings and our friends. Indeed, we differentiate our relationships by how well we know the person. Someone who we interact with, but don't know that well, we describe as an associate. Those we know better we call friends. Finally, those we know intimately we call family. **Jesus wants our relationship with him to be the most intimate so he encourages us to know everything about his nature, his mind and his purpose for our lives.**

Over the last few months we have increased our focus and resources in the ministry of teaching the faith. We have established a Christian Education team, led by Ruth Zimmermann, that will give direction and shape to our education opportunities across the church. Whether toddler or retired, **it is important that we gather together for shared time in God's word and serve one another as we grow as disciples.**



We have just started a playgroup that caters for the very young and parents. CCs brings primary school children together for fun and sharing the faith. Kids at Heart is a quality program on Sunday mornings for children. Our youth program is more challenging as our teenagers gather for bible study fortnightly so that **God speaks to them** at this critical age. Jesse Hahn has just initiated a young adults group that, once again, provides support and growth in God's word. And a group of ladies have just begun an evening Bible study. Shortly all members will receive a survey, the results of which will shape our education programs for the wider congregation. At Salt Factory, the first Sunday is dedicated to exploring our spiritual gifts and exercising them in a real ministry context. It is wonderful to see so many of our members **step out in faith and grow as agents of God's grace.**

I am very excited by what God is doing through these educational ministries. If you have any ideas or you feel God is placing something on your heart for us as a community, please let Ruth or me know. **Together we can obey Jesus' command and draw closer to our Lord.**



# From the Editor

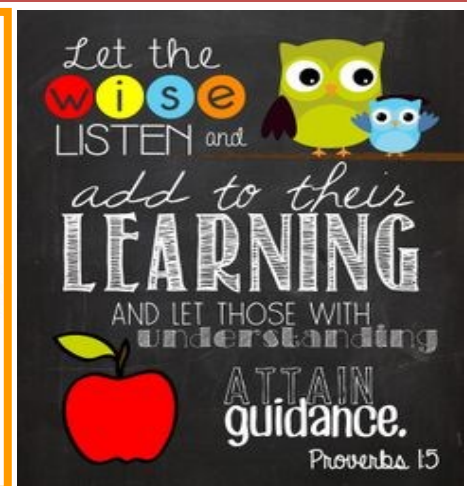
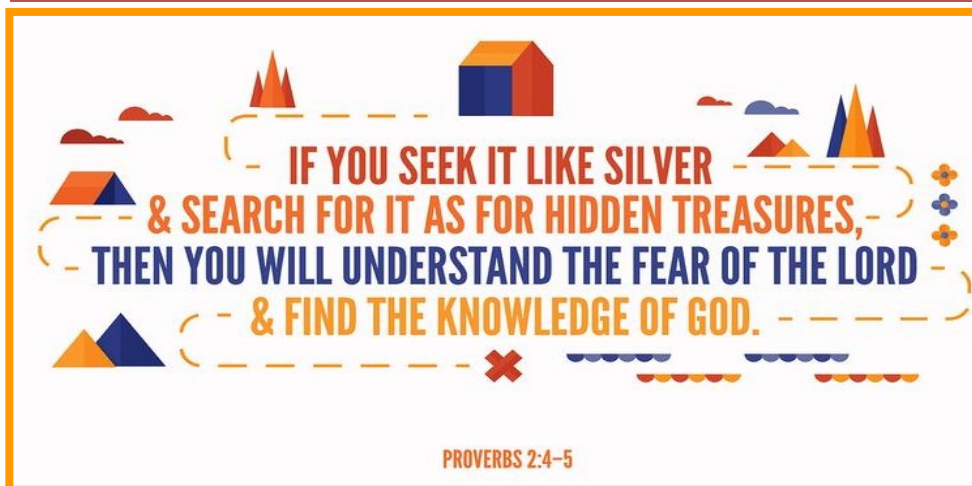


In life we are always growing. We grow from a baby to teenager, to an adult and then to an elder. We constantly grow physically, but also emotionally and spiritually through life's many experiences both the good and bad. We also grow in knowledge as we learn new things, read new information and keep our mind open to new opportunities. As a teacher we make a very conscious effort to grow and improve professionally. We attend many development days, we discuss issues with our peers, we read and attain new information through books and technology, and we learn from our students. Learning means there is constant change, adapting our ideas, coping with failures and discovering that it never ends.

As a Christian I need to be constantly growing too....but do I? Am I as diligent in immersing myself in God's word to learn more about Him as I should? Do I allow Him to grow my faith, to mould me and to grow my love for Him and others? If I am honest with myself the answer is no. But thanks be to God he forgives me, and continues to use me, love me and grow me despite my feeble attempts. God's love for me (and you) is so great that he continues to love us and teach us even when we are poor students. I pray that in this edition you are challenged to grow and seek out opportunities to develop your relationship with God by delving into your Bibles—God's word. May this edition of LITV and the stories and articles encourage and challenge you to continue to 'grow in the knowledge and love of God'.

Yours in Christ Rosalie Hoklas – Editor

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I have returned home from Grace Conference held this last Saturday with over 300 women united in God's word on the theme "*Finding real Joy in Jesus*" based on **Philippians**. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about my amazing God and Saviour Jesus, to be encouraged by other Christians and to sing in praise to this awesome God. We sang a song called '**Show us Christ**'. The lyrics really touched me with the focus on the need for God's Word.. Check out the Youtube and have a listen. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YN3QCV9T5QA> Editor: Rosalie Hoklas

## **Prepare our hearts, O God**

Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief

## **Plant Your Word down deep in us**

Cause it to bear fruit

## **Open up our ears to hear**

Lead us in Your truth

## **Your Word is living light**

Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations  
Makes the simple wise

## **Your Word is food for famished ones**

Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today

Where else can we go, Lord

Where else can we go

**You have the words of eternal life**

**Show us Christ, show us Christ**

**O God, reveal Your glory**

**Through the preaching of Your Word**

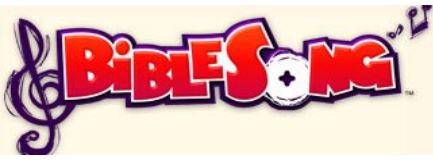
**Until every heart confesses Christ is**

**Lord**

## Children's Ministry

Hi, I'm Natasha Jaeschke—Children's Ministry worker to Golden Grove Lutheran Church. We have had a very exciting start to the year, & will endeavor to have a fun filled time ahead.

1. Bible Song: A Christian education program that is designed for children ages 3-10 to participate in during Sunday worship 9:30am. We have been following the lectionary reading in our learning and have enjoyed sharing our craft made each week. On Palm Sunday we reenacted when Jesus rode into town on a donkey and all the towns people came out saying "Hosanna" and followed him. The Kids at Heart children waved palm leaves as Jesus (Rohan) rode through the congregation isle. Congregational members all left their seats to follow Jesus as he rode through.



2. CC's - Children of Christ is a valuable and exciting opportunity for school age children from our Church & Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School to come together. A fun, organised and interactive activity. CC's is held during weeks 4,6, & 8 each term from 6:30-8 pm. 'Come and Try Sports' was held on 24th March at GGLPS. The children were divided into 3 groups to "come and try" on a rotational basis. Members from Golden Grove Lutheran Church Youth assisted in running the rotations & the children

had a great time. Our next events: **9/6/17 - Movie evening at GGLC**  
**23/6/17 - Bowling at Bowland Salisbury.**



3. A Mainly Music program will run every Friday from 9:30 until 11 during each school term. This began on 26th May. Please come & join us for a fun interactive music session for preschool children & their parent/caregivers. After a fun 30 minute music session, the children enjoy a fruit snack followed by a facilitated playgroup time. Mainly Music/Playgroup is an activity both parents/children can enjoy together. Caregivers can enjoy a coffee and morning tea in a relaxed setting.





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**BELIEVE  
COLLABORATE  
ACHIEVE**

*... in our community all people matter*

## Sharing The Christian Faith With Others

Our Christian faith and the application of this is very important at the school and this can be seen in many different ways. The first word of our vision statement is **BELIEVE**. This word has a double meaning with the first meaning highlighting our faith. We state that the Christian faith, from a Lutheran understanding is an important element in the school and is practised through our worship life and Christian Studies lessons.



**Worship:** The staff begin each morning with devotion time. This is led by different teachers each week and sets the tone for the day. Classes also begin their day with a devotion time - a reminder that Jesus is with us as we go through the day. The week culminates with our awesome weekly school worship service held on Fridays. The students get quite involved with this - especially when the staff band play. One of the highlights of our worship is the practice of Holy Communion. This is held twice a term and we are one of few schools in Australia which celebrate this in the primary setting.



**Christian Studies:** We follow the curriculum written by Lutheran Education Australia. Lessons are planned and taught throughout the year under four headings: **Christian Beliefs**, the **Christian Church**, **Christian Living** (eg. students investigate how God motivates, equips and uses Christians to serve others) and **Christianity in the World** (eg. God helps people by the work of the Holy Spirit). It is a great privilege to be able to share and teach the Christian faith to the school community.

Pastor Greg is a terrific resource leading worship, being a member on our spiritual life team and working in classrooms (especially running Step up to Communion). May God continue to bless our work. Shane Paterson



# Called to Serve

by Ruth Zimmermann

I can clearly remember as a child that I aspired to be teacher when 'I grew up'! My childhood home was in the seaside suburb of Altona in Victoria and I attended Luther College in Melbourne for the last 5 years of my secondary schooling. In my last year at Luther, I was part of a contingent of students who travelled by bus to South Australia to visit what was then known as Luther Seminary and Lutheran Teachers College. The bus journey began in Queensland and worked its way down the eastern coast to pick up students who were interested in serving in the church as a pastor or a teacher. After this trip, I felt that **God was calling me to serve** in the Lutheran education system and decided to come to South Australia to do my teacher training. This was a huge step in faith for me as my family were in Melbourne and I had never travelled further than Horsham. One of my favourite Bible verses is, **'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'.** Jeremiah 29:11. Little did I realise at that time that I would be involved in Lutheran Education for 34 years and that I would also discover the importance of **trusting God** as His plans for my life were very different to what I thought they should be.

*"For I know  
the plans I have for you,"  
declares the Lord,*

*"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future."*

-Jeremiah 29:11

During my years of teaching, I have had the privilege of working at Concordia Primary School in Toowoomba, Qld, Immanuel Primary school, Novar Gardens and Golden Grove Lutheran Primary. At these schools, I served in various roles including classroom teacher, teacher-librarian and deputy principal. During this time, I was also seconded to work at the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia (AISSA) as a Literacy Advisor and as a Christian Studies Facilitator for the Lutheran Schools Association of SA, NT and WA when *LIFE: a curriculum for Christian Studies* was first introduced into Australian Lutheran schools. My last years of service were at Australian Lutheran College as a 'Lecturer in Education/ Associate Dean for Learning and Teaching', working alongside students who were training to be teachers or pastors from 2009 until my retirement in 2016.

In 1994, I was introduced to Ian (Zimmo) by a mutual friend and we were married at Glandore Lutheran Church

in 1995. Our marriage is a **real blessing from God** as we both thought at the time that part of God's plan was for each of us to remain single. During our 22 years, we have encountered several challenges that have helped us to see that **God is fulfilling his plans for us and that we need to continue to place our trust in him.** The greatest challenge that we have faced as a couple was not being able to have children. This was a real struggle for us. It is often something that you assume will naturally happen and then you realise that this isn't something that you can control. You feel that you have failed in some way along with letting your partner down. It is difficult to let go of that dream, as a lot of daily happening and events in life are focused on families. We are fortunate that Ian's brother and his wife have made us a strong part of their children's lives. Special blessings from God! Over the last couple of years both of us have faced crucial health issues. **We are thankful that our God who is constant, continually provides great support for us** through knowledgeable health care professionals along with wonderful friends and family.

## Christian Education Team

*This year I have taken on the role of Chairperson for the Christian Education Team. The CET is a new addition to GGLC in 2017. It is responsible for ensuring that the Christian education needs of the Congregational members are being delivered by the various ministries of the Church. In examining the current ministries, it was acknowledged that GGLC has deliberately focussed on and strategically developed several strong programs to support the children and youth ministries in the congregation and that this will continue and be monitored in the future. The team recognises that Christian Education is lifelong and that while the children and youth ministries are a current focus, planning for other age groups and their needs in the congregation would be the next logical step. It was resolved that a survey be developed to establish the needs of the congregation and the resulting information be used to identify and inform which programs, courses, bible studies etc. would best support and 'feed' members of GGLC. The survey is currently being developed and will be distributed sometime in the coming months. I would encourage you to respond to the survey to assist the CET in planning and establishing meaningful programs that will support you to 'grow in Christ'.*



Ruth receiving her 'Retirement Service Award' Lutheran Education Aust from Steve Rudolph

# Highlights from Church Council



Jon Schutz & Denise Kloeden -Church Council @ Church AGM

- GGLC hosted the One-day **Synod** of the LCA SA/NT District on May 20. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day happen – cleaning up inside and outside, the special audio-visual arrangements, set-up the night before, baking for morning tea, car parking, serving morning tea and lunch, running the A-V, and tidying up afterwards. The day ran very smoothly and we received many kind comments from the District staff and attendees on the facilities and arrangements.
- We are privileged to be the recipients of the \$25,000 **Mission Stimulus Grant** which is provided annually by the LLL and facilitated by the District. In a slightly awkward moment, the Grant was awarded to us at the One-day Synod (which we hosted) by Allen Kupke from the LLL (also one of our members). Nevertheless it was awarded on merit as the District Department for Mission recognised the mission value in our proposed **renovations** to make the front of our church an open-door hub of activity.
- Café, Office, Deck and Amenities – is a concise summary of the scope of the renovations and the detail can be found in the video presentation on Facebook (shortcut <http://bit.ly/gglcreno>). Now Church Council will look to finalise costings and apply for a loan, as approved by the Congregation at the AGM, so the work can proceed.
- The Congregation also approved a new **Constitution** at the AGM. This has now been sent to the District for final sign-off, at which point it will officially come into effect.
- The construction of our celebration and thanksgiving **altar** and other sanctuary furniture is well under way, being handled by Chris Hampel at Tea Tree Cabinets. We are still seeking donations in support of this project.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** This significant event is only a few weeks away now and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team has been working exceptionally hard to make the celebration day a memorable one. If you know

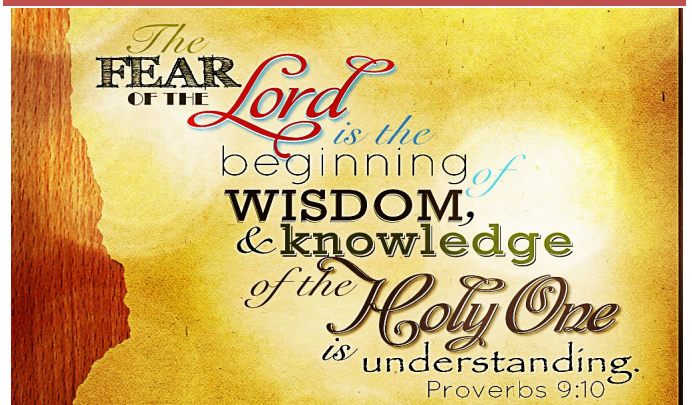
anyone who has been part of the history of GGLC, please invite them personally to join us on July 2.

- Thank you to everybody who attended our Annual General Meeting on May 28. We covered some important business on the day and your support is very much appreciated.
- A workshop has been planned for Aug 5 to explore the school-church relationship, facilitated by Tania Nelson and John Proeve from the LSA. If you are interested in joining this discussion, please set that date aside.**

Jon Schutz - GGLC Chairperson



Shane Patterson, Gen Freund, Tom Davidson from School council leading school AGM held prior to GGLC AGM



## **Save the date - Saturday 5th August**

**School / Congregation relationship:** One of the actions on which the school is focusing this year is to explore the relationship between the school and the congregation. *It is essential that there is a strong, trusting, positive and supportive relationship.* However, what does this relationship look like in 2017+ - is it and can it be the same as it was 30 years ago? Gen, Jon, Greg & Shane have had preliminary discussions around this. To facilitate further discussion, Tania Nelson (local Mission) and John Proeve (LSA), will run a workshop for School & Church Council members on Saturday 5th August. **All are welcome to join in the discussions this day.** Speak with Shane or Pastor if you are interested.



# Golden Grove Lutheran Youth

**“We believe that through the trinity (Father, Son & Holy Spirit), young people will come into relationship with Christ, believe in his sacrificial love & promises for them, & live out their faith every day so that they can be the light of the world.” (Ephesians 5:8) 5:8).**

**G'day Paul Voigt** here with an update on our youth.



We have another awesome term planned. We kicked the term off with a blind night where all the youth and some of the leaders were blindfolded for the evening while completing a number of challenges & then looking at how people who are blind take on life. We also decided to have another service night in which we helped set up for synod.



The youth moved tables and chairs, put signs up & organized lanyards. It was great to see the youth work together with members of the church to get the church set up for this event.

When we finished we were rewarded with pizza followed by a relaxed time of community and games.

Pastor Greg continues to lead our bible studies and we are looking at the book of Ephesians for the first few weeks. We continue to rotate between games & devotion nights and Bible study. We have introduced a question box for tough questions to ask Pastor Greg on our Bible Study nights.

This term sees the youth leaders having the opportunity to go into Endeavour College during lunchtime to build on the relationships made at youth, to form new ones and to promote our youth group among the young people.

This term we see the first combined worship service organized by the Lutheran Churches of the North Eastern

suburbs.

Well that's a quick summary of what's happened and a few upcoming events.



## LCA Synod Meeting

was held at **Golden Grove Lutheran Church** on **Saturday 20th May**. Many of our congregation members assisted in this event. We helped with **setting up** (thanks to the youth); with **car parking**, with **catering** (thanks to the caterers) ;and with the **sound and PA system** (thanks **Mark Rawolle & his team**) and many other tasks.



The synod meeting opened with worship led by the youth band **NOVO** (this group play at **NOVO** youth camps). Our congregational members **Alex Schmock** (sang) & **Lachlan Ahrens** (absent) are part of this band. Synod then shared many matters that needed discussion, finishing mid afternoon.





# Growing My Faith Through An Internship Program

By Lachlan Ahrens

My name is Lachlan Ahrens. I am 22 years old, and I attend the evening services at GGLC. Since I graduated from Endeavour College in 2012 I have been studying mechatronic engineering at the University of S.A.

After a particularly draining year of study in 2015, I decided to take a one-year break to do something completely different. After exploring several options, I ended up spending 11 months in Anglesea, a small town at the start of the Great Ocean Road in Victoria, where I worked as an intern at a Christian camp site called Camp Wilkin. Camp Wilkin's internship program is a mixture of several things, including paid employment, a Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation, and a Diploma in Theology.



Work at the camp site involved some cleaning, maintenance and kitchen work, but by far the largest part was running outdoor activities with school groups who stayed at the camp. Throughout the year we learned how to engage kids and keep them safe in bike riding, canoeing, rock climbing and teamwork activities, to name a few. Initially I was hesitant about working with kids, but I ended up enjoying it and I grew in many aspects of leadership.



The program had a strong emphasis on spiritual growth. In the theology studies we learned about church history, evangelism and Christology, and also did more practical units in leadership and personal development. We were required to attend a church and get involved in ministry;

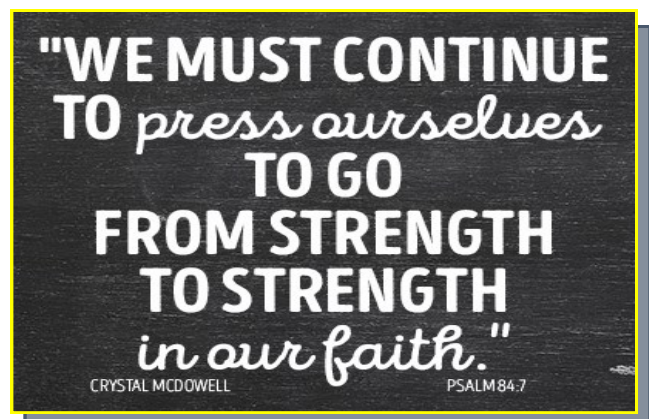
my choice was to help lead the youth group at the local Baptist Church. The camp's ministry coordinator was very serious about God and about mission, and led the interns in passionate and often confronting devotions and bible studies, as well as providing one-on-one mentoring and support. Seeing him every day I developed a healthy fear of God and a desire to know Him more deeply and to align my life to His will.

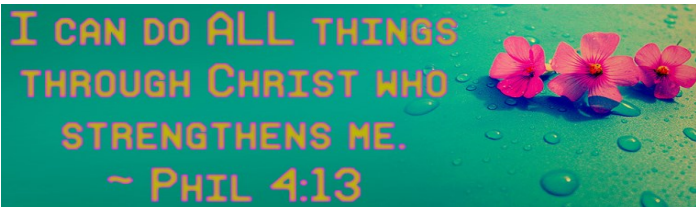
One of the most challenging aspects of the internship was living on-site in a shared house with five other interns, aged between 18 and 20 and all with very different personalities. There was often conflict over dirty dishes, when to be quiet, whether or not it was necessary to label one's food in the fridge, and how often was often enough to shower. Through all these challenges and more, I learned the importance of showing love, offering forgiveness and being gentle.



The internship program encouraged my growth in all areas – mental, physical, emotional, spiritual, etc. I learned a lot about engaging with kids, teachers, fellow staff, bosses and people who are hard to get along with; I gained skills in outdoor activities and leadership; I learned more about God and the Christian faith, and applied that knowledge on a deeper level. I would recommend all school leavers and young adults to seriously consider a similar gap year experience.

(To find out more about the internship programs go to <http://baptistcamping.com.au/internships/> )





I think God would have a little chuckle hearing me say this is one of my favourite bible verses, because I find it so hard to put into practice, and yet in hindsight I can see it is only God's strength that has got me through the hard times, and has moulded me to the person I am today. I have also found strength through music, and although God has given me a gift, and I play in church, I also suffer badly from nerves which at times makes playing quite difficult – so **it is only through God's strength I can use the gift he has given me.**

I grew up in a small country town, Goroke, in Victoria. My dad was the policeman, so my upbringing was quite strict on one hand, but also filled with love and a Christian foundation. We were active members of the Methodist church, and as a child I have many happy memories of Sunday school lessons and picnics at Mt Arapiles.

I came to Adelaide for my secondary schooling, and in my 2<sup>nd</sup> year I was confirmed in the Lutheran church. I went straight into nursing from college, training at the Women's and Children's hospital. It was at this time I became active with the Youth at St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Wakefield Street.

I have always loved my nursing whether it was in a hospital, or where I am now, in a Drs Surgery. If the opportunity arises I am very happy to share my faith, but if not, **showing God's love by example** is just as important.

Dave and I were married in 1973, and on our 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary we arrived in Papua New Guinea for a 2 year contract working in the highlands. This was a wonderful experience for us both, and I was exposed to a very different kind of nursing. Although our contract was through the American Lutheran Mission, there was a mixture of denominations in our community, and we all worshiped together as one because there was only one church. It was sometimes

an interesting challenge working, socialising, and worshipping with the same people - **a big lesson in acceptance of others.**

About 10 years into our marriage our relationship hit a very rocky patch, and Dave and I were separated. I felt like I had "fallen out of love", and nothing was going to change that. Praying was very hard for me, but we had an amazing circle of friends and family **who never stopped praying for us both.** The only prayer I prayed every night was "God you know how I feel, you will have to change my heart for this marriage to work, I can't do it". Nearly 2 years later, 2 weeks before our court case to finalise our divorce, I woke up on a Sat morning with a changed heart, and knew that divorce was not the answer. Unbelievable! I said nothing, but asked God for me to feel the same way the next morning - and I did. I went to church, and we had a visiting Pastor who preached on the meaning of true **JOY...Jesus first, Others second, & Yourself last.** His sermon spoke to me and reinforced this change that had happened within me. I shared this incredible change with Dave that afternoon which brought him to tears.

I believe this is my miracle. God gave us back our marriage. We are now coming up to our 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We have 2 amazing sons, Rick and Nathan, the best daughters-in-law Jo and Amanda, and 4 beautiful grandsons Noah, Theo, Hayden and Jack.

We still face many challenges in our life, but we face them together. **My faith is constantly a "work in progress"**, and although I know I have much to be grateful for, I still get angry with God at how unfair life can be at times, and why does it have to be so hard. Living our faith is such a "day by day" thing, and sometimes your steps are very small, but when you look back and see how far you have come, you realise it truly is only by the strength that God gives you.

**"I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13**

Liz Shrowder



# The main aim of our Fellowship group is to help members of the Body of Christ.

Our Fellowship group is open to all and people are invited to attend through the notices in the Sunday Bulletin. We get together twice a month - once at Napier's house & once at the Schillers. Pastor Greg has arranged for us to pray for people during or after Salt Factory Service & at times we are invited to hospitals etc to pray or we can pray with people over the phone.

In healing though we do find that sometimes it does take some persistence - the first time with pray you may receive 40% , come back again pray – get another 20% - Keep coming back until you get your full 100% (and sometimes it takes lots & lots of persistence)



One example of healing that occurred has been the growth of a leg that was 2 cms shorter than the other THANK YOU JESUS – This is the 5<sup>th</sup> person recently that has received healing or partial healing.

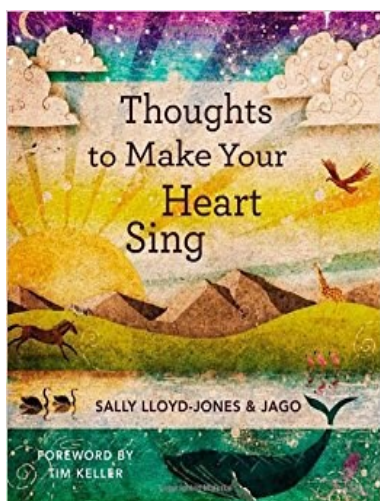
A badly bowed leg that improved by 2cm (with about 5 minutes of prayer). We continue to see her for more prayer to receive further healing/ improvement.

We also pray for financial issues, depression & anxiety that way heavily on people and hinder the Body of Christ. We have many opportunities to pray for that. I was one of these People with depression and have now broken through with help from Paul Napier prayers ( that took many months of persistence – but the chain's now been broken) . I also have a broken wrist that still remains out of position – I'm NOT supposed to be able to play golf or water ski, - I have NO pain and I use it like a normal Wrist but that took about 4 months of persistent praying for my wrist to receive healing (the arm went very hot for about 20 minutes)– since then it's been fantastic. .

I have seen some luke warm Christians receive healing & **their faith goes through the roof**. They are no longer luke warm. One example is Luke (a young man). He used to come a couple times a year. He saw his mate recover through prayer when doctors advised parents that he would be a vegetable or not much better. Luke had a broken wrist and felt heat go through his wrist, like welding the bones – not painful. When he went for a second x-ray to get the full cast on (a week after the break) – the break in the bone seen on the first x-ray was gone.

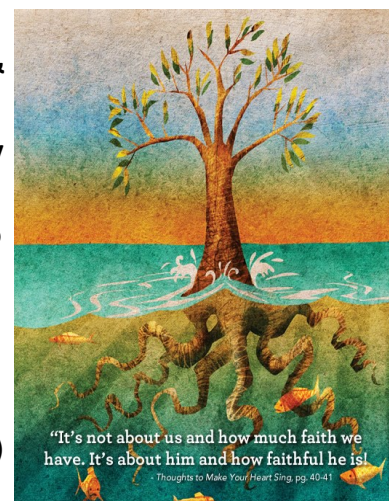
Luke now attends most salt factory services, is involved with Youth every Friday night, and is usually at our fellowship gatherings. He is now promoting to his fellow youth about how good Jesus is.

The Sunday Salt Factory Service held once a month will be a healing prayer service. It is held at Golden Grove Lutheran church at 6:30pm. All welcome. Contact church office 8282 6051 or Pastor Greg 0413 075 665 for further details. Written by Jon Schiller (of the Paul Napier & Schiller friendship Group)



The book **“Thoughts to make your heart sing”** is a great book full of beautiful pictures, short thoughts & stories to encourage children to be saturated with an understanding of the gospel—that God’s love is freely given to us through Jesus Christ & his death. Children need to be given opportunities to grow their faith, to grow their knowledge of God & to develop a devotional life. A great book to use alone or as a family. A great springboard for family discussions. Its not so much based on facts but on the experience of God’s presence. (Parts taken from forward by Tim Keller)

Editor Rosalie





## TOK TENKYU NA AMAMAS

***Dia ol gutpela brata na susa long Adelaide. Mipela igat bikpela amamas tru long Kentena ikam wantaim planti gutpela samting. Yupela ol trupela brata na susa bilong mipela stret. Lewa tru brata na susa. God iken belgut na lukautim yupela.***

The container was opened some weeks ago. It was the happiest weekend. Everyone gathered around to see what was inside and help to move to respective places.

We are beyond words to explain the commitment you all put in to make this happen. God Himself will reward you all. The happiness we all felt was like a sunshine of light rays that could be felt in everyone's heart. You all have put that sunshine in our hearts. New teachers and new students were beyond words to see that our relationship exists & such things were sent. They said it is a great blessings. We pray that God will bless and keep you all and that your good deeds be a reverse blessings.

Kind regards—Staff of Asaroka Highschool



## Asaroka

The following message was also received regarding the now unpacked container from Dan who is an IT & Christian Studies teacher that was sent to Daniel Dutschke.

***Greetings in Jesus' name.***

***The container was opened some days ago and we enjoyed opening it!! New teachers and new students could not believe that such container load of items were sent from friends in Adelaide. Peter Hasu made sure all things went to the right places and people.***

***I am in the process of getting pictures to be sent to you of how people enjoy using them. It was and is a great blessing. Some lives are really touched and blessed. The enjoyment and happiness enjoyed here is overwhelming. Thanks for sharing.***

***It was touching to see pictures of very concerned and committed brothers and sisters who made sure things were packed and sent. Thank you all. God bless, keep, protect, and be with you all gentle heart and loving people. We cannot express more. God bless, Dan Siggab Pipon***



# Visit to Asaroka PNG



A trip is planned to Asaroka hopefully in early September. If you are interested & have not yet spoken with Daniel, please do so immediately as plans are underway.  
Daniel Dutschke : 0437896892



An opportunity is available for women within our congregation to help you grow in your 'knowledge and love of God' through a small Bible Study group that meets on Thursday evenings at 7pm. The focus of the study is Genesis.

Contact Elnora Schmocker on 0411 244 159 or Lee Norrey on 0414 346 062 for venue address and further information.

Australian Lutheran College provides opportunities during the year for people to enrol in short study courses in various topics related to growing our Christian Faith run by ALC staff.

For more information check out the link below and look under 'grassroots'.

<http://www.alc.edu.au/grassroots/>

## Pastoral Carers Team

The Pastoral Carers Team currently consists of Pastor Greg, Ken Campbell, Christiaan Hersevoort, Lyn Plane, Marty Seidel, Dave Shrowder, Liz Shrowder, Len Tscharke, Claire Tscharke & Judith Whaites.

This year we've looked at the role of Pastoral Carers. To a large degree it has historically been seen as Pastoral Carers personally providing care to, and communicating with, as many members of the congregation as possible. That's definitely been happening, but how effectively? How can we provide better or more effective care? How can we prevent people "falling through the cracks" – especially visitors and potential new members?

We will continue to ensure members are cared for where and when needed, but our greater long term role, *is to change the culture of the congregation so we become a congregation of people who continually care for and share with each other – guided and encouraged by the Pastoral Carers Team*. For an indication of how we believe we can achieve this, we'll provide another report in a later edition of Life In The Vine.

Some positive things have already been occurring this year and **we firmly believe God can do amazing things for our congregation if we ask him to open our eyes, our ears and especially our hearts**. We look forward to sharing more with you through the year.

If you feel that God is calling you to be involved in Pastoral Care, please speak with Pastor Greg or me. We would certainly welcome more members on our team.  
Dave Shrowder

God has a *purpose* for your pain  
a *reason* for your struggle  
and a *reward* for your faithfulness.  
**Trust him** and don't give up.



# Tight Lines



## GGAF (Golden Grove Amateur Fishing)

**Mission statement:** Giving all people opportunities to fish in a Christ centred environment.

### COCKLING at GOOLWA BEACH —Sat 18th March

37 attendees were treated to great cockling conditions—calm and moderately warm for the 9am early start, although the water was a little dirty looking. Cockles were in abundance with most cocklers collecting their limit of 300 legal cockles. Cockling was followed by a BBQ sausage sizzle lunch. Many thanks to Robyn & Michael Oatey for sharing their Goolwa holiday house. Approx 30 people attended the BBQ to end a great family day.



### SURF FISHING at WAITPINGA BEACH —Sat 25th April

Fishing at Waitpinga was attended by 16 fishers on a near ideal day for surf fishing with light winds, overcast and mid afternoon tide. The beach was packed with fisher people and securing a prime spot was difficult. In all 45 fish were caught comprising a mixture of Mullet, Salmon Trout and Salmon. Sand crabs were bait thieves stripping bait off hooks in 10-15 minutes, not giving the fish a chance to strike. Chris Simanis led the way with 16 fish landed including the largest salmon at 39cms and weighing .63kg. 12 members enjoyed dinner and fellowship at the Crown Hotel, Victor Harbor after the event.

### CADELL RIVER FISHING —Sun 21st May

A total of 21 fishers ventured to Cadell on the River Murray on a perfect warm and calm day. The Club provided a sausage and hamburger lunch (thanks to the School for use of their BBQ trailer).

A total of 79 fish were caught—predominantly Carp—however it was pleasing to see 5 legal Callop caught. One of these was a 45 cm Callop landed by Chris Simanis (2kg), being the largest fish of the day. Peter van Loggem and Zimmo each landed Callops measuring 37 cms. Junior winner was Hamish McKay with a 32 cm Carp. A number of members celebrated their catches at a hotel in Morgan.



### 2017 PROGRAM of EVENTS

19<sup>th</sup> June (Monday) - Tackle Night 7.30pm @

GGLPS Conference Room—Wynn Vale

22<sup>nd</sup> July (Saturday) – Pt Hughes Jetty Fishing 10am–4:30pm

26<sup>th</sup> August (Saturday) – Fish Cooking Evening

10<sup>th</sup> September (Sunday) - Semaphore Jetty 6am–9:30am

20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October (Fri-Sun) – Annual Camp @ Meningie Caravan Park

18<sup>th</sup> November (Saturday) – Presentation Night @ GGLC 7:00pm



Note: Events may be subject to change

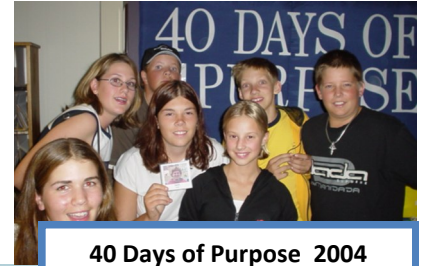
Enquiries to Graeme Hoklas 0419828091

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knowledge & love of  
God' .*



**Youth Leaders**



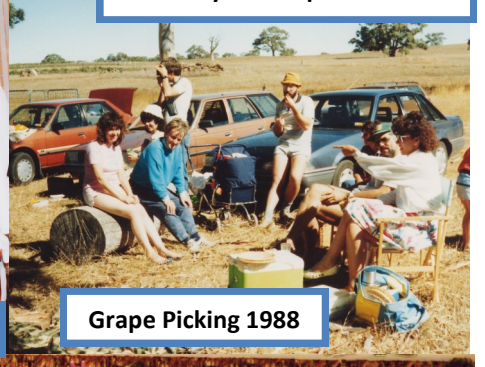
**40 Days of Purpose 2004**



**Clown Ministry 1996**



**Joel Schiller Baptism 1998**



**Grape Picking 1988**



**Youth function 1989**



**Youth Alpha Camp 2000**



**Camp Longwood 1994**



**Girls Brigade**



**Ministry Team 1998**



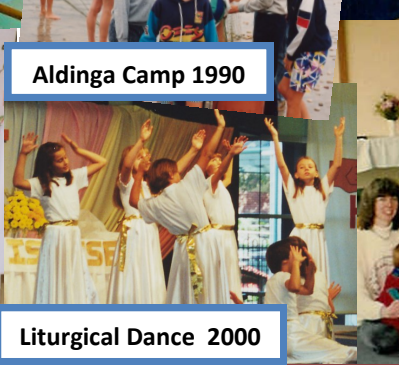
**Vacation Bible School 1997**



**Alpha Dinner 1999**



**1st Confirmation class Nov 1988**



**Aldinga Camp 1990**

**Liturgical Dance 2000**



**Playgroup 1994**

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Author: John Gray



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**GOLDEN GROVE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
30TH ANNIVERSARY**

Corner of Richardson &  
Sunnybrook Drives, Wynn Vale

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

We warmly invite you to a day  
of Thanksgiving & Celebration:

- 9:30 am - Worship & praise to our amazing God, featuring our school choir, previous Pastors & the blessing of the new altar.
- 10:30 am - short break for morning tea, followed with a walk down memory lane....
- 11:45 am - Our school will be open for viewing so come & see!
- 12:30 - Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share)
- Plenty of opportunity to catch up, share stories, laugh, renew connections, look at the displays & exciting new building plans.

**Celebrating 30 years since the start of  
regular worship services as GGLF in 1987**

**Jesus said, "I am the  
vine, you are the  
branches" John 15:5**



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**"Which do you want:  
the pain of staying where you are, or  
the pain of growth?"**