



Golden Grove Lutheran Church

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Sunday 26th May 2024 at 10:45am in the Worship Centre

A special invitation is extended to all members of Golden Grove Lutheran Church to attend our Church's Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting. This is an opportunity to share in the decision-making activities of our congregation and to become aware of the efforts being expended through God's Spirit in our community.

AGENDA

1. Opening and Welcome (attendance and apology roll to be confirmed)
2. Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School Presentation
3. Adoption of Minutes
 - 3.1 GGLC Half Yearly Meeting held on 17th December 2023
4. Adoption of Reports
 - 4.1 Pastor
 - 4.2 Chairperson
 - 4.3 School Principal
 - 4.4 Worship
 - 4.5 Pastoral Care
 - 4.6 Christian Education
 - 4.7 Youth
 - 4.8 Property
 - 4.9 Golden Grove Amateur Fishing
 - 4.10 Meals Ministry
 - 4.11 Communications
 - 4.12 Café Management Team
 - 4.13 Friends of Asaroka
 - 4.14 Library
 - 4.15 SMTTG
 - 4.16 Community Fete
 - 4.17 Catering
 - 4.18 Children's Ministry Report
 - 4.19 Young Adults Report
5. Finance
 - 5.1 Treasurer's Report
 - 5.2 Acceptance of Audited Accounts
 - 5.3 Adoption of Budget for 2024
6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - 6.1 Manse Purchase
 - 6.2 Child Safety
7. New Business
 - 7.1 Calling of a Pastor
8. Close

For your information, you are respectfully reminded that VOTING MEMBERS shall be confirmed and communing members of GGLC who have reached the age of 18 years.



Golden Grove Lutheran Church

THIRTY-FIFTH HALF YEARLY MEETING

Held on Sunday 17th December 2023 at 10:45am in the Worship Centre

MINUTES

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Attendance and apologies

Attendance: 51

Tim Wachtel, Carolyn Wachtel, Luke Wachtel, Emma Wachtel, Jodie Berghout, Tracey Dabinett, Lee Norrey, Joel Schiller, Robert Mills, Elizabeth Mills, Geordie Mills, Roger Kloeden, Denise Kloeden, Ben Ridley, Holly Schutz, Jacquie Schutz, Jon Schutz, Jon Schiller, Leanne Schiller, Will Wallace, Rebecca Wallace, Paul Friedrich, Lesley Friedrich, Chelsea Friedrich, John Fielke, Sue Fielke, Judy Ross, Jack Ross, Barbara Robertson, Josie Schmidt, Ian Zimmermann, Ruth Zimmermann, Allen Kupke, Jenny Kupke, Dorothy Quick, Daniel Dutschke, Allyson Dutschke, Mark Rawolle, Jenny Rawolle, Tessa Rawolle, Dave Shrowder, Gemma Malik, Judith Whaites, Peter Freund, Noah Hahn, David Knapp, Margey Knapp, Kevin Mounsey, Grant Hampel, Graeme Hoklas, Lauren Neumann

Apologies: 10

Sue & Ray Shillabeer, Sam Ridley, Lauren Kahl, Kendall Kahl, Vicki & Simon Kahl, Jenny Canavese, Liz Shrowder, Genevieve Freund

Guests: 1

Pastor Stephen Schultz

3. Adoption of Minutes
 - 3.1. GGLC Annual General Meeting held on 28th May 2023
 - 3.2. Special General Meeting held 11th June 2023

Moved: Allyson Dutschke Seconded: John Fielke Adopted

4. GGLPS Report
5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - 5.1. Report on Investments
 - 5.2. Report on Manse Upgrade

Motion: *That the congregation approves the following:*

- *To apply for a loan with the LLL to complete the construction of the manse at 11 Gully View Ct, Salisbury Heights, totalling \$70,000;*
- *To accept the terms and conditions of the loan as published on the LLL website;*
- *To make minimum repayments in accordance with the loan contract;*
- *To acknowledge that the District, by its guaranteeing the repayment of this loan and indemnifying the LLL against any loss in the event of default on an LLL loan, shall have priority charge over the borrowers property until the loan is repaid, subject to any other approved loan security which may need to be provided.*

Moved: Roger Kloeden Seconded: Lee Norrey Passed unanimously

5.3. Child Safety

6. New Business

7. Finance

7.1. Fete

7.2. Budget Status 2023

7.3. Adoption of Provisional Budget for 2024

Motion: *That the Provisional Budget for 2024 as attached to the agenda - expenditure \$251,448, income \$248,650, deficit \$2,798 - be adopted.*

Moved: Grant Hampel Seconded: Lauren Neumann Adopted

8. Election of Office Bearers for 2024

- Tracey Dabinett nominated to be an Extra Member to Church Council
- Joel Schiller on Council as Fete Director ex officio, which will also cover Youth Leadership Team representative vacated by Billy
- Joel Schiller to step down from Worship Team; Young Adult Worship Leaders Noah Hahn, Ben Ridley, Lauren Kahl, Kendall Kahl, Joshua Vivian, Joel Schiller to rotate through meetings.
- Lee Norrey offered to be Alternate Delegate for General Synod if Noah is unavailable
- Fellowship/Event Coordinator role still vacant
- Extra member for the Communications Team still vacant

Motion that Office Bearers and committees, as listed in the agenda plus changes noted above, be elected for 2024.

Moved: Ben Ridley Seconded: Roger Kloeden Accepted

9. Pre-Call Meeting

The call committee was elected as follows:

- Lee Norrey - Chairperson
- Ben Ridley
- Kendall Kahl
- Luke Wachtel
- Allyson Dutschke
- Liz Mills
- Allen Kupke
- Joel Schiller
- Will Wallace
- Jon Schutz

10. Close

Signed by Chairperson:

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Date: 19 Dec 2023



Office Bearers for 2024

STAFF

Pastor	Vacant
Office/Cafe Coordinator	Robert Mills
Children & Family Ministry Leader	Lauren Neumann
Youth Coordinator	Joel Schiller

SCHOOL STAFF

Principal	William Wallace
Groundsperson	Kuno Berghout

ELECTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Office Bearers

Chairperson	Jon Schutz
Vice Chairperson	Luke Wachtel
Secretary	Denise Kloeden
Treasurer	Peter Freund

Sealholders

Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer

Public Officer of the Congregation

Secretary

Auditors

Allen Kupke
Graeme Hoklas

Golden Grove Lutheran Church Council

Chairperson	(ex officio)
Vice Chairperson	(ex officio)
Secretary	(ex officio)
Treasurer	(ex officio)
Pastor	(ex officio)
Principal	(ex officio)
Worship Team	Jacque Schutz
Pastoral Carers Team	Allen Kupke
Christian Education Team	Ruth Zimmermann
Youth Leadership Team	Joel Schiller
Property	Roger Kloeden
Communications Team	Jon Schutz
Fete Director	(ex officio)
Extra Members (2)	Robert Mills Tracey Dabinett

Property Committee

Coordinator	Roger Kloeden Daniel Dutschke Paul Friedrich
School Groundsperson	(ex officio)

Nominations Committee

Pastor	(ex officio)
Chairperson	(ex officio)
Pastoral Carer	Allen Kupke
Additional Member	(Church Council appointment)

Synod Representatives

SA/NT District 2023-2024

Billy Saunders
Noah Hahn

LCA General Synod 2024-2027

Alternate delegate	Noah Hahn Lee Norrey
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Pastoral Carers

Team Coordinator	Allen Kupke Judith Whaites Robert Mills Kevin Mounsey Bec Wallace Rosalie Hoklas
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Fete Director

Joel Schiller

Fellowship Event Coordinator

TBD

Finance Team:

Treasurer	(ex officio)
Chairperson	(ex officio)
Vice Chairperson	(ex officio)
Pastor	(ex officio)
Additional Member	Lesley Friedrich

Meals Ministry Coordinator

Jenny Rawolle

SP3 Coordinator

Luke Wachtel

Backup SP3 Coordinator Children & Family Ministry Leader (ex officio)

Child Safe Assessor Allyson Dutschke

Worship Team

Coordinator Jacquie Schutz
Margey Knapp
Robert Mills

Worship Leaders (rotating) Noah Hahn, Ben Ridley, Lauren Kahl, Kendall Kahl, Joshua Vivian, Joel Schiller

Pastor (ex officio)

Children & Family Ministry Leader (ex officio)

Music Coordinator Jacquie Schutz

Rosters Coordinator Robert Mills

AV Coordinator Mark Rawolle

Salt Factory Team

Team Leader Pastor (ex officio)
Lauren Kahl
Noah Hahn
Joel Schiller

Christian Education Team

Chairperson Ruth Zimmermann

Pastor (ex officio)

Youth Coordinator (ex officio)

Children & Family Ministry Leader (ex officio)

Playgroup Coordinator (ex officio)

ChildSafe Coordinator (ex officio)

Extra Members Annelise Barry
Janet Huxtable

Youth Leadership Team

Church Council Rep Joel Schiller
Billy Saunders
Lauren Kahl
Geordie Mills
Isaac Norrey
Samantha Phillips
Holly Schutz

Young Adult Leadership Team
Noah Hahn
Benjamin Ridley
Lauren Kahl

Blueprint Champion

Youth Coordinator (ex officio)

SMTTG Representative Jenny Rawolle

Vine Kids Team

Children & Family Ministry Leader (ex officio)
Gemma Malik
Annelise Barry

Ignite Team

Pastor (ex officio)

Youth Coordinator (ex officio)

Children & Family Ministry Leader (ex officio)
Lauren Kahl

Playgroup Team

Coordinator Children & Family Ministry Leader (ex officio)

Pastor (ex officio)
Janet Huxtable
Linden Huxtable
Rose Hillier
Ruth Zimmermann
Jenny Canavese
Judith Whaites
Jenny Kupke

GGAF Committee:

President Graeme Hoklas

Vice President Peter Van Loggem

Secretary Christine McCulloch

Treasurer Chris Simanis
Ian Zimmermann
Geoff Hill
Keith Scott
Mark Caldicott

Library Committee

Ruth Zimmermann
Jenny Kupke
Dorothy Quick
Jenny Canavese
Angela Seeliger

Catering Committee

Dorothy Quick
Jenny Rawolle
Leanne Schiller

IT Coordinator Jon Schutz

Communications Team

Coordinator Jon Schutz (acting)

Office Secretary (ex officio)

Pastor (ex officio)

IT Coordinator (ex officio)

Extra Member TBD

Extra Member Joel Schiller

Extra Member Annelise Barry

Café Team:

Coordinator
Office/Cafe Coordinator (ex officio)
Jacquie Schutz
Denise Kloeden
Roger Kloeden

Friends of Asaroka:

Coordinators Daniel Dutschke
Judith Whaites

International Mission Representative
Judith Whaites

Pastor's Report

There is more than a hint of sadness around writing this, last for me, AGM report. As I reflect on last year, and more broadly the last eight years, all that comes to mind is the extraordinary love that is part of the GGLC community. This is how I know that we are a wonderful, authentic church; the love of Christ is something that we experience through the life and ministry of those who are called to be part of GGLC.

The only response to the love of God is praise and gratitude. I praise God that Connie and I had the privilege of being immersed in all that God was doing at GGLC and I am thankful for all those who were obedient to Jesus' call to be church. In particular I am thankful for:

1. The leadership at GGLC. Our leaders were always willing to see where God is working and give permission (and resources) to new initiatives. I am grateful for the administration and governance that is so wonderfully delivered. Without great leadership no community can flourish.
2. Being open to new technology. GGLC is in a wonderful position to be relevant to whatever happens in the world because we embrace technology as a valid medium for the gospel. This is a gift that few congregations have and something to be treasured.
3. The generosity of the GGLC community. In both money and skills our members willingly give to the mission of the church. How many churches could find more than 80 volunteers to run a fete? Look at our worship teams. See our café team. Look at the pastoral care and hospitality that flows from sacrificial giving. What about the volunteers for our children and youth ministry and GGLPS? And let's not forget GGAF. We could go on forever; working bees, donations to new equipment.....God is good!
4. GGLC is open to the movement of God's Holy Spirit and the reality of spiritual gifts. We pray for miracles and healing. We believe that God encourages us with prophecy and words of discernment. We understand the reality of spiritual warfare and do not shy away from praying for God's Kingdom to prevail against the forces of evil.
5. GGLC being an inclusive community. Living as a community of grace is not easy and yet GGLC does it more easily than most. In all my time as pastor I never witnessed anyone being judged either explicitly or implicitly for their beliefs or lifestyle. We uphold the witness of scripture and we teach the truths of the Christian faith. Yet our community has a maturity that lives grace and understands that renewal is the work of the Holy Spirit in his time and God speaks in fresh ways to each situation.
6. The unique relationship of GGLPS and GGLC is something to guard jealously. The mutual service and encouragement is a witness to how organisations with separate callings can work amazingly in the mission of God.
7. Outreach to the community. We have a good understanding of our own strengths and this has led to terrific outreach ministries. Our café, our fete, intentional connection with GGLPS, prayer healing nights and Messy Church are great examples of a community that seeks to reach the lost.

8. GGLC is a place of love. All activities are underpinned by the true love that comes from Christ. What more could anyone say than 'I miss GGLC because of the way I was loved'. Connie and I say that often.

I pray that God will continue to be faithful in his love, grace and vision to all who are called to GGLC. The last eight years will always occupy a delightful place in our hearts.

Blessings

Pastor Greg

Chairperson's Report

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:1

At the beginning of 2023, we had a pastor, a manse, and \$110,000 of debt. By the end, we had 6 young adult lay preachers, a blank canvas to build on, and no debt. At some time in the next 12 months we hope to have a pastor again, a brand new manse and a modicum of debt. It is just as we read in Ecclesiastes - that there is a time to plant and a time to harvest, a time to tear down and a time to build up, a time to gain and a time to lose.

Pastor

It was not an easy thing to say goodbye to Pastor Greg and Connie after almost eight years of service in our congregation. Nevertheless, we had a period of transition where we were able to celebrate their time with us and appropriately acknowledge their immense contributions over the years, and as a congregation I feel we were able to graciously send them on their way with our blessings for their new ministry at Faith Lutheran College Redlands.

Greg's farewell gift to us was to prepare the lay preaching team, who willingly volunteered their services to us knowing that a season of vacancy can last many months and potentially years. Throughout this year so far we have seen this team - comprising Noah Hahn, Kendall Kahl, Lauren Kahl, Ben Ridley, Joel Schiller and Josh Vivian - demonstrate their talents and faithfulness in preaching and leading our services, and it is a blessing to us all.

The process of calling a new pastor started with a pre-call meeting led by Assistant Bishop for Mission Stephen Schultz, held in conjunction with our Half Yearly Meeting in December. Since then the call team, chaired by Lee Norrey, has been studying the list of 100+ pastors who are available for call, has made initial contact with several to discuss their ability to receive a call, and has had more extensive conversations with a few. It is expected that a recommendation will be put to the congregation at the Annual General Meeting.

Manse

The sale of the manse at 8 Laredo Ct was decided at the Half Yearly Meeting of 2022 and the sale process went ahead quite smoothly in early 2023. Finding another property which would meet the long term needs of our pastor and congregation, at a competitive price, became problematic and led to the decision to build. A block at 11 Gully View Ct - a recently subdivided development in Salisbury Heights - was purchased, having great potential but also some challenges. With a generous size of 854m² and nestled next to a gully at the end of a cul-de-sac, the planned 4 bedroom home should offer a comfortable haven to pastor and family, and the impact of the highly reactive clay soil on the footings plus the four

retaining walls needed to deal with the slopes are costs and labours that will be forgotten in time.

The building process has been described extensively in several Life in the Vine articles so the details will not be repeated here, but broadly, we started working with Fairmont Homes on the planning in May 2023 and entered into a building contract in November, development approval was received in late January 2024 and our owner obligations date (for completion of some of the retaining and other tasks) was set to April 12, which we were able to achieve. We made an additional development application in January for another retaining wall on the boundary, which was approved in April and is under construction at the time of writing. Fairmont has allowed us some time to complete that wall and will begin footings work in June or July this year. All being well, the construction should be completed in the first half of 2025.

Thank you to Paul Napier for developing the floorplan and helping us throughout the process of establishing the contract, and the rest of the Manse Team - Denise, Roger, Luke and Lesley - for overseeing the design.

Three of the four retaining walls are concrete sleeper walls, which for reasons of economy we have had partly built by a contractor and then completed by working bee. This has resulted in significant savings so I thank everyone who has helped in this process.

Although the renewal of the manse was undertaken with some specific short to medium goals in mind, it will be a long term strategic asset both in terms of the versatility it will offer to any pastor's family, and for its value as a financial asset to the congregation.

Finances

The end result for 2023 was a surplus of \$2.2k in our recurring budget, after separating out the effects of the manse sale and land purchase. The pattern of our budget has been fairly stable over the last 5 years since the opening of the cafe and start of the fete, where offerings, fete, cafe and facilities hire are the main sources of income, and payroll and property dominate expenses. During vacancy we continue to pay a proportion of a pastor's wage into the LCA Transfer Fund, so expenses are only a little reduced from normal - and as such I would like to remind all members, as I do most years in this report, to remember to review your giving periodically and carry on your generous contributions to the work of the church.

Sustainability of the budget is constantly challenged by rising salary and insurance costs as well as inflation generally. One of the objectives of the manse sale and purchase is to reduce our loan repayment burden, which will be helpful in the coming years.

Strategic Planning

Having worked through updating our Mission, Vision and Values (these were accepted at the 2022 HYM), the focus of strategic planning turned to setting short and long term objectives for each of the ministry areas in the congregation. This has been slightly impacted by the pastoral vacancy - on the one hand, our planning and objectives stand regardless of who the pastor is, but on the other, if we call a pastor who has a strong vision to share, we want

to be open to including that in our direction. Therefore the main focus has been on the short term objectives. All of our ministry groups are engaging in this process.

Fete

The 2023 fete again set new records for visitors and income, albeit at a lower rate of growth than previous years. Anecdotally there is an increased awareness of the Golden Grove Lutheran Church and Primary School in the community due to the annual fete. Both the income and the outreach continue to be important.

Church Council

In 2023 the Church Council was comprised of 12 members: Luke Wachtel (Vice-chair), Peter Freund (Treasurer), Denise Kloeden (Secretary), Roger Kloeden (Property), Jacquie Schutz (Worship), Allen Kupke (Pastoral Care), Ruth Zimmermann (Christian Education), Robert Mills (Extra Member), Billy Saunders (Youth Representative) and myself, and ex-officio members Pastor Greg and Will Wallace (Principal). Peter joined half way through the year after volunteering at the AGM to fill the vacant Treasurer position.

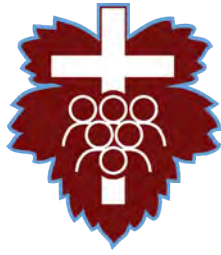
As noted often in my annual report, the composition of Council remains dominated by members who generally attend the morning worship service and nominations from the Salt Factory community are always welcome, and I am pleased to be able to add that Tracey Dabinett has joined Council in 2024.

Church Council met 7 times during 2023. I thank everyone on Council for their support and hard work.

Pastor Greg received 5 calls during 2023 and declined all but one.

Jon Schutz
GGLC Council Chairperson

Principal's Report



**GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear fellow members,

The 2023/2024 school years have brought us great blessings since the last AGM. Our students continue to achieve many wonderful things with their God-given gifts and talents. students have made with their gifts and talents.

It was a pleasure to welcome Joel Schiller to the school as our Chaplain and Mr Craig Fielke our new Executive Director of LESNW at the beginning of 2023 as well as Mrs Ellen Zimmer teaching year 1/2 from July 2023. Mrs Emily Gower also joined us in July 2023 teaching Year 1/2 and she is teaching Year 3/4 in 2024. Mrs Liesel Smallfield and Mrs Jade Fielke also joined us in 2024, teaching Year 3/4. Liesel moved back to NSW at the end of Term 1 for family reasons, so we welcome Mrs Chelsie Riches to the Year 3/4 team from Term 2 onwards.

We are blessed with an amazing Parents and Friends Association - in 2023 we were delighted to see the P & F achieve the long awaited dream of an amazing mural in the courtyard. Our P & F have also held some great events including welcome BBQ's, parent information nights, discos and trivia nights, as well as middle of term breakfasts. These are brilliant opportunities to continue to build community!

We are also appreciative of the efforts of our class carers who looked after Mothers Day and Fathers Day Stalls for us, and put on an amazing thank you morning tea for World Teachers Day! We appreciate the efforts of all of our class carers and their pastoral care for our school families.

We had many individual student achievements - some of which were in the sporting arena, with Ruby Myllynen representing our zone in the SAPSASA pathway in swimming, and Caleb Smith at football and cricket We've enjoyed success on the basketball court, with a number of premiership winning teams and in many other sports including AFL, futsal, soccer, tennis and lacrosse - but to name a few! Our golf programme in partnership with North Adelaide Golf Club was a great success in its first year in 2023 and was enjoyed by all!

Academically, Henry Kumela was awarded as a prize winner at the Oliphant Science Awards. Eden Revink was a brilliant representative at the IPSHA Junior Orator Competition and congratulations to Ruby Georg who will be recognised at the Governor's Civics Awards on Proclamation Day by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of SA.

We marked many major and regular events including Ash Wednesday, Easter, Anzac Day, where our school leaders Kanav and Zoya were excellent representatives of our school at the Tea Tree Gully RSL Dawn Service. We immensely value the relationship we enjoy with Tea Tree Gully RSL, as well as the Defence Forces at Elizabeth who were kind enough to provide a catafalque party for our commemorative Anzac Day Services and Ray Shillabeer for his significant contributions towards our service.

We also celebrated Special Person's Afternoon with an amazing concert and it was such a joy to have so many grandparents and special visitors in the school. The afternoon tea provided by our P & F was delicious! It is great to have this event back in full swing after being affected by COVID restrictions in the past few years.

We enjoyed Pong a Thon where the school and church community was incredibly generous and we raised over \$15,000 to combat slavery around the world! Thanks Joel and team!

There were many enrichment activities including a team of students competing at DaVinci Decathlon at St Peters Girls School, Children's University - well done to a record number of graduates in terms of number of graduates and numbers of hours and congratulations to our Virtual Debating team who made the National Finals series for the first time in our school's history!

We were busy with art, with many pieces on display at the SALA Festival - thanks Mrs Richardson!

Jorji and Tom, our Reconciliation Action Plan student coordinators were great ambassadors for our school, attending the Reconciliation SA National Sorry Day Breakfast.

Congratulations to Mrs Naomi Ali, our Music Teacher, who received an education award from the Governor of SA, the Hon Frances Adamson, and to Kuno Berghout who also received a pride in workmanship award from the Rotary Club of Salisbury.

We all enjoyed camps, excursions and swimming, Book Week and our character parade, as well as our Book Fair were massive hits as always! Year 6 Exhibition was an absolute testament to the quality, depth and standard of learning that we enjoy at our school as the students gave a range of quality presentations. Congratulations to all of our students on the amazing learning you showcased. Well done to Jayne Zadow, our Director of PYP Teaching and Learning for her continued leadership in this area.

Our community fete was a big hit as always and we are thankful to our GGLC for all that they do through the partnership we enjoy so much.

2023 also marked the return of our beloved Junior Primary Concert, and what a hit Colours, our musical was!

We also welcomed back students from Eisugakkan our sister school in Japan who visited us in early Term 3, 2023 and loved the opportunity to share in classrooms, the playgrounds, at the wildlife park, concert and the beach! Thanks Sensei Bishop! We are looking forward to the students from Eisugakkan returning in Term 3, 2024 and our study tour to Japan for Year 5 and 6 students getting back up and running for October 2024.

Our wellbeing team were hard at work implementing a range of positive education initiatives this year to help our children become positive, optimistic, flourishing learners, and it is a blessing to see our efforts come to fruition in this year's excellent student wellbeing survey results.

All this couldn't be achieved without an amazing staff team who have served with the best interests of the children at heart consistently and given so much of themselves, thank you!

There are many staff members who have given significant portions of their career, and in many cases, all of their career to the service of Lutheran Education. We have had some retirements and farewells over the past year that it is important to acknowledge.

We farewelled Pastor Greg Fowler who accepted a call to Faith Lutheran College in Redlands, Qld. We thank Greg for his Godly service over the past eight years and wish he and his wife Connie the very best as they relocate and serve Christ in a new place.

Congratulations to Celeste Howard (nee Hueppauff) who will be enjoying parenting leave in 2024. Fortunately this is not a farewell as we love having Celeste as part of our staff team and all that she contributes as one of our Foundation Teachers and as Worship Co-ordinator. We know she will be a fantastic Mum and we pray for this next exciting chapter of life coming up.

We would also like to recognise Mr David Gardner (Year 5/6 teacher) for his service and wish him the best as he moves to Cedar College to take up a teaching role next year. David's family have a close connection with Cedar College, with other members of his family having already served in the school and church community there, and David and his family having been regular and engaged members of the church at Cedar for some years. We are thankful for David's contribution to our school community over many years, both for the compassionate way he has taught his classes as well as the leadership he had provided over the past two years as our STEM Coordinator, and growing that part of our school. David has been a valued colleague, and we wish him the best with the move to a community that his family have been closely involved with for some years.

Mrs Elaine Baldock and Mrs Jacquie Paech are retired at the end of 2023 and we are indebted to them for their decades of service to the school.

We are thankful to Elaine Baldock for the work that she has done at Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School over the last few decades where she has helped to manage reception and enrolments, as well as documenting much of our school history as we have grown.

We are grateful for her thoughtful and caring approach toward all of our children, families and staff members, as well as the passion that she has for our school and church community and sharing her faith. The Baldock family have been a significant part of our school with Phil Baldock also serving on our school board and their daughters Lauren, Emma and Stacey are all old scholars of our school community.

We are indebted to Jacquie Paech for the work that she has done at Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School and for her broader service to Lutheran Education. Jacquie has served at our school since 1998 as a class teacher, and previously as our Music Coordinator. She has also led our Spiritual Life Team. In addition to this, she has also had significant tenures teaching at the Hermannsburg Lutheran Schools in the Northern Territory, as well as at Waikerie and Tanunda Lutheran Primary Schools.

Similarly, it is important to acknowledge the substantial contribution that Kuno Berghout has made to our school community as he moves to a similar role at Thomas More College in early 2024. Kuno and his family have had a long association with school with his children all going through school here and on to Endeavour College. He has made a big contribution to the school growing, and has played a significant role in our building program and developing the designs for new buildings and refurbishments over the years. He has been a unique asset to us with his very broad range of expertise in electrical, plumbing, building things, repairs, landscaping and grounds, as well as IT, WHS, buses, bus runs, and general organisational capabilities just to name a few things that Kuno does well! He is also great with arranging footy tipping and looking after our chickens! Kuno is a true gentleman with great intelligence, a wonderful perspective and insight, and very patient with great lateral thinking. He has a great understanding of who we are as a community with a Lutheran foundation and he has modelled that greatly over the years.

We are also thankful to our school board, chaired by Tammie Switala for their amazing efforts this year - we appreciate all that you give for our community!

We acknowledge our retiring Board Members who completed their terms at the end of 2023 - Natasha Dahlenburg, Susan Kent and Ben Parcell. The wisdom, time, energy and contribution that they have made to our school community is significant and we are indebted to each of them for their substantial contribution. We welcomed Jeff Newman and Rebecca Burgers, both parents of the school and Christians - onto the Board at the beginning of 2024.

It has been a time that has brought great excitement as we began building our brand new Foundation classrooms and we acknowledge the generosity of the Federal Government who have funded close to \$475,000 towards the project through the Block Grant Authority. We are halfway through the build now and looking forward to opening up the new spaces in July of this year. Hopefully our Early Learning Centre will follow pretty closely!

We appreciate all of the dedication across our whole school community - students, parents, our staff team and our school board, in developing our next five year strategic plan with Peter Bleckly, our independent external consultant.

We were able to generate some wonderful insights and ideas working together through the process about all of the things we can do to continue to grow our great school into the best place it can be for our children.

It is exciting to launch our new school strategic plan today for our school community and we are so excited as to what the next five years will bring!

Thank you to Tim Kriewaldt our Deputy Principal and Tanya Rowland our Business Manager who have been absolutely invaluable.

Staff:

Our staffing structure is as follows:

Principal:	William Wallace
Deputy Principal:	Tim Kriewaldt
Director of PYP:	Jayne Zadow
Business Manager:	Tanya Rowland
Foundation:	Amy Hughes
Foundation:	Emma Wachtel
Year 1 / 2:	Mel Arnold / Tim Kriewaldt
Year 1 / 2:	Ellen Zimmer
Year 2 / 3:	Brodie Trezona
Year 3 / 4:	Chelsie Riches
Year 3 / 4:	Jade Fielke / Emily Gower
Year 5 / 6:	Luke Napier
Year 5 / 6:	Jayne Zadow / Lauren Neumann
Learning Support:	Tim Kriewaldt James Salisbury
PE:	Adele McCusker
Japanese:	Melissa Bishop
Music:	Naomi Ali
Art:	Cloe Richardson
Librarian:	Ruth Carter
GGOSH Director:	Vicki Kahl
School Counsellor:	Evie Donoghue
Chaplain:	Joel Schiller
Reception and Enrolments:	Kylie Chinca
Reception & Communications:	Kelly Underwood
Marketing:	Rob Mills
Canteen:	Tammy Lambert
LSO:	Glenys Fiedler, Leanne Hampel, Kerry Abraham, Tanya Manocchio, Stephanie Schwarz, Vanessa Hughes
Grounds:	TBC
Bus:	Rodney Langman,, Darryl Bischoff
Cleaners:	Michael Hooper, Lieze Holl.
Pastor:	vacancy

Building and facilities:

- The school received a State Government Capital grant which was used to upgrade our retaining walls and support the fit out of the new Foundation buildings.
- We received additional monies from the Block Grant Authority, bringing total Commonwealth funding for the new classrooms to \$475,000.
- P & F are developing a staged plan for the upgrade of our nature play project which will take place over the next three years or so.

Partnership Covenant:

- The covenant between the congregation and the school continues to guide this relationship. The Ministry and Mission Standing Committee has continued to meet regularly term by term basis to discuss the outworking of the Partnership Covenant. Pastor Greg, Linden Huxtable, Joel Schiller, Emma Wachtel and Celeste Howard, Lauren Neumann and myself comprised the committee in 2023 and in 2024 the committee consists of Linden Huxtable, Joel Schiller, Emma Wachtel and Tim Kriewaldt, Lauren Neumann and myself - and our Pastor when we have one!
- We updated the Joint Usage Agreement covering the shared use of the Worship Centre to bring it up to date with our current mutual practices.
- Our Year 5/6 students continue to support the Friday playgroup.
- We continue to promote the use of Café Connect with parents and they have taken up this invitation by holding meetings there, catching up with each other and generally giving it support. It is a wonderful resource to have and hopefully the ministry will continue to grow with the opening in afternoons from last year to supplement the existing morning sessions.
- The school continues to promote Junior Youth and Youth programs and events to our community and interest and engagement in these programs continues to grow.
- Messy Church has gone exceptionally well as an initiative and our gratitude goes to Lauren Neumann and all of our volunteers for their efforts in this area.

Strategic Planning:

- The school engaged Peter Bleckly, an experienced external consultant who has worked with a range of Catholic and Lutheran Schools, to delivering a new Strategic Plan for the school for 2024 - 2028.
- This has resulted in the development of a new purpose, or mission statement for the school: To enrich the lives of children and each individual in our school community, and beyond the school environment. With a Christ- centred foundation, we foster an inclusive environment where everyone can belong, explore and thrive.
- Similarly, our values have also been updated to 'love, collaborate, explore'.
- Love: We reflect God's love for us by caring for others and our world, considering their needs and wellbeing with compassion, kindness and respect.
- Collaborate: We listen carefully, speak confidently and share ideas and resources generously. We help each other and reach out to serve the wider community.
- Explore; We are curious about the world around us, exploring new ideas and experiences with an open mind and a desire to inquire, learn and grow.
- To create a sustainable future for the growth of Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School and to maintain and evolve our culture, we have designed our Strategic Plan around four priorities:
 - Excellence and innovation in learning
 - Well-being and culture;
 - Community and Partnerships;
 - School Development

- We strive to develop each of these priorities through our foundational Lutheran faith and a Christ centred approach. As depicted in the diagram below, Jesus is the centre from which these priorities evolve.



The new strategic plan document is available in the church foyer and on the school website.

- Our marketing sub-committee continues to meet regularly, with increased engagement with shopping centre stalls and local daycare centres, preschools and kindergartens. We are continuing to draw on digital marketing strategies, have made significant updates to our website, updated marketing materials with a new prospectus now available, and have incorporated a number of new marketing opportunities into our annual marketing plan.

Teaching and Learning:

- The School continues to implement the report recommendations from our most recent IB PYP Evaluation as a staff team, implementing and refining our Action Plan which forms the basis of the continued improvement of our educational program through to our next evaluation in 2025.
- A focus on the teaching of numeracy is a key focus area with an external consultant, Lyn Coote, working with teachers and LSO's to deliver professional learning, demonstration lessons, coaching sessions in the classroom as well as ongoing feedback and planning opportunities.
- We have continued to implement a broader range of enrichment and extension opportunities for students, including Bebras Computational and Algebraic Thinking

Challenge, Australian Mathematics Olympiads, Virtual Debating, DaVinci Decathlon and Children's University.

- Our 'spiritual life team' have led devotions and some staff meetings dedicated to Bible study and reflection. At our staff retreat in July 2023, Phil Daughtry led the day. Planning for our staff retreat in July this year has been finalised and this will be facilitated by Bruce Hulme.

Being a part of this wonderful community continues to be an immense pleasure and privilege each and every single day - we are blessed with a sensational community in this place and continue to commit all that we do in our shared ministry to prayer.

Together in His service,

Will Wallace
Principal

Worship Team Report

The worship team comprises Margey Knapp, Robert Mills, Ben Ridley, Kendall Kahl (or another Lay leader representative), and myself.

God continues to bless us through the talents and dedication of the many volunteers who make weekly worship happen. Much of their work goes on behind the scenes but it is recognised and appreciated. Thank you!

We are especially grateful for the energy and commitment of the 6 young people: Joel, Ben, Lauren, Kendall, Josh and Noah, who have taken on the role of leading the services and presenting a message each week during the vacancy that a visiting minister is unavailable. God is blessing us through their work.

Over the past year the team has met regularly to plan our worship services and associated activities, such as the children's program during worship. Pastor Greg left at the end of November to take up a role in Queensland. The daunting prospect of organising worship leaders during the vacancy has been largely solved by the generous service of the lay leaders. They have found that the experience is leading to personal growth and a deepening of their faith, and the congregation have enjoyed getting to know them more, and being blessed by the messages they are sharing with us.

Thanks also goes to Judith Whaites who has offered to manage the recruitment of visiting ministers when needed.

Pastor Steen Olsen has also greatly blessed us by regularly leading worship, performing baptisms when needed, and leading the Easter services

Sunday morning services often follow the LCA lectionary which allows the theme for the service to be set and appropriate songs planned. In the past twelve months, however, we have had services following a particular theme, and this has continued with the lay leaders.

The form of service has returned to pre-covid days, although communion continues to be held with assistants taking extra hygiene precautions by wearing masks and using gloves. We have resumed "Passing the Peace" but worshippers are reminded to respect those who feel uncomfortable with physical contact. Mask wearing is guided by personal preference and unwell worshippers are encouraged to stay at home and log into the streamed service.

Morning worship generally follows a set pattern, however there have been several special services, such as a breakfast service in January. The ritual of decorating the Christmas tree on the 4th Sunday in Advent continues.

Online worship continues and has a regular following. This has still been very valuable for members who live some distance from the church and those who have had to stay away due to illness. We have been able to use the equipment and expertise we have, to share the Christmas, Maundy Thursday and Easter services.

For Christmas Eve this year a play entitled “The Unexpected Gift”, which was written by Margey Knapp, was presented. It truly was a multi-generational play, and the children at the service were involved in helping to unwrap the giant present on stage as the story of Christ’s birth was told. The service was well attended and well received. Thank you to all involved, especially Margey and the Mills family for directing it and coordinating the staging of it.

Easter worship involved many in the congregation, including the Salt Factory band, who played during the Maundy Thursday service, and Easter Sunday, the youth who presented a drama on Good Friday, and Kendall Kahl, who created a magnificent butterfly display from butterflies made by school children, GGOSH children and the youth.

Holy communion is offered whenever a visiting minister is leading the service. Bishop Andrew, with the help of Pastor Steen, has authorised Robert Mills and Joel Schiller to be licensed to give communion, which will ensure that the congregation can continue to receive the Lord’s supper regularly, regardless of who is leading the service, going forward.

There have been several baptisms over the past 12 months which are joyous occasions.

The youth room has been set up as a parent’s retreat, with the service being livestreamed onto the TV in the area, allowing parents with small children to participate, even if their small charges are not so keen.

The music bands in the morning are led either by Allyson Dutschke or Jacquie Schutz, and the Salt Factory bands by a group of enthusiastic youth musicians. New musicians are always welcome as, at times, musician numbers can be low. The morning services have been blessed to have the Salt Factory band play whenever a 5th Sunday of the month occurs.

The songs generally are chosen to reflect the theme for the week.

Robert Mills continues to manage the copyright reporting and ensures that the material we use complies with various licenses. This is vital, as Facebook and YouTube can remove content if they deem that we are in breach of agreements.

Fellowship after morning services, with \$2 café coffees, continues to be popular. Morning tea was reintroduced, with a roster of families providing refreshments after the service. This has been well received and has enhanced the fellowship that occurs after worship, especially when visitors are present.

The meal before Salt Factory has resumed, although lack of volunteers to provide this may see the form that this takes change in the future.

Children’s ministry will be detailed in Ruth’s report.

Lauren Neumann has continued as children’s ministry worker and has developed an engaging programme which involves the children moving to the fellowship centre after the children’s address to participate in a story and activities centered around some of the important stories from the bible.

Several Messy Church services have been held, all of which have been enjoyed by the children and their families who attend, as well as those members who help on the day.

Salt Factory services are held weekly and are well attended. They are led by a team of people,, with the format varying according to that week's leader. Healing and prayer services are held monthly, with the message being delivered by Joel under pastoral guidance. Guest speakers and a variety of worship leaders are a feature. The music team varies from week to week but have developed a style that fosters meditation and contemplation of God's word. Some younger members of the congregation and youth have been taking part in the bands.

Thanks to all who serve on the teams that make Salt Factory possible.

We look forward to the year ahead wondering who God has in mind to be our next Pastor, but feeling blessed that we still continue to have opportunities to worship our wonderful, loving God together during the absence.

Yours in Christ,

Jacquie Schutz

Pastoral Care Team Report

Team Membership

Current Team members are Rosalie Hoklas, Allen Kupke, Robert Mills, Kevin Mounsey, Bec Wallace and Judith Whaites. Thank you to all of you for your dedicated service and commitment to pastoral care at GGLC.

Thank you also to members of the Visiting Team; Dave & Liz Shrowder, Jack & Judy Ross, Judith Whaites and Daryl Bischoff in your continuing roles of making regular contact with congregational members. The work of this Team is invaluable and appreciated, and I thank members of this Team for their willingness to be available for congregational members at any time.

I also acknowledge and thank the Prayer Ministry Team for the work they do in our congregation and for their support of congregational members especially following Kirsten Rawolle's tragic accident. We have also been blessed with support from Pastor Matt Bishop and members of the Enfield Lutheran Church, and Church Council has sent a letter of thanks to Pastor Matt and his congregation for their recent support.

Regular Contact with Church Members

The Pastoral Care Team has recognised the need to make regular contact with every member of the congregation especially during our pastoral vacancy. Regular contact is necessary to check how everyone is doing and if anyone needs assistance with anything.

A Contact List has been developed which contains every member of the congregation, and a member of the Pastoral Care or Visiting Team will make regular contact with every member on this list. Contact will include a personal visit at times but will usually involve a conversation at church and/or a phone call, text or email.

Private Communion

Church Council has approached the LCA SA District and requested that Robert Mills and Joel Schiller be authorised to consecrate the communion elements during the period of our pastoral vacancy. The District has approved this request and Robert and Joel were installed into this role at the morning service on Sunday April 7. This will enable the congregation to offer communion at Sunday services without the need to always have a visiting pastor present. It will also mean that Robert or Joel can consecrate the communion elements during the week if required to enable Pastoral Care or Visiting Team members to provide private communion to church members who are unable to attend Sunday services.

If you are aware of any congregational member who would like private communion in their home, please advise a member of the Pastoral Care or Visiting Team.

Greeters and Guides

We are blessed with a number of church members who welcome us to services on Sundays and undertake a number of duties to keep our services running smoothly. Thank you to all these people for the work you do each Sunday.

If you would like to volunteer to help as a Greeter or Guide, please let Robert Mills, Dave Shrowder or myself know.

Fellowship

The Ping Pong-A-Thon and Fete continue to be exciting events held by the congregation, and thanks to Joel and all other volunteers involved with planning and running these events, which are also excellent opportunities for outreach into our wider community.

We also join in a number of events held by the school, and we thank Will Wallace and his staff for the opportunity to share with the school community in these events.

Small Groups

The Young Adults and Day Connect groups are excellent examples of how small group ministry can operate. Congratulations to Noah Hahn and Rosalie Hoklas together with the other members of these groups for the success of these small groups.

Rosalie has also been assisting with compiling a list of other small groups operating in the congregation and it is pleasing to see that a number of groups continue to operate on either a regular or ad hoc basis. It is also great that a number of groups include members from outside the regular GGLC membership.

All congregational members are encouraged to be a member of a small group as this is a wonderful way that we can care for each other. We plan to 'reboot' the GGLC small group ministry in the near future, and to also set up new groups which may include some special interest groups.

Please let me or other members of the Pastoral Care or Visiting Teams know if you would like to join a small group and/or if you have any ideas to help with the running of small groups e.g. Bible studies, activities, outings etc.

Requests for Care/Support

We need all congregation members to be proactive and let us know about any pastoral care needs, either for yourself or other members of the congregation.

A Connect Card was introduced late last year which enables pastoral care and/or prayer requests to be submitted. These cards are available from the Greeters and Guides and are also available at any time on the church entrance table and in the café.

Please use any of the following contact methods to let us know any pastoral care needs:

- Church Office – 7200 0090
- Pastoral Care or Visiting Team members
- Connect Card
- Email – pastoral_care@gglc.org.au. These emails go direct to a female member of the Pastoral Care Team.

In His service.

Allen Kupke
Team Coordinator

Christian Education Team Report

The last 12 months has seen a strong consolidation of the Christian Education ministries that are offered at GGLC. It has been heartening to see the relationship between GGLC and GGLPS strengthen due to the concerted effort in planning and offering ministry programs to engage people of all ages.

Messy Music

Messy Music is averaging between 14 and 16 children each week. Feedback from parents continues to be positive. Each term Lauren shares a different theme and Messy Play is incorporated on different weeks. Year 6 students from GGLPS have continued to assist Lauren along with her supportive group of volunteers. At the last session in December 2023 Lauren presented each child with a book from the Bible Society Australia, God's Christmas Promise. The story of Christmas is shared through the beautiful artwork of Aboriginal Australian artist Fern Martins. Each school family also received a book, along with the children who attend Vine Kids.

Vine Kids

Attendance at Vine Kids continues to fluctuate from week to week. This can make it difficult for Lauren in planning activities. It has, however, been encouraging to see some new children attending the Godly Play sessions. Thanks to Lauren for her weekly inspiring children's messages and the associated activities that provide additional learning opportunities and faith development.

Ignite (Junior Youth) and Messy Church

Attendance at Ignite has been steady across the year and it is wonderful to see parents choosing to spend time in Café Connect during this time. Thanks to Joel and Lauren for the captivating ventures that they meticulously plan and execute along with the constant band of volunteers who support this outreach ministry.

In 2023 there were 2 Ignite events per term. During 2023 there were also two Messy Church sessions on June 16 (Term 2) and September 2 (Term 3). In 2024 there will be one Ignite session per term due to Messy Church being offered in Term 1, 2 and 3.

Term 1 - April 5 - **I am the Vine**

Term 2 - June 21 - **I am the Light of the World**

Term 3 - September 21 - **I am the Good Shepherd**

Joel and Lauren sent letters to Church and School families advising them about the above events /dates.

A review was conducted after the first Messy Church in 2023 which has resulted in the last couple of Messy Church sessions being a lot more streamlined and functional. Running Messy Church two weeks before the end of term has worked well with average attendance being 50-60. Thanks again to the wonderful volunteers who support the activities on the night, work in the kitchen and for the people who have donated food and items to support each theme.

Christian Education

We are thankful for Sophie Gerrie who led three sessions at GGLC over the last 18 months. The third and final session of ***The Biblical Story for Everyone*** was on Saturday August 5, 2023. The sessions that Sophie presented are based on the book, The Drama of Scripture. All three sessions were well attended, and feedback was extremely positive. Two copies of the book have been donated to the Church Library and are available for borrowing. Thanks once again to Pastor Greg and Joel who continued to conduct ***Live Bible Studies*** during the last six months of 2023. The seasonal Lutheran Tract Mission resources ***at Easter and Christmas*** have also provided further devotional material. Thanks to Rob who provides access to these online and supplies hard copies of these resources. Plans are currently underway to begin running some sessions screening ***The Chosen*** at GGLC. The Chosen is a series about Jesus, adapted from the four Gospels, which each tell the story of Jesus' birth, life, and death through the varying viewpoints of the Gospel writers.

Thanks to the Christian Education Team for your time, dedication, hard work and support.

May we continue to grow together in God's word!

Yours in Christ,

Ruth Zimmermann

Team members:

Chairperson: Ruth Zimmermann

Pastor: Greg Fowler (2023)

Children and Family Ministry Leader: Lauren Neumann

Youth Coordinator: Joel Schiller

Extra members: Janet Linden, Annelise Barry

ChildSafe Coordinator: Luke Wachtel

Youth Report

Ignite

Over the course of 2023 we have had consistent numbers attending our events. Overall since the introduction of Messy Church we have only been running one Ignite event per term, except for the odd occasion when we've done two. Ignite gained traction, gaining more numbers as the year progressed. Activities have included a box city, laser tag and a trip to Goldenfields.

2024 has had a strong start, beginning with our annual Opening BBQ and Games night where we ran the night with Ignite flowing into the BBQ and then into youth. We had more families and Igniters attend than what we had last year which was awesome to see, through which we were able to form greater connections with the parents.

In 2024 we (Lauren Neumann and I) decided to extend Ignite by 30 minutes, so it runs from 3.45 until 5:30, instead of only until 5.

I would like to thank Sora Pfeiffer for support and effort last year in completing the Vetamorphus ministry placement at Ignite.

Youth

In the second half of 2023 there was a strong focus around the ping pong a thon, and preparing our youth for that, and also having our Christmas dinner and Awards Night events. It was also then when we were looking at changing our name for youth. Our youth chose their favourite name out of two options, and Arise youth began, with our formal launch of the name occurring at our Awards Night in December. Devotion topics included Job, Joseph (coat of many colours) and an awesome devotion from one of our youth on service.

In 2024 we kicked off with our 4th annual leaders retreat at Port Hughes, which featured some team building games, devotion times, prayer, planning and other fun games. Our first event was the Opening BBQ and Games night, which was excellent in bringing together youth and their parents. We also had a swimming night at the Schiller's, laser tag and Night to Remember, certainly a jam packed first term! In our devotions we discussed what lent is, and looked at sacrifice.

We have seen a large increase in attendance numbers at youth, we have a large amount of year 6s that have been attending, with a couple of them inviting along people who are in year 7. We thank God that he has led these youth to join us on Friday nights! We are also starting youth Alpha in term 2, which we believe will be awesome for our youth to continue to grow and ask questions about life and faith.

Thanks to all the volunteers who continue to give up their time to contribute so much to Ignite and our Youth ministry.

Dear Lord, we thank you for the blessing that young people are. We thank you for the passion they have towards finding out more about you, may you continue to work in their lives and may they develop a deep relationship with you, their creator. Amen

Joel Schiller
Youth Coordinator

Property Report

From a property maintenance perspective, the 2023-24 year the main highlights are:

- Carpark steps completed with pavers in time for fete.
- Plastering and painting of northern airlock in time for fete.
- Blinds installed for Robert's office.
- Café storage next to main office enlarged and supplied with moveable shelf units and hidden doors. Further work to block out above and below TV screen.
- Café deck re-oiled.
- Fellowship foldout tables replaced and sealed to help keep clean. Playgroup tables sealed.
- Touch up paint around stage and steps ready for new school year.
- Maintenance on some church bench seats.
- Tree outside office removed for safety.
- Café staff did a deep clean of café during school holidays.
- Working bees on manse building site to erect retaining walls and prepare site.

Thanks everyone for their support and commitment.

Regards

Roger Kloeden

Golden Grove Amateur Fishing (GGAF) Report



Mission Statement: Giving all people opportunities to fish in a Christ centred environment

2023 was the 22nd year since GGAF was established. The Club had 60 financial members including 9 Juniors.

This ministry of the Church has a very stable membership base and remains relevant to the Mission Statement above.

Our enthusiastic and hardworking **Committee members** in 2023 were:

Graeme Hoklas – President, Peter Van Loggem - Vice President,
Christine McCulloch - Secretary, Chris Simanis – Treasurer
Ian Zimmermann, Geoff Hill, Keith Scott and Mark Caldicott.

We continue to be blessed with a stable and active Committee.

In addition to the AGM and Presentation Night the Club organised 9 events including new or revisited locations of Ardrossan, Ramco, Wallaroo and Stansbury for the Annual Camp. The normal Cockling event was cancelled due to the effects of the Murray River floods on the recreational cockle gathering area of Goolwa Beach. This was replaced by a visit to Pt Noarlunga Jetty.

Attendances for all events were excellent. The West Lakes event was very popular again with over 50 participants. It included casting training and friendly competition for junior fishers. We participated at the Community Fete here at Wynn Vale with a GGAF stall.

43 members and friends attended the annual Presentation Night in November. The Senior Champion for 2023 was Lou Goegan and Junior Champion was Harley Benes. Christine McCulloch was specially acknowledged for her long term dedication and loyalty as a member of GGAF including 12 years as Committee Secretary.

A huge thank you to Spot On Tackle for their continued support and sponsorship again this year including the successful Tackle Night.

February 2024 AGM

The GGAF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held Sunday 4th February. All committee members from 2023 were re-elected unopposed.

PROGRAM of EVENTS 2024

4th February (Sunday) - AGM 4pm - GGLPS Conference Room
10th February (Saturday) - Crabbing - Webb Beach 10 am
2nd March (Saturday) - Cockling - Goolwa 9 am
7th April (Sunday) - Mannum- Balto Reserve 10 am- 4 pm
27th April (Saturday) - Waitpinga Beach 10.30 am - 4.30 pm
18th May (Saturday) - Fish Cooking Evening at GGLC 6 pm
3rd June (Monday) - Tackle Night - at Spot On -Salisbury Plain 7.30pm
28th June-1st July (Fri-Mon) - Waikerie Holiday Park
10th August (Saturday) - Port Noarlunga Jetty 10 am - 5 pm
8th September (Sunday) - West Lakes 9 am-2 pm
11th-13th October (Fri-Sun) - Annual Camp at Meningie - Lake Albert Caravan Park
27th October (Sunday) - Community Fete 11am at GGLC/GGLPS
16th November (Saturday) - Presentation Night at GGLC 6.30 pm

Note: Events may be subject to change.

Annual Membership costs remain unchanged. \$20 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors (15 years and under)

GGAF merchandise for sale includes Caps, Polo Shirts, Sleeveless Jackets, Badges, Legionnaire Hats and Can Coolers.

The Committee wishes to thank the Golden Grove Lutheran Church and the Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School for their continued support during 2023 and 2024 to date, including use of facilities for meetings and events and the School's BBQ trailer.

Many thanks to GGAF members and their friends for coming along to our trips and events and making the Club the success that it is. A special thank you to the committee and their families for their enthusiasm and continued service.

Graeme Hoklas
GGAF President

Meals Ministry Report

Do you know of someone who needs a meal or are you able to make some meals for the church freezer?

This is a practical way we can share and show God's love to others and having a meal supplied to them in times of need can ease the stress for that day knowing they don't have to cook.

This ministry was set up so that meals can be accessed quickly, that if a meal is required, just look in the top of the freezer in the church kitchen and there are usually some in stock.

Members who supply meals need to place the meal in a sealed container, with a list of ingredients and the date which it was made. They can then be placed in the church kitchen freezer.

If you know of someone who needs a meal, please contact Jenny Rawolle on 0400 513 448 or Robert in the office, and we will try and fulfill that need. Meals can be taken anytime if someone needs one. People who have been given meals in the past have been truly grateful.

Thank you to everyone for all your time and care given in the past and we look forward to continuing helping others when needed.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Matthew 25:35

Thank you

Jenny Rawolle

Communications Team Report

The Communications Team was established in 2017 with a mission to ensure effective communications both within the congregation and externally across all of our publication media, including social media, e-news, website, weekly bulletin, Life in the Vine, YouTube, logos, signage, welcome packs and so on.

In 2023 the main activities of the Communications Team were:

- Overseeing the production of two issues of Life in the Vine magazine.
- Welcome Pack updates. As programs and activities change, the information in our Welcome Packs is frequently being reviewed and updated accordingly.
- Reviewing and preparing the signage and advertising for the fete.
- Monitoring of social media, YouTube and website performance.
- Starting to develop media to promote new Mission, Vision and Values.

Members of the team in 2023 were: Joel Schiller, Robert Mills, Annelise Barry, Pastor Greg and myself.

Thanks to everyone on the team for all your work!

Jon Schutz
Acting Communications Team Chairperson

Café Management Team Report

Another successful year was experienced by Café Connect in 2023. As usual, many highs and lows were experienced throughout the year, however outcomes were achieved beyond our expectations. Café Connect's success story has grown in volumes which is a testament to Golden Grove Lutheran Church and the team that operate it. I do emphasise the "team" term as our success and reputation would not be at such high levels as we enter 2024, without everyone's contribution.

As we entered 2023, Café Connect also entered its fifth year of operation. Over the last five years, we have seen many changes in our small café from volunteers to opening times, from patronage to menu items, from special openings/events to small renovations. However, the Café Connect mission still remains the same - an outreach mission for Golden Grove Lutheran Church to provide situations and opportunities through coffee (or any other beverage) to show and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Our mission's success is measured by not only monetary values, but how much our small business is valued by the community.

During 2023, Café Connect was utilised by the community more than any other year. Many events, small to large, occurred with the services of the café being taken advantage of (in a good way). Some of these events included parties, weekend events, social events and larger community events. One such event was the Federal Voice Referendum in October. Patronage of the café was utilised well with the addition of a BBQ set up out the front. The flexibility of our café is seen through these events opening us up to many opportunities and more business.

Our relationship with Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School continues to grow and mature beyond all expectations. This is a testament to the school Principal, Will Wallace, all teaching and administration staff, P&F and families. Throughout 2023, our café was used to support many occurrences and events. These included Sports Day, Parent Information Nights, Presentation Nights, Concerts, School Tours, Management Meetings, Celebrations, Graduation Services and more. Café Connect is not only seen as an asset for the school, but also a tool which is often used to help showcase the school to new and current families and friends.

Our relationship with school parents is a very high focus of Café Connect. In undertaking our mission, it is paramount that we try to provide a welcoming, clean, quite safe place for parents to socialise and network before and after school. As we see many parents "graduating" and moving on to other schools with their children, the management team is mindful that we try to advertise our services to current but new families. In 2023 we introduced a "Welcome to Term One" gift - one free drink voucher to all families and staff of GGLPS. This was received graciously with many families taking up this opportunity in our first week. It is interesting to note, however, even with the incentive of a "no strings attached" free drink, only around 30% of families and staff took advantage of this offer. In

2024, we are trying this strategy again but also introducing this to Wynn Vale Primary School. It will be interesting to see the results next year.

Patronage during 2023 has increased from previous years. Fridays still remain our busiest days with many families and individuals visiting us for Chapel, Playgroup and after school. Sometimes it is a challenge to encourage families who enjoy our facilities immensely, to leave after we have closed - sometimes over one hour since closing time. Again, as annoying this can be for our volunteers, this is a great testament to our facilities. Although most of our customers have an association with GGLPS, we also see customers from Wynn Vale PS and casual visitors off the street. The management team are always looking for ways to promote ourselves to the greater community from signage to access issues.

As mentioned in the beginning, we embarked on some renovations to our café during the year. This was seen in two projects - one valued and welcomed by our customers and the other valued and welcomed by our volunteers. As part of our access issues to the community, it was made a priority to add a new entrance to the top corner of Richardson Drive and Sunnybrook Drive. This occurred for two outcomes - to make us more visible and accessible to people who have no association with our church or school. We instantly saw the benefits of this opening as within days, we had new customers walk through this entrance to check us out. We would like to thank Kuno Berghout for beginning this project with old sign removal, earthworks, changes to the fence, and installing the steps. Thanks also go to Roger Kloeden, Graeme Hoklas and Jon Schutz for completing the project in paving and the safety rail.

The other project, although not as glamorous or even noticeable to many, was the new addition of a larger store cupboard. As patronage increases, the amount of stock needed has also increased with the convenience of having items closer on hand when needed. This led us to extending our broom/vacuum cupboard so that now all dry goods stock is located in the café. This has been very welcomed by our volunteers, especially in busy peak periods when extra unexpected goods are needed. Not enough praise and thanks can be said to Roger Kloeden for taking this project on, especially with the innovative doors he created.

Having room for extra stock has become paramount to Café Connect, especially for big events such as our Community Fete. Our Community Fete, established and recognised as one of the great events for our community, pushes our café and our volunteers to the limit. On October 29, 2023, we saw another great day with many people visiting our café for cold drinks, hot drinks, iced drinks and milkshakes. As we learn from year to year, our processes see that customers don't have to wait too long and our volunteers are not expected to be on for great lengths with plenty of opportunities for breaks or a change in roles.

Last year it was reported that the flexibility of our café (and especially our wonderful volunteers) is one asset of our community that can't be understated. Our volunteers remain the backbone of our operation to our community and events would not happen without them. The service they provide extends just beyond "making coffees" to close relationships with each other and regular customers. The "counselling" and connections highlight the success of the mission of Café Connect. To recognize and thank our volunteers, a Christmas in July was held, graciously welcomed and enjoyed by all. As with most years, we saw some of the volunteers move on as we welcomed some new ones. Although it is sad to see our

volunteers leave, it is with a grateful heart that we thank all of them for their commitment and services they offered. They are and will continue to be greatly missed!

The volunteers of Café Connect for 2023 (including Sunday's): Roger & Denise Kloeden, Liz Shrowder, Leanne Schiller, Rose Hillier, Judith Whaites, Chloe Davidson, Tracey Dabinete, Elnora Schmocker, Jenny and Mark Rawolle, Jon and Jacquie Schutz, Jenny Canavese, Allyson Dutschke, Phil Baldock, Graeme Hoklas, Margey Knapp, Trudy Nitschke, Sue Fielke, Neil and Barb Power, Monika Kohlhagen, Margie Parker and Elizabeth Mills.

Although this list looks ample, we begin this new year finding ourselves in a position where we don't have enough volunteers to cover all shifts - up to 15% of shifts are without anyone rostered. Management team discusses this often, trying to explore ways of encouraging new people to volunteer. If you have any ideas or know someone who could help out, please let us know. Last year, the church, school and café attended a volunteer expo introducing us to companies who could help us out recruiting volunteers. This is an avenue yet to be explored but is currently being seriously discussed.

Café menu and prices have not changed much throughout 2023. Profit margins are constantly under review however since introducing a surcharge for takeaway in 2022, the café team have not felt a need to increase other prices. The only small price increase in products we have seen over the year was in milk - coffee beans have remained the same price bucking the trend of news and media reports. For our menu, the café team constantly looks at ways to improve and introduce new items that customers may like. Examples of this include coffee and chai milkshakes, different biscuits, ice teas and other snacks and treats. Sometimes new items work and sometimes not. However, the favourites remain with record numbers being sold. One example of this is what is joked as "the backbone of the café" - novelty biscuits. What was thought to be a record in 2022 (over 1400 sold), this was quickly taken over with close to 1800 sold in 2023. We thank Jacquie Schutz and Leanne Schiller for their continued supply of these masterpieces for our younger (and sometimes older - you know who you are) patrons. If you would like to help us out with these biscuits, please let us know.

Other interesting statistics from 2023 that show the how the year compared to 2022:

- Coffee & Tea - 3581 (2022 - 3114)
- Hot Chocolate - 361 (2022 - 354)
- Iced Drinks - 443 (2022 - 144)
- Milkshakes - 1332 (2022 - 744)
- Sunday Coffees - 1369 (2022 - 1308)
- Banana Bread - 332 (2022 - 299)
- Toasted Sandwiches - 266 (2022 - 192)
- Croissant - 107 (2022 - 115)

Although this report is already long enough, the café team would like to acknowledge and thank Pastor Greg and Connie Fowler for their commitment and service given to Café Connect since inception. Pastor Greg was there on the day the café opened and became a confident accomplished barista. It was always joked that if Greg ever lost his job as a Pastor, he could begin another career making coffees. Through the café, Pastor Greg made many great connections with the community - something that may never have happened without the café - and he will be missed by many. We also want to acknowledge and thank Connie for her contribution to the café - all toasted sandwiches, croissants and bagels were purchased, prepared and donated by Connie and Greg. We wish them the very best and offer them a position on our volunteer team anytime they want to return.

2023 was a big year for our café - the fifth year of operation. We started the year running and it felt like we never stopped running. As our patronage increases, so does our demand on stock and manpower. But this is a good problem - it highlights the success and how the community values our café . Please continue to keep our café , our volunteers and management in your prayers as we continue to serve the Golden Grove community.

Robert Mills
Café Coordinator



Friends of Asaroka Report

Our partnership with Asaroka, Papua New Guinea continues but during 2023 it has been very quiet, although on writing this report quite a few things have happened.

We are thankful for the continued blessings that God gives to this relationship and for the congregation and school who consistently pray and support this partnership.

In late 2022 four boxes were prepared for Asaroka Lutheran Primary School filled with items of non-fiction books, pencils, rulers, scissors, blank exercise books, LLL tracts and miscellaneous items thanks to the generous support of Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School (GGLPS) and a public school that was culling library books. The LCA International Mission had provided space in a container that was due to leave for Lae in April 2023 but this didn't occur until late 2023. Boxes arrived in January 2024 and were collected by Baki – Chairman of Asaroka Primary School. We have had no communication from the School as there has been a change of leadership and we lack email details.

The GGL Church shed where PNG items have been stored has been tidied up and any item not suitable has been removed. There remains some picture and non-fiction books and LLL Tracts that are available for Asaroka, if another container is sent.

Communication with the Asaroka community continues to be difficult. Daniel and Allyson Dutschke are re-establishing communication with Dan Pippon and some of the staff, including the Principal in preparation for the trip which will now occur in July 2024. At present 3 members will be going.

In August 2023 we heard the sad passing of our dear friend, Himony Lapiso. He has been so helpful on each of our visits and will be dearly missed.

The LCA Mission has been very supportive of our partnership. Erin Kerber arranged for us to meet with The PNG Lutheran Bishop Jack Urame in July. This was a very valuable connection in helping us maintain our PNG relationships.

In May 2023 the Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School established a Peace Pole. One of the areas that has been included has been our Asaroka PNG connection in Tok Pisin. Thanks to Ken Tscharke for his assistance with this.

In 2023 the Friends of Asaroka had a stall at the Church Fete, displaying PNG items & posters, plus the sale of Knick Knack items. \$96.50 was raised.

The Asaroka account has a balance of \$7,501.64 as of May 2024. The sale of the Entertainment Book continues to add to this account.

The Friends of Asaroka are required to decide how best to use the donations of \$573.00 from Ken Campbell's funeral in 2021 earmarked for Asaroka. A clear idea may come after the trip to PNG in 2024.

We ask for GGLC to continue praying for this ministry and for guidance as we best serve our partners at Asaroka. We thank you for your support and pray that it will continue.

“..that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.” Romans 1:12

Rosalie Hoklas

Church Library Report

Most of the library resources have now been catalogued. The library volunteers are currently sorting and cataloguing Bible study materials that may be able to be utilised by Connect groups. A list of the resources and a summary about them are in the process of being typed up.

There are quite a few new resources that have been added to the library collection. We are extremely grateful for the donations that we receive. Several books have also been purchased after receiving recommendations from different readers. Everyone is most welcome to peruse and borrow the resources shelved in Café Connect or in the Church meeting room. We house an amazing collection!

On Saturday May 25, 2024, ACLA (Australian Church Library Association) will be meeting at GGLC. Dorothy Quick has organised with Rob Mills to open Café Connect to serve morning tea and hot drinks.

Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who assist with cataloguing, processing, and designing displays for Café Connect.

Yours in Christ,

Dorothy Quick and Ruth Zimmermann

Team members:

Jenny Canavese

Jenny Kupke

Dorothy Quick

Angela Seeliger

Ruth Zimmermann

Schools Ministry Tea Tree Gully (SMTTG) Report



†Supporting Pastoral Care Workers †Serving the local community †Partnering with local churches

Hello Golden Grove Lutheran Church,

The start of the 2024 was tumultuous for Schools Ministry, PCW's and schools in general.

As I have stated before, we are truly blessed by the Federal Govt Funding for schools ministry, which is administered by the State Govt, working with SMG Schools Ministry Group.

On the last day of school in 2023, the State Govt released a new round of funding and opened it up to any school that wanted to apply. Approx 100 new schools scrambled to sign up for the funds. However, the Federal Funds weren't increased to accommodate all the extra schools, so the available funds had to be split across many more schools.

The end result was that, instead of receiving \$20,280 each, the schools only received \$16,000 each. The schools were then told at the start of 2024, that if the school wanted a PCW, they would have to find the extra \$4,280 from their own budgets, most of which had been set in Sept 2023. The alternative was that the school could use the base \$16,000 to employ someone 'internally', as a Student Wellbeing Support Officer.

Some schools just did not have the extra funds available, and so we went from 16 schools with PCW's, down to 9. In that process, we also gained a new school in Modbury South Primary School.

But God is good and He has His hand on Schools Ministry, so we know He will continue to grow it.

The PCW's who remain, continue to do the great ministry to the students, families and school community. Even those whose role has changed, can still be a +ve role model in their schools, and may, to some extent, have slightly more freedom to share their faith and display a good and +ve attitude to the changes in their circumstance. God will open doors, that 'man' closes.

This makes the extra hours that our local 'Schools Ministry TTG' support group provide, even more 'mission-critical'. The extra time the PCW's can spend in their schools, only enhances the ministry work they can do and it also continues to demonstrate that our local churches, who provide the extra-hours funds, are committed to partnering with the school communities.

Recently, our interim SMG Area Co-ordinator, John Day, said we still have over 50% of Govt schools with a Christian chaplain in them. We praise God for that reality.

I again thank Golden Grove Lutheran for their support of Schools Ministry in our local area, and look forward to sharing the vision, blessings and challenges that this ministry presents.

We seek your continued support as we seek to uphold the values of our head-body Schools Ministry Group, of **Purpose | Value | Hope** for all. Donation details are listed below.

Blessings.

Mostyn Krollig. SMTTG Chairperson

April 2024

Jenny Rawolle
SMTTG Representative

CHURCH PARTNERS

Branches Uniting | Clovercrest Baptist | Golden Grove Lutheran | Golden Grove Uniting | Hope Valley Uniting | John XXIII Catholic Journey Uniting | Kings Baptist GG | Modbury Church of Christ | Modbury Uniting | People Church | St John's Lutheran | St Luke's Anglican | St Mark's Anglican | Torrens Valley Christian Centre | Gully Church (TTG Uniting)

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Community Fete Team Report

2023 Income/Expenses

Income: \$32,313.04

Expenses: \$10,408.57

Net after raffle and GST adjustments: \$20,956.01

Thanks to all our fete sponsors for getting behind the fete

Major Sponsors:

- Jesus Heals
- Precision Calibration and Control (PCC)
- LLL
- Stratco
- Paradise Mazda
- Endeavour College

Minor Sponsors:

- Inspiring Strength in Women
- Creative Construction Solutions
- Vision Christian Media

Our school P&F once again contributed to providing jumping castles to our fete.

2023 saw a few firsts added to the fete: food trucks, and a games room. These were both great additions to the fete. The food trucks meant that we needed fewer volunteers to look after the food side of things, as the food trucks made the food for the most part (with the exception of our BBQ and Devonshire tea). The games room was a great success! We had a lot of cool consoles and gaming machines in there and I would like to thank Liam and Kennan Wallace for their work in this new venture.

Our fete roster was streamlined in 2023, with the intention to talk to congregation members personally and ask what they'd be able to commit to. This appeared to work quite well with all necessary positions being filled, less people being stuck in roles without getting a break and the workload being spread out. In conjunction with this we had zone managers. These were the go to people for certain areas, who were in charge of setting up their zone, and being available if any vendors had any questions. It worked quite well particularly with volunteers knowing who they could go to if they had any questions.

We had a crowd of approximately 3,300 people, which was really cool to see but it indicated to us that we need to revisit the stall layout and be aware of pinch points.

Our raffle was full of so many prizes from many different businesses, it took a lot of time and effort to approach businesses, and collect the prizes. Thank you to Rob Mills and his team of helpers who organised the prizes and also prepared the raffle tickets to be distributed.

In the lead up to the fete we were very much wanting to have pony rides, but unfortunately with a last minute cancellation of the ponies, and difficulty in getting ponies for anywhere in the local area we were unable to have them. Due to the difficulties we have had recently with getting ponies to the fete we are not pursuing it in 2024.

We set out to get as much feedback as we could about the event, so we provided a physical survey printout (with the option to do it online) to all our vendors who could fill them out throughout the day. This provided us with valuable information to assist us in planning for our fete this year.

We had a good level of Christian-based stalls at the fete. Our healing tent was active in sharing the Good News of Jesus to those who attended - praying for a number of people. We also had a Vision Christian Radio stall, which had handouts that talked about Jesus. The LLL had their stall with the building blocks, which was a great fun activity for the kids. The Encounter Youth photobooth was a cool addition for anyone who wanted to have photos taken.

These are just a few aspects of the fete. Many other areas include the attractions, Devonshire tea, the produce stall, the plant stall, face painting, entertainment and audio, the cafe, the school stall, and the school art display.

Overall I sincerely thank each and every person who volunteered for our fete in whatever way they could. All the work you did contributed to the success of our fete and helped share Jesus to our local community!

In 2024 the fete will run half an hour longer, from 10:30am - 3pm. We feel that last year we would have been ready to start by then, and we feel our vendors would like having extra time to sell their products.

Joel Schiller
Fete Team Coordinator

Catering Team Report

Although 2023 was a quiet year for catering for special events, with the Youth Awards Night supper being the only function that required catering services, the catering team continues to provide additional support and assistance to the church community.

The ongoing assistance, support and generosity of the many GGLC members allows our church community to provide food and fellowship to our own members as well as others in the community.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with catering during 2023.

Please contact any of the team members with any queries regarding catering, or if you wish to be a part of the team.

The catering team,

Jenny Rawolle

Leanne Schiller

Dorothy Quick

Children's Ministry Report

Christmas Eve Service

This year our Christmas Eve service took on a different way of engaging the children. We had our regular children who come to Vine Kids be a part of the service and the play itself. However, the play was more interactive this year with the children having the opportunity to open the present. We also had a song in the middle for the children to join in by playing 'sticks' as the song was played. This allowed for the children who just come along to get up, move, join in and feel as though they had still been part of something which is traditionally what has happened. All the children I spoke to enjoyed being a part of something.

Messy Music

This year we have begun strongly with us averaging between 10-15 children per week. The theme for last term was 'Under the Sea' and this term we are exploring shapes. From the feedback I am receiving, the parents are happy with the program and are particularly enjoying the 'old' nursery rhymes. We have continued our partnership with the school and have again appointed 2 playgroup co-ordinators. They are fabulous with helping set up tables, and other materials as well as packing up the sensory play at the end of each session, along with a rotating roster of other students from the 5/6 classes. We continue to have our valued and dedicated adult volunteers who come along each week to engage with our community.

Community Outreach

This year we have offered music sessions to some of the local kindergartens. We have currently had Homestead Community Childcare bring the kindergarten children over and I have delivered a session at the centre itself to both the baby and toddler rooms. This month, Wynn Vale Preschool and Salisbury Lutheran Kindergarten are bringing groups over to join in with a music session. We have also had our foundation students come along and join in with a session. All the children really love the music and dancing which is lovely to see.

Easter

This year, Captain Carrots came along to tell us the true story of Easter to the Foundation Students at GGLPS and the children who came along to one of the Messy Music sessions. Using the Resurrection eggs, the children went on a trail and found different objects that remind us of the key parts of the story.

This year, the story we handed from the Church was from the Bible Society Australia. It was entitled 'The Easter Love Story' by Fern Martins. This was handed out to the following groups;

- Families who attend Messy Music
- Foundation children from GGLPS
- Salisbury Lutheran Kindergarten as our connected Kindergarten

Vine Kids

This year in Vine Kids, we have been exploring 'Figures of Faith'. In term 1, we looked at the disciples of Jesus and the importance of why each individual was chosen. This was a terrific series as it meant we could delve deeper into some of the stories and the characteristics of each disciple. We learnt that none of them were perfect and that they all had very normal jobs like we would today. We learnt that after Jesus went up to Heaven the disciples were important in sharing what they had learnt from Jesus and wrote parts of the bible.

This term, we are looking at 'Figures of Faith' from the Old Testament. Some of the figures we will be looking at are;

- David (as a boy)
- Ruth & Naomi
- David (as a Man)
- Jonah
- Samuel
- Esther
- Elijah & Elisha

Each week continues to fluctuate between 3-10 children. However, the activities the children are engaging in are no-prep or very little prep which is helpful.

Godly Play

We are continuing with Godly Play once per month during Vine Kids. We are attracting more children along on the Sundays that we have Godly Play. During this time, the children listen to a story that is told through the use of very nondescript props. After that they have time to 'work'. This can be in any way they desire. It is lovely to see the way the children create and explore during this time, allowing for independence and time for the Holy Spirit to work. We have also used the Godly Play style of storytelling within the school with the Yr 5/6 Cluster and Foundation Cluster. This has been a lovely way to engage with students on a more spiritual level.

Messy Church

This year we have had one Messy Church event with roughly 50 people attending. We are starting to see a regular group of attendees which is lovely. The theme for Term 1 was 'I am the Vine'. We looked at the bible verse from John 15: 5-8 and explored how without being rooted in Christ, we can't bear fruit of love, kindness, caring and fun! There were a variety of activities including making leaves out of clay, playing a game with 'grapes' (small plastic balls), using wool to create a vine as well as the usual lego, games and colouring. Our dinner was baked potatoes where the families were served food at the tables. This is a different style to what we have previously had, however, was much quicker in getting dinner served.

Our next Messy Church is on Friday 21st June. Our theme is 'I am the Good Shepherd' and we will be exploring how Jesus is our shepherd and protector.

Lauren Neumann, Children and Family Ministry Leader

Young Adults Report

Golden Grove Young Adults has entered its fourth year in 2024. We hold Bible Studies every Monday evening, to join together in fellowship, and to dwell in and study God's word together. We begin the night at 6:30pm to eat food together, and at 7:30pm we begin our studies. We regularly switch up our style, from dwelling in the word, to unpacking particular biblical characters, to watching online sermons, and discussing the Gospel message, and how that applies within our life.

We have been struggling to plan and run our regular monthly social nights due to planning conflicts as well as a general busyness that comes with young-adulthood. Even still we've been able to meet for a picnic in North Adelaide in March, and with the wider Lutheran Young Adults, through a Blueprint Ministries Young Adults catch-up once a term.

Our young adults have a strong desire to serve, particularly within our youth circles. Our regular bible study attendees ALL served on Blueprint Ministries "NOVO" camp, in the April holidays. It's been a pleasure to be able to experience life, and serve together in so many aspects. From these camps, to church, and to be so involved in each other's lives.

Noah Hahn

Treasurer's Report

2023 wrap-up

2023 had a bit on:

- a new Treasurer come on board;
- commenced the project to construct the new manse;
- invested proceeds from the sale of the old manse in term deposits and other securities, with over \$300,000 invested across 15 plus transactions;
- following an early-year dip in offerings, that saw a call-out for support, we finished the year making budget - thankyou to those members who supported the budget with extra donations;
- another successful, and favourable-to-budget, fete was held.

2023 Final Budget position

Income \$257,062

Expenses \$254,842

Surplus \$2,220

The final financial position for 2023 was slightly favourable to budget and last forecast.

Finance Team Meetings

The Finance Team, comprising Peter Freund, Jon Schutz, and Luke Wachtel, who were joined and supported variously by Greg Fowler and Lesley Friedrich, met twice in 2023. At the May meeting, the provisional budget was reviewed in light of progress to date and any new circumstances, so that the final budget could be presented to the May AGM. At the November meeting we prepared the budget for 2024 for presentation to the December HYM.

After reviewing the provisional 2024 budget in our April 2024 meeting, which Allen Kupke attended as an extra, it was agreed to present it for approval unchanged at the AGM.

Manse Upgrade

In 2023 the manse at 8 Laredo Ct was sold for \$772,000. There was approximately \$22,000 of costs associated with the sale, including agent fees, conveyancing, removalists, storage and rent.

During the period in which a replacement manse was being sought, a short term interest-free loan of \$80,000 was received from the LCA District Office to ensure a deposit

amount would have been available had we bought at auction. This amount was never used and returned to the District on settlement of 8 Laredo Ct.

The proceeds of the sale were used to purchase an 854m2 block of land at 11 Gully View Ct for \$350,000, plus around \$2000 for conveyancing, and the loans for the 2015 manse refurbishment and the 2018 cafe/renovations, having a balance of \$104,000 at the time of settlement, were completely discharged. Funds remaining were invested as described in the next section.

New build costs in 2023 were limited to the deposit on the building contract and some fencing to the neighbouring property, totalling around \$7300. The following table summarises the budget to completion.

Building Budget Summary

Investments set aside for building (as of end of 2023)	\$315,925
Investment interest	\$15,329
GST claimed back	\$40,000
Transfer from loan repayments budget item	\$15,000
LLL Loan Provision	\$70,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$456,254
Fairmont Contract Balance	\$370,320
Retaining walls, driveway etc	\$70,000
Contingency	\$15,934
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$456,254

Investments

At the Special General Meeting held in June 2023, the congregation supported motions to allow the proceeds of the manse sale to be invested in both term deposits and other securities. Church Council subsequently decided to split the investments at an approximate ratio of 60/40 between first mortgage securities (earning 8.35-9% p.a.) and term deposits (earning 4.1-4.85% p.a.), with maturity dates aligning with the cash flow needs of the new build. For the \$309,500 invested, the combined interest will exceed \$21,000.

2024 Budget

As noted above, subsequent to the provisional budget that went to the HYM, and following the Finance Team review of the provisional 2024 budget in their April 2024 meeting, the 2024 budget is presented here unchanged for ratification.

Motion: That the Final Budget for 2024 - expenditure \$251,448, income \$248,650, deficit \$2,798 – as attached, be adopted.

2024 Year-to-Date

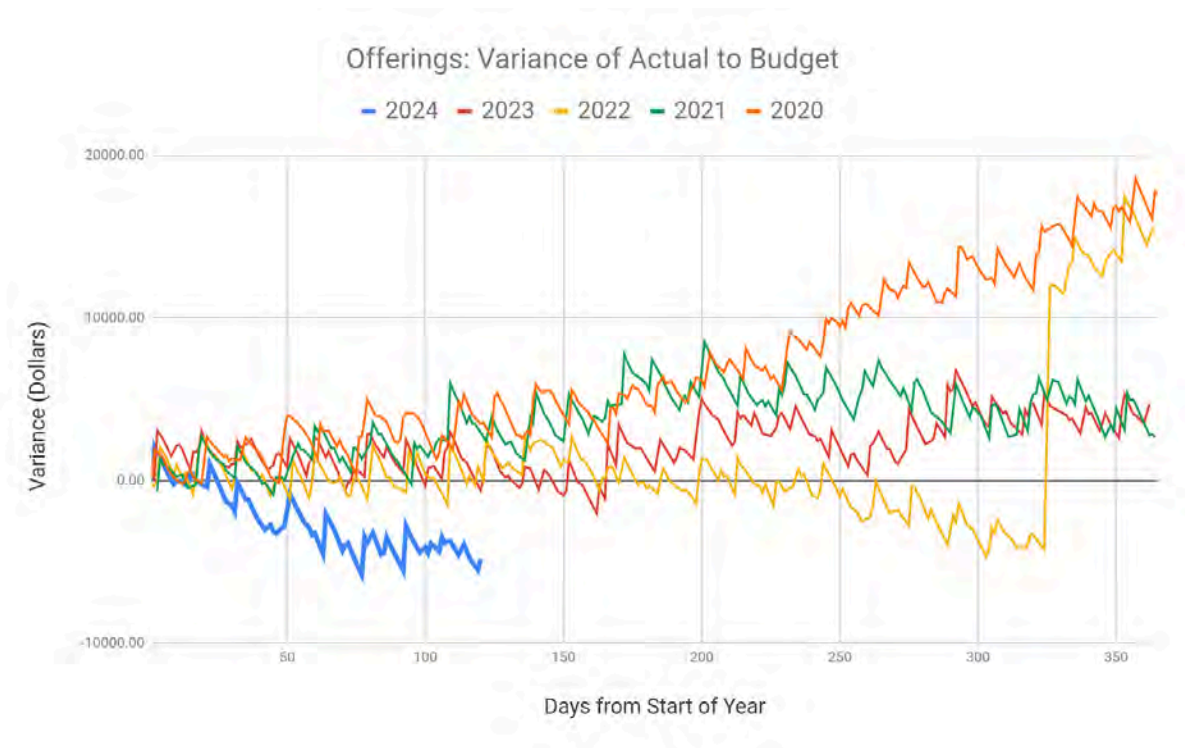
Snapshot at 30 April 2024

Income \$62,337

Expenditure \$60,517

Surplus \$1,819

Despite looking shaky a month ago, financials are tracking ok against budget and currently show a small surplus YTD, although it should be noted that there is always a fluctuation from month to month due to the timings of expenses. Offerings continue to show some frailty against historical receipts and are well behind budget for the year-to-date and when compared with the same time last year. The chart below plots the variance relative to the budget and shows a concerning negative trend, the worst for the last 5 years.



Peter Freund
Treasurer

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Receipts

BankSA Opening Balance	\$	3,422.43	
LLL Opening Balance	\$	58,757.34	
LLL Term Deposits Opening Balance	\$	-	
Australian Unity Opening Balance	\$	-	
Bank Subtotal			\$ 62,179.77

Annual Budget Receipts	\$	257,062.90	
Building Receipts	\$	868,350.35	
Receipts Subtotal			\$ 1,125,413.25

Total Receipts			\$ 1,187,593.02
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Payments

BankSA Closing Balance	\$	11,125.64	
LLL Closing Balance	\$	39,917.39	
LLL Term Deposits Closing Balance	\$	129,500.00	
Australian Unity Closing Balance	\$	186,424.96	
Bank Total			\$ 366,967.99

Annual Budget Payments	\$	254,842.90	
Building Payments	\$	565,782.13	
Payments Subtotal			\$ 820,625.03

Total Payments			\$ 1,187,593.02
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Bank Reconciliation

BankSA

Balance as per Statement	\$	11,125.64
Closing BankSA Balance	\$	11,125.64

LLL

Balance as per Statement	\$	39,917.39
Closing LLL Balance	\$	39,917.39

Annual Budget Receipts & Payments

	Receipts		Payments
Total from Summary Below	\$	257,062.90	\$ 254,842.90
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$	2,220.00	

<i>Category</i>	<i>Subcategory</i>	Receipts	Payments
Administration	GGLC Receivables	\$0.00	\$0.00
	GST	\$0.00	-\$1,161.00
	IT Equipment	\$0.00	\$1,099.88
	LCA Funds levy	\$0.00	\$4,716.00
	Music copyright	\$0.00	\$1,225.27
	Photocopying	\$0.00	\$1,365.85
	Synod	\$0.00	\$585.00
	Worship Service Requirements	\$0.00	\$369.66
Administration Total		\$0.00	\$8,200.66
Cafe	Cafe Equipment	\$0.00	\$167.98
	Cash Sales	\$6,265.10	\$0.00
	Consumables	\$0.00	\$15,871.12
	GST	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Sales	\$30,797.46	\$100.00
	Utilities	\$0.00	\$65.10
Cafe Total		\$37,062.56	\$16,204.20
Offerings	Cash	\$23,010.60	\$0.00
	Donation/Appeal	\$2,574.94	\$0.00
	Online website donation	\$6,313.97	\$0.00
	REG	\$133,458.44	\$1,510.00
Offerings Total		\$165,357.95	\$1,510.00
Other	Catering	\$22.00	\$0.00
	Interest	\$788.46	\$0.00
	Misc	\$180.00	\$0.00
Other Total		\$990.46	\$0.00
Payroll	BAS tax return	\$0.00	\$16,956.00
	HRS fees	\$33.08	\$882.08
	Wages & Super	\$1,888.58	\$144,319.57
	Workcover/LSL Levy	\$0.00	\$638.55
Payroll Total		\$1,921.66	\$162,796.20
Programs	Children's Ministry	\$290.96	\$68.32
	Christian Education	\$1,126.56	\$645.72
	Gifts	\$217.25	\$129.43
	LCA District Budget	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
	Library	\$150.00	\$171.92
	Mainly Music	\$1,601.08	\$64.88
	Pingpongathon	\$9.00	\$0.00
	Training	\$0.00	\$477.50
	Women's Retreat	\$1,915.40	\$1,277.95
Youth	\$0.00	\$230.00	
Programs Total		\$5,310.25	\$6,065.72
Property	Cleaning	\$185.00	\$2,138.71
	Council rates	\$740.60	\$1,869.05
	ESL TAX	\$1,114.70	\$1,099.20
	Facilities Hire	\$6,406.40	\$0.00
	Insurance	\$116.25	\$20,835.33
	Loan Repayments	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
	Maintenance & Repairs	\$0.00	\$2,020.52
	Security, Fire, OHWS	\$0.00	\$575.85
	Stage Lighting & Audio Equipment	\$0.00	\$339.24
Property Total		\$8,562.95	\$43,877.90
Sales & Fundraising	BBQs	\$737.24	\$386.50
	Fete	\$33,863.34	\$12,473.75
	LCA Car parking	\$1,445.30	\$0.00
	Olive Oil	\$569.67	\$0.00
Sales & Fundraising Total		\$36,615.55	\$12,860.25
Utilities	Electricity	\$0.00	\$418.43
	Gas	\$0.00	\$89.70
	SA Water	\$1,241.52	\$2,019.84
	Telephone/Internet	\$0.00	\$800.00
Utilities Total		\$1,241.52	\$3,327.97
Grand Total		\$257,062.90	\$254,842.90

Building Receipts & Payments

	Receipts	Payments
Total from Summary Below	\$ 868,350.35	\$ 565,782.13
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 302,568.22	

<i>Category</i>	<i>Subcategory</i>	Receipts	Payments
Manse Upgrade	Agent's Fees	\$0.00	\$7,160.00
	Conveyancing	\$0.00	\$2,810.47
	Future Provision	\$8,910.00	\$0.00
	Interest	\$6,424.96	\$0.00
	Land Purchase	\$0.00	\$352,128.18
	Loan Repayments	\$0.00	\$104,183.64
	Manse Upgrade	\$600.00	\$0.00
	New Build	\$0.00	\$7,298.50
	Preparation for Sale	\$346.38	\$3,426.38
	Rent	\$0.00	\$1,711.00
	SA Water	\$69.01	\$74.54
	Sale of Laredo Ct	\$772,000.00	\$0.00
	Short Term Loan	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Storage and Removals	\$0.00	\$6,989.42	
Manse Upgrade Total		\$868,350.35	\$565,782.13
Grand Total		\$868,350.35	\$565,782.13

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sundry Account Balances as at 31 December 2023

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

1. Lutheran Laypeople's League - Asaroka Support

Opening Balance 1/1/2023	7,207.36
Deposits	165.50
Interest Credited	79.78
Withdrawals	0.00
Closing Balance 31/12/2023	<u><u>\$7,452.64</u></u>

TERM DEPOSITS

1. Lutheran Laypeople's League

Opening Balance 1/1/2023	0.00
Deposits - 21/8/2023	48,000.00
Interest Credited - Due at maturity 21/8/2024	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Closing Balance 31/12/2023	<u><u>\$48,000.00</u></u>

2. Lutheran Laypeople's League

Opening Balance 1/1/2023	0.00
Deposits - 21/8/2023	47,500.00
Interest Credited - Due at maturity 21/8/2024	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Closing Balance 31/12/2023	<u><u>\$47,500.00</u></u>

3. Lutheran Laypeople's League

Opening Balance 1/1/2023	0.00
Deposits - 21/8/2023	34,000.00
Interest Credited - Due at maturity 21/2/2024	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Closing Balance 31/12/2023	<u><u>\$34,000.00</u></u>

OTHER INVESTMENTS

1. Australian Unity Cash

Opening Balance 1/1/2023	0.00
Deposits - Interest from Property Investments	6,424.96
Interest Credited	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Closing Balance 31/12/2023	<u><u>\$6,424.96</u></u>

2. Australian Unity Investments (12 Properties with various maturities)

Opening Balance 1/1/2023	0.00
Deposits - 6/7/2023	180,000.00
Interest Credited - Refer Cash Account	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Closing Balance 31/12/2023	<u><u>\$180,000.00</u></u>

LOAN ACCOUNTS

1. Lutheran Laypeople's League - Café

Opening Balance 1/1/2023	-76,167.55
Repayments	77,477.59
Interest Charged	-1,310.04
Closing Balance 26/5/2023	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

2. Lutheran Laypeople's League - Manse Renovation

Opening Balance 1/1/2023	-32,254.25
Repayments	32,796.05
Interest Charged	-541.80
Closing Balance 26/5/2023	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

05-May-2024

AUDIT REPORT

We have examined the accounts and associated records of Golden Grove Lutheran Church for the year ended 31 December 2023. In our opinion the attached financial statement, which has been prepared using the cash basis of accounting, is a true and fair view of the financial position of the Church as at that date.



Graeme Hoklas
Auditor



Allen Kupke
Auditor

2024 Budget

Category	Subcategory	2023		2024	
		Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Budget Expenditure	Budget Income
Administration	GGLC Receivables	\$0	\$0		
	GST	-\$1,161	\$0		
	IT Equipment	\$1,100	\$0		
	LCA Funds levy	\$4,716	\$0	\$5,200	\$0
	Music copyright	\$1,225	\$0	\$1,100	\$0
	Photocopying	\$1,366	\$0	\$1,400	\$0
	Stationery	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0
	Synod	\$585	\$0	\$150	\$0
	Worship Service Requirements	\$370	\$0	\$792	\$0
Administration Total		\$8,201	\$0	\$8,842	\$0
Cafe	Cafe Equipment	\$238	\$0		
	Cash Sales	\$0	\$6,265	\$0	\$6,000
	Consumables	\$15,801	\$0	\$14,800	\$0
	GST	\$0	\$0	\$2,475	\$0
	Sales	\$100	\$30,797	\$0	\$27,000
	Utilities	\$65	\$0	\$52	\$0
Cafe Total		\$16,204	\$37,063	\$17,327	\$33,000
Offerings	Cash	\$0	\$23,011	\$0	\$21,000
	Donation/Appeal	\$0	\$2,575		
	Online website donation	\$0	\$6,314	\$0	\$4,000
	REG	\$1,510	\$133,458	\$0	\$138,000
Offerings Total		\$1,510	\$165,358	\$0	\$163,000
Other	Catering	\$0	\$22	\$500	\$500
	Interest	\$0	\$788	\$0	\$450
	Misc	\$0	\$180		
Other Total		\$0	\$990	\$500	\$950
Payroll	BAS tax return	\$16,956	\$0		
	HRS fees	\$882	\$33	\$800	\$0
	Wages & Super	\$144,320	\$1,889	\$160,000	\$2,800
	Workcover/LSL Levy	\$639	\$0	\$900	\$0
Payroll Total		\$162,796	\$1,922	\$161,700	\$2,800
Programs	Children's Ministry	\$68	\$291	\$1,000	\$0
	Christian Education	\$646	\$1,127	\$200	\$0
	Fellowship	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$1,200
	Gifts	\$129	\$217	\$900	\$0
	LCA District Budget	\$3,000	\$0		
	Library	\$172	\$150	\$200	\$0
	Mainly Music	\$65	\$1,601	\$0	\$1,500
	Pingpongathon	\$0	\$9		
	Training	\$478	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
	Women's Retreat	\$1,278	\$1,915	\$2,500	\$2,500
	Youth	\$230	\$0	\$500	\$0
Programs Total		\$6,066	\$5,310	\$7,000	\$5,200
Property	Cleaning	\$2,139	\$185	\$2,400	\$0
	Council rates	\$1,869	\$741	\$2,200	\$0
	ESL TAX	\$1,099	\$1,115	\$1,200	\$600
	Facilities Hire	\$0	\$6,406	\$0	\$6,000
	Insurance	\$20,835	\$116	\$10,549	\$0
	Loan Repayments	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
	Maintenance & Repairs	\$2,021	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
	Manse Repairs	\$0	\$0		
	Security, Fire, OHWS	\$576	\$0	\$700	\$0
	Stage Lighting & Audio Equipment	\$339	\$0	\$500	\$0
Property Total		\$43,878	\$8,563	\$35,549	\$6,600
Sales & Fundraising	BBQs	\$387	\$737	\$0	\$1,200
	Fete	\$12,474	\$33,863	\$15,000	\$35,000
	LCA Car parking	\$0	\$1,445	\$0	\$500
	Olive Oil	\$0	\$570	\$0	\$400
Sales & Fundraising Total		\$12,860	\$36,616	\$15,000	\$37,100
Utilities	Electricity	\$418	\$0	\$2,400	\$0
	Gas	\$90	\$0	\$250	\$0
	SA Water	\$2,020	\$1,242	\$2,100	\$0
	Telephone/Internet	\$800	\$0	\$780	\$0
Utilities Total		\$3,328	\$1,242	\$5,530	\$0
Grand Total		\$254,843	\$257,063	\$251,448	\$248,650