



Diary Dates:

Nov 2020

22 November
9.30 am
Last Sunday
of Church
year

29 November
9.30 am
First Sunday
of Advent

Dec 2020

20 December
9.30 am
Fourth
Sunday of
Advent

24 December
7.30 am
Christmas Eve
Family
Worship

25 December
9.30 am
Christmas Day

Feb 2021

14 February
9.30 am
Transfiguration
of Our Lord

17 February
9.30 am
Ash
Wednesday

21 February
9.30 am
First Sunday
in Lent

DEVOTION - CAD

Read [Micah 7:2-7](#)

Millions of people worldwide suffer from SAD (seasonal affective disorder), a type of depression common in places with limited sunlight due to short winter days. While many experience it even here in our sun-drenched Australia, it is far more prevalent in the Northern Hemisphere. Our daughter in Seattle tells us each year of the noticeable change in her disposition after weeks of short, grey days.

Those most severely affected begin to fear winter's frozen curse will never end – eager for any evidence that longer days and warmer temperatures are coming.

But for those who know and trust God, the first signs of spring – flowers successfully braving their way through the lingering snow – also powerfully remind them of the way God's hope can break through even our darkest seasons. The prophet Micah confessed this even while enduring a heart-rending "winter" as the Israelites turned away from God. As Micah assessed the bleak situation, he lamented that "not one upright person" seemed to remain (Micah 7:2).

Yet even though the situation appeared dire, the prophet refused to give up hope. He trusted that God was at work (v. 7) – even if, amid the devastation, he couldn't yet see the evidence. Like the sun on a cloudy day, even though Micah couldn't see God, he didn't doubt he was there.

It seems to me that a new phenomenon, CAD (COVID-19 affective disorder) has been sweeping the globe of late. Who could have predicted – indeed, who would have believed – that almost 12 months after a viral outbreak in China we'd still be living in a world where terms like "second wave", "lockdown", "COVID-Safe plan" and "social distancing" would be part of our everyday language? Not surprisingly, it has taken its toll on a worldwide scale. Mental health issues abound. Depression runs rampant. Volumes of calls to suicide prevention services stretch resources to their limit. People around the globe cry out, "How much longer...?!"

In our dark and sometimes seemingly endless "winters," when spring doesn't appear to be breaking through, we face the same struggle as Micah. Will we give into despair? Or will we "watch in hope for the Lord"? (v. 7).

Our hope in God is never wasted (Romans 5:5).

As I write this, the lockdown in Victoria is lifting. For me, as I hear of the activities Victorians are now allowed to re-engage in, I am only now coming to realise just how desolate their lives have been for the last three months or so, and just how blessed we have been in South Australia to have staved off a second wave. God willing, our island home – girt by sea – will continue to open up while keeping itself protected.

Yet, despite the life-changing impact COVID-19 has had on all of us, it's still small-picture stuff. Our God is a god of big-picture stuff. In the midst of whatever we may be going through, it's important to not only "watch in hope for the Lord" (v. 7) on a daily basis, but also look to the big picture – the eternal picture.

God is bringing a time with no more "winter": a time with no more mourning or pain (Revelation 21:4). Until then, may we rest in him, confessing, "My hope is in you" (Psalm 39:7).

Pastor Greg
(and Lisa M. Samra – Our Daily Bread)

Prayer

*Heavenly Father, during difficult seasons of life, it's easy for me to be discouraged;
in those hard times, help me place my hope in you.*

*And in every season of my life,
help me share with others the peace found in life with you. Amen.*



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EDITORIAL

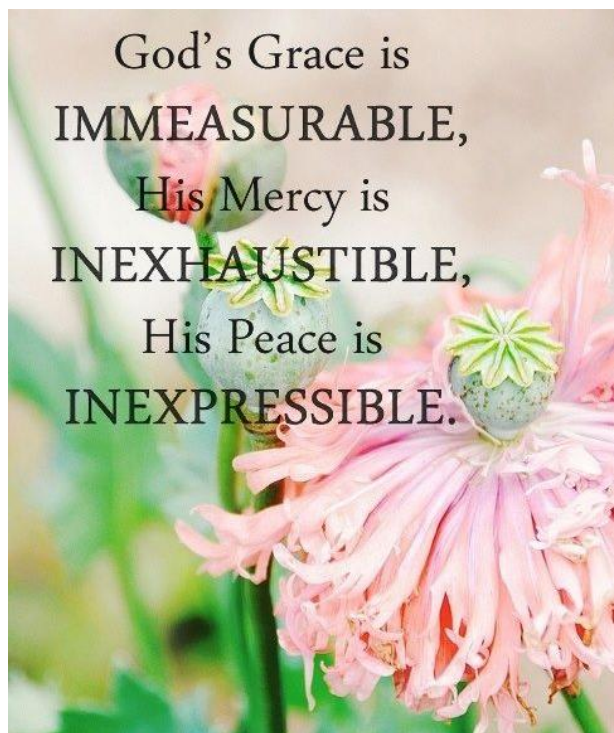
I've been thinking a lot lately about an important word - grace.

We toss it about almost casually. We use it in social contexts: "What a graceful girl she is." Or: "That was a really graceful move that athlete made!" What do we have in mind? That it was something pleasing to the eye?

Before a meal, though sadly less common today, we will ask someone: "Will you say grace before we start?" What do we mean when we ask for this blessing?

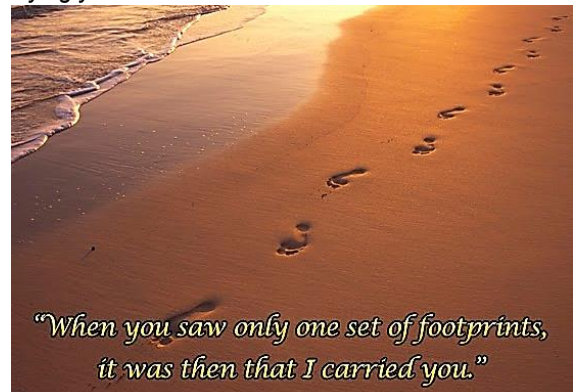
In a more serious way, we hear the benediction in church at the end of the service. "And may the grace of God go with you ..." We leave the church feeling supported, but do we ever stop to ponder on exactly what the word meant?

It seems to me that grace is a gift, and that it gives to us a sense of being together with God in a way that brings peace and confidence in everything that we do.



Sometimes it is hard to believe that God is always with us, but then I recall that much-loved and frequently-told story of the footprints. You know the one I mean ... when someone deeply troubled says to God:

'You told me you would walk beside me, and I could always see your footprints in the sand where we walked along the shore together. But then, in a time when I was in deep trouble, there was only one set of footprints. I knew that you had gone. You had left me on my own.' And then God's answer: "My beloved child. There was only one set of footprints, because that was when I was carrying you."



I love that story. I find it infinitely reassuring.

I see the evidence of grace sometimes in people around me. Sometimes it comes as part of a deep personal faith, but at other times it is a gift bestowed out of compassion by a loving God, whether acknowledged or not. I see it in one of my dearest friends, dying painfully and terribly from motor neurone disease. But she does not complain, even though every capacity and every ability has been stripped from her. All physical functions, even speech has now gone, and her only communication is through slow painful text and email.

She wrote to me, some weeks back, "I still find gold in each day." And each morning I have a picturegram on my phone and four loving words that mean the world to me. She is dying with grace, still loved and still feeling and expressing love for others. This is a horrible death for someone who was vibrant and vital, full of life and care for others. But it seems to me that it is God's grace to give her this gift of dying with grace. So I think upon this word, and all that it means.

Valerie Volk

PASTOR PAGE



When we sign up for REG (Regular Electronic Giving) we receive cards that say either, *“Every good and perfect gift is from above (James 1:17a)”* or *“God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7b)”*. These verses remind us that, regardless of how we physically came to acquire our financial treasures, they are all, indeed, a gracious and generous gift from God.

And of course, that same generous God also gifts us with time and talents. These blessings are all to be used for our good and his glory. Scripture directs us to cheerfully give back to God from what he has graciously and generously given us.

ILC will hold its Budget and Elections General Meeting on 29 November, so now is an excellent time for each of us to re-evaluate:

- The blessings God has poured out on each of us (time, talents, treasures), and
- Our response to God’s generosity – how are we giving back to participate in and/or enable God’s Kingdom work to be done on earth?

From a Pastor’s point of view, this is always a tricky discussion to have with parishioners, but it is a necessary one. The good news is that, ultimately, the discussion is between you and God. It’s not for me to adjudicate what you could or couldn’t, should or shouldn’t contribute to the life and finances of the congregation. But you do need to make sure you’re in tune with what God wants for you and from you.

Even in a small congregation like ILC, there are a myriad of roles and responsibilities that need to be filled just to make worship happen every week. Some of those roles and responsibilities should (and do) fall to Tanya and to me as paid employees of the congregation.

But we can’t do everything. Nor should we be expected to.

For instance, ILC currently has a situation where there are only two musicians out of the whole congregation who are available to play on Sundays. We are doing what we can to invite College ensembles to play for us, and recruit College students to become part of our worship teams – we have even had guest musicians fill in some gaps – but some weeks we will have no option but to use pre-recorded music because we simply have no musicians available to play. Now, the ability to play music is, obviously, a specific gift and not one that God gives to everyone, but there are many other volunteer roles required each Sunday that do not require a specific gift nor significant effort, but are just as critical to the smooth running of a worship service.

We cannot meet our COVID-19 requirements without Welcomers and Stewards and COVID Marshals. We cannot have Holy Communion without Lay Assistants. Even pushing the button on the PowerPoint computer upstairs to advance the slides is a straight-forward job, but worship would be impossible without it.

You will have received a letter by email on Friday 23 October reminding you of, and thanking you for, the roles and rosters for which you have already volunteered. I encourage you to prayerfully consider what other roles and rosters God may have already prepared you for, or is challenging you to take on.

There will be nomination forms available at worship on Sundays during November and from the ILC reception desk. Or you can email Tanya or me and we will send you an electronic copy. Use this form to nominate yourself for whatever new roles God is calling you to – or maybe God is calling you to nominate someone else. That’s fine too. The Nominations Team will follow up all nominations. I am in the process of finalising updates to the Volunteer Handbook so that information and training are available – so please don’t be afraid to nominate for a role you haven’t done before.

And while you’re in prayerful consideration with God, please also ask his direction on your financial contribution to the congregation. Our finances were artificially and miraculously bolstered by government contributions due to COVID-19 this year. We can’t rely on that being the case next year to get us through. If you don’t have a REG contribution in place, please consider setting one up. If you do have a REG contribution in place, please review it to ensure it is consistent with the blessings God has given (and continues to give) you.

God bless you
Pastor Greg



Baptisms

We have had the privilege of welcoming the following new siblings into God's family:

9 August 2020 - Rory Pascoe

Daughter of Kelly and Dave
Kelly is often one of our worship singers



13 September 2020 - Ezekiel Craig

Son of Joanna and Ryan
Ryan is also often one of our worship singers.



27 September 2020 - Archer Lewis

Son of Ferren and Ben
The Lewis family has transferred to ILC from Aberfoyle Park.



18 October 2020 - Callum Prior

Son of Katrina and Matthew
Callum has sisters at Immanuel Primary School.



25 October 2020 - Olivia Welke

Daughter of Stacey and Josh
The Welke family has also transferred to ILC from Aberfoyle Park.

New Members

We have also had the privilege of welcoming new members into our ILC family.

20 September 2020 - Georgia Heynemann

joined our congregation. Georgia is a teacher at Immanuel College. She will marry her fiancé, David Nickolai, in the Immanuel Chapel on 23 January 2021. Pastor Greg will officiate.



27 September 2020

We welcomed:

Cristina, Mike, and Jed Welke

Stacey, Josh, Isla, and Olivia Welke

Ferren, Ben, Elliot, and Archer Lewis

Cristina and Mike Welke, and their children Joshmon (Josh), Jerrome (Jed) and Ferren were all members of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Aberfoyle Park.

Over the years Josh and Ferren married and moved to Warradale and Henley Beach respectively, then Cristina, Mike and Jed moved to Grange.

The baptisms of Archer and Olivia prompted Mike to suggest all three families transfer their membership to ILC.

Name Badges

Thank you to all those who have requested and paid for a new name badge. Pastor Greg had intended to submit the order mid-September but was somewhat distracted by recent family events.

If you would still like to order a name badge in the new format, please contact Tanya or Pastor Greg ASAP. They are \$10 each.

We hope to lodge the order within the next few weeks.

Upcoming dates

Immanuel College has decided to cancel their annual Service of Lessons and Carols for this year. Trying to coordinate the various choirs and ensembles, as well as the voluminous crowds, while abiding by all of the COVID-19 distancing requirements, became an impossible undertaking.

Under ILC's current COVID-Safe Plan, however, we are approved to have 325 people in the chapel (upstairs and downstairs) provided we can observe physical distancing requirements. That is far in excess of any crowd we tend to attract for any worship service, so I believe we can go ahead with our Christmas Eve service.

Chapel Refurbishment

If you've attended worship in the Chapel in the last few weeks you will have noticed the new halo lights that were installed during the last school holidays. This was why we were unable to gather for worship on 4 October – the Chapel was filled with scaffolds!

At the same time, the damaged ceiling panels were repaired. Once the scaffolds were removed, the Chapel carpet was steam cleaned. In the foyer, new carpet was laid throughout and the walls were repainted. This almost brings to an end the current phase of refurbishment for the Chapel and foyer. All that remains is the installation of a single panel electronic screen on the back wall.

ILC Room/Office Carpet

Coincidentally, while the Chapel and foyer were a flurry of activity, the ILC Room and offices received their own attention. New carpet has been laid throughout the ILC Room, Tanya's office, Pastor Greg's office and the vestry. A very big thank you to all those muscly men (and women?) who did the hot-shoe-shuffling to move all of the furniture out of one room into the next ... then back again ... so the carpet layers could access each room in sequence.

PAGE FAMILY NEWS

Obviously, the major event since the last Chatline has been the death of my Dad. While it's sad to no longer have him around, it was a blessing and a major relief for him to be called home – on two counts:

The first blessing, and most significant, was that Dad reconnected with his faith during his 18 months of terminal illness. I saw this transform him from a state of utter fear to a place of peace and acceptance. It was truly miraculous!

The second blessing was simply the release from the pain and frailty that he experienced as the cancer ravaged his body. He is now experiencing the everlasting peace and joy that Jesus promises all of us.

Organising Dad's funeral brought a spike of activity, but Meredith and I eventually took leave for most of two weeks of the October school holidays. I spent pretty much all of the first week at Mum and Dad's place cleaning out rooms and preparing for renovations so Mum can sell up and move into something smaller and closer to aged services in Nuriootpa. With 55 years of accumulation, though, this will be a huge job for some time to come! Meredith and I then literally 'got away from it all' in the second week and spent a few days in Coffin Bay.

Tayla celebrated her 28th birthday in Seattle mid-August. We managed to send some Aussie goodies early enough to arrive before her birthday. She was suitably appreciative (and homesick!).

Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards and messages over recent months. They are appreciated.

Meredith and Pastor Greg



Clearing out the ILC Room for the new carpet

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Church Council continue to meet once per month to discuss a variety of governance matters.

- Building and property valuation – Church Council agreed on several important motions on policy regarding ILC property and building valuations: For property valuations - refer to cost value; For building improvements – refer to cost of upgrades/improvements; Manse property value – will refer to latest-available SA government valuer General's valuation; Sum-insured for buildings on a re-instatement basis. The team have been working diligently to update and consolidate a list of ILC property and assets.
- Pastor preaching at St Mark's Underdale – a 12 month agreement between our two congregations has been reached to allow Pastor to preach at St Mark's once per month. Longer-term options are being discussed between Underdale/Glandore, Immanuel and Glenelg congregations.
- Council agreed to a \$1,000 donation to the SW school's ministry.
- Termite inspections/treatments – Church Council agreed to property's recommendation that \$1,980 be allocated for professional pest inspection and treatment plus \$660 per year for maintenance.
- Secretary – Welcome David B to the team!
- Name tags – new name tag designs have been chosen and the first batch is being ordered now. If you would like a refresh, please contact Tanya in the office.
- Coffee machine – continues to be raised during Council meetings as part of a much broader discussion around hospitality at ILC. It is likely we will purchase one.
- Resumption of public worship – thank you for your compliance and understanding around the restrictions we have implemented as part of our COVID-safe plan. I think you will agree, it is much better to be able to worship together in person!
- Bunnings BBQs – have started up again. ILC is likely to be allocated a BBQ in the first quarter of 2021.
- Carpets – we have fresh new carpets in the ILC room and offices. Thanks to Darryl for organising.
- Elections/budget meeting will be held on 29 November 2020 at 11am. Please submit your nominations for positions to the nominations committee (Ben, Alison, Chris S or Pastor).

Ben Noll, Chair: Church Council

Some Humour

When my grandson Billy and I entered our holiday cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting annoying insects.

Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

MONEY MATTERS

At the end of September our congregation's offerings were \$7,789 less than what we expected to receive for this period.

This is \$6,614 less than the amount that was received in offerings to the end of September last year. While the Federal Government's Cash Flow Support grants will cover this shortfall this year, we do not expect to receive similar grants next year.

***Darryl Miegel
Treasurer***



A BIG UPGRADE

NEW CARPET FOR THE ILC ROOM, PASTOR'S OFFICE, RECEPTION AND VESTRY

Thursday the 1 October was a busy day for several of the OCC ladies and congregational men, under the leadership of Darryl M., in shifting everything out of our ILC rooms, for the laying of new carpet the following day.

To aid in the moving, Pastor Greg had, prior to going on leave, packed his books into half a dozen large boxes.

Similarly, the library books were moved in sequential order - each unit then moved into the passageway and the books replaced. Due to weight and breakable items most of the cupboards had to be emptied and the next day repacked. The following morning as the old carpet was being removed, certain items found themselves outside and during the actual laying there was a juggle of things between rooms.

By midday, with most of the new carpet laid, the process of returning everything to its rightful place, commenced. Three hard hours later, four of our older men celebrated the completion by 'pinching' an ice cream from the ILC freezer and later at home enjoyed a beer.

Whilst not obvious, the carpet is in 'squares', allowing for worn or damaged areas to be replaced. If you haven't already seen the transformation come and have a look in the up-dated ILC room.

Trevor Hartmann

(Ed. A sincere thank you to all those who worked so hard on this project: the OCC Ladies who moved their goods to make the carpet re-laying possible, and the stalwart men who spent two days of exhausting furniture shifting. Thank you all.)

CHAPEL RENOVATIONS AND A NEW CARPET FOR THE VESTRY



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) REPORT

(Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes)

Having only met as a group three times this year prior to packing our boxes over two days in early September, things have gone remarkably smoothly, considering Covid restrictions. Everyone has worked extremely well from home allowing us to have everything completed in time.

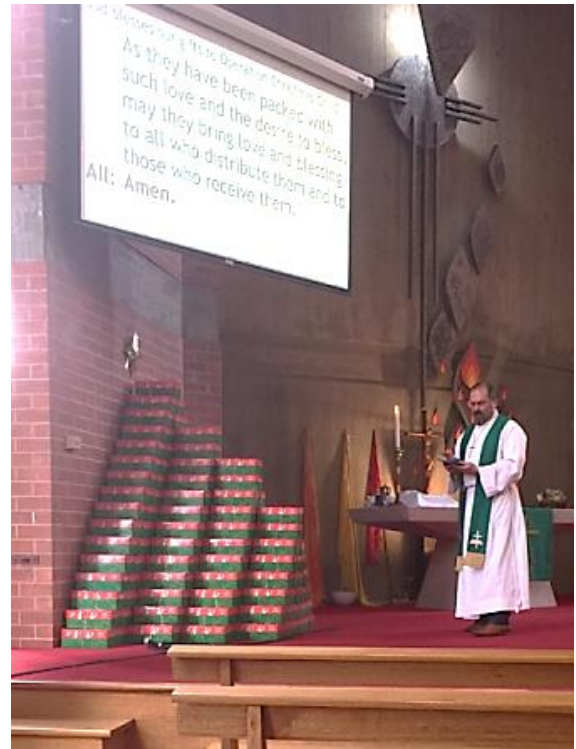
The 300 boxes were blessed during our Sunday service on 18 October, after being assembled in the Chapel on 17 October, this year in the form of a Christmas tree rather than the usual two walls of boxes which we have created for many years.



Also on 18 October a very successful Trading Table was held in the foyer raising just over \$200, with a retiring offering collected as well, all going towards the \$3,000 required to get the boxes to their destination. I would like to thank everybody for their support and to say we have once again reached our target. If you wish to purchase a lucky square to go into the draw for the lovely Christmas Wall hanging, this will continue for a while yet and be drawn closer to Christmas.

All our ladies plus friends and rellies are already sewing, knitting, crocheting etc for next year's gear requirements. This gives so much pleasure and satisfaction not only to all the children who receive these boxes but also to everyone involved from this end of the journey. So many wonderful friendships have been formed by all those take part. If anybody wishes to be involved in this great outreach activity, we meet in the ILC room on the first Thursday of the month from about February to September, or contact me for further details.

Nannette Hartmann
Co-ordinator



Trading Table - to raise funds towards the transport costs of the OCC boxes



KNOW YOUR MEMBERS – JENNIFER HAND

When I was growing up on our farm at Brinkworth I used to think that there was nowhere else that I would rather be than in the country. We weren't on the plains but were in the foothills of the Clare hills on a very attractive mixed farm with lots of trees and with a creek meandering through it.

I am the second of four sisters, "the K. D. Zweck girls". We attended the Brinkworth Lutheran church, and Brinkworth Area School and Clare High School.



The K D Zweck Girls

We were not connected to the power grid until well into the 1960's so in my childhood I was always aware of the need to save water, and also power, as it was generated from our own wind turbine, or a diesel generator when the wind dropped. We only had rain water for the house and bore water for the farm.

My older sister and I had many farm chores to do, but in school holidays we roamed the farm, when I wasn't reading or playing with the cats and dogs. I don't recall ever telling Mum anything more than that we were "going up the creek". Can you imagine today's children being allowed such freedom? We felt like "free range children". The bones of an old cow were "dinosaur bones", and if we followed the creek under the road and into the neighbour's property, against the rules, we could play "castles" in the ruins of the old coaching inn up the hill.

We gave our imaginations free rein and I never felt the lack of companions to play with out of school hours. I always had my books, and my love of reading persists to this day, along with the love of cats, begun on the farm when I was a toddler. Sirikit, my elderly Siamese cat, shares my life at present.

Much as I loved where I lived I eventually moved to the city, which was just as well or I would never have met my late husband David, through mutual friends. He was in his final year of theological studies for the Anglican priesthood at St. Michael's House, an Anglican monastery just below the Mt. Lofty summit, a victim of the later Ash Wednesday bushfires.



David and Jennifer

When we became engaged there were a few raised eyebrows at first among the many Lutheran pastors in the family, Zwecks and those married to Zwecks, (and there were a lot of them), but they all seemed to welcome a fellow minister into the family. I became a member of the Anglican Church. David was sent to Mount Gambier for two years when he graduated, and we were married in his second year there. Between his living in a monastery and then in Mount Gambier we did not spend much time together in the two years we knew each other before we married, but postage stamps only cost four cents back then.

We moved to Seacliff Park parish where our two sons were born: Nicholas, who lives in Sydney, and Christopher, who has lived in many different parts of the Northern Territory, presently based in Alice Springs. He has two children, Emily and Zachary who live in Melbourne with their mother.



Christopher, Emily and Jennifer

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Know Your Members – Jennifer Hand - continued

Minlaton was our next parish, with David serving five different churches, and after about five years we moved to the Glenelg North parish, where we stayed for twenty years. By this time I had begun to work in the Glenelg Library where I stayed for over twenty years. We only moved from Glenelg North when David left parish ministry to become the representative for SA and the NT for the Bush Church Aid Society, the Anglican Church's mission to outback Australia. Many of you will know of the underground church in Coober Pedy, which is BCA supported, and will have heard of the old hospital at Cook, planted and supported by BCA. BCA also earlier last century supported an early flying doctor mission, predating the Royal Flying Doctor service.

David's job was to travel to Anglican churches in SA and the NT each Sunday to promote BCA. He had no church of his own, so I had to find my own place of worship. As we had moved into our 'retirement' unit, where I still live, the closest Anglican Church was our old parish, and Pastor Mark Whitfield, a great friend and prayer partner of David's, and the then pastor of the Immanuel congregation, suggested that I "come back to the Lutherans". As Immanuel was very close, I did, with David's blessing. While we were in Minlaton we had enjoyed great ecumenical fellowships with other denominational Christians, so it did not seem strange for me to be an Anglican Lutheran. When David retired he was still very busy taking services in vacant parishes, up until the time his illness caused him to give that up. I was glad to be able to walk to my church when he had the use of our car after I sold mine when I retired from work.

Throughout David's parish ministry I had been assisting him in various areas, lay assisting, helping him in counselling women, leading prayer and study groups for women, and taking part in fundraising and social activities. I have continued some of those activities at ILC, taking my turn at Reading, Prayers and coffee on Sundays. I have been involved with the OCC shoebox ministry since it began at ILC. I have in the past been part of fundraising groups. I am on the Chatline committee, and I take part in leading our Young At Heart study group. David was always welcomed at ILC gatherings, particularly when he sang at worship in the Three Davids group, which he enjoyed a great deal, as in his busy lifetime he had never had many opportunities to exercise his gift of a fine singing voice, apart from singing the liturgy. In the later part of his illness up to his death just over three years ago he missed those opportunities to sing and enjoy fellowship at ILC.

I no longer wish to live in the country as I enjoy the benefits of city living too much. In pre Covid days I volunteered at the Bay Discovery Centre in Glenelg, and health permitting, I shall return to that activity, as I have to my Pilates sessions, and I hope that my social life soon returns to pre Covid normality.

The occasional stays over the years with the one sister who is married to a South Eastern farmer were always very much enjoyed, but as they have now retired to Encounter Bay even that country outlet has been removed, so it's just as well that I am content with my present life in Camden Park.

Jennifer Hand



Immanuel College Musicians



Church Service with Physical Distancing



MESSY CHURCH UPDATE

Messy Church has been operating in a CovidSafe environment since the lifting of restrictions earlier this year. Our first CovidSafe event was held on 26 July 2020 (as reported in the last edition of Chatline).

On 13 September 2020 we celebrated with 50-60 people (with hand sanitiser all around and the addition of our Covid Marshal) to explore the theme “Our Father in Heaven”. Families learnt about different aspects of the Lord’s prayer, staying away from temptation (to smile) and making our own daily (fairy) bread. We also made family trees – with God at the top of our tree. I was inspired by one boy who chose to place God at the base of the tree, reminding us that God provides us a strong foundation.

Our final Messy Church for 2020 will be held on 15 November 2020. This will be our Messy Christmas where we will learn about how “God comes to us”. We will explore what it meant for God to send Jesus to meet us on our level and different ways God’s presence is shared with us, just like the angels shared Jesus birth with the shepherds.

While 2020 has thrown up some challenges unlike any we could have imagined less than 12 months ago, it has been a blessing to be able to resume this wonderful ministry in the latter half of the year. I am so thankful to our dedicated team of volunteers and all those who continue to pray for and support Messy Church.

I pray that Messy Church will continue to touch the lives of those who come to learn, as well as those who serve in 2021 and beyond.

Jacquie Noll
Messy Church @ Immanuel Co-
ordinator



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church continues to be provided every Sunday except in the school holidays and the Sundays of Messy Church. It is attended by our younger church members and often by visiting Baptism families. There is no restriction on ages, and we welcome babies to teenagers and parents too. Our numbers fluctuate regularly but this does not hinder the enjoyment of learning about Jesus and his love for every one of us.

In Children's Church we begin by introducing ourselves and any visiting children to make them feel welcome. Our lesson is chosen from one of the bible readings for the day and then followed by an activity. This activity could be a craft or game that relates to the lesson and adds to the learning experience. We have some dedicated ladies who provide the learning each week - Gloria, Yuko, Barb S, Tanya J, Virginia, myself and helpers - Meredith, Camille, Cheryl and Heather. As well as Children's Church our ladies volunteer for Messy Church and provide learning about Jesus and connect with our Messy Church families. A big thank you for all your work.

At the beginning of the year our Church Council had a planning day. From that day one of the initiatives we wanted to try was for the children to have a celebration time in church. This means coming to the front of the church and showing what they have learned and created. The objective is for the children to grow in their connection to our congregation and for adults in our church to connect and talk to the children about what they have done. I feel this is working well and I encourage people to continue to build on those relationships.

Planning for Christmas Eve is just beginning and may look a little different this year if restrictions remain. I would love to hear from any children and their families

who wish to be involved. Musicians and singers are needed, not just for the upcoming Christmas season but in our weekly services too so please let me, Ben or Pastor Greg know.

Alison Reidy



Children's Address During the Church Service



ONE OF MY FAVOURITE HYMNS

I started secondary school in 1957, at Glossop High School in the Riverland. The wife of the new Headmaster was very much into singing. As a result she organised the whole school of some 400 students into a choir. The song which she chose for us to sing was the well-known hymn, "The Lord's my Shepherd" sung to the tune of Crimond. The First Year students, including me, had to sing the 'descant' on the second and last verses. Even today, when I come across this hymn sung to the Crimond tune, I still endeavour to sing the 'descant' on these two verses.

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

Little did I know, all of those 63 years ago, that I was going to end up on a farm, caring for our own flock of sheep, near the waters of the River Murray.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

My soul has been restored by my Lord Jesus, a number of times. Whenever I stumbled, he would put me back on my feet again.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My Lord was with me recently when I endured two major health problems. His presence was very real to me.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

This verse reminds me of the way he looks after me and provides for me.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

My faith will be rewarded with eternal life in Heaven with my Lord forevermore.

What a glorious gift to look forward to in the future!

The words of this hymn still continue to wander through my mind on a regular basis, all these years later. It will always re-assure me of God's love.....

Barb Kroehn

CHURCH ON A SOFA

Will Never Be The Same As Church In The Sanctuary

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become more convenient (who doesn't love not getting ready in the morning or leaving home?!), it is important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have a community of faith from your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers either. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We do life together.

The Church needs you. And you need the church.

Wherever you are, attend your church where you and your family can be part of a community and use your talents to advance God's kingdom and to reach out to others.

To come along side one another physically, not just through the screen. While I am grateful for technology to keep people connected who can't physically come to church or need to be away, it's absolutely not like being in the building with others. It never will be.

Yes, church on the sofa is nice.
But it'll never be the same as church in the sanctuary.

(This article was forwarded to me by one of the American Lutheran missionaries with whom Helen and I worked with in PNG earlier this year.)

Darryl Miegel



Being Part of the Church Community

**TRAVEL TALE NO. 1 – SUN
LOVERS (NOT) ANONYMOUS -****Joyces Go North to Cairns**

Winter is a little too cold during Adelaide's July/August /September, so when possible Gloria and I head to Cairns to avoid the freeze.

This year we went the quickest route with our caravan in tow, to Cobar, then north to Charleville, on to Townsville, then following the coast to Cairns. We left on Monday morning, arriving in beautiful, warm Cairns on the Friday. I kept reminding friends in Adelaide that Cairns minimum temperature was higher than Adelaide's maximum! (a regular 18/28)

We stayed four weeks at the Coconut Resort at Woree, a suburb of Cairns. Gloria spent most of her time at the pool, involved in aqua aerobics, the aim being to strengthen her body in anticipation for her upcoming hip replacement. I spent time on my bicycle, having a favourite 22km track, regaining confidence after my recent accident with a rubbish truck in Adelaide.

Our return journey was very different this year, as previous preferences were following the east coast home. Due to Covid restrictions we returned via the Northern Territory, Townsville to Mt. Isa, Mt. Isa to Tennant Creek, then south to Adelaide.

Of interest was the variation in border controls; nothing into NSW (back in July), a 7 day expiry application with associated paperwork into QLD., a 3 day expiry application and paperwork into NT. and a 14 day in advance application and paperwork back into SA. By returning via NT we did not have the 14 day isolation requirement. In spite of many "well meaning" (but annoying) friends and relatives, who said we shouldn't be going, we enjoyed our six week warm break in Cairns.

Gloria and Max Joyce

**TRAVEL TALE NO. 2 – BARB
SCHILD TRIES TRAVEL AT HOME****A Visit to Pangarinda Botanic Gardens**

Back in August while listening to the ABC radio I heard a discussion on a Botanic Gardens just over the river from Wellington. I had never heard of this place and having lived in Millicent for twelve years and on many occasions driven the road many times past the spot I was very keen to find out more.

My daughter and I went in search, first to Murray Bridge where you *must* stop for a morning tea at the bakery - oh, and purchase some German cake too. Then to Taillem Bend to view a display of many animals and birds all made from sheets of iron and old machinery parts in front of a river view painting. This is near the railway station.

Now we head down the road to Meningie for a short distance, take a right turn to the Wellington ferry, before you get to the river turn right into Pangarinda Drive and there it is on your right. Thirty hectares of Crown Land, part of the Coorong District Council. They refer to this as "Our Best Kept Secret". These gardens were initiated by a group of local residents back in 1993 who were keen to turn a weed infested, eroded sand drift into a more eco-friendly site. Volunteers together with the Council and local school children have now turned twelve hectares into a home for a mass of threatened plant species planted in their natural vegetation associations. Plants from the Murray Mallee, the Coorong, Western Australia and Kangaroo Island, which have seen the return of native birds and animals. Many of these low rainfall plants are not found in your local garden. You will find Banksia. Emu Bush, Sand-hill Banksia, Sturt's Desert Pea etc. etc.

Take a stroll, relax in the shelter, admire the view. So go visit the Pangarinda Botanic Garden. Cross the river at Wellington and you are soon driving through Langhorne Creek Vineyards so do what we did ...have lunch at a Winery. On to Strathalbyn then back through the hills to Adelaide and you will have done 225 k. Enjoy!

Barb Schild



TRAVEL TALE NO. 3 - DARWIN AND THE GHAN

A trip by Roz Richmond as told to Pam Farrant

When did you visit and with whom?

The trip was an organised tour, flying to Darwin and returning home on the Ghan. We wore masks on the flight and our previously completed border passes were collected at Darwin airport. I travelled with a friend, staying for the first few days at the Mantra on the Esplanade, in a one-bedroom apartment overlooking the sea.

What were some of the highlights of your visit to Darwin?

A visit to the Botanical Gardens on the Hop-on Hop-off bus tour, but unfortunately we were not given enough time to fully explore the garden.

A visit to Christ Church Cathedral, which was almost completed destroyed by Cyclone Tracy but which has since been rebuilt, retaining one wall of the original church.

At a quilt shop I was delighted to find fabrics printed with aboriginal designs. We discovered that the aboriginal people who design the fabrics get royalties when the fabrics are sold. I was given half a dozen 'fat quarters' to bring home and donate to 'Quilt Encounter', a week of quilting lessons, held in October at the Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg. (A 'fat quarter' refers to a specific way fabric is cut for quilting).

A highlight for me was a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor tourist complex, where two important Australian stories are told – the story of the RFDS and the bombing of Darwin in February 1942. We were able to go inside a fully medically equipped plane, a decommissioned RFDS aircraft.

On this trip I had my second visit to Litchfield National Park - this time I went swimming in one of the waterholes, as the area was deemed to be free of crocodiles. Not so last time I visited!

After dealing with temperature checks and return border passes, we boarded the Ghan for the return journey to Adelaide.

What were the Ghan highlights?

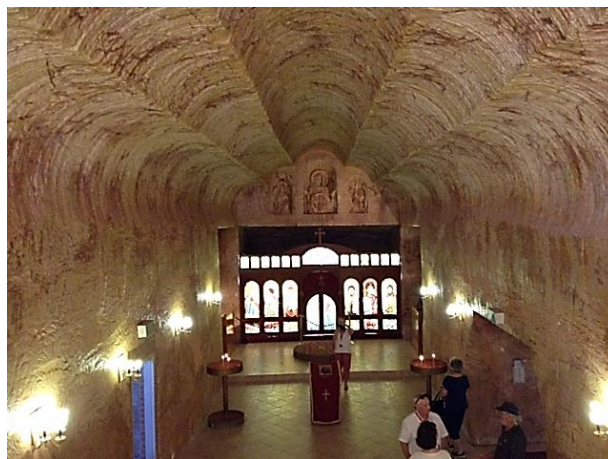
I loved the Katherine Outback experience, which won the N.T. Best Tourist Attraction and Visitor Experience Awards for 2018 and 2019. As it was a hot day we were pampered with cushions, cold water, cold flannels and icy poles. I enjoyed seeing how horses were trained, watching the working dogs and listening to live music and humorous bush stories. We even had afternoon tea to top the afternoon off.

I caught up with a girlfriend during our day in Alice Springs but the real highlight was the Outback Dinner,

where the Ghan passengers had dinner under the stars at the Old Telegraph Station.

I also enjoyed our visit to Coober Pedy. The train stopped at Manguri, an outback siding, from where a bus took us to the small town. We visited an underground church and house and also had lunch underground – wearing a helmet!

And on arriving back in Adelaide, another temperature check and collection of border passes.



Underground Church at Coober Pedy



Curtain Fig Tree



RFDS Plane in the Darwin Complex

TRAVEL TALE No. 4 – I'D DO IT A-GHAN - ERDOS AND KLEMM

Merv and Virginia, George and Elke

It all started with a full-page advert in the Sunday Mail, the "Ghan" experience - Platinum class, at a super discount price. Virginia and I cannot go overseas right now to visit our grandchildren, so we decided to splurge on the top end instead. I mentioned our Darwin holiday to George and Elke while at church just a few days before our departure. Like us they cannot go overseas to visit their daughter Christina, so they decided to join us on our top end adventure.

We flew to Darwin early on Thursday 8 October 2020, arriving at 10:00am. We were booked in the Hilton Hotel with its lovely harbor views. After checking in we visited the Tourist Information Centre and booked a sunset harbor cruise for Friday 9 October. Task completed, we boarded the Hop-on-Hop-off Bus and saw the sights of Darwin in 90 minutes. Darwin is a lovely tranquil peaceful city. We thought we could easily live there – except for the 35°C heat and crazy humidity! The first day finished with quiet time in the park, followed by dinner on the verandah of the Hotel Darwin.

Next day we enjoyed a huge breakfast in the Hilton followed by retail therapy before walking to the gorgeous Botanic Gardens. We had the afternoon off, relaxing in our rooms, while George and Elke drowned the heat away in the hotel pool. That evening we enjoyed our sunset Harbour dinner cruise, less the sunset, but sampled a short sharp tropical deluge instead, nowhere to be seen on the forecast.



Saturday we were off to the Litchfield National Park and enjoyed swimming in the water holes at the Florence Falls and Wangi Falls – incredibly beautiful and oh! so cool. Dinner that evening was on the Stokes Wharf enjoying local barramundi.

Sunday was a free day. We walked along the foreshore and learned all about the Darwin Bombing in WWII – 19 February 1942 – the first of 64 raids. The afternoon was again spent relaxing by the pool. At 4:30 pm we caught a cab to the Mindil Beach Sunset Market.

We enjoyed a Seafood Paella for dinner, fattened up on some vanilla slice and finally got to see the sunset over the bay.



Monday we were off to the Kakadu National Park. George and Elke took a scenic flight over the Park before joining us on the Yellow Water Billabong boat cruise. We then toured Burrungkuy, a site of historic aboriginal significance (art) before retiring to the Crocodile Hotel which is shaped to look like a crocodile. The following day we toured the East, West, and South Alligator rivers. Lots of crocs, bird life, Aboriginal Art, and great scenery.



Wednesday 10:30am, was all aboard the Ghan. The sleeper cabins and meals were unbelievable.

First stop Katherine. George and Elke toured the Katherine Gorges, while Merv and Virginia went on the 'Outback Experience'.

We travelled overnight arriving in Alice Springs on Thursday. Merv and Virginia enjoyed a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the Reptile Park, the Women's Museum of Australia, and the School of the Air. George and Elke visited the Alice Springs Desert Park. We joined for lunch at the Alice Springs Brewery, but the highlight of the day was dinner under the

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Travel Tale No. 4 – Ghan Trip – continued

Southern Cross at the original Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Bollinger flowed freely, the food was great, and the band played as we danced the night away before re-joining the train.

On Friday we stopped at the Manguri siding for our visit to Coober Pedy. We visited the underground Serbian Church (lovely), Umoona Opal Mine and lunched at Quest Opal Mine before heading north for our final tour to the Dingo Fence and the Breakaways – a beautiful sand coloured range.

That night we dined for six, we had met John and Jenny Morris who are lifelong friends of Janelle Rudolph – how big is the ILC Circle!



The trip was great, and the Ghan experience is a credit to Great Southern Rail. They have raised the bar to a level that would be the envy of many of the great rail journeys.



It was a wonderful holiday we would recommend to all. However, we would suggest you go between April and September to view the wet season beauty, while avoiding the hot-wet build-up.

Merv Klemm - for the four!

TRAVEL TALE NO. 5 – BARB AND TIM GO TO KANGAROO ISLAND

Tim and I recently enjoyed a Kangaroo Island holiday, crossing on the ferry from Cape Jervis to Penneshaw. Shortly after arriving we went to 'Rob's Shearing Shed' where we saw the dogs round up the sheep, shearing, wool classing and spinning of the wool. We drove on to our accommodation in Kingscote.

We spent half a day at the Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park which is well laid out and accessible to the animals, walking amongst and feeding kangaroos and koalas. Tim did hold a boa constrictor snake.



We did the Board Walk at Seal Bay. Our two hour Quad Bike ride was great fun, so much fun we did a two hour Buggy ride through scrub where the koalas and kangaroos live to the cliff tops overlooking the ocean, then driving over and through the large sand dunes. This was a highlight.



We took a drive to the North Coast and saw areas affected by the bush fires, with some regrowth happening. We were privileged to witness the Kangaroo Island schools annual festival of classes singing, chalk drawings all over the road, food stalls, clowns and lots of festive fun.

We recommend this holiday destination to support our Kangaroo Island friends especially now when we can't travel far.

Barb Schild

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...?

We continue our popular series revealing the less well known aspects of our members' lives: Did you know that....

Glenda Schomburgk is.....living the dream!

Twenty-five years ago, I had the desire to learn to play golf — why, you may ask? Answer, because my husband was an avid golfer and appeared to enjoy it, maybe I could too!

I took the lessons, met a great group of ladies and started to 'play' at the Patawalonga Golf Course with them. Four weeks in they wanted to change the start time to 0700 hours. This didn't suit our household needs with children getting to school and shift work therefore I sadly gave it away. My dream died before it even started. Promise to self...I'll take it up when I retire!

I have now been retired for two years and again circumstances stopped me from rekindling this dream. Patience is a wonderful thing and eventually dreams can be realised. I have now attended my initial lessons and am about to attend Give Golf a Go at the Vines of Reynella Golf Course, where learners are nurtured and introduced to the course and the rules by other lady members. In the meantime I am practising daily and am attending the practise range at the club on a weekly basis and having the occasional hit with my husband.

As every golfer will relate to, I am feeling an addiction coming on...I'm loving the gentle walk in the fresh air, being close to nature and appreciating life and all of God's wonderful creations.

The Vines is a beautiful golf course that hosts kangaroos, koalas, echidnas, beautiful and varied bird life, the occasional fox (usually at night)...and if you are unlucky you may also sight the resident brown snake on the 16th!

This time I will not let my dream slip away....I am a novice but...I will become a member of a golf club, I will work toward getting myself a handicap and I will practise to continually improve my skills to feel confident to play with ladies of greater golfing abilities than me....and of course challenge my husband!

Life is a blessing and it is really good living here in SA where we still have many freedoms and can chase our dreams.

Glenda Schomburgk



COOKS' CORNER

Coconut Peanut Chicken



¼ cup salsa
¼ cup crunchy peanut butter
¼ cup coconut milk
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon white sugar
2 teaspoons fresh ginger grated
1 kg skinless chicken thighs
½ cup peanuts chopped (topping)
2 tablespoons coriander chopped (topping)

Combine in slow cooker - mix well
Add chicken and coat
Cook on low 8-9 hours
Garnish with toppings

Anne Jantzen



“SHOW AND TELL” ...

Living on a farm with sheep, bottle feeding pet lambs, and a mother with the patience of Job teaching me how to knit and crochet, I became “hooked” on the yarn craft. My dolls had a collection of lopsided knitwear, and the tomcat had a lopsided yellow dress!

While at work, the needles and hooks were at rest, then when I retired, they made a comeback. Knitting toys and crocheting rugs were the most fun. There were rugs, dolls, koalas and kangas, frogs and dogs, birds and possums. Also footie paraphernalia and footie Teddies (some with only one eye) in their chosen jumpers. Most of this stuff went to charity groups.



There was a call for baby jumpers for the African kids in the bright colours. Baptism Bears and beanies travelled to the Alice Springs communities.

With friends cleaning out *their* cupboards, and me trawling thru op shops, I now have plenty of patterns and wool in *my* cupboard.

Because of a rare eye disease, my needles have, like me, slowed down. Now, it is “creating” squares for granny rugs and mission box teddies and beanies. With the help of my other half saying that’s green not blue, also Barb S. for stitching and stuffing and saving the odd dropped stitch, my needles and I are happy.

Joan Lowery



Did you know that

Today the whole world is of the same age! Today is a very special day and there’s only one chance every Millennium (1,000) years.

Each person’s age + their year of birth = 2020.

It is so strange that even experts cannot explain it! You figure it out and see if it is 2020. It’s a thousand-year wait! Example:

Say your age is 47 years old and you were born in 1973 adding 47 + 1973 = 2020

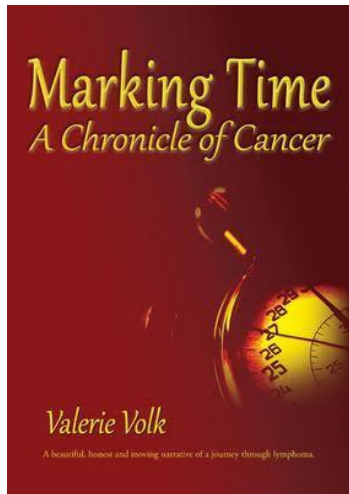
Use the age you are going to be during this year.



“FREE HAMMOCKS, all over town. It’s like a miracle!”

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Marking Time – by Valerie Volk



I consider myself neither an academic nor a scholar, so when Valerie asked me to review her book, *Marking Time*, I felt less than qualified, to say the least. It was a privilege to have been asked, though, so I agreed.

Upon reading the book from cover to cover I realised that, while this is no ordinary book, it will speak to, counsel,

console, and heal ordinary people – ordinary people who have found themselves in an unexpected and unwanted battle against cancer – ordinary people like me.

Marking Time is a collection of 46 poems that encapsulate Valerie's journey with her loved one, David, through the early symptoms, diagnosis, chemotherapy, and eventual blessed remission of lymphoma. As this was not Valerie's first experience of such a battle, the extremities of her love, her fear and her faith are exposed through the words of these exquisite and profound poems – yet not in a depressive way, but in an honest, raw and reassuring way.

As one who has battled cancer with three of my loved ones, I found immense depth, meaning, and validation in Valerie's poems. God has blessed her with a gift in capturing and defining the unseen and the (usually) unsaid.

If you read this book as one who has battled cancer – personally or with a loved one – you will find that much of what Valerie says is between the lines. You will read many of these poems once and simply think, "Yes, I remember that too". But some of these poems will stop you in your tracks. You will read them again (and again?) and say, "Yes! That's exactly what I felt/thought/feared/wanted!" – yet you've never before been able to put it into words.

Even if you've never battled the big "C", I encourage you to read this book. At the very, very least, you will find a new and unprecedented appreciation for the life and the love that you just might be taking for granted.

May God bless you and speak to you as you read *Marking Time*.

Pastor Greg Page

GIDEON EXPERIENCES DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Needless to say, Gideon members in Australia, and indeed in the other 199 countries where the ministry is active, have experienced restrictions to our usual activities.

A primary requisite prior to embarking on any Gideon activity is prayer. Certainly, private and personal prayer has not been interrupted. The Holy Spirit maintains a 'hotline' to our Heavenly Father at all times. However, it is Gideon practice to endeavour to pray as a group of members, at least once per week, either in members' homes or in another suitable venue. To maintain this practice, we have been able to use Zoom on the internet, a real gift from the Lord.

For about six months we have not been able to meet for a monthly Dinner Meeting in a hotel, an established Gideon practice. However, we were able to recommence in August, back in our usual dinner meeting venue, the Holdfast Hotel, albeit with some social distancing.

The annual special dinner, a '*Bibles to The World Dinner*' was this year held at the Marion Bowling Clubrooms on 26 October, with 79 members and friends attending. Our special guest speaker this time was local Gideon, Raymond Christinat, who has had a vast experience with Gideon Ministry overseas, leading and participating in International Scripture Blitzes and in ministry promotion. The special offering at this dinner was \$ 7,056, which is included with the Australian contribution for the purchase of scriptures for overseas distributions, where the local members are unable to raise sufficient funds to enable their scripture distributions.

The Adelaide West Camp, which covers the western semi-circle of metropolitan Adelaide, has 32 members, who include from ILC Merv and Virginia Klemm, Brian and Barb Kroehn and Dr. Joseph Masika. Just prior to the imposition of COVID 19 restrictions, our Camp gained five new members, for which we praise the Lord.

A popular activity amongst members are the Annual Conventions: State, National and International. This year our State Convention to be held at Berri was cancelled, as was the National Convention to be held on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. For the National event, speakers and elections were conducted on the internet, as also were the elections for the State administration.

All sessions of the International Convention, to have been conducted in the United States, were transmitted worldwide, live streamed and/or videoed, but no face to face attendance.

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Gideon Experiences During Covid-19 Restrictions - continued

As the primary objective of the Gideons International ministry is to seek to win the lost for Christ, through either personal witnessing or the very wide placement and distribution of God's Word, the COVID-19 restrictions did not prevent people from seeking to know the Lord Jesus and how He relates to their lives. We have experienced a strong demand for New Testaments and Bibles from patients in hospitals and Aged Care Homes, some no doubt suffering the effects of the virus.

The Senior Chaplain at Royal Adelaide Hospital has been most grateful for the Large Print New Testaments we are able to supply.

The February 2020 edition of the national magazine, *The Australian Gideon*, included the following letter in Adelaide news:

Thank you for bringing some boxes of New Testaments for the Royal Adelaide Hospital on behalf of the Gideons. I took one the other day to a man who had been pronounced clinically dead then revived and after major surgery feels that he has been given once again the gift of life. He was overjoyed to receive the New Testament and to pray with me.

We have been leaving copies in the chapel overnight and at weekends and find that people are not only taking these but writing prayer requests in our intercession book as well. This means we are running low on New Testaments again. Would you be able to supply some to us at a time that suits you?

In Christ, Nicholas (Chaplain)

We have a locked in date to visit St. Michaels College on 25 November to present 'pocket size' New Testaments to 270 year 7 students. We will be pleased when all of the accommodation venues are fully open for business, so that we can again assess their requirements for bedside Bibles.

Brian Kroehn

Setting Up a New Password

> Enter a new password

~ 'chicken'

> Password must contain a capital

~ 'chickenkief'

ALWS REGULAR UPDATE

Support is needed in many countries. One of these countries where workers deliver help from ALWS is South Sudan.

Heavy rains have caused the Nile to flood, putting 150,000 people in Jonglei State at risk.

Lokiru Yohana, Regional LWF Coordinator for East Africa, explained:

"Farms and crops are damaged. Settlements are under water. Roads, schools, latrines are all submerged. Many domestic animals have died. The extremely poor sanitation conditions are exposing people to water-borne disease at a time when they are also battling COVID-19. The floods also destroy crops, setting up the risk of a food crisis next year."



The LWF/ALWS team keeps working to get help through and aiming to provide:

- sand bags
- plastic sheets
- blankets
- fishing sets
- food for young people, working as volunteers to repair dykes

The workers supported through ALWS live in the communities they serve. They quickly see what is needed most – and can make sure it gets there.

AND – it is that time of the year.....

The Gifts of Grace catalogue is out. Gifts range between \$25 and under, \$25-\$50, \$50-\$100, \$100-\$500, \$500 and over.

View the gifts on

www.alws.org.au/what-you-can-do/gifts-of-grace/



Donations can be made by phone: 1300 763 407 or on the ALWS web site: <https://www.alws.org.au/>

Remember – donations to Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) of over \$2 are tax deductible.

Shirley Golding

BUSHFIRE SUPPORT – **WOODSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Paul writes in Acts 20:35...

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said:

‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Early this year we read a request in the Trinity Pasadena church bulletin, asking for non-perishable hampers of food for delivery to people in the Adelaide hills, many of whom had been affected by the bushfires.



And so we organised a shopping excursion to the supermarket with our young grandchildren. Pushing a shopping trolley and a certain amount of money to spend, each soon learnt that ice cream was not a suitable non-perishable item and that if you look for half-price specials you can buy twice the amount of stuff!

Upon delivering these hampers, we met a group of amazing people from the Woodside Church (Onkaparinga Lutheran Parish) some of whom are pictured below.



A lot of them have spent many, many hours helping to organise support for those affected by the Cudlee Creek bushfires in the Adelaide Hills last summer.

Many local people have suffered through loss of property, homes, livestock, machinery and even wildlife in their well-managed habitat.



They have organised volunteers who continue to help by distributing frozen meals, soup, slices, biscuits, hampers and vouchers.



By sharing God's love in this way, they want these people to remember that they have not been forgotten, especially now that Covid-19 is foremost in many people's minds and lives.

Some of the money that even you may have donated through the LCA was given directly to the Woodside church for the purchase of vouchers which are gifted to people in need to be used at local businesses such as the hardware store, butcher, service station or supermarket, thus also helping these businesses to survive.

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Bushfire Support - continued

Many people from the Woodside church, the local community and beyond became involved in this wonderful Bushfire Support project. As time went on, local restaurants including a coffee shop in Trinity Gardens also began packing frozen meals.



OzHarvest (see above) now make regular generous deliveries to the church which volunteers collect to make tasty soups, casseroles, curries, quiches, etc. They are then frozen and ready for later delivery, together with other baked goods, hampers and fruit.



The State Government recently donated \$10,000 to the project to be divided between local restaurants for providing more frozen meals.

Altogether over 10,000 meals, baked goods and hampers have been distributed, starting with 750-800 homes and currently still supplying around 220 homes, with people who are still in need.

The recipients are always so grateful and thankful to the church and community for the ongoing support. Sometimes deliveries can be confronting and emotional as you listen to a homeowner talk and share their

experiences. But sometimes a listening ear is just what they need.



In 2 Corinthians Paul encourages us as Christians to 'be the fragrance of God' ...suggesting it is our responsibility to make a difference in our neighbourhood, communities and the world.

And so this great project started by dedicated members of the Woodside congregation is doing just that. Please pray for God's continued blessing on these people and for all those who are so blessed by the work they do.

A special "thankyou" to those members from Immanuel for their gifts of fabric to a lovely lady who lost her house (the one pictured above), her craft room, machines, and all fabrics etc.

For any further information please contact:

Kelly 0521 399 205
Or
Kathy 0410 410 886

Kathy Thompson



Time for a break while clearing out the ILC room for the laying of the new carpets

CHAPEL CHAT

- **Gloria Joyce** - now some weeks after her hip replacement operation at Calvary, all is going well and she's moving around more freely. Max says he's ready to relinquish the role of carer whenever possible ...
- New members: a warm welcome to the **Welke** clan, and to **Georgia Heynemann**. It's lovely to have you with us. Georgia's marriage to David Nickolai will take place in the College Chapel on 23 January.
- **Miegel** news: Tiffany has taken up a new job and now finds herself flying in and out of a uranium mine - sounds very interesting.
- **Ronda Ross** also has grandchildren involved in our big projects: grandson Nathan is an electrician and grand-daughter Lauren is driving a truck at Olympic Dam.
- Travel these days is very limited – but **Nann and Trevor Hartmann** took their van to Streaky Bay, where, says Nann, they sat in the car in cold, wet, windy weather.
- The **Schomburghs** had the same experience, with their caravan in Port Lincoln, but there too the weather was against them.
- **Jennifer Hand's** news is good. After a long stretch of illness and pain, and some stays in hospital, she's now back home and hoping that the latest treatment will have fixed her leg problems.
- Another one rejoicing is **Barbara Kroehn**, who has now taken her last Prednisolone (did I get the spelling right, Barb?) and that's a great relief to her as she's been on it since last October. While there's no improvement in her eyesight, she's glad that she can still read.
- **Mary Rogan's** fall was compensated for by quite a find! On a trip out to lunch with Barb Schild, Mary handed over to Barb a big bundle of old greeting cards for use in craft work. Going through and dismantling them, Barb found one treasure: a birthday card from Peter, Mary's late husband, and with it a cheque for \$1,000 to buy herself a new oven. A pity that in the intervening years the cheque had passed its expiry date ... Must ask Mary, did she, way back, get that new oven anyway?
- **Gideons events**: the big annual Gideons dinner, titled 'Bibles for the World' was held at Marion Bowling Club on 26 October, with guest speaker Raymond Christinat, Regional Field Officer for Angola and Uganda, with a number of ILC members attending.
- We miss seeing **Rod Pfeiffer** at church on Sunday mornings, and send greetings to him in Bucklands Nursing Home, where being on oxygen has made breathing easier for him.
- **Camille Rasiah** reports: "I am working full time at St Peters Woodlands Grammar school with the two-year olds at the Early Learning Centre. I have also received an offer from UniSA to pursue my career in teaching. I am truly grateful for God's unending Grace and Mercy." We all wish you many blessings in your work there, Camille. It's great news.
- Among those exploring Australia while we're prevented from overseas travel is **Roz Richmond**, who enjoyed her trip on the Ghan railway; see her interview in *Chatline*.
- And others on a Ghan trip were **Merv and Virginia Klemm**, who were joined by **Elke and George Erdos**. All came back delighted with their experiences - read more in the Travel Tales.
- Interesting to see our former minister, **Nigel Rosenzweig**, has just accepted a call to Victor Harbour. It's always good to get news of our former pastors and have the chance to wish them all blessings on their new parishes.
- While members of the **Young at Heart** Small Group have really missed our Sunday nights gatherings during COVID restrictions, we plan one get-together before the end of the year: a lunch at the Glenelg Bay Surf Life Saving Club in December, as a chance to wish each other a happy Christmas and make plans for next year.
- A 'celebrate birthdays' gathering was held in the ILC room in October to give greetings to all those who had September birthdays.
- The annual October 'houseboat on the Murray' trip for the regular clan, the **Jantzen/Staehr/Volk/Harris** group (+ two friends) took us up-river for five days, with exceptionally good weather and much laughter.
- Check out our new *Chatline* feature: a **Buy/Sell/Swap/Giveaway** feature column. Anything you'd like to include in the next *Chatline*? Just email Valerie with details. (Children and husbands are not accepted.)
- Welcome back recently to Kathy Joppich, who has had an extended period of treatment and is now looking and feeling so much better.



Kathy with her Mother

- Special thanks to **Darryl M and Max J**, who have just re-stained the altar area pedestals and the flagpole stands. They intend to move on to the lectern next.

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CHAPEL CHAT - CONTINUED

- Big birthdays were celebrated with the traditional 'Max on the Bell' congratulations over several Sundays recently (**Mary Rogan's 90th** – see details in previous *Chatline*) and **Chris Keller's 70th**.



Chris Keller

- A surprise extra for **Chris's** birthday celebrations was a trip with her sisters for lunch at the Gungellan pub on 17 October, followed by afternoon tea at Maggie Beer's Farmhouse Restaurant. Worth turning 70, wasn't it, Chris!



Maggie Beer's Farmhouse Restaurant

- And it's back to the Barossa again for another week for the **Kellers**.
- Great to see a new face in the Musicians' area, with **Josh**, an Immanuel College student, as pianist and **Ilya** who has been learning the ropes (that should be the stops, I guess) assisting **Tony** on the organ. Always good to have Tony with us.
- ILC members offer their condolences and sincere sympathy to all those in the congregation who have suffered losses in recent months. Our prayers are with **Pastor Greg** and all his family on the death of his father, Bob; some of our members were able to travel north for the funeral service on 18 September at Strait Gate Lutheran Church at Light's Pass, and also to the interment at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Truro.
- Amazing photos from **Emilie Staehr** and **Aaron Neaves**, who are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their twins, who are progressing well. Emilie says she is hoping to get them past 34 weeks and they're getting to know them well already. All good wishes to you all.



- Valerie Volk** was happy to be featured in *The Advertiser* as the subject of the Saturday Magazine's First Person interview columns on page 2 on Saturday, 31 October.



- Good to see that **Pastor Greg** and **Meredith Page** had a respite holiday with a week away at Coffin Bay and a chance to put aside some of the pressures of recent events in their lives.

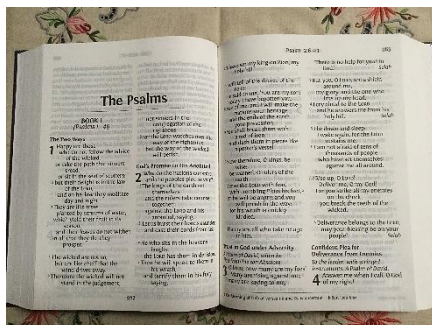
BUY/SELL/GIVE AWAY - OR ITEMS WANTED TO BUY

A new *Chatline* feature. Many of us have unwanted items at home; this is a way to move them to new owners. The money from the sale is yours, or you may choose to donate a percentage or all of it to the Samaritan's Purse appeal to cover transport costs of the Christmas boxes.

Looking for something? Advertise in this column.

Email Valerie at vivolk@bigpond.net.au if you have items you would like listed in the next *Chatline*.

Also please include a telephone number for people to contact you directly about your items. A photo is desirable, but not a prerequisite.



Pam Farrant has an almost new big Bible that belonged to her late mother, for sale \$15 RSV Large Print - would suit anyone in need of eyesight assistance.

Call Pam 0414 629 537



OZITO 800w 8" Mitre Saw (also called a Drop Saw) on a bench. With operating instruction books. \$50 If interested see Barb Schild 0412 754 292



Small metal esky in good condition \$5 Wendy Dawes 0410 643 223



Wooden bookcase 1800mm height \$10 Wendy Dawes 0410 643 223



Coffee table 1300 mm length \$10 Wendy Dawes 0410 643 223



Unopened pack of 10 Verbatim brand CD-R (recordable) for storage of digital images, music, presentations etc. \$5 Valerie Volk 0400 705 070

GIVE AWAY - 5 Shed storage cupboards in various sizes. If interested see Barb Schild. 0412 754 292

Craft goods - stuffed toys, etc – for Christmas presents – made by ILC ladies. Contact Barb Schild. 0412 754 292

Tim and Barb on a buggy ride in Kangaroo Island



KIDS CONNECT

Mary gave birth to a son, wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger.
Colour in the picture of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus



Joshua Rasiah had his Year 7 Formal at St Peters Woodlands Grammar School on the 16 October.

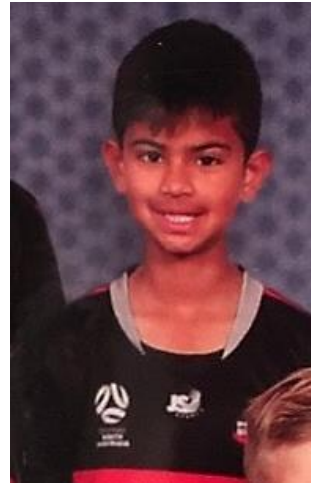
The children started the night with a choreographed dance to the song Que Sera by Justice Crew.

This was followed by a sit-down dinner and more dancing (this time without the parents watching).

Joshua



Jaron



Jaron Rasiah finished this soccer season with more love for the game than he had before. He has convinced mum Camille to let him play again next year.

Victoria Neaves turned two in September. A small family get together, with a Paddington birthday cake, celebrated the occasion and she is thrilled with her new scooter.



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More Photos



Victoria Neave's first
Kinderballet lesson on 17
October



Tim and Barb at the Kangaroo Island
Wildlife Park



A contrast between bushfire areas
and the Joyces camping spot in
Cairns



Barb in the bushfire area on
Kangaroo Island

**The Chatline Committee wishes all members of ILC a
Happy and Blessed Christmas and a healthy (NO COVID)
2021.**