

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5

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World Literacy Day

September 8th is World Literacy Day. It aims to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals and communities with many countries joining in its celebration. This year the theme is about literacy in a digital world. How apt that some of you are receiving this publication via email!

The United Nations aims to improve universal access to quality education and learning opportunities throughout people's lives. Their goal is that all young people will achieve literacy and numeracy and that adults who lack these skills are given the opportunity to acquire them.

Many schools celebrate "Book Week" in the lead up to World Literacy Day. It is a chance for children to dress-up as a character from their favourite book. What a great way to encourage children to read more!

Some ideas to celebrate the day:

- Read a book to a young child to instill in them a love of books
- Ask an older child to write you a story
- Hand write someone a note or love letter
- Help someone who can't read as well as you understand a form, a newspaper article or an instruction manual
- Swap your favourite book with a friend so that you can both enjoy a new story

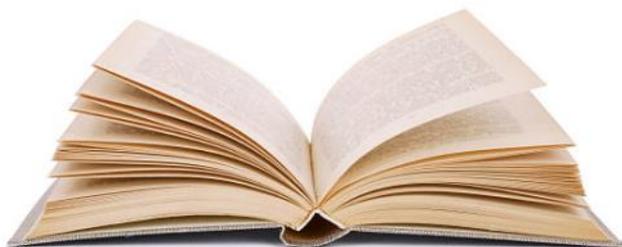
From the editor...

I have always loved reading and have spent many hours poring over the pages of a great novel. I have also spent time in other countries and remember being unable to read menus, street signs etc and the uncertainty that comes with this. Being literate (in English!) is an amazing blessing for me and I can't imagine the difficulties that arise for others who are not so fortunate.

World Literacy Day inspired the theme of this month's @Glynde: *Communication—the heart of relationships*. While reading and writing are only one form of communication, I think it is one of the most important. It allows people to investigate, research, work and communicate. Also, don't you feel so special when someone takes the time to write you a handwritten note, or when you read messages in old birthday cards. The written word can be very powerful.

I hope you enjoy using your literacy to take in all this edition of the @Glynde has to offer! We also wish a very Happy Father's Day to all the men in our lives.

Fleur Kupke



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From Pastor Wayne...



Hi one and all! Greetings as we head towards Spring in this year 2017. It's great to be back among you after six weeks of Rest and Recreation 😊

The theme of this @Glynde for the month of September, is "Communication – the heart of relationships". Communication in relationships is vitally important. God certainly thinks so. In His relationship to us, he has tried to communicate with us human beings in all sorts of ways. I love the way that the writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us of this, when he says at the very beginning of his letter:

In the past, God spoke to our ancestors many times and in many ways through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us through His Son.... (Heb. 1:1-3).

There is a lovely story by Henry Carter that reminds us of all this. Henry Carter is a minister, a pastor, and he relates what happened to him one Christmas as he was trying to work out what to write for his Christmas sermon. I'll let Henry Carter put it in his own words. He writes:

I was working feverishly on my Christmas sermon – the hardest time in any minister's year to find

something fresh to say – when the floor mother appeared at my study door. Another crisis upstairs.

Christmas Eve is a difficult day for the emotionally disturbed children in our church home. Three-quarters of them go home at least overnight, and the ones who remain react to the empty beds and the changed routine. I followed her up the stairs, chafing inwardly at the repeated interruptions. This time it was Tommy. He had crawled under a bed and refused to come out. The woman pointed to one of the six cots in the small dormitory.

Not a hair or a toe showed beneath, so I addressed myself to the cowboys and the bucking broncos on the bedspread. I talked about the brightly lit Christmas tree in our church next door, and the packages underneath it, and all the other good things waiting for him out beyond the bed. No answer.

Still fretting at the time this was costing me, I dropped onto my hands and my knees and lifted the bedspread. Two enormous eyes met mine. Tommy was eight, but he looked only like a five year old. It

would have been no effort at all simply to pull him out.

But it wasn't pulling out that Tommy needed – it was trust, and a sense of deciding things on his own initiative. So, crouched there on all fours, I launched into describing the menu of the special Christmas Eve supper to be offered after church that night. I told him, too, about the Christmas stocking there, provided by the women's society, with his name on it. Silence. There was no indication that he had either heard me, or that he cared about Christmas.

At last, because I could think of no other way to make contact, I got down on my stomach and wriggled in beside him. For what seemed a long time, I lay there with my cheek pressed against the floor. At first I talked to him about the big Christmas wreath above the altar, and the candles in the window. Then I reminded him of the carol that he and the other children were going to sing. And then I ran out of things to say and simply waited there beside him. And as I waited, a small, chilled hand crept into mine.

“You know, Tommy”, I said after a bit, “it's kind of close quarters under here. Let's you and me go out where we can stand up”. And so we did, but slowly, in no hurry.

All the pressures had gone from my day, because, you see, I had my Christmas sermon. Flattened there on the floor, I realised that I had been given a new glimpse of the mystery of the season.

Hadn't God called us, too, as I'd called Tommy, from far above us? With His stars and His mountains, His whole majestic creation, hadn't He pleaded with us to love Him? And when we would not listen, hadn't He come closer to us? Through His prophets and His

lawgivers and His special people, hadn't He got down and spoken His message to us?

But it wasn't until that first Christmas, that God stooped right down to our level, and that He came to live among us in our loneliness and our alienation. And it was only then, that we, like Tommy, dared to stretch out our hand to take hold of His loving hand.

God loves and values each one of us so much that he was prepared to go to virtually any lengths to communicate His love for us: even to come down to our level, and live among us in order to show us and to tell us how much he loves each one of us.

May God bless us in all our relationships. May He bless us as we thrive in our relationship with Him, and as we communicate our love and gratitude to Him for His love and His rescue of us through Jesus and His ongoing care. And may He bless us as we love and care for one another, and others, *and as we communicate this love to them in all sorts of ways.*

Pastor Wayne ☺





From the Chairperson ...

*Communication—the heart
of relationships...*

Jesus was a great communicator. He saw people clearly and loved them. Even those who were marginalised, in deep sorrow, suffering or shunned by others. He saw individuals in a crowd. He communicated with them and changed their hearts. The challenge that we have as a church community, is to communicate in the same way - to allow our hearts to be open and changed by Jesus' love, and in turn to pass Jesus' love onto others.

As Pastor David Christian has led us through the book of Peter during Pastor Wayne's absence, communication has been a common theme, especially how we communicate with each other and how we communicate the gospel. We thank him for his time, his preaching and for caring for those of us that have needed special pastoral attention.

The running of our community is facilitated by communication at the Board for Ministry and Executive. Highlights from our most recent meetings include:

- our congregation is planning to submit an application to the LCA Cross Cultural Mission Grant to assist with the costs of our Cross Cultural ministry and particularly the salary of our Cross Cultural Outreach Coordinator. Meetings have been held with Dr Steen Olsen (Acting Bishop LCA SA/NT District) and Dr Tania Nelson (National Local Mission Director) to explore the possibilities. For the last three years, we have been blessed to have been able to use \$25,000 from the Mission Stimulus Fund to support this ministry. And how effective this has been, with our mid-week and Saturday outreach activities providing wonderful connections with families from many cultures. In the last 12 months we have had over 136 new families come to our church for mid-week events from at least 12 different cultural backgrounds! God is greatly blessing this ministry and we need to find a way to increase our budget for 2018 to enable this vital work to continue - this means finding at least an additional \$8,000 per year . Please pray that the LCA will support
- new signage has been put up at the front and rear entrance, a working bee was held and new carpet has been laid in the church! There are still some finishing



Join us on...

Thursday September 21st 6.30pm

At

Brunelli

**For a meal, a drink, dessert and
lots of laughter and friendship!**

This is a night to get to know others who come throughout the week !

Please let Barbara know if you can come!



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From Parenting to English

Our Parenting Course finished a few weeks ago and we have been sharing with people at Mainly Music and Playgroup about it... and suddenly we discovered, not only do people want to join our Parenting course, but, people asked if we could to do a weekday English class as well.

So, decision made, we are now having a busy Friday morning Hub at Glynde!

So, as this goes to print, we will have met for the first time with our

Alpha Parenting Course being run at 9.30am

English class will also be run at 9.30am

And, KYB will continue at 9.30am

Then, **at 10.30am**, we will all meet together for Coffee and Chat, with the KYB ladies joining us later!

What a busy morning it will be! What can you do?



Come, and join us for Coffee at 10.30am, or join in the English class or Parenting Course, it isn't too late. Or, you could be a helper in the Creche – we would really appreciate your help!

Thank you to the mums who attended our first course and who also held a farewell lunch Thursday for Ria who is heading home to India for a month.

Thank you for your openness and

sharing hearts. Thank you to Colleen and Lois for immediately saying “yes” to run the weekday English class and the crèche. Thank you to our team of baristas and our helpers who faithfully come each week.

It wasn't quite my plan to have both courses running so quickly, but obviously, God had other plans. Please pray for this ministry and how you can help.

Thank you God, Your blessings are amazing!

Barbara Matiske
Cross Cultural Coordinator



Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12noon Community Lunch 12:30 Korean Worship	4 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	5 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters
10 9am Worship 10.30 Worship 12.30 Korean Worship	11 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	12 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters 7.30 Exec Meeting
17 9am Worship HC 10.30 Church 4 Kids 12:30 Korean Worship	18 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	19 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters
24 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12.30 Korean Worship	25 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	26 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters

What's on in September?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9.30 KYB 9.30 Parenting 9.30 English Class 10.30 Coffee and Chat	2 10am Girls' Coffee morning 10am English Class
6 9.30 Playgroup 7.30 BFM meeting	7 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	8 9.30 KYB 9.30 Parenting 9.30 English Class 10.30 Coffee and Chat	9 8.30 Working Bee 10am English Class
13 9.30 Women's Fellowship 9:30 Playgroup	14 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	15 9.30 KYB 9.30 Parenting 9.30 English Class 10.30 Coffee and Chat	16 8am Blokes' Breaky 10am English Class
20 9.30 Playgroup Magnolias' Outing	21 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	22 9.30 KYB 9.30 Parenting 9.30 English Class 10.30 Coffee and Chat	23 10am English Class 10am-2pm Markets
27 9.30 Playgroup	28 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	29 9.30 KYB 9.30 Parenting 9.30 English Class 10.30 Coffee and Chat	30



Magnolias

What do we know about Magnolias?

Well, they are renowned for their beautiful, fragrant flowers that are often borne on bare branches. They are resilient but also need to be cared for in order for them to produce their best. They reach their full beauty at maturity.

We have a Magnolias group at Glynde. Who are they? Well, they are Mature Aged Glynde-ites (Mag) with 'nolias' added to complete a beautiful group - Magnolias. Yes this group is also renowned for the beauty of spirit they share in fellowship with each other. It is a group who communicates with each other, cares for each other, helping them live life to the full as they too reach a rare beauty in maturity.

Throughout the year, this group meets monthly to go on interesting excursions or just enjoy lunch and fellowship together. This year they have already enjoyed lunch together at various locations and have had an extremely interesting visit to the Koala hospital. Visits planned take into account those with limited mobility. The sounds of laughter shared, and the 'serious' conversations, are infectious and most conducive to building great relationships.

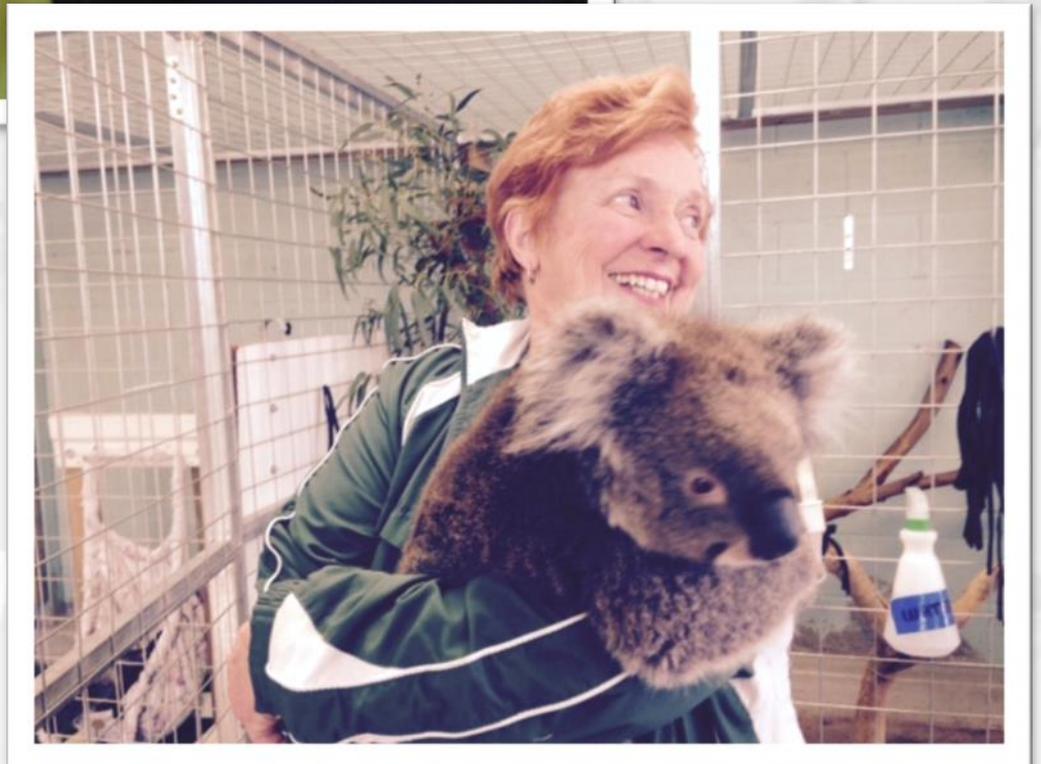
Val Matters and Clarice Seeliger co-ordinate all of these visits. They would love to tell you more about these very special times of communication and fellowship.

Visits planned until the end of the year are:

Wednesday 20th September: Food Secrets at Glynde.

Monday 16th October: A visit to Lutheran Community Care, followed by lunch at the Glynde Hotel

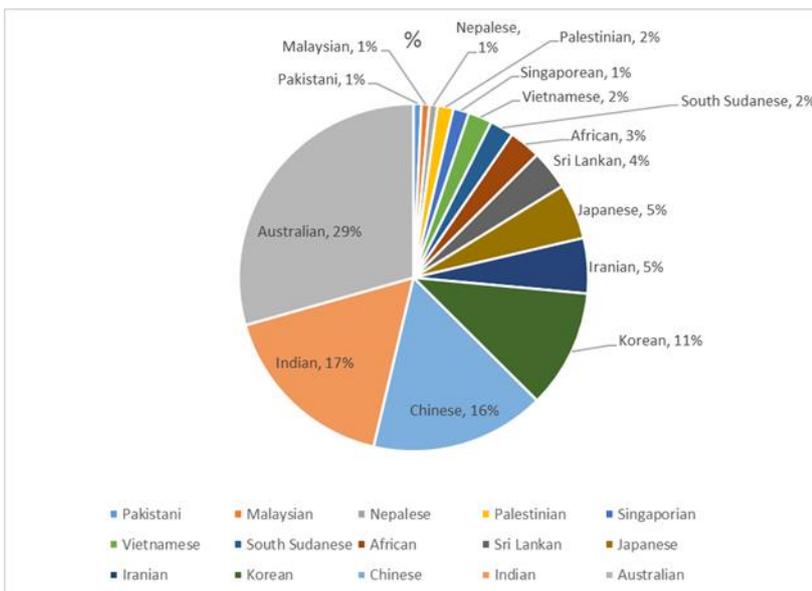
Friday 24th November: Christmas breakup at the Buckingham Arms.





From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...

A couple of weeks ago I completed some statistics for a church grant application. Did you know that over the past year 136 families have joined us at either Playgroup, Mainly Music, Coffee and Chat, Parenting and English classes?



Area	%
African	5.15%
Asian	58.82%
Australian	29.41%
Middle Eastern	6.62%

Did you know that of that number 40 families were Australian born, and 96 families were from another country and culture?

As you can see from the chart above we are blessed to have people join us from so many different cultures. Nearly 60% are from 10 different Asian countries, with each country having their own cultures and traditions. Recently we have had an increase in families coming from Iran. The area we live in has changed and continues to change.

We are blessed to be able to open our doors and be a community centre for the Glynde community and it is wonderful that we can offer programs that

engage with the community and offer fun activities and help. To all of you who help with these activities I thank God for your help. Without it, it just wouldn't happen!

It is always interesting to come along to one of our mornings and chat with people. I have been blessed to be able to do that over the past year and gosh, I have learnt so much! Every culture is different, as is every person. Why is it that for some mums once you have your baby you stay home for 2 months? Why is it that for some you must never visit and step into someone's home without food or a gift?

Why is it that often when we talk in a group you can see the smiles on people's faces but you know they don't understand, yet they say they do?

How hard must it be to leave behind everything you know and do, and come to a place where everything is different, and to top it all off, you thought you could speak the language, but when you arrive you realise it is so much harder to communicate.

No wonder, you smile as you try to understand every third word!

And all you want to do is to fit in!

This can be so scary, and also scary for us as we struggle to understand. I have learnt the best thing to do is simply to love, show someone you care by a smile... listen, and talk one on one, so you know that you understand each other. And often communication isn't words! It is sitting next to someone, helping with a child – just showing that you love!

We can do this.

During our Parenting course we shared so much together. We realised we all have a different way of showing our love for each other, we learnt about the 5 love languages... words, touch, time, presents and actions.

And, we realised that even though we do not share the same language we can share the same love languages... and through sharing our love languages we can show our love for Jesus.

So, sometimes communication can seem so hard, even with those close to us, and even harder with people who come thru our doors, but let us all keep it simple – let's remember to love!

Barbara Mattiske
Cross Cultural Coordinator



Reformation 500: Luther's great discovery

On 31st October 1517 Dr Martin Luther, Professor of Bible at the University of Wittenberg, nailed a long document to the wooden door of the Castle Church in the town of Wittenberg. The document contained 95 statements which Luther presented for debate with other theologians. These are the **95 Theses**, which became the spark that ignited the movement of the Reformation in the Christian Church. We celebrate its 500th anniversary this year.

What was the issue of the debate?

In the 16th century the church (Roman Catholic) taught that Christians did not go straight to heaven when they died. Rather, they said, they first went to a place called Purgatory, where they had to work off their debt to God for their sins. This could take thousands of years. However, the church taught that the saints had performed more good deeds in their lifetimes than they needed. The Pope could dispense the surplus good deeds to help others. These were called indulgences and the Pope allowed them to be sold for money. The common people willingly bought indulgences to get themselves and their relatives out of Purgatory.

In his 95 Theses Luther declared this was not what Jesus taught. He stated that Jesus forgave the entirety of a person's sins and there was no waiting room to get into heaven. Our good

works could never pay for our sins. Salvation was freely given by God's grace. He said that people were wasting their money buying indulgences. No wonder the Pope was furious with Luther!

How did Luther discover this?

In his time as Professor of Bible Luther made an important discovery. While studying Paul's letter to the Romans he came to this verse (Rom 1: 17): *The just shall live by faith*. Luther suddenly understood that to be right before God all he needed to do was accept and trust God and trust what God had done for him in Christ.

As he searched further, he discovered that salvation from first to last was a gift, and that the Bible was full of texts telling this great truth. One of these was Eph 2: 8-9: *For by grace you have been saved by faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast.*

This became the heart of Luther's teaching, and the heart of the teaching of Lutheran churches today. Luther used four phrases (in Latin) to teach these truths: *sola Scriptura, sola Christus, sola gratia, sola fide*. He argued that our faith should be based upon Scripture alone (*sola Scriptura*), which is revealed to us by Christ alone (*sola Christus*), who saves us through

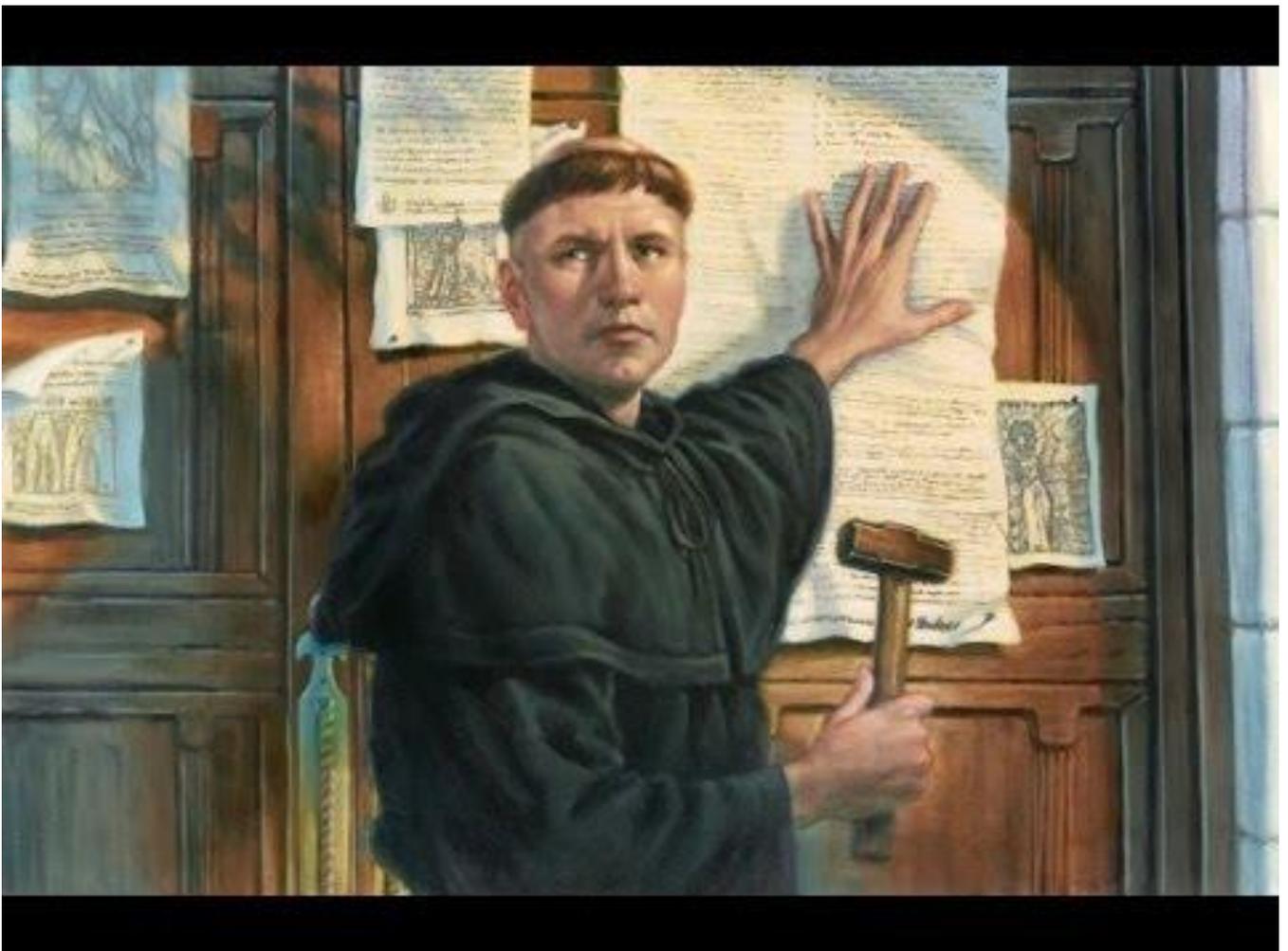
grace alone (*sola gratia*), which we in turn receive through faith alone (*sola fide*).

No doubt you have heard Lutheran pastors using this phrase: **justification by grace through faith**. This comes from Luther – Justification is by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone. This is Luther's great discovery!

Next month: the wisdom of Luther.

Lyll Kupke

[I have found the new book, *Martin Luther, a wild boar in the Lord's vineyard*, to be very readable and helpful. It was written by Lutheran pastor, Dr Mark Worthing, of North Adelaide. If you would like a copy, please see me.]



Quilts communicate love!

Just before Christmas last year (2016) the Glynde Lutheran Church Craft group received a letter from the Executive Officer of Ronald McDonald House. It read in part:

'Thank you for thinking of us once again and donating the beautifully made quilts. These continue to make such a lovely addition to our 'Welcome Packs' for the new families arriving at Ronald McDonald House.'

Ronald McDonald Houses are attached to major women's or children's hospitals and provide a home away from home for seriously ill children and their families. Studies have shown that children who have their families close by respond better to treatment and the House helps provide that opportunity for children to have their families close by.

The letter continues:
'It is through your continued generosity and commitment in joining us in our mission that we are able to provide

comfort, love and joy to all our families by keeping them close when they need it the most.'

This letter of thanks was in response to the latest gift of quilts our Craft Group had delivered to Ronald McDonald House. In total they have already made and delivered 30 quilts.

On Sunday 20th August, we were privileged, and somewhat in awe, to see the next 14 beautifully crafted quilts that Pat Arthur, on behalf of the Craft Group, is about to deliver to the House.

We pray that these quilts will provide comfort and solace to the children and their families, as they go through very challenging times, and that the love and care that went into the making of the quilts is communicated to the sick children and their families.

Craft group meets every Tuesdays at 9.30am—11.30am. See Megan Castle for more info!



See our back page for more photos!

Worship Calendar

SEPTEMBER

3. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m. H.C.
Pentecost 13 Matthew 16:21-26
"Put on love everyday" (cf. AT 390)
**Thanks for dads (parents)*
10. 9.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m.
Pentecost 14 Matthew 17:1-13 (*Transfiguration*)
"Who are you listening to?"
Plus Testimonies
Baptismal Anniversaries (July-Sept)
17. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m.
Pentecost 15 Matthew 18:21-35
"God, how do you want me to live my life?"
Church 4 Kids
24. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m. H.C.
Pentecost 16 Matthew 20:1-16
"The parable of the generous employer"

OCTOBER

1. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m. H.C.
Pentecost 17 Matthew 20:20-34 (cf. Mark 10:20-34)
"Want to be great? Then serve!"
School holidays start
8. 9.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m.
Pentecost 18 Matthew 21:33-43
"Let Jesus rock your world!"
15. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m. H.C.
Pentecost 19 Matthew 22:1-14 (cf. Luke 14:15-24)
"You are invited to God's party!"
School resumes
22. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m. H.C.
Pentecost 20 Matthew 22:15-22
"Whose image are you?"
Reformation (1)
29. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m. H.C.
12 noon
Pentecost 21 Ephesians 2:1-10
"We live in Grace-Land"
Celebration of Reformation 500
with bring and share lunch

Quilts, Quilts, Quilts!

