

Glynde Lutheran Church

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IDENTITY

**WHO I AM**

**IN CHRIST**

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# Devotional thought

I saw the passing of a famous news reporter become an event covered by all the major news outlets. Her entire professional career was chronicled and displayed for all to see. Her coverage of national and international news became legendary.

Especially remarkable was her assignments to cover no less than 10 United States Presidents. As her fellow journalists gave her accolades, one phrase echoed repeatedly. "She was one of a kind."

So many unique individuals have come and gone in our lifetime: sports figures, actors, politicians, and explorers, some of whom went to the moon and back. They, the most unique and famous, were all called one of a kind.

Through Bible history, we also learn the stories of other very unique individuals.

Then, of course, there's Lord Jesus who gave up the splendour of heaven and His life there with Father God to come to earth and become one of us, the son of man. He took our place on the cross and became sin for us, thereby enabling us to become the righteousness of God in Christ. Yes, Jesus is one of a kind!

Then there's you, dear Reader. Yes, you! God's word says that you are fearfully and wonderfully made, formed by Him in your Mother's womb. God doesn't love you because of what you do. He loves you because of who you are ... His child.

Your heavenly Father loves you so much in fact that He gave His only begotten Son that you would be saved and have life everlasting. He did this because He wants you for Himself. Imagine that! He wants you! He loves you so much that He is absorbed with every detail of your life.

Why, you may ask, does God love you so much? Why? Because you are His child and are truly one of a kind!

Gene Markland

# From the editor...

As I was sitting in Wacky Warehouse Play Café watching my son play with a family friend on the huge playground, I was thinking about the theme for this month...

I was struggling to find a theme that was unique, different, distinctive... special. Funny how just thinking about it, lead me to find a theme. Identity.

Being a Science teacher, part of the Year 10 course is to teach the students about genetics and what makes us who we are. Our DNA is part of our unique identity. It is different and special to each person (except in the case of identical twins!). It tells our cells what to do, our body what kind of hair to grow whether it is straight or curly, brown or blonde. It tells so much about us.

But there is more to us than our DNA. This can only tell us about our physical self. What about our true identity? What makes us who we are as a Christian—who are we in Christ?

This is something that isn't written in tiny packages of DNA. It is so much more and lucky God knows all this already! So my hope for you this month, reading about different and unique people, is that you can find out more about yourself in Christ through all the wonderful things we have here at Glynde.

Alyssa Leach  
Guest Editor

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# From Pastor David...

## **WHO AM I ?**

One of the best words on identity was written in a prison cell by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He grapples between the way others see him, and the way he sees himself. The poem concludes with: "Whoever I am, thou knowest, O God, I am thine." What matters most is not what I think of myself, or even what others think of me. What matters most is what God thinks of me? When I know what God thinks of me it helps me know who I am.

The very well known writer and speaker, Joyce Meyer, said: "For years the only relationship I had with myself was one of doubt. I doubted my decisions, my appearance, whether I was saying or doing the right thing... whether I was in any way pleasing God, so how could God or anybody else be pleased with me? Those years of misery are behind me, because now I know God's grace covers me like a blanket. I know it's through Jesus alone that I'm made righteous and acceptable to God. What a joy! I was so bound by legalistic religion that I know I'll always have to be on guard against it."

One of the best clues to who I am is in The Lord's Prayer. Our Father... this surely means that we are children of a Father who invites us to come to him at any time, as children come to a loving father. Luther said it so well: God encourages us to believe that he is truly our Father and we are his children. In our baptism our Father says to us as He said to his own Son: You are my Son/child, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. In our baptism we are baptised into Christ, and the words spoken to Jesus are spoken to us. Jesus becomes the blanket of grace that covers us. My identity is in the Father who loves me, the Son who covers me in his grace, and the Holy Spirit who brings me and keeps me in the fellowship of God's dearly loved people.

Who am I? I am a dearly loved and forgiven child of God with an eternal future in Christ.

David Christian

# From Pastor Henry...

One of my earliest memories of struggling with identity came in elementary school. I was about 10 years old and basketball was my favourite recess activity. Every now and then some kids would coordinate a game of "white kids vs. brown kids." Inner struggle ensues. Though my mother is white, I inherited my father's skin colour. Sometimes I got to choose the team. Other times I was told what team I could play on as those playing decided if I was white or brown enough. While some might see it as a blessing that I could be on either team, I felt that no matter the choice I would be denying (even temporarily) the other part of me. No one had ever really prepared me for this or informed me that identity formation would be so complicated.

Identity is elaborate and multi-faceted including: family of origin, physical ability, mental health, and sexuality, just to name a few. Identity formation is a journey of discovery and redefinition. Though there is clarity that we are God's beloved children and called to be disciples, embracing this identity does not come without struggle.

The beautiful thing about accepting that we are God's beloved children and disciples of Jesus is that these identities gather us into community. I've learned that accepting who we are is not necessarily one simple action. That is why support from a community is so valuable. We meet others who are at various stages of the same journey and have the opportunity to encourage and be encouraged. This doesn't make the struggle go away, but it means we don't have to navigate it alone.

Henry Martinez



# From the Chairperson ...

## *Identity—Who are we?*

The concept of identity goes to the heart of who we are: as individuals, as family, as community. Each person, each group, each culture, each country has distinctive elements that contribute to a unique identity. In Galatians, Paul tackles identity in a new way. He writes that "there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Our identity as a church and a community of faith is part of the message of the gospel, since in Jesus we are all children of God through faith, and part of God's family. We are all welcome, irrespective of our gender, ethnicity or social status. Being a "child of God" in our community is at the heart of our worship, our ministries and our outreach to our friends and neighbours, no matter their background.

### **Grateful thanks**

In this month, our thanks go to Pastors David Christian and Henry Martinez for picking up the reins and leading and

inspiring our worship while Pastor Wayne is on well deserved rest and recreation leave. We also thank the many people who have stepped up to ensure that our mid-week ministries continue to be led and nurtured while Barb Mattiske is away. How blessed are we to have this continuity of care and ministry.

We have also just been advised that we will be hosting a new YAGM volunteer. It is wonderful to be able to let you know that Katie Linthicum will be joining us in September for 10 months. Katie has introduced herself to me as follows:

*My name is Katie Linthicum and I have been placed at Glynde Lutheran Church as a Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteer for the next year. I am so excited for this opportunity to serve alongside and get to know this community.*

*I am from a suburb of Des Moines, Iowa and have been part of a Lutheran Church there for about 5 years. This past May I graduated from Wartburg College with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and*

*Religion. I have loved learning about these two fields of study the past four years and look forward to how I can incorporate my studies into the work I do throughout my time at Glynde Lutheran Church.*

*In my free time I enjoy spending time with family and friends, reading, and exploring nature, but I think my absolute favorite activity is simply having a conversation with someone over a cup of coffee. I love cities and am excited about exploring all that makes Adelaide unique.*

*This year is going to be full of new experiences, spiritual growth, and challenges and I am so honored that I can do it all with this community. Thank you for welcoming me already. I am praying for this community and the relationships that will be built in the coming months.*

Please pray for her, welcome her and invite her for a meal or a coffee and conversation.

Notes from our ministry meetings (with thanks to everyone who braves the wintry nights to grow the mission and vision of our church).

Board for Ministry focussed on:

- arrangements for the first ever SALA exhibition at Glynde which will run for the month of August. Please take the time to support this exhibition - the costs are being met by a commission from the artists and a raffle with some of Kate Shakerian's artwork as the first prize.
- Joy Mildren, our accomplished organist, has advised that she will be reducing her commitment for 9:00am services when she returns from her travels and Lois Kupke is investigating appropriate songs and hymns for use on the first Sunday of the month when

Joy is no longer available to play.

- Non-alcoholic grape juice has been introduced as a trial for Holy Communion. Your feedback on this trial is welcomed - please talk to Pastor Wayne or to a pastoral assistant.
- Junior Youth activities are being organised for twice per term - Angeline Joimol can let you know what is being offered for this year.

Our Executive meeting attended to the following matters:

- the new constitution has been uploaded to the ACNC as required by Australian law.
- the resurfacing of the hall was discussed. This has now been completed, and many thanks are due to the Craft group which has donated the cost of this project (\$4,650.00). It is wonderful to receive this generous support for the ongoing maintenance and improvement to our church facilities.
- we are not able to report any new offers to help continue with SANCTAS, and Pastor Wayne has been in touch with the LCA SA NT District to let them know the situation.
- We have a new group hiring the hall during school terms on Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 am and from 4:00 to 4:45 pm on Thursdays. Thank you to Linden Huxtable for making the arrangements for this group.

Helene Schulz  
Chairperson



## From our Cross Cultural

Writing this we are in our last week of holidays in Europe. So I just thought I would write a quick hello before returning. I was told our theme for this month is "identity." Immediately it makes me think of my passport! Without our passports we lose our identity, no wonder we guard them so strongly when we travel. Your passport is checked at every hotel, every plane, without it you are not allowed in! Lucky for us God doesn't need a passport to let us in. Just a open heart and mind to love and learn from Him.

Seeing God's amazing world when we travel is always a reminder of how great He is, and how even though we may not speak the same language or have the same cultures we are all still welcome to be in Gods family. The simple gesture of a smile, or willingness to try and understand we have been so thankful for.

In August I look forward to our Alpha course on Friday mornings, come join us! Remember Playgroup are learning about numbers, Mainly Music are on the farm. Lots of fun cooking at Grace over lunch... so much to look forward to... so much to show who we are.

No matter if we are travelling, or at home, or happy or sad we are a part of Gods family, the best identity you can have.

I look forward to sharing more next month.

Barbara Mattiske  
Cross Cultural Coordinator

Here are a few photos... You can feel Gods love for you in the quietness and the bustle.. in the country and cities, in the morning and in the sunset.

As we have said all holiday... how lucky are we!



# Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>4</b> 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC Lighthouse kids 12noon Community Lunch 12:30 Korean Worship	<b>5</b> 9-11:15 Kinderballet  7pm KYB	<b>6</b> 9:30 Craft  7pm Quilters
<b>11</b> 9am Worship 10:30 Worship 12noon SP3 Leaders meeting 12:30 Korean Worship 2pm Sudanese Nuer Service	<b>12</b> 9-11:15 Kinderballet  7pm KYB	<b>13</b> 9:30 Craft  7pm Quilters 7:30 Exec Meeting
<b>18</b> 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:15 Pastoral Assistants Meeting 12:30 Korean Worship	<b>19</b> 9-11:15 Kinderballet  7pm KYB	<b>20</b> 9:30 Craft  7pm Quilters
<b>25</b> 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	<b>26</b> 9-11:15 Kinderballet  7pm KYB	<b>27</b> 9:30 Craft  7pm Quilters

# What's on in August?

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards 4-5:45 Dance Class	<b>2</b> 9:30 Alpha 9:30 English 9:30 KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	<b>3</b> 10am English
<b>7</b> 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace over lunch 5pm Weight watchers 7:30 BFM Meeting	<b>8</b> 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 4-5:45 Dance Class	<b>9</b> 9:30 Alpha 9:30 English 9:30 KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	<b>10</b> 10am English	
<b>14</b> 9:30 Playgroup 9:30 Women's Fellowship 11:30 Grace over lunch 5pm Weight watchers	<b>15</b> 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards 4-5:45 Dance Class	<b>16</b> 9:30 Alpha 9:30 English 9:30 KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	<b>17</b> 8am Blokes Breakkie 10am English	
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<b>28</b> 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace over lunch 5pm Weight watchers	<b>29</b> 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards 4-5:45 Dance Class	<b>30</b> 9:30 Friday Learning 9:30 English 9:30 KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat 6pm Junior Youth	<b>31</b> 10am English	

# What's on at mainly music



We came back to a farm at mainly music...

We played the drums to our favourite songs...



We danced and danced and danced...

We started our farm puzzle with a Cow and part of the barn!



# Welcome to Glynde



## mainly music

### Term 3

Week 1: Cow



Week 2: Chicken



Week 3: Tractor



Week 4: Sheep



**On the Farm...**

Week 5: Duck



Week 6:



Week 7: Dog



Week 8: Pig



Week 9: Horse



Week 10: Goat



# TRAVEL STORIES

I wanted to share another story of the Evangelical Augsburg (Lutheran) in Poland.

On arrival in Krakow I walked past the famous Wawel Hill with its Royal Palace to the St Martins Lutheran Church. Hundreds of tourists would walk past this church on their way to the huge Market Place.

They may not notice this simple looking church. It's not featured along with the many other churches of grand design on the same street. Until the door is opened and the Organ is heard!

Twice a week during summer season very talented organ students of the Krakow Academy give great recitals, as I have discovered!

But St Martins has a history.

The church was founded for the Carmelite nun's in 1637.

In 1786 the church was up for sale.

Because the Protestant church had already been destroyed 4 times, St Martins was given to the Protestants and the Evangelical Augsburg church was formed

The classic altar is beautiful dating back to 1870 with "Calming the storm at Sea" painting giving such comfort and peace to the many who have worshipped here over the years, now including me!

The Gothic crucifix is from 1380 the oldest in Krakow.

The Latin inscription at the entrance to the church translates: he lives in vain who does no good to others.

I happened to 'gate crash' the opening service of the 45th International Ecumenical Conference being held here in Krakow... the church filled to capacity, the singing was awesome!

Everyone was invited to say the Lord's Prayer in their language at the same time.. can you imagine it!

The service closed with exuberance.. Love divine, all Love excelling and Here I am Lord, the only hymns I have sung in English during my 2 month stay here in Poland.

Joy Mildren



Thankyou to those who kept our mid-week programs running while Barb was away!





We celebrate with Nigel and Megan Huxtable and Grandparents Janet and Linden Huxtable on the arrival of

Eleanor Candy Huxtable.  
Born 21st July.

Congratulations!



**Junior Youth**  
(For children aged 8—12 years)

**BBQ & Games Night**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
6pm - 8pm  
at the Liews' home

# Worship Calendar

## AUGUST

				<i>Recreational Leave for Pastor Wayne (4)</i> <i>Guest Preacher: Pastor David Christian</i> Luke 12:13-22
4.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 8	
				<i>Recreational Leave for Pastor Wayne (5)</i> <i>Guest Preacher: Pastor David Christian</i> Luke 12:32-40
11.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Pentecost 9	
				<i>Baptismal Anniversaries (July-Sept)</i>
				<i>Recreational Leave for Pastor Wayne (6)</i> <i>Guest Preacher: Pastor David Christian</i> Luke 12:49-56
18.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 10	
25.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 11	Luke 13:1-9 "Why, Lord, why!?"

## SEPTEMBER

				Luke 14:15-24 "Invited to God's party"
1.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 12	
				<i>*Thanks for dads</i>
				Acts 1:8 (cf. Matt. 28:20) "You will be witnesses for me... to the ends of the earth"
8.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 13	
				<b>Combined Multi-cultural service</b> <i>followed by Bring and Share lunch at 12 noon</i>
				Luke 15:1-32 "God rejoices over the lost being found"
15.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C.	Pentecost 14	
				<b>Church 4 Kids</b> (God's love for us)
				Luke 16:1-13 "The parable of the generous boss"
22.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 15	
				<b>Blessing of Pets</b> (under our gum tree)
				Luke 16:19-31 "Are you listening?"
29.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 16	
				<i>School holidays start</i>

# Grace over Lunch



# Church 4 Kids

