

Glynde Lutheran Church

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Myths of Scarcity

Lynne Twist, author of The Soul of Money, identifies three core myths that keep us locked in an economy of scarcity:

There's not enough to go around. . . . Somebody's going to be left out. . . . If there's not enough for everyone, then taking care of yourself and your own, even at others' expense, seems unfortunate, but unavoidable and somehow valid. . . .

*More is better . . . drives a competitive culture of accumulation, acquisition, and greed. . . . [It] distracts us from living more mindfully and richly with what we have. . . . We judge others based on what they have . . . and miss the immeasurable inner gifts they bring to life. . . . Our drive to enlarge our *net* worth turns us away from discovering and deepening our *self*-worth. . . .*

The belief that we need to possess [more] is the driving force for much of the violence and war, corruption and exploitation on earth. . . . In the campaign to gain, we often pursue our goals at all costs, even at the risk of destroying whole cultures and peoples. . . .

That's just the way it is, and there's no way out. There's not enough to go around, more is definitely better, and the people who have more are always people who are other than us. . . .

[This myth] justifies the greed, prejudice, and inaction that scarcity fosters in our relationship with money and the rest of the human race. For generations, it protected the early American slave trade from which the privileged majority built farms, towns, business empires, and family fortunes, many of which survive today. For more generations it protected and emboldened institutionalized racism, sex discrimination and social and economic discrimination against other ethnic and religious minorities. . . .

In [our] resignation, we abandon our human potential, and the possibility of contributing to a thriving, equitable, healthy world.

We have to be willing to let go of *that's just the way it is*, even if just for a moment, to consider the possibility that there isn't a *way it is* or *way it isn't*. There is the way we choose to act and what we choose to make of circumstances.

Can we recognize that better comes from not more, but deepening our experience of what's already there? Rather than growth being external in acquiring and accumulating money or things, can we redefine growth to see it as a recognition of and appreciation for what we already have?

It is a fundamental law of nature, that there is enough *and* it is finite. Its finiteness is no threat; it creates a more accurate relationship that commands respect, reverence, and managing those resources with the knowledge that they are precious and in ways that do the most good for the most people.

Knowing that there is enough inspires sharing, collaboration, and contribution.

From the editor...

The above devotion is what inspired the theme for this edition of the @Glynde, "Is more always better?" As always, this edition is full of stories, articles and tidbits for your enjoyment. I hope you enjoy reading through the pages and marvelling at how much is happening here at Glynde.

Fleur Kupke

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From Pastor Wayne...

Hi! We are now very much into this new year, year 2019: into living our lives as God's loved, forgiven children, and serving Him in whatever ways we can.

Our theme for this month's @GLYNDE is: *"Is MORE always BETTER?"*

Well, no! Such a credo "drives a competitive culture of accumulation, acquisition, and greed". Jesus warned us about having a life stance of getting more and more for yourself.

Listen to a couple of things that Jesus said:

"Watch out and guard yourself against every kind of greed; for a person's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions", *or in other words, "the quality of a person's life does not depend on the amount of possessions that he or she has" (Luke 12:15).*

"Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and robbers cannot

break in and steal. For your heart will always be where your riches are" (*Matt. 6:19-21*).

"No one can be a slave of two masters: he will hate one and love the other; he will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money, or literally, "mammon", the Aramaic word for wealth (Matt. 6:24).

In the next weeks, we are focusing in Sunday worship on some of the sins that are very much present in our society, and which we are tempted by: pride, envy, anger, greed, gluttony, lust, and sloth. These are the so-called Seven Deadly Sins, so called not because they are necessarily the most serious sins, but because they are originating sins. In other words, out of these seven sins, other sins are generated. For example, from greed comes stealing, swindling, blackmail, and the like. Out of pride, comes boasting, arrogance, hypocrisy, and so on. You get the picture....

Each week from now until just before Palm/Passion Sunday, we will be

focusing on each of these Seven Deadly Sins: to warn each of us against them, and to think more deeply about how God wants us to live as His children.

On Ash Wednesday, March 6th, at our evening worship service, and on the four Wednesday nights after that, we will explore this further during our Lenten Bible Study. Our theme for Ash Wednesday is: "Playing the tune of Jesus". Jesus played the notes of love, and kindness, and humility, and compassion, and forgiveness in the way that he lived his life, and this is the tune that Jesus calls us as his disciples to play in our life (*cf. Col. 3:12-15*).

These notes are the notes that are highlighted in the DVD ***For the Love of God***, which we will watch sessions of, in our four Mid-Week Lenten studies.

Come along and enjoy, and be stimulated to "play the tune of Jesus" in your life...

So how does God want us to live our life as His loved, forgiven children? Well, in short, He wants us to trust Jesus, His Son, and to follow Jesus in a life of loving service of others. God wants us not to be striving to get more for ourselves, thinking that "more is always better", but rather to be giving of ourselves *and our gifts and our talents and our possessions* in service of one another, and the people around us *whom God loves, and for whom God sent His Son to this earth.* This is how God wants us to live our life!

May God bless you and me as we strive to do this, led and guided and empowered by God's Spirit in us.

Pastor Wayne ☺





From the Chairperson ...

When less is more...

How often do we yearn for a simple life? Probably quite often, especially when life gets complicated and messy. Jesus said ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

As Jesus takes our heaviness, then life is not so overwhelming and we have more time to do more, we are more connected with each other and less troubled. We have more space to enjoy the here and now - to thank God for our blessings and to share them with others. May God bless us all as we seek to grow in our relationship with Him and each other.

Mission and Ministry News:
Our Board for Ministry and friends gathered on 6 February to talk about the Vision 2019 document prepared from our consultation with people last year and

looked at how we can relate this to our different ministry areas. We wanted to prioritise the most important things for this year and to work out where we would put our time and energy. We also considered the need to pause and celebrate what God has done and is doing in our community.

Some of the key things that came out of our discussion included:

- The importance of inspiration and growing as God's people - attending conferences such as Growing Young, Paul Kerber on reconciliation etc
- Creating a strong focus on Life groups - using the God is Not Dead series
- Pastor Wayne has planned a Bible study for Lent
- Outreach ministries - Barbara growing our multicultural ministries through new initiatives like Grace over lunch - key elements include learning, sharing, devotion time and serving others.

- Providing opportunities for people to contribute and feel valued
- Importance of ministries to youth - emphasis on nurturing and keeping young people through times of transition - blessings of Lighthouse and Junior Youth. Look at ways of including intergenerational interaction.
- The need to strengthen our links with the Korean Church
- Supporting the new Alpha course
- Building the profile of our Pastoral Assistants
- Having a ministry of spiritual buddies
- Need for new resources e.g. basic English or material in heart language that helps explain and explore the Christian faith
- How we can talk more about women in ministry in the LCA
- The potential for a new men's group e.g. Wine and Cheese

Our Executive Team has also had its first meeting for the year. The main items for this meeting related to understanding our church finances and preparing for the adoption of a new constitution in the coming months.

Shalom,
Helene Schulz



A precious communion set that Sharyn Schubert's father has donated to Glynde church to use for home communion. This was a gift to him for his ordination 65 years ago.



From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...

Today, at Grace over Lunch, our new Wednesday group we made Sri Lankan Dahl Curry. The aroma of the food was so amazing, such rich smells, it made you hungry.

And when it was cooked and we tried it, wow, that aroma wasn't wrong! But, do you know what was fascinating about it?

That smell, that taste, had come from so few ingredients... and ingredients that mostly we know well... garlic, onion, split lentils.... But when you added a touch of turmeric, dill seed, curry leaves, cinnamon, mustard seeds and coconut milk it transformed into a tasty dish.

So simple, not much to it at all, yet, it provided us with a tasty lunch and much more. It created conversation and laughter... it created photo opportunities and smiles... and led to learning from *The Advertiser* and a simple devotion time. It wasn't much, but it created so much more!

You know, this group is people from various cultures where language for us all is hard, where judgement could be made because of it, yet, it works... people are honouring of each other's cultures, willing to listen and learn. People are willing to praise and say thank you.. and this came from a simple recipe.

We finish our lunch time with a devotion, remembering, that here, many do not know God at all. Today our devotion was entitled "A feast of Kindness" and shared the story of how Leo Tolstoy, the great Russian writer was walking down the street and passed a beggar. Tolstoy reach into his pocket to give some money, but it was empty. He turned to the man and said, "I'm sorry, my brother but I have nothing to give." The beggar brightened and said, "You have given me more than I asked for – you called me brother."

We may not have much to give.

But, we can smile, we can say hello, we can show an interest in someone without any judgement.

That's what mid week ministry is like here at Glynde. We don't need to look at someone and judge them – all we need to do is to love each other with God's love.

Wayne and I are attending a Cross Cultural Conference to share our experiences here at Glynde. When I was writing my talk, I was reminded that we may feel we don't have much to give, and at times it seems too hard and confusing, but, we can all smile in the same language... we can listen with an open heart. We can love with a kind word... all such small things... and we can even try and remember a name... I have also learnt that God will not tell us off for trying new things – sometimes they may change direction a little – so be open for change!

For the past year or so, we have hosted Girls' Night Out, combining mid week mums and Glynde mums for a night out... and yes, it is great... but, I know God has pushed us into hosting small Girls' Nights now too.. a small group together, where everyone has a chance to talk without feeling lost in language and culture. Where laughter and real support grows. What gifts we receive from such small events.

Small can grow. Just like our Grace over Lunch cooking that grows from a simple recipe to a time of caring and sharing with each other.

It grows into questions being asked, such as learning about Jesus, which has led to our new Alpha course in March. We can all give the simple gift of kindness...

Our devotion today finished with: You may think you have nothing to offer those in need around you, but it's not true. For the discouraged and downhearted, the littlest thing – a smile or encouraging word – may be enough to lift their spirits. To the loved, a kind word is a crumb, but to the love-starved, a word of kindness can be a feast... After all God has done for us, it's the least we can do!

Let's feast together!

Barbara Mattiske
Cross Cultural Coordinator



Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
31 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship 2pm Sudanese Nuer Worship 2pm High Tea Fundraiser		
3 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12noon Community Lunch 12:30 Korean Worship 1pm Women in Ministry Discussion	4 11am Hymns We Love 7pm KYB	5 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters
10 9am Worship 10:30 Worship 12noon SP3 Leaders meeting 12:30 Korean Worship 2pm Sudanese Nuer Worship	11 <i>Adelaide Cup Holiday</i>	12 9:30 Craft 5:45 Alpha Course 7pm Quilters 7:30 Exec Meeting
17 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	18 7pm KYB	19 9:30 Craft 5:45 Alpha Course 7pm Quilters
24 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	25 7pm KYB	26 9:30 Craft 5:45 Alpha Course 7pm Quilters

What's on in March?

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 KYB 9:30 Parenting Class 9:30 English 10:30 Coffee and Chat	2 10am English Class
6 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace Over Lunch 7pm Ash Wednesday HC 8pm BFM meeting	7 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	8 9:30 KYB 9:30 Parenting Class 9:30 English 10:30 Coffee and Chat	9 10am English Class	
13 9:30 Playgroup 9:30 Womens' Fellowship 11:30 Grace Over Lunch 7pm Lenten Study	14 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	15 9:30 KYB 9:30 Parenting Class 9:30 English 10:30 Coffee and Chat	16 8am Blokes' Brekky 10am English Class	
20 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace Over Lunch 7pm Lenten Study	21 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	22 9:30 KYB 9:30 Parenting Class 9:30 English 10:30 Coffee and Chat	23 10am English Class 10am-2pm Markets	
27 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace Over Lunch 7pm Lenten Study	28 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	29 9:30 KYB 9:30 Parenting Class 9:30 English 10:30 Coffee and Chat	30 10am English Class	



Many people are familiar with the Serenity Prayer, which goes like this:

*God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can
and the wisdom to know the difference.*

Here is an interesting variation, to make us think:

*God grant me the serenity
to accept the people I cannot change,
the courage to change the one I can,
and the wisdom to know it's me!*



Shop for NEW AUTUMN WEAR.



*Shop in comfort at
Glynde Lutheran Church
Tuesday 2nd April
at 10.30am*

Tickets \$10

Devonshire Tea will be provided

all funds raised are going towards refurbishing of the Church Hall

There will be raffle tickets on sale with great prizes to be collected

See Wendy Seidel or Megan Castle

Sizes 8—26

Shirts - Tops - Vests

Cardigans - Jumpers

Ladies Pants

New Seasons Fashion

EFTPOS available



Hymns We Love

"Hymns We Love" –a time of enthusiastic singing!

News is unexpectedly spreading!

25 people came to sing hymns in December That group amazingly included Anthea from Clovercrest Baptist who happened to see a poster when passing by Para Vista Lutheran Church.

"Hymns We Love", a time to sing God's Word, happens in our church on the **first Monday of each month**.

"Hymns We Love" is very informal starting with a chat, cuppa and biscuit at 10:30am then heading into the church from 11 to 12noon for singing.

We use the large print songbook, *"Keep the Faith"*.

We specially enjoy singing familiar as well as any new hymns chosen by the group – I love to discover new hymns, so when I couldn't find the music for one hymn the Campbelltown Uniting ladies chose, they sang it beautifully unaccompanied!

Come and join us on any Monday morning!

Anthea asked me to give you details about a "Hymn Fest" held regularly at 3pm on the first Sunday of the month at Rosefield Uniting Church, Carlton Road, Highgate. The Hymn Fest is coordinated by Kevin Newbold, with afternoon tea following for a gold coin donation.

Another opportunity for anyone to enjoy singing hymns.

Joy Mildren, organist.

On March 4th, Lawrie Sjoberg has a 'special birthday'. Even if you cant stay for the singing, feel free to join us and sing "Happy Birthday " as well as sampling his cake from 10:30-11am!

Blokes' Brekky

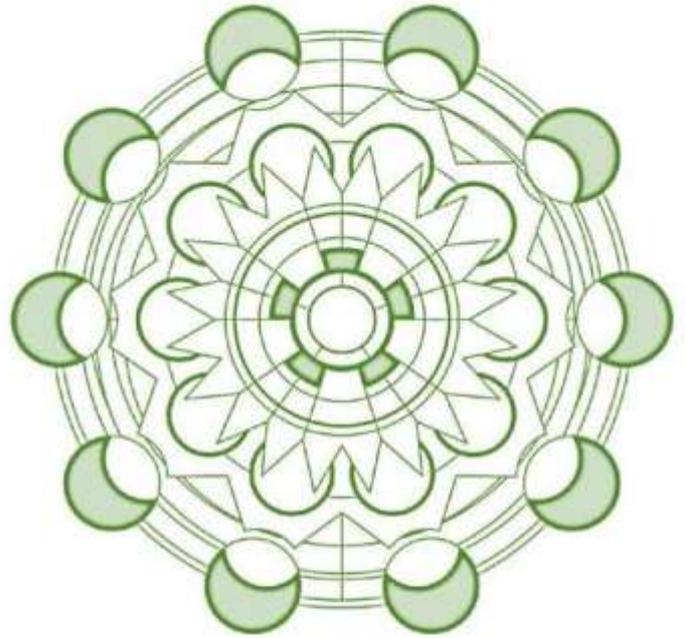
On the third Saturday of the month there are a few alarm clocks that buzz very early indeed, to get their owners awake in time to prepare for an event at our church. They are the cooks preparing for the *Blokes' Brekky*, held regularly for some years now, to allow men to gather for food, fellowship, and to enjoy listening to a guest speaker. Past speakers have covered a wide range of topics. A full cooked breakfast with many options is always on offer, for those in attendance to choose how much they really want to eat! During Lyall's time of convalescence after surgery, David Stock has taken on leadership in arranging for the speaker, setting up, and doing the cooking, along with Barry Freund and Neil Bradtke. Lots of willing volunteers pitch in to help with the dishes and clean up afterwards. Around 30 people attend, including men from neighbouring churches, and also friends of our local members.

Those blokes who attended the February meeting were given an insight into a wonderful global charity. The guest speaker, Marty Holmes, is an optometrist at Tea Tree Plaza, who has volunteered his expertise and time on many occasions in recent years, to assist people in poor countries to have their eyesight checked, and glasses provided. His employer, OPSM, partners with the international non-profit charity called *OneSight* and provides many pairs of glasses for people who can't afford them. *OneSight* has been running for 30 years, providing eye care and eyewear in Australia and New Zealand for people who live in places too remote to have access to normal vision checks. But they also have clinics in third world countries, where Marty has gone along as a volunteer health professional. His most recent trip was on a boat on the Fly River in PNG, where the volunteers had to wade through deep mud to get to their destination! A good example of a warm-hearted person using his talents for the benefit of others.

On 16 March men of all ages are invited to attend from 8am, when breakfast is served. This time the speaker is to be a man who has spent decades in local government, and was a former mayor of Campbelltown, Max Amber. Come along for the fellowship and the information, as well as the food.



Grace over lunch



Upcoming events for the remainder of Term 1, Wednesdays at 11:30.

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| March 6th | Pancakes |
| March 13th | Threaded card making |
| March 20th | Threaded card making |
| March 27th | German potato cakes |
| April 3rd | Japanese Tea Ceremony |
| April 10th | Okomoniyaki (Japanese savoury pancakes) |



Growing Young Conference

On Saturday 16th February, four Glynde members, along with Pastor Wayne, spent the day at Para Vista Lutheran Church, attending the 'Growing Young Conference' with guest speaker Jake Mulder.

Jake is Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Fuller Youth Institute & co-author of the book, Growing Young, and was brought out to Australia by Pastor Eugene Minge and the Tea Tree Gully congregation with the help of the mission stimulus fund.

The conference addressed how churches can become more effective in their ministry to young people, by focussing on six strategies to help young people discover and love their church, and in a way that breathes life into the whole church.

The five of us were very inspired by Jake, and the ideas and strategies that we could implement at Glynde in both the short term and the future to help us with ministry to young people.

Hopefully we will be able to share more of this during the year through these pages and in congregational life, as we endeavour to 'Grow Young' our church.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for the Year to 31 January 2019

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Collections	\$11,208	\$12,023	(\$815)
Building Fund Collection	\$997	\$3,824	(\$2,827)
Fundraising	\$0	\$1,093	(\$1,093)

Ben Pfitzner,
Treasurer

Bank Accounts for Direct Giving to Glynde Lutheran Church by EFT

	Regular Giving	Building Fund
BSB Number	704-942	704-942
Account Number	48692 S1	152736 S1

\$20
per person

*Please take note that
this event is open
those aged 16 years
and above*

*Champagne
High Tea Party*

In aid of
**Glynde Lutheran Church
(Redevelopment Project)**

Sunday 31st March, 2pm
63 Gage St, St Morris 5068

Worship Calendar

MARCH

3.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 8 <i>Community Lunch</i>	Matthew 20:1-16 "The evil eye of ENVY"	<i>Seven Deadly Sins (2)</i>
6.	7.00 p.m.	H.C.		Ash Wednesday Mark 8:31-38 "Playing the tune of Jesus"	<i>Introducing LENTEN SERIES on "For the Love of God" (x4)</i>
10.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Lent 1 <i>Baptismal Anniversaries (Jan-March)</i>	<i>Pastor Henry Martinez</i> Matthew 5:21-22 "Overcoming hurts and ANGER"	<i>Seven Deadly Sins (3)</i>
17.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Lent 2	Mark 10:17-31 "Giving up our idols: GREED"	<i>Seven Deadly Sins (4)</i>
24.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Lent 3	Mark 6:30-44 "To hell on a cream puff: GLUTTONY"	<i>Seven Deadly Sins (5)</i>
31.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Lent 4	John 4:1-30 "Settling for sex, rather than love: LUST"	<i>Seven Deadly Sins (6)</i>

APRIL

7.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	H.C. H.C.	Lent 5 <i>Community Lunch</i>	Mark 10:17-31 "You can go to hell for doing nothing: SLOTH"	<i>Seven Deadly Sins (7)</i>
14.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m.		Palm Sunday Church 4 Kids <i>Walkathon</i> <i>School holidays begin</i>	Luke 19:28-40 "Focused on the cross"	
18.	7.00 p.m.	H.C.	Maundy Thursday	John 13:1-17, 34 "Our vocation as God's children"	
19.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Good Friday	Mark 15:21 "Why did God allow this good man to die!?"	
21.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Easter Sunday	Job 14:14 "If a man dies, can he come back to life again?" <i>Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne</i> <i>Guest Preacher: Pastor Henry Martinez</i>	
28.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Easter 2	John 20:19-31	



Mainly Music has been looking at colours this term, with a different colour every week.

The week featuring yellow was particularly bright!

