



2nd December 2007—First Sunday of ADVENT

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WELCOME to all worshipping with us today.

Greetings to any visitors here with us today. We are pleased to have you join us and we trust you have felt welcomed and pray the Holy Spirit may enlighten and empower us with the message shared with us today.

*Tea & coffee is available in the Fellowship Centre following morning service and
At 5.45 pm a light tea is available prior to the evening service at 6.30 pm.
Please feel welcome to join us.*

TWO MINUTES

Matthew 24:42 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.'

On Judgement Day the exclamation 'If only we had known!' will no doubt ring out across the multitudes. We humans like to know everything, to be in control of our destiny. Jesus requires us to let go and give him control of our lives, however he also directs us to remain alert and watchful so that we are prepared for his return. The image of a guard at their post well describes how we should be, not looking immediately for signs of the last days in every corner or anticipating when it will happen. Rather we are to be prepared and faithful, living expectant lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is another way that our new life in Christ is so manifestly different to our old lives where everything was 'business as usual'. We may not know the day or the hour of our Lord's return but we can know Him and give our lives to Him; and we can make Him known to others too.

Prayer: Come Lord Jesus Come, and send the Holy Spirit to keep us faithful and on guard watching for your return. O what a day that will be! Amen.

Michael Gower



Readings for today
Isaiah 2: 1- 5
Romans 13:11-14
Matt. 24:36-44

Readings for 9th Dec
Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matt. 3:1-12

Worship Opportunities

Today 2nd Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
Friday 7th Dec	8.45-9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
Sunday 9th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
Thurs 13th Dec	12 noon 7.00 pm	School Closing service

Family Friendly Worship

At Golden Grove, we love **everybody** to be involved in worship.



Please encourage children and visitors to join in the singing and prayers, and to stand and sit at appropriate times when they are able. This is best done by leading by example!

For our 'little ones' - Quiet bags & busy books are available for worship time from the church foyer. Paper & pencils are available for children (and adults too if they would like to take notes of the message!!!)

It is not appropriate for unattended children to play in the foyer at any time during the service. Please ask an usher if you require assistance, or speak to a "Ministry Leader" if you would like to help young families during Worship times.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Pastor's Corner



- **Happy New Year!** We begin our new church year today: **Advent Sunday** as we start our count down to Christmas. In the sermon over the next 4 weeks we are considering the 4 "Be's": Be ready, Be repentant, Be open and Be amazed.
- **Today** we shall consider how we can be ready while getting on with life. We are considering the Gospel reading, in particular verse 44 *You also must be ready all the time. For the Son of Man will come when least expected.* We will take up the three images Jesus gives in the Gospel reading this morning namely, Noah, people at work, the thief and to see what He means.
- In this coming year (The "year of Matthew"- series A in our 3 year lectionary) we shall often be using the "**Visual Bible**" for our Gospel readings.
- Welcome to our chaplain (officially "Christian Pastoral Support Worker") at Wynn Vale Primary School, **Cynthia Harbinson** who will be speaking to us at our morning service and we shall be praying for her in her important role.
- In the **confirmation session** we are still looking at the 10 commandments, but as well as this Luther and what it means to be Lutheran.
- What do you think of a "**Sunday School**" during the morning worship time - possibly during the time of the sermon, in the foyer, with a roster of helpers, so parents can get more out of the sermon? The idea has been put to me and a few people I have spoken to about it seem to think it's a good idea. Talk to me about it.
- Someone put it to me that I have suggested a **lot of new things** in the congregation since I have come. This got me thinking. Many of those actually came from the congregation and I just presented them. For example: *Healing Services*: from the worship team taking up what Gill Stevenson had been leading a few years ago; *Open Forum to discuss our confirmation ministry* from the confirmation team; *Holy Communion at our Friday morning worship* - a member of the congregation; *Pastoral Carers* - from the constitutions committee I think; "*Season of Creation*" in *September next year* from the worship team; "*Blessed to serve*": worship training opportunity - from worship team; "*Gathering of Small Group leaders*" from the ministry team; *hospital visiting at Modbury* from TTG church; "*Welcome Sheets*" - I believe we had them in the past; even the *themes for many sermons* from the worship team and others. I could go on... I am sorry that I gave the impression this all came from me. It goes to show that there are many good ideas in the congregation.
- I listed in last week's Pastor's Corner about the **Plan for 2008**: "Growing through involvement." If you would like a calendar of next year's activities, especially if you are leading a group and would like to coordinate your activities with the rest of the church and school, please see me.
- One suggestion we had for next year is "**Introducing God**". Giving it some more study it appears that it might be a little too difficult to get this running in first term as we had planned. So in it's stead we are running a 4 week series on what is the Christian faith? This will be run on Thursdays in the first school term (ie 21/2/08, 28/2/08, 6/3/08, 13/3/08)
- **Confirmation/Rev320 Camp** (11-13.1.08) meeting Monday 7.30pm
- **Worship team** meeting Tuesday 7.30pm
- **Endeavour end of year service** Wednesday 7pm
- **Pastoral Carers** meeting Thursday 7.30pm
- **CCs Christmas party** Friday 6.30pm
- **Next Sunday** at our morning service: Poppy Jane Wilson will be baptized.

Pastor Leon

Advent

HOPE

What the Advent Wreath Teaches Us

The **circle of the wreath** reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy and grace, which has no beginning or end.

The **green of the wreath** speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life.



The Salt Factory

Tonight: 6.30 pm service. Come from 5.45 pm onwards for food (gold coin donation) and drinks (\$1 cans)

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO catering at Salt Factory during the school holidays 16-30 Dec and during January only in 2008 NO SALT FACTORY SERVICES will be held.



'CC' - Children of Christ (Yrs 3-6)

Next Friday 7th December, 6.30-8.00 pm

Family Night & Christmas Party

Join us for the last CC's for 2007—bring your family and a plate of supper to share, and make some great Christmas gifts.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Forum – www.gglf.org.au/youth/forum

REV320 (yrs 7-9) Bring \$4

Friday 14th December— Annual REV Awards

Mangoes for sale



Last week we received boxes of mangoes to sell and they were all quickly snapped up and sold. Another order has been placed for 15 boxes and these will be available early this week.

Cost will be \$30 per box or share the cost of a box with family and friends. Please contact Judith or Elaine in the Admin office if you would like to pre-order a box

*Proceeds of mango sales to support
Asaroka Lutheran High School, PNG*

CHRISTMAS CARDS are still available from either Jenny Canavese or Nadia Napier.

Pastor Leon's Message

is available in printed copy form each week immediately after the service from the entrance table or ask one of the ushers. Please feel welcome to take a copy home.

Internet access to weekly GGLF bulletin, Pastor Leon's message, Life in the Vine, and other info. You can get to it by going to <http://www.goldengrove.sa.edu.au/> then "Links", then "supporting congregations", then "Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship", then "GGLF Files", then "Bulletins" or "Messages".

A golden opportunity



We have a golden opportunity at Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship. The position of a Youth Team Leader: 30 hour per week paid position. We already have "Rev320", "Bakery", "Salt Factory" (worship run by the youth for all ages), great potential - with our school and our location. We now want to make the next step. Are you being called to take up this golden opportunity?

To find out more about the position please call Pastor Leon Rosenberg on 82826051, or email rosenberg.leon@goldengrove.sa.edu.au. Applications to be received by Tuesday 11th December 2007. They are to be addressed to Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship PO Box 1371 Golden Grove 5125 or emailed to above. (Please supply the names and contact details of 2 referees together with your resume and application letter.)

SPECIAL BUDGET APPEAL

At our GGLF Election Meeting held earlier this month we were informed by the Treasurer that to meet all of our financial and other commitments for this year and maintain a comfortable cash flow position, a minimum of \$10,000 is required to help cover the estimated shortfall. Estimates reveal that 2007 expenditure may exceed income by up to \$19,000.

In view of the above position a Special Budget Appeal is being launched today.

Your special gift for the Lord's work here will allow us to move forward on a stable footing into 2008, assisting us in bringing to fruition our ministry programs planned for the year.

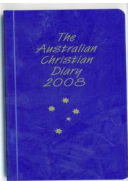
A "Special Budget Appeal" envelope is available today from your pigeon hole for your convenience, or if you prefer, you may credit our REG Account at the LLL direct. The A/c number is 28190/51/GOL and the LLL BSB Number is 704-942.

Lutheran Community Care Christmas Hamper Appeal

Please help LCC provide Christmas hampers to families in need this Christmas.

Your monetary donation can be placed in an envelope marked LCC Christmas Hamper Appeal and placed in the offering plate OR donations of canned/package foods can be left in the baskets in our Church Foyer. A list of suggested food items is also on display.

IT'S BACK The Aust Christian Diary 2008



- Now only \$7.95
- Rich blue laminate cover
- Bible reading for each day
- Week to an opening
- Monthly planner

I have three of these diaries in the office if anyone would like to purchase one.

Judith

Opportunities for GGLF and our school community to say:

"Farewell Rainer"



*Please join us for SUPPER following the year 7 Graduation Ceremony at 8:15pm in the Fellowship centre (even if not coming to the ceremony)

*Write a message on the congregation / class cards from your family

*Come to our final COFFEE CLUB on Wednesday Dec 12th at 8:45 am

WANTED



Small motor scooter or quad bike for use in this year's Christmas Play which will be presented on:

Sunday 23rd Dec, 6.30 pm at Salt Factory Service & Christmas Eve 24th Dec, 7.00 pm

If you can help please contact Dawn Rutter on 8289 2031 or 0401 740 701.



Fresh Christmas Trees

Are available again this year from Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Birdwood. They are offering high quality trees at \$25 each. Their supplies are quite limited this year so it will be vital to get your order in early. Please contact Judith to place your order. **Orders need to be in by 4th December.**

Trees will be delivered on Sat 15th December 2007.

Prayer Opportunities

A **prayer box** is available in the Church entrance for prayer requests (either private or public) on Sundays. If anyone has a prayer request we encourage you to fill out a prayer request form and place it in the right hand side of the box.

Prayer Chain: Means a lot of people praying about an urgent or special need. For urgent prayer requests during the week you are invited to contact one of following people and the prayer chain will be set in progress. (Chris Hahn, Jan Wegener, Pastor Len & Claire Tscharke, Catherine & Wim Belgraver, Anne Hanton, Joan Hochwald, Tanya Wilson, Judith Whaites.) All requests will be kept confidential. The prayer chain is available for everyone in both the church and school communities. Likewise if anybody feels they would like to be a part of the prayer chain we'd love you to join us.

Video Ministry

Each service is video taped, with copies available immediately after each service. Please see the library to loan a copy. Even if you can't make it to the service, you can still participate in worship.

Meals Ministry

(A practical way we can share & show God's love) Families rostered to support Meals Ministry in December are: **Knapp, Neale, Nelson.** When donating meals for the freezer we ask that you please attach some details to the container, eg name of the meal, date meal was prepared, a list of main ingredients, and heating instructions. Thank you.

GGLF Attendance & Offerings

(Offerings do not include electronic giving amount of \$8377 per month from 36 contributors.)

	Attendance	Offerings
Sunday 25/11 9.30 am	83	\$1695.20
6.30 pm	60	\$ 99.30


Special Budget Appeal Update

Donations received to 25/11 \$1050.00
Please note a budget shortfall of \$19 000 is estimated for end of 2007



Don't forget the Library is open for browsing and borrowing

Christian greeting cards always for sale from the Mobile Unit in the Fellowship Centre —Cost \$2

 **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

 Mon 3 Dec Louise Sumner
 Wed 5 Dec Hannah Bartel
 Fran Lindner
 Fri 7 Dec Holly Schutz

 We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace

TOGETHER

In this edition

Fear of the Unknown

An opportunity for Prison Ministry for your congregation

Fun filled FunFest

Held recently in Gawler

Encountering God at the pub

How we introduce God to others

OUT NOW!

Changes in LLL Interest Rates

LLL wishes to advise all depositors that from 1st December 2007 the interest rate on deposit accounts will increase from 4% to 4.75% p.a.

Please refer to notice-board for further details



Chapel Offerings Become Face to Face Mission

Glenda Kowald talks to Kyla Schmidt about her trip to Zambia, which was meant to be a simple holiday visiting a friend, but turned into much more, as her daughter's school here in Australia, became involved.

Christian be Joyful - Jesus is Our Star

Rev David Paech writes about the deep joy of a Christian as they contemplate Jesus as their Christmas Star.

Christmas Traditions In a Pastor's Family

Pastor Rodney Witmitz and his wife Jenny share their family Christmas traditions.

Gran Grub serves up Christmas

Rhonda Keller took a conversation with her mum and turned it into service. Every year Rhonda and her helpers serve up a Christmas dinner to those living alone in their congregation at St Johns Wodonga Vic

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POSITIONS VACANT

- Childcare Director, Lyndoch
 - Children & Family Team Leader at Para Vista
 - Part-time University Chaplain to International Students at Flinders University
- Please refer to noticeboard for further details on the above positions

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