



**9th December 2007—Second 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**

**Our hope in Christ**

**Isaiah 11:6-9** *In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard and the goat will be at peace. Calves and yearlings will be safe among lions, and a little child will lead them all. The cattle will graze among bears. Cubs and calves will lie down together. And lions will eat grass as the livestock do. Babies will crawl safely among poisonous snakes. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes and pull it out unharmed. Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain. And as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the LORD.*

The prophet Isaiah certainly gets our attention with this image of hope. There was a certain fulfillment of this when Jesus first came as was described in the previous verses but of course this will be completely fulfilled in the days when Jesus comes back in all his glory. Does it mean there will be animals in heaven? It's deeper than that question. This image gives us the feeling of peace, safety, rest and tranquility that we look forward to when Jesus takes us to himself in heaven.

But we also have a taste of that every time we worship. I pray that you might have a taste of that today in worship.

One more thing, I spoke about God getting our attention as he did through Isaiah's prophesy here. These Sundays I am preaching about how we count down to Christmas: be ready, this morning - be repentant, next week - be open and finally be amazed.

In regard to this morning's address God has to get our attention before he can lead us to being repentant. May he get your attention this morning too.

**Prayer:** *Lord Jesus, please get our attention today that we may hear what you have to say to us. Please give us the peace and safety that comes from being in your presence today that we may have a foretaste of heaven. Thank you for the hope that we have in you.  
Amen.*

**Pastor Leon**



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

Readings for 16th Dec  
Isaiah 35:1-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matt. 11:2-11

**Worship Opportunities**

<b>Today 9th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am 6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
<b>Thurs 13th Dec</b>	<b>12 noon 7.00 pm</b>	School Closing service Yr 7 Graduation ceremony
<b>Sunday 16th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am 6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
<b>Sunday 23rd Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am 6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Christmas Drama presentation

**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



- The most appropriate way to **come into God's presence** is on our knees. As we approach "Jesus' coming" (Advent), John the Baptist calls us to be repentant. He says in Matthew 3:2: "*Turn from your sins and turn to God, because the Kingdom of Heaven is near.*" We shall consider what it is to be repentant this morning in the address. John's approach was to get people's attention, hit them between the eyes, and calling for a change. We'll see that this can only be done properly though the power of the Holy Spirit. I am deliberately not using powerpoint in my address this morning to see what impact this has.
- This morning we are trialing something new: a suggestion put to the worship team, that those **people who come forward during Holy Communion distribution for a blessing** will also receive a sticker/ tract/stamp.
- I hope that we can use the **Visual Bible** again for the Gospel reading. What do you think of this alternative to a reader?
- Welcome to **Poppy Jane Wilson** into God's family through Holy Baptism this morning.
- In **confirmation** this afternoon we are continuing to look at Luther and what it means to be Lutheran and hopefully consider the topic of "Pure grace"
- Keep on praying for our **Youth Team Leader**. The applications close this Tuesday and we have a meeting on Wednesday to decide where we go from here.
- Next Sunday Celina and Chantel from our school community will be **baptized** at our morning service.
- **Are you looking for copies of this morning's address.** They are available in the Fellowship Centre. I prefer people don't look at them before the sermon is given and we thought they would be more available to people if they were in the Fellowship Centre.
- **Please Note:** We shall be decking the Christmas Tree after the morning worship on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. I hope you can join in.
- Have you seen the **calendar of proposed events for 2008?** (I listed the events in the pastor's corner a couple of week's ago). I hope as a leader of any group or auxiliary you have got one. See me for your copy. Talk about them. Are there things that you don't think we should be doing or that we should that wasn't listed? Have you comments, any questions on those worship/ teaching fellowship ...events? Would you like to be involved? These events are tentative, and I would be more than happy to hear if you have any suggestions. We plan to settle on the calendar at our planning day on 16th February.

Pastor Leon

## Advent

### What the Advent Wreath Teaches Us .....

The **candles** symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His Son. They also remind us that we are called to be God's light to the world.



The **four outer candles** represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ



## Baptism

Joining God's family & GGLF through the gift of Holy Baptism is

### Poppy Jane Wilson

We are delighted to share in the celebration of this special occasion with Poppy, her parents Daniel & Tamara, sponsors Corey & Kerry Shillabeer and Kimberly Hollitt, together with other family and friends here with us today.

We pray Poppy may continue to grow in the love & strength of God



*Baptism, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*

## 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.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Forum – [www.gglf.org.au/youth/forum](http://www.gglf.org.au/youth/forum)

**REV320** (yrs 7-9) Bring \$4

**Please note date & time**

**Saturday 15th December, 5.00-8.00 pm**— Formal dress dinner in Fellowship Centre

**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 Fellowship Centre. 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".

## 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.

Opportunities for GGLF and our school community to say:

## "Farewell Rainer"



\*Please join us for SUPPER on **Thursday 13th December** following the year 7 Graduation Ceremony at 8:15pm in the Fellowship centre (even if not coming to the ceremony). Service starts at 7.00 pm

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

\*Come to the final COFFEE CLUB on Wednesday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am



## GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

Members and Pastor Leon Rosenberg

Invite you to our Christmas Program for 2007

Christmas 2000 years ago, God sent His Son into the world. On Christmas Eve this year your friends at GGLF ask

*"What, if it happened in 2007?"*

Come and have your Summer Holidays transformed . . .

Either at our **Full Dress Rehearsal**

**6.30pm Sunday 23rd December**

replacing our Contemporary Salt Factory Service

Or the **Main Event,**

**Christmas Eve Mon 24/12 at 7.00pm**

**Worship (with HC) will be held at 9.30 am Christmas Day Tue 25/12**

*Message: "It did happen in 2007,"*

Where? We are just on the corner of Sunnybrook and Richardson Drives, Wynn Vale

*Please join us, Everybody Welcome.*



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Visit [www.gglf.org.au](http://www.gglf.org.au)

### Can you help?

A member of our congregation is seeking some home help on a weekly basis (*probably 1-2 hrs*) for at least the next 12 months. For further details please phone Judith on 8282 6050 (Church office).



### Calling all musicians & singers for Christmas Eve drama

Could you please attend rehearsals following the morning service next Sunday December 16th. Any music enquiries please contact Julie Hahn.

## WANTED



### Small motor scooter or quad bike

for use in this year's Christmas Play  
If you can help please contact Dawn Rutter on 8289 2031 or 0401 740 701.

### 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/packaged foods can be left in the baskets in our Church Foyer. A list of suggested food items is also on display.



### Offering Envelopes for 2008

Sets of offering envelopes are available from the entrance table for GGLF members 18 years and over. For married couples only one set has been allocated per couple.

We also remind you of the opportunity of giving electronically via the REG (Regular Electronic Giving) system.



### 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, Catharina & Wim Belgraver, Anne Hanton, Joan Hochwald, Tanya Wilson, Judith Whites.)

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 \$8765 per month from 37 contributors.)

	Attendance	Offerings
Sunday 2/12 9.30 am	90	\$397.85
6.30 pm	56	\$786.92

### Special Budget Appeal Update

Donations received to 2/12 \$1400.00  
Please note a budget shortfall of \$19 000 is estimated for end of 2007



### MEDIA UPDATE – Now available

The Christmas edition of **Media Update** is here. Read the latest media ministry news.

We rely on your prayers and your support. For more information - Phone: FREECALL 1800 353 350

### 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

### 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 there 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

### DUE IN YOUR MAILBOX: 10 December

**YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE TODAY!** 12 issues per year; \$34. See your group collector Judith Whites, or call Openbook 08 8124 0000, [subscriptions@openbook.com.au](mailto:subscriptions@openbook.com.au)

### POSITIONS VACANT

- **Endeavour College**  
Part time (0.5) Administration Assistant  
23 hrs/ week (8.25am - 1.30pm Mon - Fri) 41 wks/year.  
For further details telephone 8368 3311 or email [admin@endeavour.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin@endeavour.sa.edu.au) Applications close 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008
- **Youth Team Leader, Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship**
- **Children & Family Team Leader at Para Vista**
- **Part-time University Chaplain to International Students at Flinders University**



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**

Today	9 Dec	Tania Nelson
Mon	10 Dec	Catharina Belgraver
		Skye Hoklas
		Lloyd Kohlhagen
Fri	14 Dec	Lachlan Ahrens

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

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