



16th December 2007—Third 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 11

⁷As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Our human nature is to judge people. It's very easy to try and justify that we are somehow better than another person based on certain criteria, whether it be appearance, wealth, or ability.

How do we compare to the Lord? We were made in his image, so immediately we fall short of his perfection. Luckily, he does not need to judge us on our appearance or ability because he created us. And why should wealth matter when everything belongs to him? The Lord looks into our hearts.

Jesus reminds the crowd here of how the Lord uses ordinary people to do his work. John was not rich or good looking, yet people would journey out from the city to listen to him speak. John was given special authority from the Lord, but Jesus makes it clear that there is different judgement in the kingdom of heaven; "yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he".

Prayer: Lord of all power and wisdom, thank you for sending your son to wash away our sin so we can be seen fit to enter your kingdom. Help us to have a servant heart towards others instead of always thinking about ourselves. Amen.

Brian Quick



Readings for today
Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matt. 11:2-11

Readings for 23rd Dec
Isaiah 7:10-16
Romans 1: 1: 7
Matt. 1:18-25

Worship Opportunities

Today 16th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
Sunday 23rd Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Christmas Drama presentation
Monday 24th Dec	7.00 pm	Christmas Eve Drama presentation
Tuesday 25th Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day Worship with HC

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



- **How open are you to God in your life**, in speaking to you, guiding and interacting with you? Or are you closed off to God?! This morning we are going look at the **Matthew 11: 2-11** (the Gospel reading for today) to see what God did to open John the Baptist up and how he can open us to himself too. The address is entitled "**Be open**"
- Welcome to Celina and Chantelle Heuston into God's family through **Holy Baptism** this morning.
- Today marks the last **confirmation session** this year. We're looking at "Pure Grace" and having another look at the Sacraments.
- I would like to tell you what is happening with our **Youth Team Leader** today. The applications closed last Tuesday (11th December) and we hope to have the name of the successful applicant to present to the congregation "to call" next Sunday.
- **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.
- Again please Note: We shall be decking the **Christmas Tree** after the morning worship next Sunday (23rd December.) I hope you can join in.
- I hope you plan to come to our **Christmas drama "What if it happened in 2007"**. There is a "matinee" on Sunday at 6.30pm (instead of Salt Factory and then Monday evening (Christmas Eve))
- **Rev₃₂₀/Confirmation Camp (11-13/1/08)** This is a great opportunity for the confirmees to be integrated into Rev₃₂₀. But some of the young people are finding it a little hard to find the camp fees. If anyone would like to help subsidize these people please pass on your donation to Mardi (the Rev₃₂₀ Team Leader.
- **Date Claimer:** Monday 14/1/08 (7.30pm) meeting about Sunday School at GGLF. A few people want to explore further what we can do for the children on a Sunday morning. Please come along if you have any ideas or would like to be involved.

Pastor Leon

Advent



What the Advent Wreath Teaches Us

The symbols used are – **candles**, to remind us that the light of Christ comes into the world and He brings hope, peace, joy and love; and the **trumpets and crowns** remind us that we are awaiting the coming of the King as a babe at

Christmas and also, with anticipation, the return of Christ the King in his Second Coming.



Baptism

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

**Celina Monica Heuston
and
Chantelle Misper Heuston**

We are delighted to share in the celebration of this special occasion with Celina & Chantelle, together with their family, sponsors and friends here with us today.

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

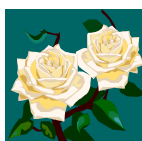


Baptism. I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

The Salt Factory

Tonight: 6.30 pm service.

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.**



Caring for our Roses

During the school holiday period we are seeking help to keep the roses dead-headed and tidy.

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).

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 the entrance table, or if you prefer, you may credit our REG Account at the LLL direct. The A/c number is 28190/S1/GOL and the LLL BSB Number is 704-942.

Please prayerfully consider how much you can give to this appeal.



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.



For more information please Phone: 82826050
E-mail: whaites.judith@goldengrove.sa.edu.au or
Visit www.gglf.org.au

Worship times for January 2008

Please note that during January there will only be **ONE SERVICE** held at 9.30 am.

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.

Christmas Giving

The offerings received at our Christmas services will be given to support the work of Australian Lutheran World Service. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. If you wish your offering to be tax deductible you will need to enclose your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your name.



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. Forms and information about this method of giving are available from the Church Foyer. If you decide you would like to take up this option details on the form for our congregation are Golden Grove Congregation REG Account No 28190 S1 GOL at the LLL (BSB No 704-942).

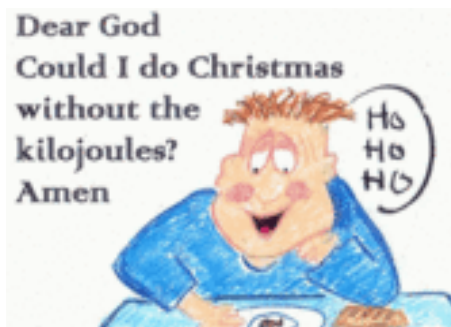
For members who already use the REG system for giving please consider using a specially printed card (available from the entrance table in Church Foyer) to place in the offering plate rather than taking a set of envelopes.

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.



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 \$8765 per month from 37 contributors.)

	Attendance	Offerings
Sunday 9/12 9.30 am	105	\$780.00
6.30 pm	65	\$267.05

Special Budget Appeal Update

Donations received to 9/12 \$3500.00
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	17 Dec	Darren Mattiske Lina Stocksiek
Thurs	20 Dec	Chris Hahn Sue Neale Chris Thiel

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

IT'S BACK The Aust Christian Diary 2008

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

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



Judith

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

ON TV

Little Shepherd will be shown across Australia on Sunday 23rd December 2007

on the NINE & WIN Networks at 6:30am and IMPARJA TV Network at 6.30am (CST)

On Christmas Day, the Australian Christian Channel will telecast on Austar Digital 182, Foxtel 182 and Optus 49 / Digital 182, Digital 44(Sydney), Transact (Canberra) TV, **Little Shepherd** at 7am (AEDT) and **The Stableboys Christmas** at 4pm (AEDT)

See your local program guides for relevant times in your state.

ON RADIO

The Face to Face Christmas special will be broadcast *in addition* to Face to Face and On the Spot messages broadcast regularly on 350 stations around Australia and online at

www.facetoface.org.au

SEND A CHRISTMAS ECARD at

www.lca.org.au

Save time and money. Send an E-card to your friends and relatives and encourage them to send it on to others. You will help make Christmas a special time of blessing for them.

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Advance Notice FUEL CAMP

For Young Adults 18-30 yrs
Married or single
March 7-10, 2008
At Unity College
Murray Bridge

For further details contact Karl on 0417 747 642
Registration forms available in new year

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 Applications close 10th January 2008
- **Children & Family Team Leader at Para Vista**
- **Youth Ministry Leader at Warradale**

Please refer to noticeboard for further details on the above positions

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