



23rd December 2007—Fourth 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.
Please feel welcome to join us.



TWO MINUTES

Prophecy Fulfilled



Matthew 1:22-23 *All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" – which means, "God with us."*

Did you know that throughout the Gospel of Matthew there is the theme of proving to the reader that Jesus is in fact the Messiah that the Jews had been waiting for? Of all the Gospels, Matthew quotes the Old Testament the most, and links the Old Testament prophecies with the reality that he has experienced. He even starts the Gospel with the rather long genealogy of Jesus to prove that Jesus comes from the line of David as prophesied.

So here we have in today's verses a direct link to the Old Testament prophecy written by Isaiah: *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Is 7:14)* As we enter the Christmas season may we understand that God has given us, personally, our Immanuel. And may we know with certainty that **God is with us.**

Prayer: *Father God, we praise you for your plan of salvation, promised in ages past and fulfilled in Jesus. Bring us, this Christmas, to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child and to worship you anew for your great love. Amen.* **Tania Nelson**



Worship Opportunities



Readings for today	
Isaiah	7:10-16
Romans 1:	1- 7
Matt.	1:18-25
Readings for 30th Dec	
Isaiah	63: 7- 9
Hebrews	2:10-18
Matthew	2:13-23

Today 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
Sunday 30th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
Monday 31st Dec	7.00 pm	New Year's Eve worship

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.

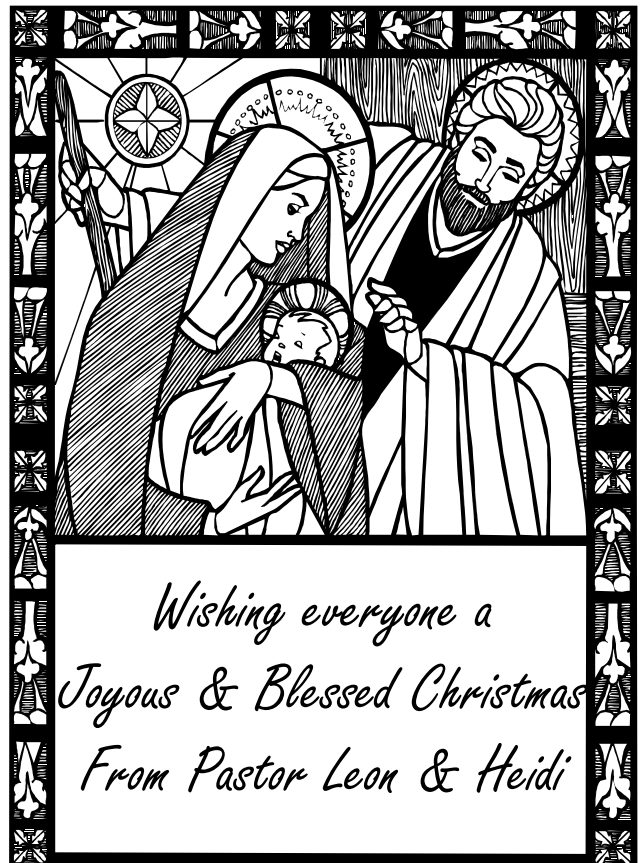
Thank you for worshipping with us!

Pastor's Corner



- Does Christmas amaze you anymore? Have we celebrated too many Christmases so that they are no longer amazing, at least not as amazing as we see in the wonder on children faces as they look at the Christmas decorations, the peace as they sing carols by candlelight, the excitement as they wait for the presents, their joy in celebrating as a family. We might be amazed - negatively by Christmas: how much money is spent, how many people go into debt, how it becomes a silly season... Today we are looking at the theme "**Be amazed**" based on the Gospel reading (Matthew 1:18-25)
- I hope the team who have been entrusted with coming up with the name of a successful applicant for the position of **Youth Team Leader** will be able to present it to you today after our morning service so that we can "call" him or her.
- Again **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.
- We'll be decking the **Christmas Tree** after the morning worship today I hope you can stay and join in the fun.
- **TONIGHT** (630pm.) and **TOMORROW NIGHT** (7pm Christmas Eve) the Christmas drama "**What if it happened in 2007**".
- I saw the dress rehearsal last Sunday morning and do **recommend it to you. Thank you** Dawn and Kerry for the play and all the actors, dancers, band and singers, those behind the scenes: in sound and lighting, those who made the props. Thank you to you all. I would ask the whole congregation to pray that the message of God's love may shine through and many people are touched and drawn closer to Christ through this play.
- **Christmas 2008:** if you would like to present a drama or have any ideas about Christmas 2008, please submit them early to the worship team so that they can decide which way we will go in 2008.
- **Worship on Tuesday** (Christmas Day 9.30 am Holy Communion: Theme: "**It has happened in 2007**".
- Don't forget about worship next Sunday 9.30 am - Theme: "Be gone" and at 6.30 pm the last Salt Factory service for 2007 (*Salt Factory will recommence in February next year*). **Next Monday night : New Year's Eve: worship at 7.00 pm "A new start"**
- "**Friends For Life**": 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.
- Remember: 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



*Wishing everyone a
Joyous & Blessed Christmas
From Pastor Leon & Heidi*

Advent

What the Advent Wreath Teaches Us

The **blue of the candles and banners** is used as a symbol of royalty as we focus on Christ the King. It also symbolizes the night sky - the anticipation of the impending announcement of the King's coming to the shepherds and the Magi.

The **red candle** is for joy - the joy of the Magi worshipping the new found king, the shepherds hearing the proclamation of the birth, and the joy, for us, in fulfilled hope. The **central white candle** reminds us that Christ is the heart of the season, giving light to the world.

Full Dress Rehearsal of our Christmas Drama Presentation

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.

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".



REJOICE... for our Saviour is born!



JOY TO THE WORLD



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.

Worship times for January 2008

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

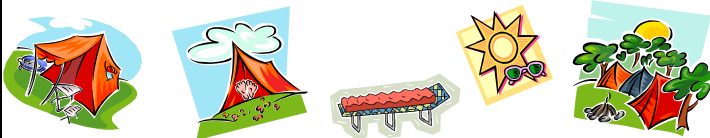
Christmas Eve Mon 24/12 at 7.00pm

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.



For more information please Phone: 82826050
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Visit www.gglf.org.au

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

ON TV

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

Lutheran Media - Connecting people to Christ.

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.

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.

Caring for our Roses

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



Let Us Renew Our Yuletide Prayers For Peace On Earth.



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).

