



GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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21st January 2018—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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WELCOME to worship today !

May we all be encouraged and strengthened in our faith through the Word of God and the Lord's Supper which we share with one another.

Tea & coffee is available following morning service



Please feel welcome to join one another. ALL WELCOME

Before worship

God's Love seen in Jonah

Who doesn't know the story of Jonah and the whale? It is a favourite of children and adults alike and the focus is usually the miracle of Jonah surviving for three days inside a whale and emerging unscathed. As fabulous as that miracle is, it is not the point of the story. What we see in the account of Jonah and his mission to Nineveh is the loving and merciful heart of our God.

We can all see ourselves in Jonah. God asks us to do something that we don't agree with and we either ignore his word or run the other way. We would expect that God would wash his hands of Jonah and find someone else to deliver his message but God does not give up on Jonah. It's important for Jonah's relationship with God that he is guided back to God's will for his life. Jonah thinks that he can live 'under the radar' as he travels as far away from the hot spot as possible. After all, God has important business to undertake in Nineveh so he really wouldn't be too interested in dealing with an unwilling prophet.

What Jonah learns is that his relationship with God is of utmost importance to God. Indeed, the prophecy to Nineveh can wait while things are made right between God and Jonah. So the story of ships and storms and whales interrupts God's plan for the city of Nineveh. It's inspiring to see that God's attention is focussed on Jonah as just one individual. It's wonderful to see that God is concerned with the welfare of the inhabitants of a city that has been a threat to his people Israel. God always surprises us with his love and how it appears.

Just as God was interested in his relationship with Jonah, he is vitally interested in the relationship we have with him. Just as he pursued Jonah and restored the relationship, so he pursues us with love and mercy always.

Pastor Greg



**Readings for today: Jonah 3:1-5,1010
 1 Cor. 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20**

Worship Opportunities

Today 21st Jan (one service only)	9.30 am	Contemporary worship with HC
Sunday 28th Jan (one service only)	9.30 am	Contemporary worship
Sunday 4th Feb	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
Sunday 11th Feb	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC

**Please note:
 Salt Factory services will resume in Feb 2018.**

Invitation to Prayer Time

Pastor Greg holds prayer time at 9.15 am before worship on Sunday mornings.

Anyone is welcome to come and join Pastor Greg.

It is held in the Youth room of the Fellowship Centre.

Kids at Heart

Kids at Heart will resume on 4th February 2018 with BibleSong.

During this time a children's craft activity is available during morning worship for children to do (*if they wish*) with a volunteer from the congregation to support.

The children's craft activity is located in the church foyer.



Golden Grove Amateur Fishing (GGAF)

Welcome to Fishing Year 2018

A Happy New Year to all from the GGAF Committee.

The GGAF Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Sunday February 11th at 4.00pm in the Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School Conference Room

Where: Corner of Sunnybrook Drive and Richardson Drive, Wynn Vale

The full 2018 program will be available and Memberships will be taken on the day.

Membership cost remains unchanged - \$15 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors (15 Years and Under).

Next Events: Saturday 18th February - Crabbing at Webb Beach 10am
Cockling at Goolwa Beach Saturday 3rd March at 9am

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Men@Para Vista

Come to breakfast and hear about...

The Christian Motorcyclists Association of Australia SA Inc. (CMA SA)



CMA exists to encourage Christian motorcyclists in their journey with Jesus.

Their motto is "Unity in Diversity" - all makes of bikes being ridden by people from many different backgrounds.

Hear some of their life stories and the adventures that CMA get involved with.

Saturday 10th February at 7.30am Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 388 Montague Road, Para Vista

A donation of \$10 is appreciated
\$8 Concession, \$5 under 16s
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Support for the work and ministry of **Lutheran Community Care** is ongoing and encouraged.

During the month of **January LCC** invite you to replenish their Emergency Relief shelves with donations of **Chick peas / Lentils; Sweet biscuits; Teabags; Tuna (425g)**. Boxes and bags are always in the Foyer waiting to be filled!



RosTers for Next Sunday : 28th January

PA + Opening/Closing up	Power-point	Music Group	Greeters / Ushers	Readers	Children's Address Kid's Craft	Devotion for Bulletin Prayers	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning
Paul Friedrich	Robert Mills	Allyson Dutschke	Davidson Dabinett	Shane Patterson	Ps Greg -	M Knapp M Knapp		Dorothy Quick	School