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# 3rd December 2017—1st Sunday of ADVENT

# WELCOME to worship today !

May we all be encouraged and strengthened in our faith through the Word of God .



Tea & coffee is available following morning service and at 5.45 pm a light meal is available prior to the 6.30 pm service.

Please feel welcome to join one another. ALL WELCOME

#### Before worship

Advent is a four week season before Christmas. The word Advent means "To come to." The four weeks duration is thought to represent the 400 years of darkness before the coming of Christ. A darkness without prophets to reveal God. Prophetic words were still available in the Word of God but no living prophets were appointed in that time. The people had the promises of God in Isaiah regarding the root of Jesse shooting new life, new fruit, the promises of a new King, the Messiah, and they waited.

How fortunate we are, for we see what they only hoped for. Though we also wait, for His second coming, we are witnesses of His first coming. Not eye witnesses perhaps but faith witnesses, for we share in the victory over sin, death and the devil that Jesus won for us in His first advent. Now is a time of, 'Already, but not yet'. We have His assurance that we are no longer under condemnation but we won't have complete freedom from sin or the work of Satan until Jesus comes again. Oh what a joyous day that will be when we rise to meet the One who exchanged His exalted life for our wretched state.

So our advent time can be a time of worshipful waiting and a time of celebrating. A time to fill our hearts and lives with light, not darkness. We know the King who is coming. We have His word to meditate on, to draw strength and comfort from, to show us how to be loving, generous, welcoming people as He is to us. Yet, we can also follow the stirrings of our hearts in celebration because He will come again as He promised. His Word can be relied upon, our imminent and annual Christmas celebrations remind us of this. He will come again in glory and then we will meet Him and by His grace we will be immersed in the eternal freedom and joy of heaven.

Dearest Lord, we pray that this Advent season will be a constant communion with You so that we wait and watch in love, in hope, in joy and in peace. Come quickly Lord. Amen. Margey Knapp



Readings for today: Isaiah 11:1-10 John 1:1-14

# Salt Factory Tonight 6.30 pm

Prayer healing team will lead a Prayer/Healing Service

Come at 5.45 pm for food and fellowship before the service commences.

Gold coin donation.

#### **Today 3rd Dec** 9.30 am Contemporary worship 6.30 pm Salt Factory Prayer /Healing service Friday 8th Dec 8.45-9.15am Informal worship with school community followed by coffee club Sunday 10th Dec 9.30 am Contemporary worship 6.30 pm Salt Factory worship with HC Sunday 17th Dec 9.30 am Contemporary worship with HC 6.30 pm Salt Factory worship

# Worship Opportunities

# Kids at Heart

Children are very welcome to join Kids at Heart children's ministry time during the morning worship service.

This Sunday's BibleSong topic for Advent is : "Hope Prophecy candle"

The Kids at Heart BibleSong program operates under the ChildSafe LCA program which is a safety and risk management system with a focus on keeping children and young people safe in their programs and activities.



Printed copies of the Agenda and nomination of Office Bearers for 2018 are available from our church foyer or they can be viewed or downloaded from our website under the tab *"For Members/ General Meetings"*.

#### **Fellowship Lunch**

This Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon an opportunity for a get-together over lunch has been organised to be held at the Golden Grove Village Tavern. This will be the last one for this year.

#### ALL WELCOME.

Please let Margaret Caldicott know if you plan on coming (phone 8251 6352).

### *Life in the Vine* magazine

A super December edition of our community magazine *Life in the Vine* is out now. Printed copies are available from church foyer or you can view/ download from our website. The theme is *"What is Christmas? – God's Love Gift of Jesus to You"*. There's some great reading to be had.

#### **Housesitter Wanted**

We are looking for a housesitter to take care of the dog, chooks, watering, bushfire alerts – and Nico! From about Dec 26 - Jan 10 Please contact Ivan: 0412 844 370



Playgroup /mainly music at Golden Grove Lutheran Church this Friday 8th December 9:30 am after chapel till 11 am

Please come and join us.

Playgroup begins with **mainly music** which is a fun interactive music session for preschool children and their parents/caregivers.

#### Cost: Gold coin donation

Participate in a fun 30 minute music session, then afterwards children can enjoy a fruit snack followed by facilitated playgroup time.

Parents/caregivers can enjoy a coffee and morning tea in a relaxed setting.

Any questions please contact Natasha Jaeschke through the church office (8282 6050).



Held each Thursday evening during school term 7.00- 8:30 pm. at Ahrens' house.

## growing deeper, together

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Anyone interested can call Elnora Schmocker (*mobile 0411 244 159*)





PA + Open- ing/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	Salt Factory Catering
Jon Schutz	Schutz	Jacquie Schutz	Friedrich	Friedrich	Ps Greg  N Jaeschke	Ps Greg Ps Greg		Jenny Rawolle	School	
Luke Wachtel										Fielke



last Wednesday 29th November We uphold you in prayer and pray God may be your strength and comfort in your time of pain and loss.



For a short skit on Christmas Eve. Not too many lines and only two rehearsals before the big night. Please contact Pastor Greg or Judith if you would like to serve our community in this way.

## Devotion Book for 2018 & **Christian Diaries 2018**

Are you interested to order either of these : Christian Diary \$12 (includes daily Bible ref rdgs - lectionary)

Time Out with The Shepherd \$23 (Australian written devotional following the lectionary).

Please email or contact our church office if you wish to order.



On Tuesday 12th December a Twilight Carol evening will be held on the school oval. The evening will begin at 5.45 pm with a number of food trucks available for the purchase of food. At 6.30 pm the Christmas story will be presented by some students along with Christmas carol singing. All students from Reception—Year 5 will be leading the carols. Dress for the evening.

It is expected that the evening will be finished by 7.30 pm.

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#### SAVE THE DATE

# Sat 20th January 2018

#### For the inaugural

# 'Education Saturday'

held at Golden Grove Lutheran Church.

#### Guest presenter is

#### Dr. John Kleinig

Come to grow and enrich your faith, hear from God's word and enjoy the fellowship of others.

#### More details to come

Speak to Ruth Zimmermann or Pastor Greg if you would like learn more about this amazing day.



GOLDEN GROVE

Videos of Pastor Greg's messages can be viewed on our website or YouTube, and announcements are made on Facebook and Twitter as soon as new items become available.

If you choose to give the video posts a Like/Share/ Favourite/Retweet on Facebook or Twitter, you're helping to increase the number of people that might see Pastor Greg's message. A seemingly trivial click - it may be the easiest act of ministry you ever do!

Website: <u>http://www.gglc.org.au/</u>, go to "For Members" and select "Pastor's Messages" Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/</u> Twitter: <u>https://twitter.com/gglc\_lca</u>



Support for the work and ministry of Lutheran Community Care is ongoing and encouraged.

During the month of **December LCC** invite you to replenish their Emergency Relief shelves with donations of **Cereals; Coffee; Toilet Rolls; Vegemite**. Boxes and bags are always in the Foyer waiting to be filled! TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS SEEKING THE TRUTH



# SEARCHING for the KING

A Dramatic Christmas Musical

Sunday 3rd December 3:00pm Adelaide Congress Hall 277 Pirie Street, Adelaide

TICKETS: \$25 Adults \$22 Concession \$10 Children \$60 Family (2+2)

Script by Walter L. Black Arranged and Orchestrated by David T. Clydesdale Bookings: www.soulfactorgospelchoir.com (0400 893 739)

#### GGLC OFFERINGS

Members are offered the opportunity of Regular Electronic Giving (REG) which provides a way to give regularly and consistently without having to remember to bring money for the offering plate every Sunday. More information about REG can be found in the <u>Giving section of the LLL</u> <u>website</u>.

The LLL Account No. for GGLC Regular Electronic Giving is 28190/S1/ GOL

To transfer money into the LLL Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship REG A/c from another bank please use: BSB (Branch) number - 704942 and Account No. - 28190

