



**GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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**17th December 2017—3rd Sunday of ADVENT**

**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**

**The Joy of Christmas**

Joy – what is this word that we really only hear of at Christmas? A quick ‘Google search’ brings up a series of words that describe something so much more than happiness: *jubilation, triumph, exultation, rejoicing, glee, exhilaration, ebullience, exuberance, elation, euphoria, bliss, ecstasy, transports of delight, rapture, radiance.* Wow! These are some very big emotions, much more than those we may usually experience. These emotions are usually reserved for those truly incredible events – e.g. an outstanding achievement, your football team wining after a 37yr drought... or the birth of a baby.

For those who have been through the journey, excitement and anticipation of the impending arrival of a baby, those nine months can feel very long – and so to be getting to the end of the journey, knowing that you will soon be meeting this new addition, causes great joy.

For the people of biblical times, the waiting and anticipation of a Saviour caused such a stir – here would come the Messiah, the one long promised who would save God's chosen people. (Interestingly though, this new King didn't come from a palace, didn't come with any pomp – He came from, and amid, the lowliest of the lowly.)

So, how are YOU feeling about Christmas, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour? Are you feeling tired, worn out, run down, defeated by the pace of life in 2017? Or are you experiencing Joy as you eagerly anticipate the birth of the Christ-child?

I pray that you may experience rejoicing, jubilation, rapture and many other forms of joy as you look forward to welcoming the Christ-child again, this Christmas.

Allyson Dutschke



**Readings for today: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
 John 1:6– 8, 19-28**

**Salt Factory Tonight**

**6.30 pm**

Please note there will be NO meal beforehand.

Look forward to seeing you there!

**Worship Opportunities**

<b>Today 17th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am 6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
<b>Sunday 24th Dec Christmas Eve</b>	<b>9.30 am 7.00 pm</b>	Contemporary worship <b>A candle lit celebration of Jesus' birth with Carols and readings</b>
<b>Monday 25th Dec Christmas Day</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Contemporary worship with HC
<b>Sunday 31st Dec PLEASE</b>	<b>9.30 am NOTE ONLY</b>	Contemporary worship <b>ONE SERVICE</b>

### 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

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 : "Joy 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.*

### Kids at Heart

Kids at Heart will be taking a break from 31/12/17 and recommence on 4/2/18. During this time Natasha will also be having a break but will be providing craft activities for each of the following Sunday's, **31/12/17, 7/1/18, 14/1/18, 21/1/18 and 28/1/18.**

**Volunteers are required to supervise the craft activities at the back of the church for each of the listed dates.**

If you are able to assist on any of the above dates please let Natasha Jaeschke know.

### Letter of Thanks to GGLC

Your attention is drawn to a letter of thanks to GGLC from Finke River Mission for recent donations we made to them of paraments, sacred furniture plus other items to help resource their worship centres in Central Australia.

This letter is available to read from our noticeboard in the church foyer.

## Golden Grove Lutheran Church Christmas Celebrations Richardson Drive, Wynn Vale

**Christmas Eve**  
**7pm**  
**A Candlelit**  
**Celebration of**  
**Jesus' birth with**  
**readings and**  
**carols**

**Christmas Day**  
**9:30am**  
**Contemporary**  
**Worship**

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### Christmas gift assembly evenings

A second mini workshop will be held **on Monday 18th December** to assemble the gifts our congregation give out on Christmas Eve.

This workshop will be held at the Knapp's house, 8 Denton Court Wynn Vale (82895443) from 7.00pm onwards for anyone who would be free to help.

### Musicians & singers needed for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

For anyone interested in playing or singing for Christmas Eve there will be a music practice held on **Tuesday 19th 7pm at the church.** Please let Jacquie Schutz know if you are available (0411 426 158).

Also if anyone is available on Christmas Day please let Jacquie know.

### LLL Calendars

**Free copies of LLL Calendars for 2018 are available from the Church Foyer**


**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Wed 20th Dec      Chris Thiel

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

## RosTers for Next Sunday : 24th December

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
	Judith Whites	Allyson Dutschke	Dutschke	Rod Hall	Ps Greg N Jaeschke	Ps Greg Ps Greg		Leanne Schiller	Fielke