

# GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our goal:

Care, Communicate, Connect so that people may know CHRIST.

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## 27th November 2016—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 in the Fellowship Centre 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

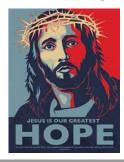
Hope

I remember well the hope in the air when President Obama was elected in 2008. There was an optimism about the future; a belief that the world had turned a corner. The world, it seemed, placed their hope in a man. Eight years later and many of the hopes placed in this man have been dashed. The world doesn't appear to be much different. Wars and terrorism continue, income inequality remains at record levels and many people feel uneasy about the future.

The bible tells us that when we place our hope in anyone other than Jesus we will be disappointed. No matter how talented a person is, they are not God and do not have the ability to create and transform. Only Jesus, who chose to enter our world, take on our burdens and sacrificed for us has the capacity to offer meaningful change.

In Advent, we celebrate that the coming of Jesus is the realisation of the hope of the world.

Pastor Greg







Readings for today: Isaiah 2:1-5 1 Peter 1:3-5

# Salt Factory Tonight 6.30 pm

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

Look forward to seeing you there!

## **Worship Opportunities**

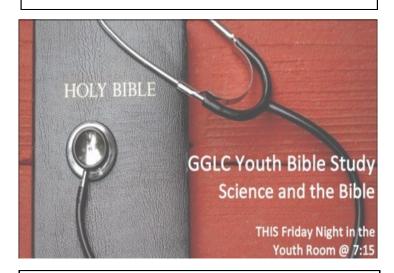
<b>Today 27th Nov</b>	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC				
Friday 2nd Dec	8.45-9.15am	Informal worship with school community followed by tea/coffee . <b>ALL WELCOME</b>				
Sunday 4th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship				
Friday 9th Dec	8.45-9.15am	Informal worship with school community followed by tea/coffee . <b>ALL WELCOME</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.



### **Working Bee/Spring Clean**

Now we finally have some finer weather happening, we want to have a Working Bee to do a few jobs and have a general Spring Clean around the Church plant before we run out of year! The date for this will be **Saturday December 3**<sup>rd</sup> from **8.30am to approx. 12.30-ish.** 

Main things to do would be: General 'Spring Clean' both inside and outside.

Gardening/Pruning where needed. Some paving adjustments needed.

Some wall & trim painting.

Cupboard clean out and tidy up.

Will have a list of jobs on the day. Please bring some gardening, window cleaning, general cleaning, painting gear. If can't come for the whole time, even an hour or so would help. There will be morning tea provided. Come and enjoy the fellowship while working.

Thanks from the Property Team

## Fellowship Group News & Events

#### An Open Invitation to Prayer healing get together:

this Monday night 28th November at 7.30pm at the Schiller's (50 Greenridge Court, Wynn Vale).

Bible study teaching God's word with the opportunity for a "personal breakthrough" in prayer & healing for anything people have needs in, mental, physical, spiritual, employment, family issues - anything at all. Learning also to be disciples of Jesus.

**Bible study** using Dr Jim Richards Ministries Material then this is followed by healing/prayer.

Contact Paul Napier 0413 604 000 or Jon Schiller 0424 186 149.

## **Annual Christmas Picnic today**

on the school oval 11.30 am - 2.30 pm

#### **ALL WELCOME**



## Notice of GGLC & GGLPS Half Yearly Meeting

## Sunday 11th December at 10.45 am

Printed copies of the agenda are available from the Church Foyer today or can be downloaded from <a href="http://bit.ly/gglchym2016">http://bit.ly/gglchym2016</a>

Please note a quorum of 50 people is required for new business that will be presented at this meeting so we encourage the support, attendance and involvement of folk in this decision-making process of our church.

### **Financial Update for 2016**

As of the end of October we are 5/6 of the way through the year and to meet our end of year target we would need our income to be between 84% and 87% of budget by this time. Our income is currently 75% of target, which is well below what we need to achieve. Expenditure is 86% and the cash flow position is satisfactory.

Without any increase in giving, our end of year deficit is predicted to be approximately \$20,000.

If you are in a position to make a special donation to improve our financial position, or to increase your regular giving, or to bring forward the commencement of your 2017 pledge - please do so via the offering plate, or via REG (see details on our website at

http://www.gglc.org.au/gglc/members/worship-details.html) or via a one-off bank transfer (details also at http://www.gglc.org.au/gglc/members/worship-details.html). Please place any special donations in an envelope marked 'Appeal' in the offering plate or add reference 'Appeal' to the bank transfer.

Please consider prayerfully.

### **Wanted - Social Media Guru**

Up to two helpers needed for the GGLC Communications Team for 2017. The Communications Team will be responsible for ensuring effective communications both within the congregation and externally.

It's a job for someone who enjoys communication, and working with social media in particular; also a passion to share the Christian message and to share what's happening in our congregation.

Full details can be found at this link: <a href="http://bit.ly/2fT8Xcb">http://bit.ly/2fT8Xcb</a>

Please let Pastor or Chairperson know if you are interested in being part of this team.

## ROSTE'S for Next Sunday : 4th December

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	Judith Whaites	Jacquie Schutz	Ken C Christiaan H	Kloeden	Ps Greg	A Dutschke Ps Greg	G Hoklas D Dutschke	Denise Kloeden	School	
Luke Wachtel										Dutschke

## **Christmas Tree Festival**



For those who were not able to go to the Tea Tree Gully Christmas Tree Festival, which was held over the past 3 days, we share this picture of the decorations that the children attending our Kids at Heart made and adorned the display tree.

Well done to all involved. You did a great job.

## Kids & other helpers needed for Christmas Eve drama

## Is your child interested in being part of the 2016 Christmas Eve Drama?

You haven't missed out, there are still a number of scenes where there are opportunities for children to be on stage. Contact Jenny Rawolle 0400 513 448 or Natasha Jaeschke 0412 310 027.

If anyone can **help with props and costumes** for the Christmas Eve Drama please contact Mark Rawolle 0400 251 344

### A Thankyou from Goroka in PNG

I just had a phone call from Helen Rende in Goroka who is the person we sent all the condolence cards etc after our and their friend Siam's recent death. She was very excited and moved and appreciative by what was sent. She is forwarding the letters and cards as indicated to Siam's family, the Nurses and Goroka Hospital and the card to her Church will be presented to the congregation on Sunday. Thanks to everyone for your kindness with what was sent.

Daniel Dutschke





RSVP to Natasha 0412 310 027 by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>
November

If you require further information please contact Natasha 0412 310 027



#### **LUTHERAN NURSES**

**Monday 28th November at 7.30pm** at the District Office, 137 Archer St., North Adelaide with entry from the rear.

Guest speaker is Annemarie Klingenberg on " Selfharm and Suicide".

**All are welcome not just nurses**, CPS evidence is available. We also ask for a donation for food items for Lutheran Community Care for a Christmas basket.

#### 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: <a href="http://www.gglc.org.au/">http://www.gglc.org.au/</a>, go to "For Members" and select "Pastor's Messages"

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/">https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/</a>

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Twitter: https://twitter.com/gglc lca

## ANNOUNCEMENT: OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE CHURCH

The right people are out there. Please help us to find them.

The General Church Council, acting on a Synodical resolution to trial a new national structure, has resolved to form a **Board for Local Mission**. This is a new board of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand which will integrate local mission efforts and be supported by a number of mission areaspecific committees.

The Office of the Bishop, on behalf of the General Church Council, is inviting nominations from people who may be interested in serving on this Board, which will meet three times per year. Costs associated with travel to Board meetings is covered by the LCA.

We are looking for a wide range of skills and experience, including people with: understanding of ministry with the ageing; understanding of ministry utilising media; understanding of ministry with new and renewing churches; understanding of ministry with children, youth and families; ability in strategic planning; ability in organisational management; and ability in finance.

We believe that God has blessed our Church with many talented people who have the ability to make an effective contribution to the life and work of the LCA. Yours might be the finger that taps a brother or sister on the shoulder: 'There's a great opportunity to serve the church; we thought it might suit you'.

If you are interested in serving on this Board please contact LCA Executive Officer - Local Mission, <u>Tania Nelson:</u> tania.nelson@lca.org.au

Nominations for the Board will close on **Friday 9 December** 

#### **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 Giving section of the LLL website.

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



Today 27th Nov Ivan Schmocker
Mon 28th Nov Andrew Schmidt

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

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To check out what's happening visit www.lca.org.au



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

encouraged. LCC's request list for November is for biscuits, coffee, spreads & tuna.

Boxes and bags are always in the Foyer waiting to be filled!

Donations will be kindly transported to LCC at the end of each month.