

Our mission: KNOWING CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

# **GOLDEN GROVE** LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Our goal:

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## 4th December 2016—2nd 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 Sacrament which we share with one another.



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**

#### Peace during Advent time

Advent is a time of eager anticipation - the excitement of Christmas is upon us, and from young to old, there are movements of preparation for the coming celebrations.

But for many the Christmas preparations may not feel at all 'Peaceful' Will it be a joyous event? What will 'they' think of my partner/family/home/food/presents...? Then there are the shopping queues, lines at the supermarket checkout to navigate, making sure the Christmas tree, lights and decorations don't get pulled down (by the children, pets - or errant locals). Not to think about the LONG school holiday period – what do we do with the kids? And I haven't even applied for any leave yet (lucky you get some - for those on contracts, when the work stops, so does the pay!).

Yet into all of our messed-up lives, Christ comes to bring us peace – as it is written in Ephesians 2: 17-18, "He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit."

God knows our life gets messy - IS messy - and through His great love sent His Son into our messiness to simplify our pathway to God. He knew that on our own we wouldn't have had a hope, but through Jesus birth, death and resurrection, we now have an "access all areas" pass to eternal life with Him.

May this bring your comfort and peace as you traverse the Christmas period – remember Jesus IS the 'reason for the season'.

Allyson Dutschke



Readings for today: Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

Today 4th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship Informal worship with school community followed by tea/coffee . <b>ALL WELCOME</b> Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC				
Friday 9th Dec	8.45-9.15am					
Sunday 11th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm					
Thursday 15th Dec	8.45-9.15am	Closing chapel for end of 2016 school year . ALL WELCOME				

Worship Opportunities

## 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!

### **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.

## **GGLC YOUTH**

#### Youth this Friday night!

Games Night as well as our devotion and small group time.  $\textcircled{\odot}$ 

**7:15-9:30pm** in the GGLC Youth Room. \$4 per night, \$1 cans!

E-mail: <u>vouth@gglc.org.au</u> Facebook/Instagram: gglcyouth

### Asaroka Container—It's arrived!

Great news!

The container our community sent to Asaroka Lutheran Secondary School in PNG finally arrived on site at the school last Wednesday. We praise God for its safe arrival and pray the contents will be a blessing to all students and staff.

### Life in the Vine

It's here! The December edition of our community magazine *Life in the Vine* is out now.

Check out your pigeon holes or copies are available from church foyer or can be downloaded from our website.

Our congregation has received a 'LLL Interest Rate change' notice advising that the interest rate on LLL interest bearing Savings Accounts will be 2.50% from 1 December 2016. This notice has been placed on the church noticeboard for your information.



### Notice of GGLC & GGLPS Half Yearly Meeting

## Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45 am

Printed copies of the agenda are available from the Church Foyer or can be downloaded from <u>http://bit.ly/gglchym2016</u>

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

<u>http://www.gglc.org.au/gglc/members/worship-</u> <u>details.html</u>) or via a one-off bank transfer (details also at <u>http://www.gglc.org.au/gglc/members/worship-</u>

<u>details.html</u>). 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.



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
Joel Schiller	Tanya Wilson	Jacquie Schutz	G & R Hoklas	Andrew Schmidt	A Dutschke  N Jaeschke	M Knapp  Ken C		Chris Thiel	Kloeden	
Mark Rawolle							Tessa Rawolle			Quick/ Kupke/ Hoklas



## **Carol Singers** needed

More carol singers are needed for the Christmas play. You're invited to come

and add your voice to the joyful sound of Christmas.

For more information contact jacquie.schutz@gmail.com or come to the rehearsal on Saturday 10th December at 2pm.



### Time Out ... food for each day \$20 (Devotion book for 2017)

This popular devotion book provides Christian devotions, by Australian writers, for each day of the calendar year. Each meditation is a "time-out" of about 3 minutes and

consists of a Bible reading, some life related thoughts on that passage, and a short prayer. The meditation is based on the lectionary Bible reading for the day in 2017. An excellent gift for your family.

If you would like to order a copy please see or contact Judith Whaites either by email office@gglc.org.au or phone 8282 6050.



**2017** Australian Christian Diary Clean quality white paper for easy writing Durable vinyl cover (insert for holding notes & cards etc)

Bible reading suggestion for each day 3 year lectionary bible readings **Church Year Festivals** Australian holidays & school terms Week to an opening 3 year calendar Pocket size approx. 9cm x 16cm

Cost: \$10. To order a copy please see or contact Judith Whaites—office@gglc.org.au or 8282 6050.

## 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





For further details go to: http://www.lca.org.au/ employment-opportunities.html



#### 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: https://twitter.com/gglc\_lca



Today4th DecWed7th DecSat10th Dec

Sienna Jaeschke Holly Schutz Skye Hoklas

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

#### 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> <u>tania.nelson@lca.org.au</u>

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 <u>Giving section of the LLL 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



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

encouraged. LCC's request list for December is for milk, tea bags, spreads & canned 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.