



Our mission:
**KNOWING
CHRIST AND
MAKING HIM
KNOWN**

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

www.gglc.org.au

Our goal:
**Care, Communicate,
Connect so that people
may know CHRIST.**

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11th December 2016—3rd 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

Joy is truly something special, so much more than happiness. Though there is much to be thankful for in life and many happy times too, joy can seem elusive.

How beautiful then to read Isaiah's prophesy regarding the Joy of the Redeemed. Thanks be to Jesus Christ our Saviour, we are amongst the Redeemed! This is our destiny described in these words. We expect heaven to be a place of joy but Isaiah tells us even the journey is joyful.

Nature itself, in the driest most arid of places will spring forth with beauty and life, and 'shouts of joy' because the universe will see 'the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God'. As for people, the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the lame will leap, the mute will shout for joy. There will be bubbling springs, gushing waters and a highway. The highway of holiness and only the Redeemed will walk it. Can you imagine the joy of this journey, on the way to heaven, and 'gladness and joy will overtake us' and even 'crown our heads.' There are no enemies on this final journey and 'all sorrow and sighing will flee away.'

This is our future and just to contemplate this, the joy of the Lord begins to bubble and spring forth in my heart. Joy for now, Joy for the journey not just for the future! Hey, I'm on that highway and in His strength my knees are not going to give way, my heart will not fear and my God has come - will come again, to save me. Joy indeed.

Lord God grant that the Joy of the Lord resides in us each and every day as You prepare us even now for our final journey home. In Jesus Name we thank and worship You. Amen.

Margey Knapp



**Readings for today: Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11**

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

Today 11th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
Thursday 15th Dec	2.20 pm	Closing chapel for end of 2016 school year . ALL WELCOME
Sunday 18th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Matinee Performance of Christmas play
Saturday 24th Dec Sunday 25th Dec	7.00 pm 9.30 am	Christmas Eve drama presentation Christmas Day worship

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.



Notice of GGLC & GGLPS Half Yearly Meeting

TODAY 11th December at 10.45 am

Printed copies of the agenda are available from the Church Foyer or can be downloaded from

<http://bit.ly/gglchym2016>

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.

What if Freeview were available 2016 years ago?

What would be on the news reel tonight?



Come to our Christmas Eve Celebrations at Golden Grove Lutheran Church

7.00pm Saturday December 24th

Matinee: Sunday 18th December 6.30pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

A family friendly event lasting approximately 45 minutes, to honour the Christ of Christmas in 2016.

A Christmas play "What a News Story" written by Mark and Kirsten Rawolle.

There will be an opportunity for voluntary offering to support the work of Australian Lutheran World Service and Lutheran Community Care

Financial Update for 2016

As of the end of November we are 11/12 of the way through the year and to meet our end of year target we would need our income to be between 91% and 93% of budget by this time. Our income is currently 90% of target, which is on the lower end of what we need to achieve. Expenditure is 93% and the cash flow position is satisfactory.

Based on historical giving prior to our recent appeals, our end of year deficit is predicted to be approximately \$10,000.

Thank you to everyone who has made an extra contribution in the last few weeks. **The projected deficit is now half of what was predicted last month**, entirely due to extra giving.

But we are still in the negative.

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.

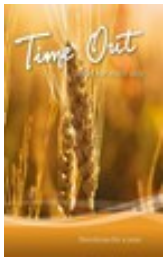
Please consider prayerfully.



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.

RosTers for Next Sunday : 18th 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	Salt Factory Catering
Jon Schutz	John Fielke	Allyson Dutschke	Friedrich	Chris Thiel	Ps Greg ----- N Jaeschke	Ps Greg ----- Ps Greg	Denise & Roger Kloeden	Dorothy Quick	School	
Joel Schiller										NO CATERING



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 Whites either by email office@gglc.org.au or phone 8282 6050.



Welcoming expressions of interest for Teachers for 2017

Yirara College of the Finke River Mission is a boarding school providing secondary education for Indigenous students from remote communities in the Northern Territory and across the Territory border from South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland.

Yirara operates under the auspices of Finke River Mission which is the mission arm of the Lutheran Church of Australia.

Yirara is located 7km south of Alice Springs on the Stuart Highway. The site covers 32 hectares and includes school buildings, dormitories for students, sporting facilities, staff accommodation and camping areas.

Further information including a prospectus can be obtained by visiting www.yirara.nt.edu.au, emailing hr@yirara.nt.edu.au or calling Kaylene Lindner on 08 89 505 630.



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 Whites—office@gglc.org.au or 8282 6050.

This Christmas...

...care for children like Tabitha through ALWS and the Lutheran Church in PNG

PLUS a 3:1 Govt Grant means every \$ you give is matched with \$\$\$!

Mail the Action Slip  Place envelope on offering plate 
1300 763 407  alws.org.au 

Thank you!



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For further details go to: <http://www.lca.org.au/>





ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

RSCM Australia and RSCM New Zealand
Summer School Choir conducted by Malcolm Archer
(Winchester College, England)

Adelaide South Australia
January 4 - 11, 2017

"Kindle the Flame of Pentecost"



Please join us for worship at the following services:

Sunday 8 Jan @ 7.30pm: Wesley Uniting Church, Fullarton Road
Kent Town: Readings and Music for Pentecost

Monday 9 Jan @ 7.30pm: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Flinders St
Adelaide: Vespers

Tuesday 10 Jan @ 7.30pm: St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide:
Liturgy of the Feast of Pentecost

Organ recital:

Sunday 8 Jan @ 3pm by Malcolm Archer (UK)
Wesley Uniting Church, Kent Town. Tickets \$20 at door

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Guidepost Tours in conjunction with Collette present...



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10 Days • 14 Meals
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- Enjoy a guided tour of Eisleben – site of Luther's birth and death – including a visit inside the home where he was born.
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- Join a church service in one of the Luther churches in Wittenberg.

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SPECIAL INTEREST TRAVEL

Join us to celebrate the 500th year anniversary of the Reformation. 2017 marks a half a millennium from when Luther set the Reformation in motion and nailed his theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany back on 31 October, 1517.

You'll follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther and connect with the places where he lived, studied, worked and preached. This epic journey takes you across Germany and deep into the history of Lutheranism.



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*Rates are per person A/LD, land only, double occupancy. A/BN 32 600 161 671

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: <http://www.ggic.org.au/>, go to "For Members" and select "Pastor's Messages"

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ggic.lca/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/ggic_lca

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 GGIC 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



This week
in your LCA

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 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.