



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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18th December 2016—4th 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 in the Fellowship Centre following morning service



Please feel welcome to join one another. **ALL WELCOME**

Before worship

Love

Now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor 13:13

In the climax of the Christmas preparation, the final Sunday in Advent focusses on love. It's easy to understand why. Surely our deepest longing and need is love. When we are loved, we are truly known as ourselves. We don't have to pretend because we know that the lover wants us just as we are. To be loved is to know that our unique character and personality is prized by another. To be loved is to know that, at least to one person, we are irreplaceable. This sharing of love; to love and be loved gives our lives substance and value.

Knowing this primary need, our God enters into our world so that we can better know his love and better love him. For sure God has always loved us but in Jesus we see and experience it fully. The bible says that God is love and we have been created to participate in this divine love. So a baby, born of a virgin two millennia ago is celebrated and worshipped because he is the complete agent of God's love for us.

Because Jesus has broken all barriers between God and us, we don't have to live a lie; God loves us exactly as we are. There is no 'earning' God's love. It is a gift. As the writer Max Lucado says 'there is nothing we can do to make God love us less and there is nothing we can do to make him love us more'. That is the security we have in God's love. And we are so prized and irreplaceable that God himself chose to walk with us, serve us and then die for us. As this Christmas approaches may we experience God's love and be the bearers of his love to others.

Pastor Greg



**Readings for today: Isaiah 7:10-16
Romans 1: 1- 7
Matthew 1:18-25**

Worship Opportunities

**Salt Factory
services are now
in recess and will
resume in Feb
2017.**

Today 18th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Preview Performance of Christmas play
Celebrate Christmas with us!	Christmas Eve Sat 24th Dec	7.00 pm Christmas Eve drama presentation
	Christmas Day Sun 25th Dec	9.30 am Christmas Day worship with HC
Sunday 1st January 2017	9.30 am	Contemporary worship with HC

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 Christmas Eve promo

Check out our Christmas Service promo video on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/videos/10154759915787402/>

Please share it with family and friends.

TONIGHT 6.30 pm Preview Performance of the Christmas drama presentation

For those who may not be able to come to GGLC on Christmas Eve please feel welcome to come along this **afternoon at 6.30 pm** to preview the Christmas Eve play. **ALL WELCOME.**

Looking for children who are available for the Christmas Eve Drama

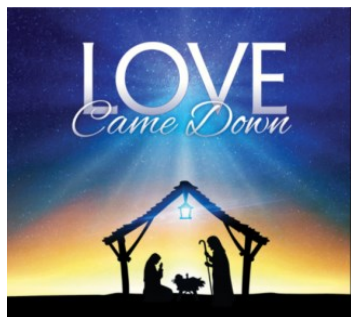
- To dress up as sheep and move around the stage
- To sit around the campfire warming their hands
- To wave at the camera and laugh at the shepherd jokes



Dress rehearsal **this afternoon** Sunday 18 December at **3pm** or come for the performance **this evening** Sunday 18 December **6pm** for a 6.30pm start. Christmas Eve 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

If you are only available for one of the nights, that is fine.

Contact Jenny Rawolle on 0400 513 448 if any queries.



Christmas Service Times

Saturday 24th December 7.00 pm –

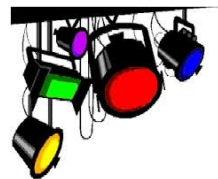
Christmas Eve drama presentation

Hear the story of Jesus birth, presented in a way that children of all ages can relate to. Jam packed with shepherds, sheep, magi, innkeepers, Mary and Joseph all coping with the pressures of a census, and how Jesus birth affects us even today. Catch up with the latest news on Christmas Eve 7pm

Following the Christmas Eve presentation there will be an opportunity for voluntary offering to support the work of Australian Lutheran World Service & Lutheran Community Care

**Sunday 25th December 9.30 am –
Christmas Day worship with Holy Communion**

HELP WANTED with LIGHTING for Christmas play



If you can help please contact Mark Rawolle on 0400 251 344 (or home 8251 3448) or Jenny Rawolle on 0400 513 448

Christmas Tree Decorating



Can we please get help after the service to decorate the Christmas Tree and put the black plastic on the windows in preparation for our Christmas Eve performances.

Thanks Daniel Dutschke

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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@ggic.org.au or phone 8282 6050.

Cost: \$20

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



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: \$12. To order a copy please see or contact Judith Whites—office@ggic.org.au or 8282 6050.



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

**Worship times
for January 2017**

**Please note that during January
there will only be ONE SERVICE
held at 9.30 am.**



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

www.rscmaustralia.org.au

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE CHURCH

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

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST COMMITTEE FOR LUTHERAN MEDIA

Do you or someone you know have a passion for reaching people with the good news of Jesus Christ?

You are invited to apply for membership of the Committee for Lutheran Media. The LCA Board for Local Mission is looking for Lutherans who have knowledge and experience in working with:

- Christian outreach
- Media
- Marketing

The Committee for Lutheran Media exists to support Lutheran Media as it reaches out with the gospel of Jesus Christ through media. The Committee provides advice and acts as a reference group to the Director of Lutheran Media and through the Director to the department.

Lutheran Media reaches out to over 1,000,000 people every week throughout Australia, New Zealand and the world with Jesus' message of hope. People are being reached through popular commercial radio, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google, to name a few.

The Committee for Lutheran Media meets three times a year, and associated travel costs are covered by the LCA. Please consider applying or encouraging someone you know to apply.

If you are interested, please contact Rev Richard Fox, Lutheran Media Director, on 08 8267 7314 or at richard.fox@lca.org.au to request a copy of the proposed Terms of Reference of the Committee and the nomination form.

Expressions of interest will be accepted until 16 January 2017.

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.gglc.org.au/>, go to "For Members" and select "Pastor's Messages"

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

Twitter: https://twitter.com/gglc_lca

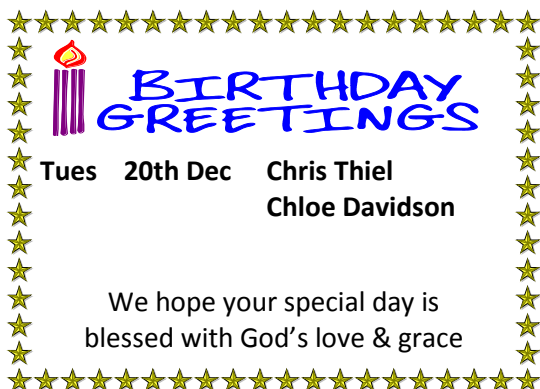
GGLC OFFERINGS

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 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



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Tues 20th Dec Chris Thiel
Chloe Davidson

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

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.