

Our mission: KNOWING CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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4th January 2015—2nd Sunday after Christmas

$\label{eq:WELCOME} WELCOME \mbox{ to all worshipping with us today}$

Greetings to any visitors here with us. We are pleased to have you join us and we trust you have felt welcomed and pray the Holy Spirit may enlighten and empower us with the message shared with us today.

Tea & coffee is available in the Fellowship Centre following morning service Please feel welcome to join us.



Before Worship...

One of my favourite Bible passages is Hebrews 2 v 13b where Jesus is attributed as saying to His Father, "Here I am with the children God has given me."

I always have this vision of me as a little girl being held onto by my mother who, knowing best, was taking me somewhere that I was reluctant to go.

I see Jesus firmly grasping my wrist and hauling a reluctant me into heaven. It is such a comforting picture for me when I am so aware of my sinful nature. It reminds me that Jesus is the one who is faithful; He knows best, He is the One who is able to save me.

How beautiful is today's reading from Jeremiah that describes the return of the exiles to Jerusalem. Not everyone was ready some were expectant mothers and some even in labour! Not every one was capable of the journey on their own - the blind and the lame were included. Some would be weeping and praying as they went. But God declares, "I will bring them," I will gather them," I will lead them." He would watch over His flock and both deliver and redeem them. Though there was even reluctance they would join in the praise and rejoice in the bounty of the Lord.

Jesus the little child of Christmas came to fulfil the promises of old, to be that Saviour who would lead His people to joy and to their eternal home. In Him we are chosen and predestined according to God's own plan to be in His foremost family and be saved.

Lord, we want to 'be in that number, when the saints come marching in'! Thank You Lord that You do not disqualify us because we are sinful, weak, disabled, sad, indisposed or even plain reluctant - but You take the lead and bring us safely home, redeemed and sanctified by Jesus.

Let praise be evermore on our lips and in our hearts, in Jesus' Name, amen.

Margey Knapp



Readings for today Isaiah 9:1, 2, 6-7

Gal. 4:4-7 John 1:1-18

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Today 4th Jan 2015	9.30 am 11.30am	Contemporary worship with HC Korean
Sunday 11th Jan	9.30 am 11.30am	Contemporary worship Korean
Sunday 18th Jan	9.30 am	Contemporary worship with HC
Sunday 25th Jan	9.30 am 11.30 am	Contemporary worship Korean

Worship Opportunities



Family Friendly Worship

At Golden Grove, we love everybody to be involved in worship.

Please encourage children and visitors to join in the singing and prayers, and to stand and sit at appropriate times when they are able.
This is best done by leading by example!

For our 'little ones' - Quiet bags & busy books are available for worship time from the children's area inside the church.

The *"Kids at Heart"* team run a **QUIET** craft table during the sermon. That way, the children have some time with their parents during the morning services, and also a little bit of time to be creative, to wriggle around and to learn about our God and what He means to us through artistic activities, with their friends. All children are welcome to join in this time. It is not appropriate for unattended children to play in the foyer at any time during the service. Please ask an usher if you require assistance, or speak to a "Ministry Leader" if you would like to help young families during worship times.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Daily Bible Readings for this week

(5/1/15)	Prove	rbs 4:1-27	
(6/1/15)	Matthew 2:1-12		
(7/1/15)	Proverbs 6:1-19		
(8/1/15)	Prove	rbs 7:1-27	
(9/1/15)	Proverbs 8:1-21		
(10/1/15)	Psalm	29	
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Rosiers

for Next Sunday 11th January

PA + Opening/ Closing up	Power- point	Music Group	Greeters / Ushers	Readers	Children's Address ———— Kid's Craft	Worship" Devotion	Assis- tants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning
Karl Dutschke	Tanya Wilson	Jacqui Schutz	Schillers	Jenny Rawolle	Ps Leon	Margey Knapp ———— Ps Leon	-	Dawn Rutter	-

Pastor's Column

Welcome to Pastor Jim Bryan who will be leading the worship this morning and presenting the mes-sage: "John 1:14 We have seen his glory", or "Glory! What glory?"

Some people have glory but what glory does Jesus have? Jesus' glory is that he empties himself, the manger, the cross. Jesus' glory is his amazing grace to people who don't deserve it ...

The text is John 1:14-17- ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me."") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

I am leading services at Auburn and Balaklava. (This is the 3rd time (in the last 4 years) that we have had this particular exchange.)

Next Sunday, the Festival of the Baptism of Jesus, I shall be preaching on Acts 19:1-7. "When is a baptism not a baptism?'

Remember no Salt Factory Services, Sunday evening dinners or "Reaching Out Through prayer" this month.

As we enter this New Year we look forward to what lays ahead.

These days I am taking an individual through Step Up to Communion (from his request for "first communion")

I am also using updating our Order of Services and improving The Journey course (which I am in practice of doing at this time of the year).

Don't forget about the meeting on Tuesday 3rd February if you would like to be part of the Journey 2015. This year we are opening it to year 6s and as well as year 7s.

I am also trying to hunt down some keys to our church plant. If you have a key that you have no reason to have anymore (ie. You have no need to assess the church plant when there is no one else around to open it for you) please hand it back before I approach you.

I am also approaching people to join one of the rosters where you see the same people coming up time and time again - in particular Prayers. (Again please feel free to see me before I approach you for this.)

Starting in February the theme as we prepare for Easter is "Before Amen". We'll be looking at prayer.

The title "Before Amen" is taken from Max Lucado's latest book which is in the church library. In the book Bill expands on what he calls "the pocket prayer", a short hand version of the Lord's Prayer.

Of course all of this will depend on what I am doing with the calls.

I intend to make public in the next few weeks.

If you haven't heard, I have received CALLS from Carlsruhe-Saddleworth Parish (3/12/14) and from Berri parish (13/12/14).

Please pray for me as I deliberate on whether I should accept either of these calls (and leave our congregation at Golden Grove) or continue here

Pastor Leon

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4th Jan A Second Chance (Interview)

Parent & child relationships don't always work out the way we'd like them to but it doesn't necessarily mean giving up. This week we'll be talking with Gavin and Dion whose story shows it's never too late for a second chance.

11th Jan Get Out & Get Into It (Trevor Kellor)

Mark Twain has been quoted as saying "Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." How do you feel about getting older? Do you see the retirement years as something negative or positive?

Trevor Keller talks about retirement, and how a relationship with God can make it something to look forward to.

After our service this morning.

You are invited to join us to undeck (or is it de-deck) and take down the Christmas Tree.

Offering Envelopes for 2015

Sets of offering envelopes are available from the entrance table for GGLF members 18 years and over. For married couples only one set has been allocated per couple.

> During January: articles for the Weekly Bulletin are due by lunchtime Thursday

Meals Ministry

(A practical way we can share & show God's love) Families rostered to support Meals Ministry in January are: Canavese, Whaites .

When donating meals for the freezer we ask that you please attach some details to the container, eg name of the meal, date meal was prepared, a list of main ingredients, and heating instructions. Thank you.



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GGLF Attendance & Offerings

To transfer money into the LLL Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship
The LLL Account No. for GGLF Regular Electronic Giving is 28190/S1/GOL
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REG A/c please use: BSB (Branch) number - 704942 and Account No 28190						
		Offerings	Attendance			
Christmas Eve	\$	\$563.30	276 people			
Christmas Day	\$	\$460.25	73			
Sunday 28/12/14	\$	\$490.15	68			
Korean		\$105.00	19			