

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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11th January 2015—1st Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME 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...

What does it mean to you that you are baptized?

I make quite a deal about baptism. In fact our church makes quite a deal about baptism. (I have said we could be called a truly Baptist Church.) All our theology is based on who we are in Christ because of our baptism. It's that relationship with have with God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit that we have the privilege to worship, to confess and receive forgiveness, to pray, to hear our Father speak to us through his Word, to receive the life giving food of Holy Communion and to respond to all this in the way we live. We base all that we do on His promises to us from our baptism. This is His grace through being baptized children of God.

So we begin this year in this relationship, in His Name, in this grace- in our baptism and what a better time to remember this today on this Festival of Jesus' Baptism.

The first reading **Genesis 1:1-5** takes us back to the creation, a hint of the fellowship of God :Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the work of the Holy Spirit – "hovering" and the elements of water and light which are all aspects of baptism.

The second reading **Acts 19:1-7:** that "curious" episode in Ephesus where there is a misunderstanding about baptism yet which brings out some important points about baptism is what I shall be preaching on this morning. See Pastor's Column over page.

In the Gospel reading **Mark 1:4-11:** Jesus' baptism we hear that beautiful proclamation of who Jesus is: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased" (verse 11) and we take that to heart, for in Christ He is describing us!

Prayer: Thank you Father, for making us your sons and daughters in Christ, for loving us and being pleased with us-all because of who we are and the Holy Spirit, hovering over us and living within us. Amen.

Pastor Leon

Worship Opportunities



Readings for today

Genesis 1:1-5 (p.1) Acts 19:1-7 (p. 759) Mark 1:4-11 (p. 682)

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Today 11th Jan 2015	9.30 am 11.30am	Contemporary worship Korean			
Sunday 18th Jan	9.30 am	Contemporary worship with HC			
Sunday 25th Jan	9.30 am 11.30am	Contemporary worship Korean			
Sunday 1st February	9.30 am 11.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Korean Salt Factory			

Family Friendly Worship

At Golden Grove, we love $\underline{\textbf{everybody}}$ to be involved in worship.

Telease 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!

Pastor's Column

As we begin this New Year, we are reminded of how we begin — as baptized children of God. Today we celebrate the Festival of the Baptism of Jesus, I shall be preaching on **Acts 19:1-7** with that rather provocative question: "When is a baptism not a baptism?"

How would you answer that riddle? Doesn't it depend on your view of baptism?

I CAN IMAGINE some of my fellow Christians in other denominations answer that in all sorts of different ways. But this morning we'll be getting back to that rather curious situation when Paul confronted some twelve disciples in Ephesus who had only heard of John the Baptist's baptism....

I have **2 baptism already booked of 2015**: 9th August (2nd Sunday of he month)- baby not yet born and 16th August (of members living interstate).

Remember NO Salt Factory Services, Sunday evening dinners or "Reaching Out Through prayer" this month. (We had a family turn up last Sunday night for Salt Factory)

As we enter this **New Year** we look forward to what is laying 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 practise 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 Prayer. (Again please feel free to see me before I approach you for this.)

Thank you so much for all those who involved in receiving donations last weekend when our church plant was being used as an "evacuation point". Also a thank you to those who cooked meat, cut sandwiches and those who delivered them as well as delivering other donations. And thank you for the many offers of help (even if we not able to use your offer). (As I said to our Bishop when he rang up to see how we were getting along) I am proud of GGLC.

We had a **meeting** (arranged at short notice, which you were notified about through enews) **last Wednesday**, to "brainstorm" how we could help and support our church members and school families most affected by the bush fires. From that meeting:

- 1.Our support will be determined by talking to **each family individually** to determine how we can help;
- 2.We need to give **on going support** (weeks and months down the track); 3.We will support **their neighbours** in ways that they identify with them;
- 4. We will hold a working bee /working bees at an appropriate time/s.

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

The title "Before Amen" is taken from Max Lucado (sorry my mistake not Bill Hybel'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 am sure you have heard by now that I have received **CALLS from Carlsruhe-Saddleworth Parish and Berri parish.** 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. I will let you know next Sunday.

Pastor Leon

Fire in the Hills – Call to Prayer

Our media have kept us well informed of the fires that have ravaged thousands of hectares of farming and bush land, destroying homes, infrastructure, livestock and pets along the way.

We thank the Lord that no human lives have been lost. We are hearing stories of miracles and grace. People have responded with open hearts to the need of others who have lost so much. Please remember that other needs emerge over time when the immediate danger is past and the enormity of events unfold.

Lutheran Community Care are coordinating Emergency provision response, also working with ecumenical Disaster Recovery Ministries. You are encouraged to offer your support through LCC. Please contact Audene Knowles, (LCC Emergency Relief Coordinator) or Robyn Richter (Manager Blair Athol) for assistance in caring for people in your area.

We call you to prayer: for peace, comfort and appropriate care for effected people; for those who are fighting the fires, those who have lost homes and pets and property, for restoration of the land, and those who are providing services and making decisions.

Peace be with you.

Helen Lockwood (LCC). Colleen Fitzpatrick (Ecumenical Disaster Recovery Ministries) Tim Klein (on behalf of Bishop David)

In response to specific requests the LCA Disaster and Welfare Fund is receiving donations for the victims and communities of the 2015 Adelaide Hills Fire.

What you need to know:

Credit card payments can be made to LCA Donations and Payments through this link: https://donation.lca.org.au/index.html?
externalTid=2&externalOid=2100&externalPid=P21013
or to the Adelaide Hills Fire Project on the LCA Donations webpage.

- ●Cheques may be posted to the LLL, P O Box 45, North Adelaide SA 5006.
- ●Bank transfer to LCA Disaster and Welfare Fund BSB 704942 Account # 13286S1
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- ●The LCA Disaster and Welfare Fund is approved by the Commissioner of Taxation
 All receipts are tax deductible in Australia



for Next Sunday 18th January

PA + Open- ing/Closing up	Power- point	Music Group	Greeters / Ushers	Readers	Children's Address ———— Kid's Craft	"Before Wor- ship" Devo- tion for Bulletin ——— Prayers	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning
Joel Schiller	Jeramy Lindner	Allyson	Ken Campbell Christiaan Hersevoort	Schutz	Allyson Dutschke ———— Jody Kriewaldt	Jason Kupke ———— Pastor Leon	Dave Shrowder & Jenny Rawolle	Dorothy Quick	Copeland/ Dutschkes

Last week Pastor Leon mentioned about joining the PRAYER roster.... Here is a message from our Worship team:

"I have thought about being on the prayer roster but I don't know how to write the prayers . . . It looks too hard. .!" Does that sound like you? We could really use your help. It's easier than you think. Just start and watch as God gives you more than there is time to pray for!

Every week Pastor sends out worship notes for the coming Sunday. Usually the basis of the worship order, the readings, sometimes songs and a draft of the sermon are included. Reading these early in the week helps to prepare your heart and it is never to early to ask God for guidance in what to focus on.

News events during the week, local and world wide, members who are sick and any congregational needs can all be included. Asaroka and our school are the two main missions we pray for regularly. Including scripture from the readings of the day or especially from the Psalms can help. The LCA website has prayer resources and there are also some in our church library that can kick start the process.

Be yourself. Say it in your style! Trust in God, asking that He will bring things to your mind at each stage. Read it aloud at home a few times so you are happy with the phrasing. Time it, 5 - 6 minutes is all that is required. Be prepared to add an extra petition on the day if someone has a special need. They or Pastor will let you know. On the morning, make sure you see Pastor before the service and assure him you have prepared the prayers. Relax, enjoy the insights you receive, worship and pray through the whole process. Even when you get nervous it's still worth doing. You learn so much yourself and what a blessing to be able to bring the needs of the world and the needs of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ right to the throne of God on their behalf. Give it a try!

Margey Knapp

Graham Pfeffers Installation at Biloela QLD

This date has now been confirmed to be on Sunday February 8th at 10.30am at Biloela QLD. If anyone is intending to travel to this, please let Daniel Dutschke know on 0437896892.

PRAYER HEALING GET TOGETHER

Hope you all are safe from the recent fires? The prayer Healing get togethers are about to kick off for 2015! We are going to move weeks.

Prospect (Napiers) – will now be the 2nd Wednesday of the month

Nuriootpa (Cartwrights) – will now be 3rd Wednesday of the month

Wynn Vales/Golden Grove (Schillers) – will now be the 4th Monday of the month

We are looking to push them back a week so the Napiers get together will be the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Next get together:

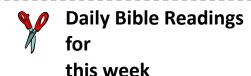
Prayer Healing get together not tomorrow night but Wednesday week at 7.30pm on the 14th January at Napiers at Prospect. (Directions on request.) Hope you can make it.

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, anything at all.

First part is bible study.

This to then followed by healing/prayer.

Paul Napier Mobile: 0413 604 000 Jon Schiller's Mobile: 0424 186 149



Mon: (12/1/15) Proverbs 10:1-12
Tues: (13/1/15) Proverbs 15:16-33
Wed: (14/1/15) Proverbs 17:1-20
Thurs: (15/1/15) Proverbs 21:30-22:6
Fri: (16/1/15) Proverbs 25:15-28
Sat: (17/1/15) Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

Sunday: (18/1/15) John 1:43-51

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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.

18th Jan Empty Hands (Interview)

Motor Neurone Disease gradually paralyses the muscles controlling hands, legs, speech and breathing. The cause isn't known, there's no cure, and life expectancy is an average of two to five years. Our guest this week is Pastor Rick Zweck who is suffering from Motor Neurone Disease. We hope you can join us to hear his story -the shock, the grief, and the hope



MAGILL: CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS TRAINING

The Child Safe Environments course is designed to help protect young people from all forms of abuse. It helps participants to understand the issues, their obligations and the correct response if abuse is suspected. We offer both the initial course and the 3 hour refresher training.

Initial Training

Friday, 23 January from 9.00am-4.30pm

The Centre for Learning, 19 Edward Street, Magill

\$85, includes a light lunch

Refresher Training

Thursday, 29 January from 9.00am-12.00pm The Centre for Learning, 19 Edward Street, Magill \$45

To register visit www.lccare.org.au

MAGILL: TOOLBOX PARENTING GROUP INFORMATION SESSION

Do you have a child aged 6-12? These middle years can be a fun stage but it is also the stage when children start to develop their identity - who they are and what they believe. At a Toolbox Parenting Group our trained facilitators can help you to create a positive family environment during these crucial years. Join us for a free information session where we will give a brief overview of what you can expect at upcoming groups. The session will include morning tea. Children are welcome.

When: Friday, 6 February from 10.30am-11.30am

Where: Magill Primary School, 11 Adelaide Street, Magill

To register for the session visit www.lccare.org.au.







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.

During January:

articles for the Weekly Bulletin are due by lunchtime Thursday

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 cou-



★ TODAY (11th Jan) Bruce Lindner ★ Mon (12th) Mason Dohnt

Thurs(15th) Andrew Beckett

Friday (16th) Dorothy Quick, Stacey Baldock

Saturday (17th) Trudy Lindner, Karl Dutschke, Elijah Schultz

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GGLF Attendance & Offerings

(Offerings do not include electronic giving amount of approx. \$12000 per month .)
The LLL Account No. for GGLF Regular Electronic Giving is 28190/S1/GOL

To transfer money into the LLL Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship REG A/c please use:

BSB (Branch) number - 704942 and Account No. - 28190

Offerings Attendance \$ 111.10 57 people

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