



## Devotion

Part of the message given to Mary by the angel Gabriel was that, "No word from God will ever fail." It certainly didn't for Mary. A young girl, pure and true finds that the word of an angel spoken to her is enough to confirm life in her womb. Without any human seed she is pregnant. Surely all the rest the angel said would be true as well - the baby would be God's Son, yet also David's son, (nothing but a miracle) the promised redeemer of Jacob's people, with a kingdom that would never end.

Mary just accepted it then and there. Perhaps she had a better understanding of authority than we do.

We have the privilege of history, the events of Christmas, Good Friday and Easter Sunday and the testimony of many witnesses to help us see that God keeps His Word.

Through baptism we have God's Word spoken directly to us, not by an angel but by a faithful Pastor - but with just as much authority - for it is the message of God himself saying to us, "You are my child, today I have become your Father", "Your sins are forgiven", "I give You the gift of eternal life", "I will never leave you nor forsake you".

Let us all be like Mary and accept God's promises as a gift, irrevocable, as our reality - even though it may sometimes seem, as Pastor Dennis put it last week, "now, but not yet!"

Lord God, as we hear the angel's testimony that, 'No word from You will ever fail', help us to live under its authority, trusting in Your promises and help us to love You in a quiet and patient way that honours You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Margey Knapp

## GGLC Half-yearly Meeting & Election of Office Bearers for 2016 will be held **TODAY, 10.45am**

At this meeting we will be voting on the proposal to begin proceedings that will see our name officially become Golden Grove Lutheran Church.

At the half yearly meeting, elections are held for Church Council and also Chairperson of the congregation. I encourage any member of the congregation who feels that they could contribute to the governance of our congregation to please get in touch with me or another Council member to talk about nominating. As I am stepping aside from the Council and also the role of Chairperson, this is an important position to fill. If you or anyone you know feels that this role may suit, then please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Pastor Dennis to discuss it.

Darren Stevenson (GGLC Chairperson)

## THE BIGGEST & BEST GGLPS PICNIC YET!

**TODAY Sunday 29th November from 1-4pm on the school oval. BYO picnic lunch & drinks or a sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for purchase.** Jumping castle, water fun & more .....  
**ALL WELCOME.**

## HELP WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE PLAY

If anyone can lend the following props, please let Mark Rawolle know on 0400 251 344 or 8251 3448.

Wheelchair  
Folding bed  
Christmas tree

We also need 2 prop people on the night and to come to a couple of practices beforehand.



Graeme and Rosalie Hoklas wish to thank you for your kind and comforting expressions of sympathy conveyed to us on the passing of Rosalie's mum Margaret - a loved mum and grandma. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12**

## The Manse - The Big Reveal!

If all goes to schedule, the work on the Manse will be completed on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> December, just in time for Pastor Greg & Connie's furniture which is due on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**To celebrate this we are announcing 'The Big Reveal' on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>.**

We cordially invite and encourage all members and interested people to visit and view the Manse both inside and out and see the results of much effort both from the builder (Iconic Interiors SA Pty Ltd) who has worked extremely hard to make this happen for us and our own members variously through various Working Bees etc. There will be 2 sessions during which people can visit. First is after the morning service till 12.00 and in the afternoon from 5.00-6.00 before Salt Factory.

It is only a very short walk from the Church Carpark at 8 Laredo Court, Wynn Vale or drive there if easier.

We wish to thank everyone for their support in many ways during this challenging project.

If this can't happen for any reason, we will let people know at the service.

Kind Regards,

The Manse Team

## YOUTH **Revival**

There will be **NO** Revival (Years 10-12) on the 4th December. This is due to the Youth Leader's going on a retreat that weekend. Please pray for this retreat as the youth leaders reflect, celebrate and refresh at the end of a very busy year. They will also, be looking to 2016 and their commitment to youth group. This also means, it is the end of the year for Revival- it has been awesome seeing the people attending learning more about our awesome God and growing in their relationship with Him. We look forward to 2016 and where God will lead this ministry.

## Invitation to Matt Bishop's ordination on 6 December 2015

Matthew was an ALC field work student at GGLF over 2012-2014 and his wife Melissa teaches at GGLPS. They extend a warm welcome to all friends and members at GGLF who would like to attend Matthew's ordination at **Concordia College Highgate, 2 pm 6 December 2015**. After the ordination there will be a light afternoon tea hosted by Matthew and his class, and their families. Please stay for that, during which time they will also be gratefully acknowledging the support of all fieldwork congregations, GGLF included.



LCC are in need of donations for their Christmas Hampers. If you are able, donations of any of the following items would be appreciated. Donations can be brought to our school/church admin office during the week or bring along by next Sunday by **6<sup>th</sup> December** so we can organise to deliver to Lutheran Community Care

**Christmas Hamper List**

LUTHERAN community care

Christmas Pudding/Cake	Cereal	Long life milk
Canned Fruit	Soup	Biscuits and Crackers
Canned Vegetables	Milo/Tea/Coffee	Long life fruit juice
Canned Ham/Turkey	Pasta	Spreads
Tinned Tuna	Pasta Sauce	Sugar
Chips and Lollies	Long life custard	
Toys and Books for children 12 and under (18 and under in the Barossa)		

Had enough already . . . ?  
Need to cut through the commercialisation of Christmas?

*Come to our Christmas Eve programme for a heart-warming encounter with the real meaning of Christmas.*



**“Hannah’s Gift to Jesus” is a play about a young girl who distils the essence of Christmas into actions that enrich the lives of others.**

**Interspersed with carol singing this family friendly event is presented by the members of Golden Grove Lutheran Church.**

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Times: Matinee on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm  
**Christmas Eve Thursday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm**  
Programme lasts approx. 45mins

Other services available over Christmas:  
Christmas Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30 am

*We wish you all - Love, Joy, Peace and Hope  
this Christmas Season*

**GGLC Location:** Corner of Sunnybrook and Richardson Drives, Wynn Vale  
Phone church office 82826050 for more details:  
Office secretary Judith or Pastor Dennis Obst

Opportunity for voluntary offering to support the work of Lutheran World Service and Lutheran Community Care

