

Our mission: KNOWING CHRIST AND

MAKING HIM KNOWN

# **GOLDEN GROVE** LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our goal:

Care, Communicate, Connect so that people may know CHRIST.

#### **Currently in Pastoral** Vacancy

Interim Pastor: Dennis Obst Mobile: 0418 839 051 Office: 8282 6050

# 24th, 25th & 27th December 2015 and 3rd Jan 2016

# WELCOME to all worshipping at our **Christmas services**

Greetings to any visitors. We are pleased to be together and trust you have felt welcomed and pray you may experience fresh delight and wonder at the miracle of God's presence among us in Jesus this Christmas



#### **Before worship**

Clothes are often a gift given at Christmas, especially from older relatives. There are socks and jocks, PJ's and shirts to name a few. They are often our fall back gift too when we don't know what else to give! Sometimes we don't get excited when we receive these things because we hope for something else. In today's reading from Colossians Paul picks up the clothing theme. It seems that Christmas and Christ's coming have a lot to do with what we wear. The Message puts it this way:

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kind ness, humility, guiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, guick to forgive an offence. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. Colossians 3:12-14

Jesus came to introduce this new life of love. In this baby born at Christmas we have eternal life and that means a new wardrobe. Clothes for every occasion! Let's 'wear' the gifts we have been given in Christ - compassion, kindness, humility, forgiveness, love etc, so that they become the way we live and act 365 days of the year. What a blessing we would be to others wearing these garments 24/7!

Dearest Lord, You chose the garment of humility, coming in infant human flesh and You did it out of love for each one of us. Thank You for Christmas and all the gifts we receive with Jesus. May we be gift givers, wearing and sharing Your love to all. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Margey Knapp

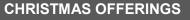
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Isaiah 62:10-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:8-20	Col. 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52						

# Worship Opportunities

Christmas Eve 24 Dec	7.00 pm	ChristmasDrama "Hannah's Gift to Jesus"
Christmas Day 25 Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day worship with HC
Sun 27th Dec (one service only)	9.30 am	Contemporary worship
Thurs 31st Dec	6.30 pm	New Year's Eve service of reflection with Holy Communion
Sun 3rd Jan 2015 (one service only)	9.30 am	Contemporary worship with HC
Sun 10th Jan 2015 (one service only)	9.30 am	Contemporary worship



blessed, and enjoyable with family & friends.



Our Christmas offerings will go to support the work and ministry of Australian Lutheran World Service.

Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. If you wish your offering to be tax deductible you will need to enclose your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your name.

### **ALWS Christmas Action packs**

These packs offer another opportunity of reflecting God's love we celebrate at Christmas to others around us and are available from our church foyer.

Alternatively *Gifts of Grace* catalogues are available from our church foyer and offer still more ways of giving.

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#### Worship times for post Christmas & January 2016

Please note that on Sunday 27th December and during January there will only be **ONE SERVICE held at 9.30** am.

## "Time Out-... come Lord

Jesus"—Australian devotions for a year.

There is one copy of the new 2016 devotional book available in the Admin Office at a cost of \$22. If anyone would like to purchase this please contact Judith. Of course more can be ordered if required.

**Diary dates for** 2016

Sunday **31**<sup>st</sup> January 2016, 9.30 am service - Fare-

well & Thank you to our interim Pastor Dennis Obst

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 2.00 pm – Installation service for Pastor Greg Fowler

#### **Offering Envelopes for 2016**

Sets of offering envelopes are available from the entrance table for GGLC members 18 years and over. For married couples only one set has been allocated per couple. We also remind you of the opportunity of giving electronically via the REG (Regular Electronic Giving) system. Forms and information about this method of giving are available from the Church Foyer. If you decide you would like to take up this option details on the form for our congregation are Golden Grove Congregation REG Account No 28190 S1 GOL at the LLL (BSB No 704-942).

For members who already use the REG system for giving please consider using a specially printed card (available from the Church Foyer) to place in the offering plate rather than taking a set of envelopes.



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CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Date	PA + Open- ing/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
Sun 27 Dec	Karl Dutschke	Tanya Wilson	Allyson Dutschke	Ken C Christiaan H	Ken Campbell	K Appelt  L Friedrich	M Knapp  Ps Dennis		Denise Kloeden	Shrowder Thiel
Sun 3 Jan 2016	Jon Schutz	Schutz	Jacquie Schutz	J Canavese D Quick	Andrew Schmidt	Ps Dennis  L Friedrich	A Dutschke  M Knapp	D Dutschke D Shrowder	Dorothy Quick	



# Please note GGLC Office hours will be irregular during January. If

