

# GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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Our goal:

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

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# 23rd November 2014—Last Sunday of Church Year

# 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 and at 5.45 pm a light meal is available prior to the 6.30 pm service

Please feel welcome to join us.

#### Before worship

What a wonderful promise that God, "the Lord and King" gives us through the first reading his morning: that he is our Good Shepherd. This passage in Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, p. 591) reflects the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and John 10, but notice there is a word of judgement in this reading.

That judgement is taken up in the Gospel reading for today (<u>Matthew 25:31-46, p677</u>): the story of the shepherd who separates the sheep from the goats.

How have you felt when the King says "I was hungry..., I was thirsty... I was a stranger... I needed clothes...I was sick... I was in prison..."?

Once I used to cringe because I didn't feel as though I was doing enough for Him.

But I have been struck by the response of the people "When did we see you..." The ones who had done what is right had been compassionate and just served the people before them, without taking note of what they had done. Those left were likewise quite oblivious to what they hadn't done by ignoring or turning away from people in need.

The Lord knows what we have done to "the least important" and it's **He** who takes note. And **that is** comforting. We just do it because it's who we are/it's in our heart/it's what God does through us.

The second reading for today (Ephesians 1:15-23, p799) is a prayer for wisdom. May God gives us too the wisdom to know what to do with all the opportunities he has given us to be compassionate.

I leave you with the prayer from the second reading, in the form of a prayer for us:

God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ please give us the wisdom and understanding that comes from the Holy Spirit, that we may know You better. May our mind see more clearly so that we may know the hope: rich and glorious and powerful that You have chosen us to receive. We know You will do it because You raised Christ from the dead seated Him at Your right hand in his heavenly kingdom and placed all things under His rule for the church. Amen.

**Pastor Leon** 



# Readings for today

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Eph. 1:15-23 Matt. 25:31-46 Worship Opportunities

Today	9.30 am 11.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Korean Community Church Salt Factory worship with HC		
Friday 28th Nov	8.45—9.15 am	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club		
Sunday 30th Nov 9.30 am 11.30 am 6.30 pm		Contemporary worship with HC Korean Community Church Salt Factory worship		

#### 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!

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

The "Kids at Heart" team run a special time for children in the foyer area 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 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

A special welcome to Pastor Lyle Bartel who will be leading the service and presenting the message this morning.

The message is the based on the second reading for the day (Ephesians 1:15-23) in our series "Letters from God": Paul's prayer for wisdom for his people.

I am at St Peter's, Callington to lead the congregation in their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations today. (I serviced Callington as part of my Strathalbyn pastorate for over 5 years just before coming here to Golden Grove).

**Welcome** also to the Ennis's (Dave & Jacquie and their family) who have joined us for Isaac's baptism this morning. Pastor Len will conduct his baptism.

And **another special welcome** to Sue Prideaux' Year 1/2 class and their families who are presenting their project, song and a drama in our morning worship service.

#### Christmas is giving.

- On the morning of Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December as part of our children friendly/ carols and reading service you will have an opportunity to come forward with an offering in cash or cheque in an envelope or as a promissory note during the service as an extra offering. (There will be 2 offerings that day.)
- This is based on truth that Christmas is a time of giving. God gave us our Lord Jesus, as John 3:16 put it "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...." And He invites us to respond to his gift to us with our giving.
- The giving will be to support our ministry at Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship ("the Budget").
- If you are not able to attend our worship on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> you are encouraged to give on Sundays either side (14<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>) or on Christmas Day through an envelope marked with "Christmas is Giving" or through a one off special giving through REG.
- (Our Christmas Eve offering will still go to ALWS- Australian Lutheran World service.)

In the "Keep in mind", below you will notice that the Half Yearly meetings (school and church) is planned for next week.

In the agenda booklet, which is available this morning, you will notice a couple of proposals that I would like to draw you attention to.

- From the Gathering, the proposal of a **name change**. I think it is essential that we identify ourselves in a form that people recognize: GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH.
- I fully endorse **Pastor Chris Mann**'s involvement in our congregation.
- The proposal <u>re</u> 9.30am. worship services in 2015 at GGLF. I have suggested this proposal "to test the waters". I have had a fair bit of strong feedback on the services being too long and this proposal would address this. The two negatives about this proposal are: 1. people won't have the freedom to choose any Sunday to have a baptism. (It will always be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) and 2. it reduces people's opportunity to be involved, through the rosters on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month it will either be the School, the Kids at Heart Team or I leading key parts of the service. I would like to know your feelings about this, so I have raised it as a proposal.

#### Keep in mind:

- Our half Yearly meeting next Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> November) at 11am
- Our Christmas (church/school) picnic coming up on 7<sup>th</sup> December after our 10.30am (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME FOR THIS WEEK) service.
- Our Salt Factory service on **14**<sup>th</sup> **December** will be a carols by candlelight "camp fire service".
- Heidi and I will be away in Brisbane, from 12<sup>th</sup> December to 16<sup>th</sup> December to take time "in lei"
- The morning service on 21<sup>st</sup> December will be a carols and readings service with the children acting out the Christmas story.

#### Coming up this week:

Tuesday (25/11/14) Pastor's day off

**Tuesday** (25/11/14) 7.30pm Endeavour Half yearly meeting

**Wednesday** (26/11/14) 7pm exploratory meeting with St Johns TTG re children

and Youth Ministry (TTG Lutheran Church)

**Thursday – Saturday** (27-29/11/14) Christmas Tree Festival (TTG Uniting Church)

**Friday** (28/11/14) 8.45am worship with our school community.

**Friday** (28/11/14) "Unify": young adults worship.

# REACHING OUT THROUGH PRAYER

# Meet at 5.30 pm TO-NIGHT for "Reaching out through prayer"

In the small Chapel next to the Fellowship lounge area.

("Reaching out through Prayer" is a GGLF Youth initiative).

Pray in a small group for a personal breakthrough (or silently) in the "House of prayer" with fellow Christians. Let the Holy Spirit guide & help us for personal break through

<u>Kick off prayer his Sunday</u>— New Young Adults Service – Unify

#### **EVERYONE WELCOME**

Following prayer time stay for a light meal followed by Salt Factory service at 6.30 pm

Notice to Members of
GGLF Half-Yearly
Meeting
& Election of Office
Bearers
to be held Sunday
30th November 2014,
11.00 am in the
Worship Centre

Agenda and supporting documents available today from the Church Foyer.

# Fellowship Group News & Events

#### OPEN HOUSE - Monday 24th November - 7.30pm at Schiller's (Wynn Vale)

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. Come once or as often as you like. Contact Paul Napier 0413 604 000 or Jon Schiller 0424 186 149.

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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	Salt Factory catering
Sue Fielke	John Fielke	Jacquie Schutz	Jenny C Dorothy Q	Schutz	K Appelt  S Williams	M Knapp  Ps Leon	D Shrowder J Rawolle	Elaine Baldock	Ahrens Rutter	
Simon Ahrens			Ken C Nadia Napier							Napier

#### **YOUTH NEWS**

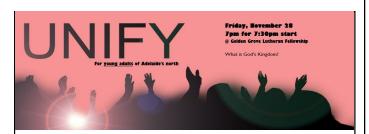
Unfortunately we have decided to **CANCEL** our Sleepover for Awakening on Friday, November 28. We will aim to reschedule sometime in the holidays. The last Awakening will take place on Friday, December 12 (the day after school finishes) from 3pm: water games time! ©



We had magnificent fun last week as the whole GG youth crew ventured into the Central Markets for a game of Where's Wally? While Wally might have been easy enough to find (I reckon I found him 7 times), there was plenty of questions for our youth to find the answers to as well. Once more, we had a solid showing, filling up the school

bus and a couple of cars as well. We focused briefly on the early church (as found in Acts) in our devotion time! ©

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"Unify"- a worship for young adults:

- a place where people can feel safe in their faith and learn with a balance of experience and Scripture
- a vision of many denominations coming together as the body of Christ to worship and express their faith.
- an expression of 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-and we were all given the one Spirit to drink." And Psalm 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!"

Questions or comments: Luke Wachtel 0402 234 978 or James Norrey on 0430 941 153.

First event: 7pm Friday the 28th of November at Golden Grove Lutheran . (Worships begins at 7.30pm). Graham & Judy Pfeffer are pleased to share their news that Graham has been assigned to Bileola parish in Qld following his upcoming ordination into LCA ministry in December.

## LADIES CHARITY NIGHT AT GGLPS—Friday 28th Nov 7pm

Meryl Perks (our former Japanese teacher) is coming along with lots of beautiful ENVY jewellery to show the ladies. \$5 entry (all going to Heartkids charity) and you can win \$100 door prize. All welcome to come along, bring your friends for a fun evening whilst also raising money for a worthy cause, in the Admin building. Glass of champagne and nibbles. Great time to treat yourself for Christmas. 20% of all sales will also go to Heartkids.

### Silly Season

**Golden Grove** Lutheran **Fellowship** 



#### Like seeds in one pod

Dear fellow members, it is that time of the year again with summer approaching along with the season of festivities and activities. There is something I would like to draw your attention to, as it is the wish of many people expressed in a survey held, that we should improve our mission with the school . Well here is an opportunity not to be missed.

#### On the 7th of December we have our Church/School picnic.

What I ask you to consider is your attendance to the picnic and that as church (Lutherans love their schools) we show that we do care for our school and that we want be to involved in their activities.

I therefore dare to ask you as fellow members for help, because help is a form of showing your care and mission, so we need help in ideas for picnic games and people willing to help with orchestrating the games and create a memorable day for the children and parents / Grandparents.

If you are willing to help, and have ideas please contact me. Christiaan Hersevoort mob 0417 449 371 or email at chersevoort@bigpond.com

#### **Donations needed for Christmas Hampers for LCC**

LCC are in need of donations for our Christmas Hampers to help in preparing over 800 hampers to give to families struggling at Christmas. If you are able, please donate items before 28 November. A list of items can be found in the Church Foyer. They can be brought to either the Church Foyer or Admin office.

# Daily Bible Readings for this week

Mon: (24/11/14) 3 John 1-14
Tues: (25/11/14) Jude 1-16
Wed: (26/11/14) Jude 17-25
Thurs: (27/11/14) Micah 7:11-20
Fri: (28/11/14) Malachi 4:1-6
Sat: (29/11/14) Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Sunday: (30/11/14) Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Cor. 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

## Fresh Christmas Trees

vember (phone or email).

Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Birdwood are once again supplying fresh, high quality Christmas trees at \$35 ea. Orders are to be placed through our Admin office by 28<sup>th</sup> No-

Trees will be delivered and available for pick up on Sat 13th December either from GGLF or a location close by .

# Christmas Tree Festival Christ For All Nations'

#### Thurs 27th - Sat 29th Nov

9:30am-8:00pm Thurs, Fri. 9:30am-6:00pm Sat

#### New location - TTG Uniting church 600 Milne Road, Banksia Park

Christmas tree displays, Local choirs performing, Stalls, Handcrafted items for sale, Produce, Plants, Devonshire Tea.

**\$2 entry-fee.** A fund-raiser for our local school Christian Pastoral Support Workers (Chaplains)

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* \* BIRTHDAY \* GREETINGS \*

Today 23 Nov Luke Wachtel
Mon 24 Nov John Fielke
Joan Hochwald
Wed 26 Nov Nathan Williams
Thurs 27 Nov Ivan Schmocker
Fri 28 Nov Alison Heinrich
Andrew Schmidt

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

As one way of supporting our school GGLF will be giving all Year 7 GGLPS graduating students a gift. If you would like to show your support through a monetary donation towards these gifts please

We encourage you to read the following open Letter to Prime Minister Tony Abbott on the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program on

http://www.fava.org.au/ publications-accessnotice/971



Support for the work and ministry of Lutheran Community Care is ongoing and encouraged. LCC's request list for November is for canned vegetables, eg beans, peas, mixed veg, potatoes etc; condensed soups; long life milk

Boxes and bags are always in the Foyer waiting to be filled!

**GGLPS Principal: Daryl Trigg** 

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#### Office times

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# PLEASE CHECK OUT THE NOTICEBOARD FOR MORE NOTICES AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

#### Aid for Hearing Impaired

As an aid for the hearing impaired, the service is transmitted on 88.3 MHz FM radio.

#### Prayer Chain

Means a lot of people praying about an urgent or special need. For urgent prayer requests during the week you are invited to contact one of following people and the prayer chain will be set in progress. (Pastor Len & Claire Tscharke, Jon Schiller, Tanya Wilson, Judith Whaites.)

All requests will be kept confidential.

The prayer chain is available for everyone in both the church and school communities. Likewise if anybody feels they would like to be a part of the prayer chain we'd love you to join us.

#### Worship recording

Each service is recorded. DVD's can be ordered for a \$5 donation. See the Church Office.

#### **Bibles**

Bibles are available at the back of the church so that you can follow the Readings and Bible references in the Sermon.

We offer you one of these Bibles to take home, if you need one, and possibly bring back each week (so that *the one you use at home is the one you use in church*). If you would like to make a donation towards it - \$10 would be appreciated.

#### Meals Ministry

(A practical way we can share & show God's love) Families rostered to support Meals Ministry in November are: Kloeden & Friedrich.

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.

#### Library

Don't forget the Library is open for browsing and borrowing.

Christian greeting cards always for sale from the Mobile Unit in the Fellowship Centre —Cost \$2.

#### Pastor Leon's Message

is available in printed copy form immediately after the service from the Church Foyer . Please feel welcome to take a copy home.

#### Internet access

to weekly GGLF bulletin, Sermon, Life in the Vine, rosters and other info. You can get to it by going to www.gglf.org.au

#### Stamps For Missions

Remember to keep collecting your used postage stamps for missions. Box in Foyer.

#### **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 28190/51/GOI

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

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

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\$640.30	99			
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