



*Our mission:*  
**KNOWING  
CHRIST AND  
MAKING HIM  
KNOWN**

# GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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

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30th November 2014—ADVENT

## 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

Pastor Lyle mentioned it last Sunday, have you felt it too - that unease with all the judgement readings we have had in the last weeks of the church year? When we look at ourselves we see some attempts at good works, at kindness and loving others but we mostly reflect on all the things we have done wrong or the good we haven't done that we had the opportunity to do. And so the doubts creep in . . . will God really save the likes of me?

What a tonic today's Epistle reading is! The opening sentence tells us immediately what God's intention is all about – 'Grace and Peace' for His children – not judgement. Just as the angel told the Shepherds at Jesus' birth, 'Peace on earth and goodwill towards all mankind.' Jesus' whole purpose in coming the first time was to take away judgement, to take our punishment so that we are cleansed, to make peace for us with God.

Then following in our passage today we have that declaration, "God is faithful." He won't change His mind! He has decided and declared that we are blameless in Christ and it is also His promise that we will be kept firm in this grace and peace until the end, until Christ returns and unites us with the Trinity and the whole body of believers in the heavenly realms.

And that is the message of Advent. The focus is on repentance so we can enjoy the anticipation and excitement of waiting and share the peace, joy, hope and faith that are ours in Jesus Christ.

What can we say Lord, except we are sorry, and thank You. Amen.

Margey Knapp



### Readings for today

Isaiah 64: 1–9  
1 Cor. 1: 3–9  
Mark 13:24-37

### Worship Opportunities

<b>Today</b>	<b>9.30 am 6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC
<b>Friday 5th Dec</b>	<b>8.45–9.15 am</b>	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club
<b>Sunday 7th Dec</b>	<b>10.30 am 11.30 am 6.30 pm</b>	<b>Worship followed by picnic on school oval</b> 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!

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 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

Welcome to the family and friends of **Callum Window** who will be **baptised today**. Pastor Len is officiating at this baptism.

Welcome too to **Melissa Balnaves** and **Dale Bruce's** family who have come to support them in their **confirmation of their baptism**.

And **another special welcome** to Andrew Tillers Year 4/5 class and their families who are presenting the theme in this morning's worship service.

How do you feel about WAITING? What do you do as you wait? What can help your waiting? This morning we are using the second reading (Ephesians 1:3-9 and in particular verse 7 *Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed*) to think about "**eagerly waiting**" and what God gives us as we wait. Please consider some of these things we only get as we wait. Doesn't that put **waiting- eagerly waiting**, into a new light?

Could you use the **Christmas play flyers**? We have produced flyers promoting our Christmas Eve play (and a couple of other events around Christmas). **Why not** give these to your neighbours (or put them in their letterbox), insert them in a Christmas card which you are sending/giving to someone close to our church or put a small pile in local businesses (with their permission)?

### **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 encourage to give on Sundays either side (14<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>) or on Christmas Day through an enveloped 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 happening **TODAY**. I hope you plan to stay for it.

In the agenda booklet, which is available this morning, you will notice a couple of proposals that I would like to draw your 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 re 9.30am. worship services in 2015 at GGLF. I have suggested this proposal "to test the waters". I have had a lot 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 **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 lieu"*.
- The morning service on **21<sup>st</sup> December** will be a carols and readings service with the children acting out the Christmas story.

Evening **21<sup>st</sup> December**

### **Coming up this week:**

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| <b>Tuesday (2/12/14)</b>     | Pastor's day off   |
| <b>Friday (5/12/14)</b>      | 8.45am worship with our school community.                        |
| <b>Next Sunday (7/12/14)</b> | Following the 10.30am worship, Christmas (church/school) picnic. |

## **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

**Kick off prayer his Sunday—**  
**Golden Grove Lutheran School & the combined Picnic**

### **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 TODAY, 11.00 am in the Worship Centre**

Agenda and supporting documents available today from the Church Foyer.

### **Fellowship Group News & Events**

**OPEN HOUSE - 1st Wednesday of the month (3rd December) - 7.30pm at Napier's (Prospect)**

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.

# RosTers for Next Sunday : 7th December

PA + Opening/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
Mark Rawolle	-	School		Fielke's	A Dutschke ----- -	J Kupke ----- M Knapp			School	
Joel Schiller			Ahrens							Fielke

## I Believe statement

I, Dale Bruce was born in the Women's and Children's hospital and am now thirteen years old. I believe in the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins and I believe that through baptism I am renewed and brought closer to being a part of God's family. I believe that "Step up to Communion" is to remember the Last Supper in which Jesus had his last meal with his disciples and I go to Communion to receive Jesus' body and blood.

Through Confirmation I think that I will get confirmed into the Church and to be a part of God's family. I believe that God is real and that he looks after me and that he sent his own Son down to earth who performed miracles for people in need like the blind man and how he could see after washing off mud on his eyes. I believe that through the Bible I can learn more about God and understand more about him and I believe that God can help us through tough times by asking him to help me through a hard or sad time.

At one point of my life when I was being bullied I wondered why God wasn't helping me through the bullying but what I didn't realise was that he had a plan for me and that was that I would go to a different school which would help me learn better and to build up my faith and that was this school. Coming to this school has helped me lots I have made some good friends. At my old school I had none. I also learnt more about God through "Mr Mad" (*Mr Maddren*) he opened my mind to God, to think of my faith and how I could improve it.

How I think to bring God in to my attention is to read the Bible and find things out about God. Sometimes I pray at night and I thank God for putting me on earth and I thank him for nature. If I was to ask God to do anything in my life it would be to have true friends and to be a bit smarter.

I believe that God created me to help people and to put a smile on people's faces. I also think that people are God's sheep and we follow God but sometimes we leave the flock and we lose touch with God, but God will come back for us and join us back up with the flock again.

## 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 to be 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](mailto:chersevoort@bigpond.com)



## "Sit & Sew"

Tomorrow evening—Monday 1st December,  
7.00-9.00 pm in the F/Centre

You are most welcome to join us even if you haven't been before. These sessions are not a formal teaching class, instead you are encouraged to bring along whatever project you are currently working on.

Bring your friends.

The cost of each session is \$5.00. Supper provided.

For more information please contact Heidi Rosenberg on: Home 7225 0581 or Mobile 0408 847 386

**Life in the Vine** (*our community magazine*) is now available. Please note the last sentence on page 2 in the article "From the Pastor" should read "surely it's what God wants from you too." Pastor Leon

My apologies—Editor

**Daily Bible Readings for this week**

Mon: (1/12/14) Galatians 1:1-17  
 Tues: (2/12/14) Galatians 1:18 -2:10  
 Wed: (3/12/14) Galatians 2:11-21  
 Thurs: (4/12/14) Galatians 3:1-14  
 Fri: (5/12/14) Galatians 3:15-22  
 Sat: (6/12/14) Psalm 85:1,2,8-13  
 Sunday: (7/12/14) Isaiah 40:1-11  
 2 Peter 3:8-15  
 Mark 1:1-8



As one way of supporting our school GGLF will be giving all Year 7 GGLPS graduating students a gift. If you would like to use this as an opportunity of showing your support through a monetary donation towards these gifts please place in an appropriately marked envelope and place in the offering plate.

**Thank you**

**INK JET CARTRIDGES AVAILABLE**

I have had to purchase a new printer for home and would like to give away excess printer cartridges (new ones) from my old printer. Will suit Epson Stylus NX11, NX130, NX125, NX230, NX420, NX430 and EPSON WORKFORCE WF320, WF325, WF435, WF525. Cartridges are 2 @ 133 black, 1 each of 138 high capacity black, yellow and cyan. Please let me know if you can use them Margey Knapp 8289 5443

**POSITIONS VACANT**

**Lutheran Disability Services** are seeking Support Workers and Client Services Assistants based in Lyndoch.

**ALWS** are seeking a Program Officer—Africa & Emergencies. The position will be preferably based in Albury, NSW.

Please refer to noticeboard for details.

**Female students seeking rental accommodation in 2015**

Responsible, reliable and conscientious.  
 Seeking 2 or 3 bedroom unit/house with off-street parking in near south or western suburbs close to the city. Non-smokers. No pets.  
 Please contact Pastor Peter Miller, tertiary student and young adult chaplain. 0409 725 573  
 peter.miller@sa.lca.org.au

**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-access-notice/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!

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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**  
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 Fri 5 Dec Hannah Bartel  
 We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace  
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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 Tschärke, 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](http://www.gglf.org.au)

**Stamps For Missions**

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

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*Principal* (ex officio)  
*Pastor*

**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
23/11/14, 9.30 am & No Korean church	\$507.75	125
Salt Factory, 6.30 pm	\$ 64.50	25