



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.**

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7th December 2014—2nd Sunday of 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

Isaiah 40:10-11 (NLT) – “Yes, the Sovereign Lord is coming in power. He will rule with a powerful arm. See, he brings his reward with him as he comes. He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart. He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young”.

Waiting. Patience. These always seem like negative words to me. But I’m constantly reminded that ‘good things come to those who wait’ and ‘patience is a strong virtue’. Apparently, if you live to be 80 years old, you will spend around four years of your life just waiting! Wow!

In the Isaiah verse above, God’s people are comforted by the promise that He will always come through for those who wait for Him. What beautiful words these are: “He will carry [us] in His arms, holding [us] close to His heart”.

In 2 Peter 3:9 (MSG), we are reminded that God is waiting for us to find our faith and believe in Him fully. “God isn’t late with His promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself [for] you, holding back the End (of time) because He doesn’t want anyone lost. He’s giving everyone space and time to change”. God is waiting for us to believe wholeheartedly in Him. This is the Creator of the world who is waiting for us all personally and patiently to answer His call.

And in the Mark verse, we remember that people have been waiting for Jesus for many generations and have never been disappointed. The humble servant John the Baptism pointed the crowds to the coming of Jesus, saying in Mark 1:7 (NLT): “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals”.

It seems that the rewards of waiting in God are overwhelming in our favour. Comfort, relationship and salvation come to those who wait.

Jason Kupke



Readings for today

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-15
Mark 1:1-8

Worship Opportunities

Today	10.30 am 11.30 am 6.30 pm	Worship followed by picnic on school oval Korean Community Church Salt Factory worship with HC
Thurs 11th Dec	2.30 pm	Closing service for end of school year
Sunday 14th Dec	9.30 am 11.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship 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

If you are reading this **at the picnic**, welcome to our Christmas picnic today. *(I hope you didn't turn up at 9.30am for worship only to find out this Sunday it is 10.30am worship.)*

Keep in mind the Korean congregation is using the worship and fellowship centre from 11.30am today.

This morning we are taking the first reading to heart (**Isaiah 40**), especially the first 2 verses *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.*

Hear it as it is, God speaking tenderly to you. We'll explore how prophecies (like this one) speak to us today because it is based on what God has done, is doing for you and will do for you. It is God speaking **to you**.

If you are reading this this evening, I pray that you may be inspired by **David D'Lima who will presenting the pre-Christmas message at Salt Factory this evening.**

Welcome to you David. David will be presenting "the civic implications of the birth of Christ, along with his claims on every earthly throne, power, ruler and authority." David is the SA State Officer of Family Voice Australia.

From the Half yearly Meeting:

- **Worship centre toilets:** plan to do when worship centre loan finishes in about 2yrs
- **Seating replacement:** we will continue to fix while looking into long term options suitable for both school & congregation needs
- **Central Eyre Peninsula partnership:** survey early year of our congregation to determine who are offering billeting. (Please notify Elnora if you are able to offer billeting or have other ideas for the partnership.)
- **Youth Ministry:** looking toward employing a youth coordinator with a "youth support team" (youth counsellors)
- **Partnership with St Johns TTG:** in children and youth ministry, is being developed
- **Gathering-** suggestions will be used to develop a comprehensive survey early next year; results to guide strategic planning in 2015
- **A general (short!) Time, Talents & Treasures survey** will be circulated early next year
- **Name change-** we will now be known as **Golden Grove Lutheran Church** (not Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship) informally- whilst legal implications are gradually dealt with after constitutional alterations have been made
- **Pastor Chris Mann involvement with our congregation** – to be discussed with Bishop.
- **Proposal for 2015 worship plan ie. 2nd Sunday of the month - Baptisms and the 4th Sunday – School/Kids at Heart involvement** - to be seen as a guide only.
- **Darren Stevenson elected Chair of the congregation.**

In two weeks' time the morning service on **21st December** will be a carols and readings with the theme of Christmas is Giving service and with the children acting out the Christmas story.

Christmas is giving

- On the morning of Sunday 21st 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 21st you are encourage to give on Sundays either side (14th or 28th) 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.)

And in the evening (of the 21st instead of Salt Factory) is our "dress rehearsal" for our Christmas play.

How 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)?

Next Sunday Pastor Chris Mann will be leading the service. (Heidi and I are away in Brisbane, from 12th December to 16th December to take time "in lieu". We'll be catching up with members in Queensland – and celebrating Christmas with them and attending Heidi's sister's 60th birthday.)

The film "**Exodus: gods and kings**" has opened in cinemas this week and Christiaan and I went to a preview early in the week. **I recommend you see it.** The film only loosely follows the Biblical story of Moses- I missed some of what scholars would see as the essential aspects of the story (ie. the confrontation of Moses and Pharaoh "Let my people go"), I was challenged with the explanation of why certain things happened (I am being vague so as not to spoil it for you) and I do have an issue with its depiction of God. However, the visual effects (it's in 3D) are spectacular- especially Pharaoh's Egypt, the plagues and the parting of the Red Sea and it is a good drama. **The main reason** why you should see it is *to know what you are talking about* when you talk to people about it. See me or Christiaan for more details.

Please Remember:

1. **To show respect for the displays and equipment in our church plant.** You may have to move a display or some equipment but replace it as you found it and be careful with it.
2. **Tidy up/clean up after you have used that part of the church plant.** As we say "leave it as you found it".
3. **Borrowing church plant.** Some equipment in our church plant can be taken on loan, other equipment may actually be privately owned (and on loan to the church). Please check (with Judith) before you borrow anything.
4. **Book in to use Church plant** (through Judith or Elaine). Where a facility is used as much as what we use our church plant the only way that you know for sure that another group is not about to use the area you are in or that you are able to leave your stuff there is by booking the area you would like to use.

(As you can imagine the only reason I am reminding you about this procedure is because there have been violations and consequent angst.)

Our Salt Factory service on **14th December** will be a carols by candlelight "camp fire service".

Coming up this week:

Tuesday	(9/12/14)	Pastor's day off
Tuesday	(9/12/14)	7.30pm GGLC Council
Wednesday	(10/12/14)	1.00pm Women's Fellowship
Thursday	(11/12/14)	2.30pm 2015 Closing Service for our School
Thursday	(11/12/14)	7.00pm School graduation

RosTers for Next Sunday : 14th 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
Karl Dutschke	Tanya Wilson	Kristian Appelt	J Canavese D Quick	Jenny Rawolle	M Seidel ----- L Hampel	A Dutschke ----- M Knapp		Nora Robertson	Kloeden Knapp	
Luke Wachtel			Thiel				D & R Kloeden			NO CATERING

REACHING OUT THROUGH PRAYER

Meet at 5.30 pm TONIGHT 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—For Families at Christmas enjoying each other's company - the Christmas Spirit

EVERYONE WELCOME

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

Safety Management Online system

Those with expired training would have received emails this week to update their training and their police check. In order for these people to remain involved in the Child and Youth ministry of the LCA these items **DO** need to be updated urgently.

However, an apology is given for the SPAM appearance of the email, and the multiple copies received – this was a glitch in the system.

Allyson Dutschke—ChildSafe/Safe Place Coordinator



Our congregation has received a 'LLL Interest Rate change' notice advising that the interest rate on LLL interest bearing Savings Accounts will be 3.25% from 1 December 2014. This notice has been placed on the church noticeboard for your information.

Your gift this Christmas

If you have not already done so, could you help by giving a donation to support families struggling at Christmas? A donation of \$50 can supply a hamper to a person on their own or a small family while \$100 can supply a hamper to a larger family. Your gift will also ensure that we can stock up for the increase of people who will access our services throughout the year.

Visit the LCC website at www.lccare.org.au or contact LCC at 08 8269 9333 to give a gift that will help make a real difference to someone's life.



YOUTH NEWS

Ephesians 5:8 - For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

Isaiah 53:10b - He gave Himself as an offering for sin so that He'd see life come from it.

Summer holidays are upon us! We have one last event for both of our youth groups: a **water games afternoon! Friday 12th December**. It's currently forecast to be a perfect 27 degrees so get your bathers on and bring along a towel and prepare to get wet (also feel free to bring water guns/equipment/etc)! We'll have a 50 metre slip and slide set up down the big hill among tonnes of other fantastically fun, wet games. It'll run from **4pm until 7pm** (different time to what was originally advertised) and we'll also look at our last session of our Journey through the Bible. Come along for a great day to finish off a long year of school! \$4 entry, \$1 cans and Childsafe (as normal). **Year 5 students are welcome to attend this!**

Afterwards, Revivalists are cordially invited for a delicious **formal dinner**. This will run from **7pm until 10pm**. Our leaders will be at your service all night, as we chat away reflecting on the year that's been and what's coming up next. So bring along your best attire to change into and get ready for a delightful night, as we also finish off our last session of our Bible journey! **Year 8 students are welcome to attend this!**

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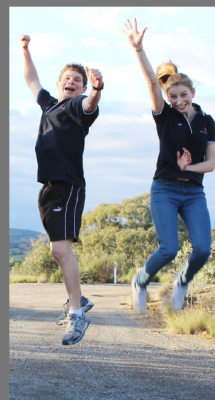


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WARRAMBU INTERNSHIPS 2015

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
12TH DECEMBER



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IF YOU'RE AGED 18-24 AND WANT TO KNOW MORE GO TO WWW.WARRAMBU.COM.AU OR CONTACT US FOR AN INFORMATION PACK:
PHONE: (02) 6220 1000 OR
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Daily Bible Readings for this week

Mon: (8/12/14) Gal. 3:23—4:11
 Tues: (9/12/14) Gal. 4:12-20
 Wed: (10/12/14) Gal. 4:21-31
 Thurs: (11/12/14) Gal. 5:1-15
 Fri: (12/12/14) Gal. 5:16-24
 Sat: (13/12/14) Psalm 126
 Sunday: (14/12/14) Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
 1 Thess. 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

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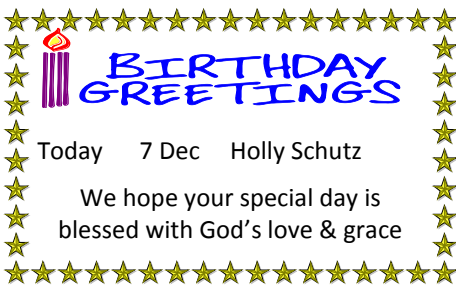
I have had to purchase a new printer for home and would like to give away excess printer cartridges (new ones) from my old printer. Will suit Epson Stylus NX11, NX130, NX125, NX230, NX420, NX430 and EPSON WORKFORCE WF320, WF325, WF435, WF525. Cartridges are 2 @ 133 black, 1 each of 138 high capacity 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.





BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

 Today 7 Dec Holly Schutz

 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 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

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



Soul Factor Gospel Choir is thrilled to present a return season of our hilarious musical "For Unto Y'all" this Christmas.
 18th—21st December at Scott Theatre, Adelaide University, Kintore Avenue.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Bookings at www.soulfactorgospelchoir.com or 0400 893 739

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 December are: Hoklas, Dutschke.
 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.

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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
30/11/14, 9.30 am &	\$419.80	159
Korean church	\$148.00	25
Salt Factory, 6.30 pm	\$123.10	30