



*Our mission: "Making Christ known in the community so that all may worship Him and receive the gift of eternal life"*

# GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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



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## 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  
Please feel welcome to join us.

### Before Worship...

*1 But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze (Isaiah 43)*

I love the first reading for today (first 2 verses - before you) because I hear God speaking to us! We are the chosen ones! We are created for his glory, we are "precious and honoured" in his sight" (as he goes on to say). It's faith that permits me to hear that and if I didn't have faith, all of the things that I am dealing with: "the rivers", "the fire" would be so much harder.

This passage reminds me that I am privileged to be chosen by God and what is ultimately important is my walk with God. I need not be afraid whatever I go through for God is with me.

May we have this faith as we come for worship and may God strengthen our faith this morning so that we can face the week ahead with confidence.

**Prayer:** *Father, thank you that you have given us faith to attend worship today. Strengthen our faith in you through your Word and Holy Communion. And help us not only respond with our faith in our singing and prayers now but throughout this coming week as well, in Jesus name. Amen.*

### Worship Opportunities

<b>Today 13th Jan 2013</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Contemporary worship with HC
<b>Sunday 20th Jan</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Contemporary worship
<b>Sunday 27th Jan</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Contemporary worship with HC
<b>Friday 1st Feb</b>	<b>8.45-9.15 am</b>	Informal worship with school community followed by Coffee Club



### 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 **QUIET** craft table 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 be creative, to wriggle around and 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!

## Daily Bible Readings for this week

Mon: (14/1/13) Matthew 1:1-17  
 Tues: (15/1/13) Matthew 1:18-25  
 Wed: (16/1/13) Matthew 2:1-12  
 Thurs: (17/1/13) Matthew 2:13-23  
 Fri: (18/1/13) Matthew 3:1-12  
 Sat: (19/1/13) Psalm 36:5-10  
 Sunday: (20/1/13) Isaiah 62:1-5  
 1 Cor. 12:1-11  
 John 2:1-11

# RosTers

for Next Sunday (20th January)

PA + Opening/Closing up	Power-point	Music Group	Greeters / Ushers	Readers 9.30 am only	Children's Address 9.30 am	Prayers 9.30 am only	Assis-tants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning
Karl Dutschke	Judith Whaites	Allyson and Ken	Jodie D Tracey D	Matt Bishop	Lesley Friedrich	Pastor Len	-	Nadia Napier	-

### Pastor's Column 13/1/12

Do you have the Holy Spirit? Does he do spectacular things through you? When did you receive him?

Questions you might have, if your life seems to be powerless, if you have spoken to, read or watched DVDs from Christians of a particular spirituality or likewise had discussions with Christians who have a particular understanding of Baptism.

I don't want to present a polemic against these fellow Christians in the message this morning. Rather I want to reassure you that the Holy Spirit is involved in Baptism and indeed is involved in *your* Baptism too. I will be basing my address on the second reading for today, **Acts 8:14—17** known to some as "the Samaritan's Pentecost".

**Today is the festival of the Baptism of Jesus.** It is a good opportunity to remember what our baptism means for us. There will be opportunities during the worship this morning to do that.

I have received a suggestion that we should actually **discuss the "discussion paper, The Golden Grove Way"**. Let's do that on Wednesday week (23<sup>rd</sup> January) starting at 7.30pm in the Fellowship Centre. Come along if you would like to share any thoughts, hear other people give their thoughts and see where we go from here at GGLF- keeping in mind the "GGW". As I said in the paper these are just my observations. If you would like to submit your thoughts so people can think about them before the day please email them or write them down for me and I will disseminate them.

Also as we start this new year I encourage you to take up again your spiritual disciplines. We are promoting the **Daily Bible Readings** here at GGLF (listed on the back page on the Weekly bulletin for that week or in a booklet form in the foyer).

Also in the foyer pick up any of the **literature** that is there for you (some of it may have been placed in your pigeon hole so check them as well). There are still some copies of the **"discussion paper, The Golden Grove Way"**.

Please remember to fill in the **"Welcome Sheet"**- especially if you have a prayer request, would like to make a comment or ask a question or you would like a "pastoral visit".

**Next Sunday** the theme is "The gifts of the Holy Spirit" based on the second reading for that day (1 Corinthians 12:1-11). It is quite a controversial subject for some. Have you got these "gifts"? What are they? How can you use them? Is it really something we should be interested in?

### Pastor Leon

**This week**  
**Tuesday (15<sup>th</sup> January) 7.30pm** Worship Team.

**Next week**  
**Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup> January) 7.30pm** "The Golden Grove Way" discussion evening

### 13<sup>th</sup> Jan

*Eyes are amazing things. They are designed to see what is there. But often we use them only to recognize what's not there. Not enough time, not enough money, not enough friends, not enough love and respect from our family. This week James Winderlich will be focussing on what we choose to see and suggests a solution for keeping our view in balance.*

### The Long And The Short

James Winderlich

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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

★ Wed	16 Jan	Stacey Baldock Dorothy Quick
★ Thurs	17 Jan	Karl Dutschke Elijah Schutz
★ Fri	18 Jan	Alice Carter
★ Sat	19 Jan	Patrick Pena

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