



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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15th December 2013—3rd 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 messages shared today.



Tea & coffee is available in the Fellowship Centre following morning service

Please feel welcome to join us.

Before Worship

What did Jesus' coming into the world mean?

The first reading for today gives us a beautiful picture of the answer to this question. *The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; (Isaiah 35:1f)*

This is from the prophet Isaiah, written some 700 hundred years before Jesus was born.

Yet prophesy has the nature of being fulfilled a number of times.

This prophesy was fulfilled in the exiles returning from Babylon.

It will certainly be fulfilled in the last times (in heaven).

But we can see that Jesus is telling us that it is being fulfilled in his ministry, in his response to John's disciples who came to him to find out if he was the Messiah ("or should we expect someone else"). Jesus quoted a few verses from Isaiah- about the eyes of the blind being opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Yet it was all being fulfilled there in Jesus. However, not for all to see. One could only receive it in faith!

There is another time this is fulfilled.

It is fulfilled in our life- even today as we hear God's Word, as Jesus comes to us, as we take this in faith.

I pray that it may be fulfilled in you today- in that you feel the joy, the encouragement, the peace, the healing, the renewal, the direction and the relief of Jesus coming into your world- whatever it is like.

Prayer: Thank you for the fulfilment of prophesy: your promises/ your Word -in history and the drama that gives,

-in the future and the hope we have,

-in Jesus and the meaning that gives and

-in our own lives and the joy that gives us.

Please give us that drama, hope, meaning and joy in our lives as we hear your Word today. Amen.

Pastor Leon

Worship Opportunities



Readings for today

Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Today 15th December	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship NO Salt Factory worship—TTG Carols in Civic Park 7.00 pm
Sunday 22nd December	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Carols service with HC Premiere of Christmas Eve drama
Christmas Eve 24 Dec	7.00 pm	Christmas drama " <i>The Night Before Christmas</i> "
Christmas Day 25 Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day worship with HC
Sunday 29th Dec	9.30 am	Contemporary 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 **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!

Pastor's Column

We are having a look at the third candle on the Advent wreath this morning. We are calling it "**the candle of love**".

What is this "love" we are talking about?

The love of Mary for her son. Then ... it becomes a sentimental love: the love of parents for their children. At Christmas we show our love through the gifts we give, the food we prepare, the celebration we put on. That's beautiful.

Yet, this love is deeper than that. It's the love in the fact that God gave us his Son. This love is a so called "tough love", a real love, a **deep love**.

This morning in the address, we'll be looking at four different ways in which we and - God show this love. We'll have a closer look at the Gospel reading for this morning (from Matthew 11) which I believe shows an extreme example of "tough love". Then I will present three practical challenges our congregation is giving us to show that love this Christmas.

If you would like to take up one of these challenges and are not sure how you can you can talk to me or one of the Pastoral Carers, especially if you feel you need someone to pray with you for this love from God.

Feel free to join us at our second Korean Christian Church at 11.30 this morning. *(In the New Year these services will be held on a weekly basis.)*

There will be **NO Salt Factory tonight**. Instead you are encouraged to support the **TTG Carols in the Park at Civic Park** which commences at 7.00 pm. This is a free community event featuring Christmas' greatest hits, local quality entertainment and the arrival of Santa! Scheduled to run until 9:30pm.

The **hand-outs for the Christmas play** are being provided for you to distribute (letter drop if you like) to the houses around where you live.

Please take half a dozen to a dozen flyers per family and **give them out over the next week**. *You will notice on the flyers there is a space for you to write your own phone number so the person you give the flyer to can contact you if they need a lift to the play. Feel free to use this opportunity.*

Advance notice: "Tell it like it is" witness workshop Sunday 9th Feb 2014, Admin building (led by Irwin Traeger). Mark it in your diary.

For Your information: we have now moved into our new home: 2 Hann Court, Redwood Park. Our phone number is 7225 0581.

In lieu of a couple of half days that I have worked on my day off, I will be taking the day off to finish clean up of the manse, so **the Church Office will not be manned**. (Judith works Wed-Fri each week).

I had heard some great reviews of the film "**The Christmas Candle**" in the cinemas now. If you want to see the trailer go on You tube. It is recommended that if you want to see it, see it soon because it won't be around too much longer.

Next Sunday our morning worship is a "carols service" - all based around carols.

Pastor Leon

WHAT'S COMING UP DURING THE WEEK?

This week:

Today (15/12/13) 11.30am Korean Christian Church service
Today (15/12/13) 7.00pm Carols in the Park (Civic park, TTG)

Next week

Next Sunday (22/12/13) 6.30pm Premiere of "The night before Christmas" play
Tuesday (24/12/13) 7.00pm "The Night before Christmas" play
Wednesday (25/12/13) 9.30am Christmas service

Join us for our family friendly

Christmas production

Written by Margey Knapp & Produced by Margot Mertin



"The Night before Christmas"

On Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December at 7pm

or come along to the

Premiere Sunday 22nd at 6:30pm.

A sausage sizzle fundraiser will be available before & after the premiere presentation next Sunday 22nd Dec



Next Sunday (22nd Dec) after worship we would like to decorate our church Christmas tree and need helping hands to share in the fun of decorating the tree. If you can stay for a little while to help would be great.

Thank you

Manse Working Bee

A small working bee will be held at the Manse on Fri 27th Dec to prepare for the new tenant.

For any people available on that day, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Tasks will be yard/garden tidy up, gutter cleaning, etc.

It's proposed to commence at 8:30am and wind up at 1:00pm, but feel free to come and go as you choose.

If you have any queries please contact Simon Ahrens (0421 910 604).



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

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

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.

RosTers

for Sunday 22nd December

PA + Opening/Closing up	Power-point	Music Group	Greeters/ Ushers	Readers 9.30 am only	Children's Address ----- Kids Craft 9.30 am	Prayers 9.30 am only	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning	Salt Factory Catering
Karl Dutschke	Tanya Wilson	Allyson Dutschke	Jenny C Dorothy Q	Jenny Rawolle	L Friedrich ----- (no Kid's Craft)	Pastor Len	Dave Shrowder Jenny Rawolle	Chris Thiel	Lindner McLuckie	
Simon Ahrens			Ahrens							No meal (school holidays)

Worship times for post Christmas & January 2014

Please note that on Sunday 29th December and during January there will only be **ONE SERVICE** held at 9.30 am.

2014 Aust Christian Diary

One copy of this diary is still available for sale for \$10 from Judith Whaites. They are a great size to carry and have the daily bible readings for each day. Contact Admin office by phone or email if you would like to purchase this.

"Time Out—... with Jesus"—Australian devotions for a year

There is one copy of the new 2014 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.

POSITION VACANT

Australian Lutheran College is the post-secondary institution for the Lutheran Church of Australia with a 100 room boarding facility for tertiary students. The Refectory Team is seeking a Casual Cook/Kitchen Hand who can provide professional service to our internal and external customers whilst undertaking a number of tasks including cooking and serving meals. You must be able to work on Friday nights and weekends which attract penalty rates. This role offers the right candidate the opportunity to make a positive difference.

You must be able to provide two recent referees and either hold a current Criminal / Police Clearance or be confident you will pass a criminal check.

The following criteria must be met to be considered for the role:

- Sound knowledge of Food Safety and hygiene practices
- Ability to work unsupervised
- Proven experience in bulk cooking
- Ability to provide outstanding meals
- Must be a team player and able to follow direction
- Able to supervise casual kitchen hands

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.

ALWS focus this year is to provide **Bricks for Burundi** - building houses, schools and health centres ... along with non-brick essentials like water supplies, farmer training and kitchen gardens. The people in Burundi are very hard workers, and we have strong support from the Burundi Government, which means our investment in Burundi is very effective.

Also enclosed in each Christmas Action pack is an opportunity for people to donate to help survivors of the terrible Philippines typhoon disaster.

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



Lighten the load of someone this Christmas...

This year Lutheran Community Care hopes to provide over 800 Christmas hampers to relieve the burdens that so many families face at this special time of year. The planning and work are well underway but with your help we can ensure that those who come to us do not have to choose between providing a special meal for their family on Christmas or paying their bills. Could you help by making a donation to support families who do face this choice each year? 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 donation will also ensure that we can stock up for the increase of people who will access our services in the coming months.

Visit the Lutheran Community Care website www.lccare.org.au, telephone 08 8269 9333.



It would be an advantage if the applicant has the following:

- Ability to ensure food standards and presentation are maintained
- Understanding of WH&S procedures
- Understanding of HACCP and nutritional information
- Ability to work in a team environment and autonomously

Excellent communication skills and personal presentation

This position will start on 3rd February 2014; closing date will be the 11th January 2014

Applications addressing the key selection criteria contained in the position description and including curriculum vitae should be sent to:

Human Resource Manager
Australian Lutheran College
104 Jeffcott Street

North Adelaide SA 5006 08 8267 7400 human.resources@alc.edu.au

Daily Bible Readings for this week

Monday: (16/12/13) Isaiah 11:1-9
 Tuesday: (17/12/13) Isaiah 11:10-16
 Wednesday: (18/12/13) Isaiah 12:1-6
 Thursday: (19/12/13) Isaiah 13:1-13
 Friday: (20/12/13) Isaiah 25:1-9
 Saturday: (21/12/13) Psalm 80:1-7,17-19
 Sunday: (22/12/13) Isaiah 7:10-16
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-25



Upcoming ChildSafe training dates for 2013

**Team Leader: Sat 21st Dec
10:00am—4:00pm**

The above training opportunity will be held at the SA/NT District Office, 137 Archer Street, North Adelaide. Please contact the District Office to register or for further info.

POSITION VACANT

SA Council of Churches:

Office Administrator Vacancy

Applications are invited for the role of Office Administrator: General Administration, for 18 hours a week over 3 days.

The role is responsible for the coordination, provision and development of a broad range of clerical and administration services for SA Council of Churches and Chaplaincy Services SA.

Position Description available at www.sacc.asn.au

Email applications, addressing the selection criteria, to Geraldine Hawkes, Executive Officer sacc1@picknowl.com.au.

Closing date: 3pm Wednesday 15 January 2014.

Tertiary Students 2014

Are you aware of students commencing or continuing Tertiary Study in 2014?

As the SA/NT District Tertiary Chaplain, I am keen to support and encourage students.

If you are coming to Adelaide to finalise enrolment arrangements in January or February, I would be very happy to meet with you and assist in any way possible.

You are most welcome to contact me by any of the means listed below.

Peter Miller

District Office: 137 Archer Street,
North Adelaide 5006

Phone Number: 8267 5211 or 0409 725 573

Email: peter.miller@sa.lca.org.au

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE NOTICEBOARD FOR OTHER NOTICES AND 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: Quick, Rawolle

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 and then clicking Files.

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/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

		Attendance	Offerings
Sunday 8/12	9.30 am	79	\$408.20
	6.30 pm	50	\$179.60


BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

 ★ Fri 20 Dec Chloe Davidson
 ★ Sue Neale
 ★ Chris Thiel

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

 Support for the work and ministry of **Lutheran Community Care** is ongoing and encouraged. **LCC's request list for Dec** is for canned fish; pasta sauce; spreads (*cheese spread, jam, peanut butter, Vegemite etc*)

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