

**Daily Bible Readings for this week**

Monday: (9/12/13) Isaiah 5:8-17  
 Tuesday: (10/12/13) Isaiah 6:1-13  
 Wednesday: (11/12/13) Isaiah 7:10-25  
 Thursday: (12/12/13) Isaiah 8:16-9:1  
 Friday: (13/12/13) Isaiah 9:2-7  
 Saturday: (14/12/13) Psalm 146:5-10  
 Sunday: (15/12/13) Isaiah 35:1-10  
 James 5:7-10  
 Matthew 11:2-11

**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

**Lutheran Community Care**—In metropolitan Adelaide, if you are able to donate any books or toy items for hampers please ensure they are delivered as soon as possible to our Blair Athol site so that our dedicated volunteers can include them in the hampers. Food donations are always welcome and we will continue to use them within our Emergency Relief program throughout Christmas and in the New Year.

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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

☆☆ Today 8 Dec Matthew Trigg  
 ☆☆ Tue 10 Dec Lloyd Kohlhagen,  
 ☆☆ Skye Hoklas  
 ☆☆ Sat 14 Dec Lachlan Ahrens  
 ☆☆ We hope your special day is  
 ☆☆ blessed with God's love & grace  
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Max Lucado's The Christmas Candle will be released in cinemas next Thursday 5th December. Check out the website for more details [www.thechristmascandlemovie.com.au](http://www.thechristmascandlemovie.com.au)



**Upcoming ChildSafe training dates for 2013**

**Team Member: Sat 14th Dec**  
 10:00am—4:00pm  
**Team Leader: Sat 21st Dec**  
 10:00am—4:00pm

Both the above training opportunities 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.

**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](http://www.lccare.org.au), telephone 08 8269 9333.

**PLEASE CHECK OUT THE NOTICEBOARD FOR MORE POSITIONS VACANT 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:**  
 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) 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
Sunday 1/12	9.30 am 247

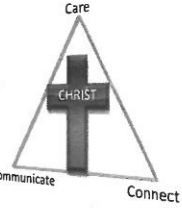


Our mission: "Making Christ known in the community so that all may worship Him and receive the gift of eternal life"

**GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP**

[www.gglf.org.au](http://www.gglf.org.au)

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



**8th December 2013—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 messages shared 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 evening service. Please feel welcome to join us.

**Before Worship ...**

**Patience in suffering: we need to learn!**

Have you ever-experienced pain or suffering in your personal life? You're probably thinking: are you seriously asking this question, of course I have experienced both pain and suffering!!! I believe many of you would agree with me that it's not a nice feeling at all to be going through! I know when I am experiencing pain I just want to get better so I can be happy again. Your pain or suffering may be from a relationship break-up, a loss of someone close to you, broken bones, a bruise (from missing the cricket ball from a bowling machine - I will learn one day to hit the ball) and the list goes on. Pain and suffering can be in a mental, physical, spiritual or emotional form. I'm personally going through a mountain in my life which I've been struggling with. When Jason asked me to write this devotion, I came across a Scripture from James 5:7-8 (NIV): "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near". This scripture demonstrates very clearly that we need to be patient. Just like the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop we also need to be patient and stand firm when we are in the midst of pain or suffering. It is so real that we need to just hold on, be patient and stand firm in our faith until the Lord comes again. It is so important that we seek God in those challenging times so we can let GO of it all, and let GOD heal our pain. Let God be YOUR hope, therefore do not try to fill your heart, mind and soul with things of this world but of Jesus! He is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). So please, feel encouraged today in the midst of your personal struggles, pains and suffering hold onto God and keep serving him in everything you do because in Jesus Name you are HEALED. Remember God loves and cares for you so much that he died for you!

Dear God, we pray that you help us to be patient in our suffering and that there is light at the end of the tunnel with you! We pray that you can use us to help serve those people around us who are experiencing any pain or suffering. In your Holy name we pray, Amen.

Nicole Fielke

**Worship Opportunities**

<b>Today 8th December</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
<b>Thursday 12th Dec.</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	Closing Service for end of school year
<b>Sunday 15th December</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship with HC

**Readings for today**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
 Romans 13:11-14  
 Matthew 24:36-44



**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!

**GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP**

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**Office times**  
 Mon-Fri 9.30am—12.30pm

**GGLF Council**

**Chairperson** Grant Hampel  
**Vice Chairperson** Einora Schmocker  
**Secretary** Mardi Kalika  
**Worship Ministry** Jacquie Schutz  
**Outreach** Paul Napier  
**Stewardship** Lauren Thiel  
**Plant & Human Resources** Daniel Bartel  
**Youth** Simon Ahrens  
**Children,** Luke Napier  
**Elder/Pastoral Care** Margot Mertin  
**Treasurer** Einora Schmocker  
**Principal** Simon Williams  
**Pastor** (ex officio)  
 (ex officio)

## Pastor's Column

This morning's service centres on the **second candle of the Advent wreath** which we are calling "**Peace**".

Do you have peace? (perhaps "Christmas peace": *peace to those on whom his favour rests* - Luke 2:14)? *How can we* at this time of the year? It is such a turmoil!

Perhaps we are just confused over what this peace really is.

In the address this morning we shall discover that this peace ("God's peace") is a peace **within** - not something on the outside; it's a peace that indeed comes **from God** himself - not something we can create and a peace; which we **can give to others** - not something we try to hold onto. We'll discover how we can have - (or better put) how we grow in this peace.

Remember, you can talk to me or one of the Pastoral Carers if you feel you need someone to pray with you if you feel that you are lacking this peace in your life.

This morning we are **distributing Holy Communion** in a slightly different manner. Basically the distributors will remain stationary (at their stations) and the congregation moves - to receive the wafer and then the wine before moving back to their seats. (Some call it "Continuous Communion".) It's how we distributed Salt Factory last week and similar to what we did at our confirmation service on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**Salt Factory** tonight Paul Napier will be speaking on "Discipleship".

Also today you are able to take **hand-outs for the Christmas play** 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 few weeks**.

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.

**TODAY** is our School and Church **Half yearly meeting**. Please pick your copy of the agenda in the foyer.

Topics for discussion at the church's meeting:

Financial Update

Adoption of last year's *audited* financial statement.

Adoption of the Provisional Budget for 2014

Proposal from GGLF Council to employ a Children's Ministry Worker for 5 hours/week in 2014

Proposal from GGLF Council to rent manse for 12 month period

Proposal from GGLF Council to coordinate and hold the Christmas Tree Festival at GGLF in 2014

Election of GGLF Chairperson and Office Bearers for 2014 and endorsement of GGLF

teams & members

**Next Sunday** we are holding our second **Korean Christian Church** at 11.30pm and in the new year these service will be held on a weekly basis. Feel free to join us.

Pastor Leon

### WHAT'S COMING UP DURING THE WEEK?

#### This week:

Sunday (8/12/13) 2pm ALC ordination at St Paul's Enfield.

Tuesday (10/12/13) 7pm Worship Team

Thursday (12/12/13) 2.30pm School closing service

Thursday (12/12/13) 7pm Graduation service

#### Next week

Next Sunday (15/12/13) 11.30am Korean Christian Church service

Next Sunday (15/12/13) 7pm Carols in the Park (Civic park, TTG)

### Australian Lutheran World Service

In the foyer are the Christmas Action packs. The 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 of Burundi are very hard workers, and we have strong support from the Burundi Government, which means our investment in Burundi is very effective. Also in each **Christmas Action** pack an opportunity for people to donate to help survivors of the terrible Philippines typhoon disaster.

As of November 11, our Lutheran family in Australia has donated \$240,773.71 to help Syrian refugees in Jordan. Already too, Gifts of Grace worth \$121,678.65. What a wonderful outpouring of love and kindness

### Finke River Mission

Did you know that:

- Hundreds of baptisms occur every year in and around Alice Springs
- Multiple Aboriginal choirs operate from these same communities
- Over 40 Aboriginal Pastors and Pastors in training are supported and mentored by FRM.

Now as much as ever the Lutheran Church in Central Australia needs your prayers and support. The Finke River Mission's work relies significantly on donations from fellow Lutherans in the broader Church. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please pray for God's continual blessing and support for the dozens of Pastors and Church Leaders working in Central Australia.

### Fresh Christmas Trees

Fresh, high quality Christmas trees are available again this year from Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Birdwood at \$30 ea. Orders are to be placed through our Admin office by **5th Dec**. Trees will be delivered on Saturday 14th Dec.

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for Sunday 15th 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
Mark Rowolle	Judith Whaites	Jacque Schutz	Dutschke	Andrew Schmidt	Marty Seidel ----- Maria Appelt	Pastor Leon		Sue Fielke	Fielke Hersevoort	
Joel Schiller			Thiel's				Denise and Roger Kloeden			No meal (school holidays)

### From the LCA:

#### Prayer points

- Thanksgiving for the gift of God's Son, our Saviour, to the world
- That Lutheran Media Ministry may help many people want to learn about Jesus Christ over this Christmas Season
- Safety and protection for all those who travel during the holidays
- That young men and women will be challenged to consider a call to serve in specialized ministries in the Church

### CHRISTMAS TV SHOW FOR CHILDREN ON CHANNEL 9

Watch Lutheran Media's Little Shepherd TV show on Channel 9 (WIN & Imparja) on Sunday, 22nd December at 6am (all states). It plays for 25 minutes.

Order your Little Shepherd DVD for \$10. Be quick, there is a limited supply. Call FREECALL 1800 353 350 or [luthmedia@lca.org.au](mailto:luthmedia@lca.org.au).

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WEBSITE

[www.redboots.com.au](http://www.redboots.com.au) is a Christmas website where you can watch a movie, read a story, play games and music, send ecards, or find recipes to cook yummy Christmas food.

### From the LLL

Our congregation has received a "Notice to LLL Depositors" advising that the interest rate on the LLL interest bearing Savings Accounts will be 3.50% from 1 December 2013. This notice has been placed on the church notice board for your information.



### SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

Expression of Interest

Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School is seeking expressions of interest from individuals who would like to become our school bus driver/s.

The successful applicant/s will become a member of our staff. The position is for approx 10 hours per week on afternoons after school.

Please contact Graeme Hoklas, Business Manager on 8282 6000 for more information. Closing date is 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

### Notice to Members of GGLF Half-Yearly Meeting & Election of Office Bearers for 2014 To be held today 11.00 am in the Worship Centre

Copies of the Agenda and associated paperwork are available from the Church Foyer.

### Vacancies for GGLF office holders for 2014

There is a vacancy for the position of **Congregational Chairperson, as well as on GGLF Council in the areas of Ministry and also Youth.**

Please consider this prayerfully and if you are interested to serve in any of these role please speak with a member of the Nominations Team (*Pastor Leon, Simon Ahrens, Marty Seidel*).

**Also if there are any current office holders or team members not willing to stand for 2014 please let the Nominations Team know ASAP.**

### An update for those who recall Grace & Little John

Gill Stevenson rang to let people at GGLF know that Grace and her son Little John are believed to be safe from Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Apparently contact has been made via Facebook. Gill has suggested that members would be welcome to contact them on Facebook if they wish. Their full names are Graciana Salisana and John Kenneth Salisana. Members of GGLF supported Little John about 10 or so years ago when he had to undergo several operations on his feet to be able to walk.

**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.