

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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22nd December 2013—4th 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

He wants every person to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:3 NIV).

Christmas is about God coming to find the lost. There are still plenty of lost people to be found! It is my conviction that Christians cannot celebrate Christmas, or proclaim its full meaning, without also reflecting God's deep pain that so many people still do not know him.


Our mission, should we decide to accept it, is to be beggars showing other beggars where to get food.

I pray that we will all rejoice in our salvation this Christmas as we worship the Christ-child in a manger—our Saviour!

But I also pray that we will ache for those who do not know of their need for him, or for his love of them. And, that God will turn that ache into words and actions of hope and peace.

Shared by Claire Tscharke from article Written by Pastor Robert Voigt

Worship Opportunities



Readings for today
Isaiah 7:10-16
Romans 1: 1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Today 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 "The Night Before Christmas"
Christmas Day 25 Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day worship with HC
Sunday 29th Dec (one service only)	9.30 am	Contemporary worship
Sunday 5th Jan 2014 (one service only)	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 begin our Christmas celebration a little early this year....

On this the fourth Sunday of Advent we are having a special **carols service** adapted from Balaklava's Christmas service last year. I hope you feel inspired through it.

The theme of the address is the "**the candle of faith**". I ask the question, are we listening to what our mouths are saying when we sing the carols? There is so much wonderful theology in the carols that if those people who go to carols by candlelight events meant what they said there would be a revival!

Have you used the **hand-outs for the Christmas play** which have been provided for you to distribute (letter drop if you like) to the houses around where you live?

Why don't you take a few more this morning and **give them out before our Christmas play is presented which is TONIGHT and TUESDAY NIGHT.** (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.)

I hope you are enjoying this pre-Christmas excitement. So often we get lost and frustrated in the bustle at this time of the year. I pray that you haven't fallen into this.

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

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

Pastor Leon

WHAT'S COMING UP DURING THE WEEK?

This week:

Today	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 with Holy Communion
Friday (27/12/13)	8.30am Working Bee at the manse

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.

Join us for our family friendly Christmas production

Written by Margey Knapp & Produced by Margot Martin



"The Night before Christmas"

Premiere tonight at 6:30pm

A sausage sizzle fundraiser will be available before & after the premiere presentation

or come along to the presentation on Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December at 7pm



THIS MORNING 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 cleaning, 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).



Our (belated) Sympathy

Loving thoughts and prayers are extended to **Graeme & Rosalie Hoklas** on the passing of Graeme's mother a couple of weeks ago on Friday 6th December.

We uphold you in prayer and pray God may be your strength and comfort in your time of loss.

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.

RosTers for Christmas Day

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
Bruce Lindner	Jeramy Lindner		Christiaan	Dutschke	A Dutschke ----- (no Kid's Craft)	Margey Knapp	Allen Kupke Pastor Len	Heidi Rosenberg	-	NO SALT FACTORY SERVICE

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

For the 60th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION of PASTOR LEN TSCHARKE

To be held at
Langmeil Lutheran Church, Tanunda

Sunday 29th December 2013

Two services— 8.45 am Traditional
10.30 am Modern

Lunch to follow at 12 noon

For anyone attending please bring a
plate of food to share

Advance Notice—Next Sunday Dec 29 help

would be appreciated in moving back and stacking the chairs in preparation for the annual steam cleaning of the carpets in the Worship Centre & Fellowship Centre planned for 2nd & 3rd January 2014.



GGLF Office hours

Judith will be taking annual leave from Christmas for the month of January - the office will be opened office hours: 9.30am-12.30pm (except public holidays)

Pastor Leon is always available on his mobile 0432224721 (when he has signal) and/or new home number 7225 0581, (the office phone system is still not operating).

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.

Our new-look GGLF website has been launched

Thank you to Jon Schutz for all his considerable efforts in designing and producing this. We appreciate all you've done and the time you've put into it.
Check it out at www.gglf.org.au.

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.

ROSTERS

The worship service rosters for the period January—February 2014 have been prepared and emailed to all helpers.

The rosters are also available to view or print from our new look website (*another reason to check it out*).

Please remember to check your emails and look for when you are rostered and if you need to make any swaps **please record those swaps on the master copy in the church foyer**.



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.



Daily Bible Readings for this week

Monday: (23/12/13) Isaiah 26:1-6
 Tuesday: (24/12/13) Luke 2:1-14
 Wednesday: (25/12/13) John 1:1-14
 Thursday: (26/12/13) Isaiah 40:1-14
 Friday: (27/12/13) Isaiah 40:15-31
 Saturday: (28/12/13) Psalm 148
 Sunday: (29/12/13) Isaiah 63:7-9
 Hebrews 2:10-18
 Matthew 2:13-23



POSITIONS 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.

Casual Cook/Kitchen Hand— Australian Lutheran College

Alternative Care Worker— Lutheran Community Care

Please check the noticeboard for further details regarding these positions.

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 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 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 15/12 9.30 am	92	\$768.00
Korean service 11.30 am	17	\$100.00

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

 Today Keith Gillard
 Tues 24th Dec Joel Amos
 Jessica McLuckie
 Wed 25th Dec Barry Taylor
 Thurs 26th Dec Garry Heinrich
 Sat 28th Dec Darryl Bischoff

 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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