



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

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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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.

TWO MINUTES before Worship...

"The barbs in life."

"...so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."(Luke 2:35)

Don't we approach something new with a certain amount of anticipation... maybe even excitement? And so we should. I am thinking of a couple preparing for their marriage, a student thinking of his new year of studies or new school, a person taking up a new job or a way of life or a new project. And can't we have those same feelings too as we start this new year?

The Gospel reading for today is the incident of the baby Jesus being brought to the temple to be "presented to the Lord" and the prophesies of Simeon ("Now let your servant depart in peace...") and Anna.

What strikes me about Simeon's prophesy is that after those uplifting words of praise and hope, the blessing upon Mary and Joseph there was a barb: "a sword will pierce your own soul too". We know that this is referring to Jesus' suffering and death.

But isn't it typical of life? We have that anticipation and excitement for this new year but we can expect that there will be pain and heart aches as well- the barbs in life.

If we worry about that, it might make us a bit reluctant to enter this new year! (As if we had a choice.)

But the good news in all this is alluded to in the verse before the Gospel reading (Luke 2:21 - the traditional reading for today) "...he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived." We enter this new year in Jesus' name! This year belongs to Jesus. Jesus goes with us into this new year. We know that whatever we go through this year, he is with us to guide us, to help us and to console us.

Yes, we can go into this new year with anticipation and even with confidence because we know we are not on our own.

Prayer: Father, please give us that anticipation and excitement as we enter this new year (if we are lacking in it now). Thank you that we enter this new year in Jesus' name with all that that means. Please remind us that when we are pierced with the barbs in life, Jesus is there for us. Amen.

Pastor Leon



Readings for today
Isaiah 61:10—62:3
Gal. 34: 4— 7
Luke 2:22-40

Readings for 8th Jan
Genesis 1:1-5
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Worship Opportunities

Today 1st Jan	9.30 am	Contemporary worship
Sunday 8th Jan	9.30 am	Contemporary worship with HC
Sunday 15th Jan	9.30 am	Contemporary worship
Sunday 22nd Jan	9.30 am	Contemporary worship with HC



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

Today on this the first day of the new year, the sermon will be on what God says about time.

With all the end of year sales at this time of the year I ask the question: "What is the most desired commodity?" What do you think it is? I also relate about a dream that I had several weeks ago. This brings a few issues to the fore as you'll see. But what I am driving at is just 3 points the Bible says about time- time to rest, time in God's hands and the opportune time.

I believe that on this verge of a new year it is good to look at God's gift of time. I don't have one Bible verse that I am basing this address on but am referring to a few. You might like to meditate on: **Exodus 20:8-11, 2 Peter 3:8-9, Ephesians 5:15-17.**

Now that we have entered this new year and month, you might be wondering what this month holds for you in regard to worship.

During January there is **no Sunday evening (Salt Factory) worship.** So you are encouraged to worship (as one congregation) in the morning.

Next Sunday (8th January) which is traditionally the Baptism of our Lord, **Elise Wilson is being baptized.** I shall be preaching on the Gospel reading for the day and in particular Mark 1:9-11: *At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."* What has Jesus' baptism got to do with Elise's baptism and for that matter our baptism?

The following Sunday (15th January) I have organized **Pastor Jim Bryan** of Balaklava to lead the service. I love's Jim's style and I would like you to meet him. It is also a means through which we can have a connection with a country congregation. (I shall be preaching at Auburn and Balaklava that Sunday.)

On the 22nd January I have arranged **Pastor Chris Gallasch** of Hope Valley Homes to lead the service here at Golden Grove. (Again I will be leading the service at Holy Trinity, Hope Valley in his absence there.) Pastor Chris has been at Hope Valley since August of last year and I reckon this would be a good opportunity to for you to meet him and for him to be introduced to one of the congregations in our area.

On the 29th January our **School staff** will be installed in the service in time for our school to start the following day.

In **February**, we can look forward to Salt Factory starting again (in its new format) and in the morning: Harvest Thanksgiving (5th February), Small Groups Ministry Sunday (12th February), Confirmation (19th February) and the evening service on Ash Wednesday (22nd February).

We are also thinking of taking up the Bible Society's "E100" Challenge. Why not ask about it or find out about it on the internet.
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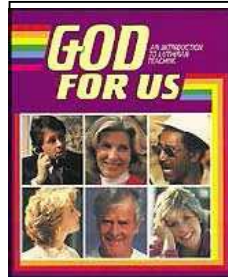
What is on during the week?

Monday week (9/1/12): Worship team.
Saturday week (14/1/12): 2.30pm John Fielke and Sue Kriewaldt's wedding

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for Next Sunday 8th 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	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning
Karl Dutschke	Candy Fry	Michael Gower	Campbell Hersevoort	Shilla-beer	Allyson Dutschke	Pastor Leon	T & D Nelson	Dawn Rutter	Knapp Kohlhaben



God For Us: an introduction to Lutheran teaching

I am starting a course (based on this book) In the new year.

If you would like to join this course please see Pastor Leon. (I already have a couple of enrolments)

Meals Ministry

(A practical way we can share & show God's love)

Families rostered to support Meals Ministry in January are: Heinrich, Taylor .

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.*



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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.

Can you help please?



This Tuesday 3rd January the carpets in the Worship & F/ Centre will be steam cleaned. It would be appreciated if people could help today after service in stacking the chairs to the back. *Thank you*

Offering Envelopes for 2012

Sets of offering envelopes are available from the entrance table for GGLF members 18 years and over. For married couples only one set has been allocated per couple.

Calling all Women

To LWSA 2012 Retreat @ Australian Lutheran College, North Adelaide from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd January 2012.

Retreat offers women of all ages to an inspirational and refreshing beginning to the New Year for just \$80 inclusive. (You don't have to be a Women's Fellowship member to come along) For further information or an application form contact Rosalie Jaeschke on Tel (08) 8584 5520 or email her at rosalie@bigpond.com

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS		
Today	1 Jan	Carolyn Wachtel Matthew Christensen
Mon	2 Jan	Amanda Shrowder
Sat	7 Jan	Nicole Fielke
We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace		

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