



Jesus said, "I am the vine,
You are the branches."
John 15.5

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

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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...

"What baptism have you received?"

(Paul) ...asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" they answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." (Acts 19: 2)

Life is so hard. There is so much that is expected of us. If only we had help! Do you sometimes feel like that? Perhaps we are trying to do it all ourselves. Have we forgotten that God has given us his Holy Spirit?

The situation from where this question above came (the second reading for today) is rather interesting. Paul had arrived at Ephesus to find about dozen disciples there who didn't know about the Holy Spirit and in fact thought that John the Baptist's baptism- a baptism of repentance—was all that was required.

That suggests the question to us: "What baptism have we received?" Is it a baptism that we have to do (or have done to others, as with infant baptism) to show that we are doing the right thing – a one time event OR is it a baptism that is given to us (or to others who we bring to be baptized, again in infant baptism) to receive all the blessings God would shower upon us, including the Holy Spirit- an event that have a great influence over the rest of our life, which includes knowing we can personally rely on God?


It's important to keep returning to our baptism- to take it to heart. We can do this when we are reminded of baptism as we are in worship this morning and in fact every morning as we remember whose we are by beginning the day with God. It's then that we can ask God to fill us again with the Holy Spirit. As we read (in that second reading) the laying on of hands is a powerful way this can happen (Acts 19:6).

Why not put it to God?

Prayer: Father, thank you for the gift of Baptism. May we take our own Baptism to heart as we witness Elise's baptism ... and Jesus' baptism this morning so that we may live as your baptized disciples. Fill us once again with Holy Spirit, that even though life may be hard and a lot may be expected of us, we know we have your Help. Amen.

Pastor Leon

Worship Opportunities

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| Readings for today Genesis 1:1-5 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11  | Today 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 |
| | Sunday 29th Jan | 9.30 am | Contemporary worship with installation of GGLPS staff |



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

Elise's baptism, today may remind us of Jesus' baptism. The Gospel reading for today includes the account of just that. 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." I love that image this verse gives of God tearing through anything that could get in the way of him being reunited as One, the Holy Spirit being a part of Jesus' ministry and the Father blessing that his Son. We'll look at this more closely in the sermon, "United and blessed".

This morning we are blessing **Taylor Jachmann-Evans** who will be leaving us for 12 months on a student academic exchange program. Taylor has endeared herself to us in recent days with her production of and acting in our Christmas Eve play.

Next Sunday **Pastor Jim Bryan** of Balaklava Parish will be leading the service. I believe you will enjoy Pastor Jim's approach and gain from his insights from Mark 1:9-11. Our "exchange of pulpits" is also a means through which we can have interact with country congregations. (I shall be preaching at Auburn and Balaklava next Sunday.)

This coming week we start a new inquirer's course: "**God For Us**". Why not enrol and brush up on the basics of the Lutheran faith?

On the 22nd January we are having another exchange of pulpits. **Pastor Chris Gallasch** of Hope Valley Homes will be leading the service here at Golden Grove (and 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 so it will also be would be a good opportunity for you to meet him and for him to be introduced to one of the congregations in his area.

The following week (29th January) our **School staff** will be installed in the service ready 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).

The **Small Groups Ministry Sunday** is a special worship experience in which Pastor Steen Olsen our district's mission director will be presenting what Fellowship Groups can be. I am looking forward to being enthused about what we as a congregation have deemed as the heart of our congregation and how we can strengthen this ministry, make it deeper and encourage others to get involved. I hope you are looking forward to it too.

Last week I introduced you to the Bible Society's "**E100**" Challenge. Why not ask about it or find out about it on the internet.

Pastor Leon

What is on during the week?

Monday (9/1/12): Worship team.

Wednesday (11/1/12): God For Us. Session 1

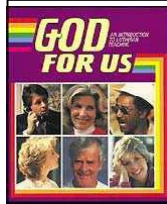
Saturday (14/1/12): 2.30pm John Fielke and Sue Kriewaldt's wedding.

All meetings start at 7.30pm unless otherwise

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for Next Sunday 15th 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 |
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| Leon Pfeffer | Tanya Wilson | Kristian Appelt | Davidson Dabinett | Jeff Christensen | Pastor Jim Bryan | Graham Pfeffer | | Leanne Schiller | |



God For Us: an introduction to Lutheran teaching

A course based on book, looking at such subjects as grace, creation, the Church. If you would like to join this course please see Pastor Leon.

From Michael Rupulga in PNG

We wish our Christian brothers and sisters at Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship a Blessed Happy New Year, 2012. God bless you all. Your friends in Lae, PNG
Michael, Serah, Edward, Charis and Adam.

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.



08 Genesis 18:16-19:38
Matthew 6:25-7:14
Psalm 8:1-9
Proverbs 2:6-15

09 Genesis 20:1-22:24
Matthew 7:15-29
Psalm 9:1-12
Proverbs 2:16-22

10 Genesis 23:1-24:51
Matthew 8:1-17
Psalm 9:13-20
Proverbs 3:1-6

11 Genesis 24:52-26:16
Matthew 8:18-34
Psalm 10:1-15
Proverbs 3:7-8

12 Genesis 26:17-27:46
Matthew 9:1-17
Psalm 10:16-18
Proverbs 3:9-10

13 Genesis 28:1-29:35
Matthew 9:18-38
Psalm 11:1-7
Proverbs 3:11-12

14 Genesis 30:1-31:16
Matthew 10:1-23
Psalm 12:1-8
Proverbs 3:13-15

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.
Offering from Christmas Eve for Lutheran Community Care \$438.60
Christmas Day offering \$367.10
Offering for 1 Jan 2012 \$175.00

Introduction to Pastoral Care Nursing

A short course for people interested in knowing more about the Pastoral Care/Parish Nurse ministry will be held at Trinity Lutheran church, Pasadena, on 9-11 March. This course will be useful for pastors and pastoral care workers, as well as for Registered Nurses who are interested in the possibility of taking up a Parish Nurse role in a church, a Christian school, a church-based care agency or aged-care facility. For further information, or a registration form, contact the LCA Parish Nursing Coordinator, Mrs Lynette Wiebusch: lynette.wiebusch@lca.org.au (08.8336.3936). Registrations close on 24 February. An earlybird discount is available for those who register before 15 January.

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 rosalieken@bigpond.com



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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| ★ Last Sun 1 Jan | ★ Lynette Plane | ★ |
| ★ Today 8 Jan | ★ Nicholas Trigg | ★ |
| ★ Tues 10 Jan | ★ Kerry Abraham | ★ |
| ★ Wed 11 Jan | ★ Bruce Lindner | ★ |
| ★ We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace ★ | | |

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