



Jesus said, "I am the vine.
You are the branches."
John 15:5

*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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Before Worship 9'12'12

This **Second Sunday In Advent** has often been called "John the Baptist Sunday" because the Gospel reading (**Luke 3:1-6**) gives a summary of John the Baptist's ministry: "He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." (Verse 3) which as the Gospel writer states, fulfils Isaiah's prophesy (of Isaiah 40:3-5).

The prophesy of Malachi in the first reading for the day (**Malachi 3:1-4**) can be seen as alluding to John the Baptist as well. Malachi describes the work of repentance "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness", (verse 3) which is most necessary to prepare for the coming king, "to be acceptable to the LORD" (as Malachi puts it in verse 4) and to be ready to receive Christ- in the message of Christmas and when he comes in all his glory.

It's on the second reading (**Philippians 1:3-11**) that I am basing my address this morning- and in particular the last 3 verses. I see it too as how we prepare for Christ and Christmas. The first few verses: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Verses 3-6) What up lifting words these are! To consider that someone is praying like that for me is so encouraging. It also encourages us to pray for our congregation in the same manner.

Pastor Leon

Prayer: Thank you Father for our congregation. Thank you for the partnership we have in the Gospel. Thank you for your promise that You will carry on Your work until it is completed - when Jesus comes back in all his glory. And thank you that we all share in Your grace. May our love abound more and more and may we discern what is best (especially at our meeting this morning). May we be ready for the last day and Father, forgive us and fill us with the fruit of righteousness, to Your glory. Amen.

Worship Opportunities

Today 9th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Salt Factory worship
Thurs. 13th Dec	2.30pm 7pm	School Closing service Graduation Service
Sunday	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship No Salt Factory - T.T.G Carols in Civic Park 7pm

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

9/12/12 Today we continue our countdown to Christmas (we light 2 candles of the Advent wreath). We are preparing for Christmas over the next few weeks.

The theme for this morning message is "**Prayer to prepare**" based on the second reading for the day, Philippians 1:9-11: "*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.*" This passage gives us some great ideas of what to pray for. Three things in particular intrigue me: love, being blameless and giving the glory to God and that is what I shall be preaching on this morning.

After worship this morning we are holding our **Half Yearly meetings** (for our school and congregation). Please pick up your agendas in the foyer. (If you pick up the congregation's agenda before last Sunday it was missing the minutes of the AGM and a special meeting- they are now next to the agendas).

At Salt Factory tonight **Paul Napier** will be speaking. Refer to Salt Factory notice.

This afternoon there will be an ordination service 2pm at Concordia College Chapel. One of the 8 graduates is **James Leech**. Next Sunday he'll be preaching here at Golden Grove.

Next Sunday evening you are encouraged to join the community in the **TTG Carols at Civil Park**. There will be no Salt Factory worship next Sunday.

The "**Kid's at Heart**" team are preparing the "**Inn Keeper's Surprise**" for the Sunday 23rd December. (There will also be a baptism on that day.)

That evening is the matinee performance of "**When God Almighty came to be one of us**". It is also a great opportunity to gain confidence in the play to invite your friends. *Why not pick up a few flyers from the foyer to promote and remind people of this great outreach event.*

At this time of the year we strongly support Australian Lutheran World Service (Our offering on evenings of the Christmas' play and through our promotion of "Gifts of Grace") and Lutheran Community Care. However Matt and Mel Bishop have alerted me to another very worthwhile and urgent appeal: **The Syrian Refugee Appeal**. See the article in this Weekly Bulletin. If you would like to know more about the Appeal see Matt or Mel and if you would like to donate we can put you onto the web site or put it into the offering plate in an envelope marked "Syrian Refugee Appeal".

On the front cover of the Weekly Bulletin we featured a section entitled "**Two Minutes**" where members of the congregation could present their own devotion based on the Bible readings for the day. Unfortunately the roster of those who wrote this devotion was getting smaller and smaller until only a few people were doing it. So we decided that I would replace that with something I would write and we called it "**Before Worship**". If you would like to see the concept of "Two Minutes" reinstated in the new year, please let Judith know that you would like to be on the roster to do this.

I am planning to announce my decision on the call to **Burrumbuttock** this morning. (Burrumbuttock Parish is in the Riverina- NSW District, not far from Albury).

Pastor Leon

What is happening this week?

Monday: 7.30pm Worship Team

Tuesday: 7.30pm Board meeting

Wednesday: Lunch- Women's Fellowship

Thursday: 7pm School Graduation Service

Salt Factory

Worship tonight 6.30pm Shared meal
(gold coin donation) at 5:45pm

Paul Napier will be speaking at Salt Factory on the subject of Healing.

This will be in relation to the Old and New Testaments and how we can receive a healing from The Lord for ourselves and our loved ones.

Please come along as this will help with your faith walk even if you're not sick.

This instruction can even help prepare you to repel any future sickness whenever it may try and strike.

This session will help increase your faith in God's word and see how He has orchestrated Himself in the Word Of God.

Please bring anyone along that needs a healing, mentally, physically or spiritually.

Expect to see God move, to set the captive free and heal people! because I do.

There will be prayer at the end of the service for anyone who wants it and for anything that you want prayed for.

Paul Napier

Next Sunday 16th T.T.Gully
Carols in Civic Park at 7pm



Notice to Members of GGLF Half-Yearly Meeting AND

**Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School
Annual Election Meeting
To be held Sunday 9th December 2012
11.00 am in the Worship Centre**

GGLF Agenda & proposed 2013 Budget together with accompanying report and GGLPS Agenda and supporting documents are available from the Church Foyer.

Vacancies for GGLF office holders for 2013

There is a vacancy for the position of **Congregational Secretary** and also **Cong Synod representatives** for the SA/NT District Synod being held at Mawson Lakes 2/4/13 (two reps needed) and the LCA General Synod being held at Immanuel, Novar Gardens 21-24/4/13 (one rep needed).

Please consider this prayerfully and if you are interested to serve in one of these roles 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 please let the Nominations Team know.

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for Next Sunday 16th December

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	Salt Factory Catering
Mark Rawolle	Judith Whaites	Jacque Schutz	Ken C and Andrew Schmidt	Dutschke	Marty Seidel	Pastor Len		Heidi Rosenberg	School	No Salt Factory Service (Carols)

KIDS AT HEART

Children's Christmas Play—LOTS OF KIDS NEEDED



We will be having a Children's Christmas play at the morning service on December 23rd.

We need volunteer children for non-speaking parts (*sheep, angels, etc.*) in a humorous nativity called "The Innkeeper's Surprise".

Please gather your little actors and actresses.

Please let me know if you wish to be involved by phoning 0402 036 183 or leave note in our pigeon hole.

Thanks Lesley Friedrich

Welcome to Christian Vision Australia

Promoting Papua New Guinea
(A Christian web site, reaching the world for Jesus.)

Includes a movie on the latest visit to Asaroka, photos a radio link....and more.

Web site address: www.christianvisionpng.info/

Regards,
Ken Tscharke

Syrian Refugee Appeal

In Lebanon, a tiny country of 4 million people, preparations are taking place as an influx of **over 100,000 Syrian refugees** floods across the border. With such huge numbers of displaced peoples, the Lebanese government and the aid agencies in the area are struggling to cope with the humanitarian crisis.

As winter rapidly approaches these Syrian refugees are driven to leave their homes by violence and great fear. They are not only suffering **physical hardship** but **deep emotional turmoil**. They have found housing in tents, in flats - some unfurnished - and in schools and churches. Questions that face them every day are, 'How long will our meager supplies of money last? How will we get our kids into schools? Where will we find a doctor?' **There is no peace for a refugee.**

OM Australia is working with partner agencies in Lebanon to help provide relief. The following is what is being distributed:

Monthly Food Pack

A monthly food pack consists of milk, rice, sugar, beans, spaghetti, oil, processed cheese, processed meat, tomato paste, tea, chickpeas, lentils, toilet paper and tissues. The cost of this is **\$75 per family**. Families larger than eight will require two such food packages per month.

Winterisation Pack

The winterisation pack consists of a small stove, one blanket per person and two carpets. Families with small children will additionally receive milk and nappies. The cost of this is **\$120 per family** (for up to five family members).

While a hot Christmas approaches here in Australia, a **bitter winter is setting in on the Near East**. Hungry children need to be fed and kept warm. As you prepare for Christmas this year, please **consider the peace and joy your family could bring to a Syrian family** through the provision of food and warmth.



Mainly Music

At GGLPS each Tuesday 9.00am, during school terms. (New registrations 8.45am please)

Any volunteers who may be available to help would be welcome to join us.

Cost: \$5 for first child \$1 for each additional child
More details: James Ziersch - mobile: 0435 008 513.

Fun, Interactive music sessions for pre-school children.

Immanuel Children's Home Yangon Myanmar

Would you like to support the building of orphanage – run by the Lutheran Church of Myanmar? (supported by Asia Focus)
Talk to Pastor Leon.
This a great cause.

Offer of travel to Mt Gambier

One of our church members will be travelling via Naracoorte to Mt. Gambier to spend time with her daughter and grandchildren on 13th December and has offered to give a lift if anyone is thinking of travelling down that way around that time. She travels with her little dog and makes frequent stops at most towns between Adelaide and Gambier. If a return trip is required she will return early January 2013. Contact Pastor for further info.

Daily Bible Readings for this week

Monday: (10/12/12) James 3:13-4:12
 Tuesday: (11/12/12) James 4:13-5:6
 Wednesday:(12/12/12) James 5:7-12
 Thursday: (13/12/12) James 5:13-20
 Friday: (14/12/12) Ephesians 1:1-14
 Saturday: (15/12/12) Isaiah 12:2-6
 Sunday: (16/12/12) Zephaniah 3:14-20

2013 Aust Christian Diary
 Copies of these diaries are now available for sale at \$10 each 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 one.

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, 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 Dec. are: Heinrich and Thiel
 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.

LCC Christmas Hampers - Collect Donations and/or Volunteer

Donations for our 2012 Christmas Hampers should be delivered by 30 November to allow ample time for packing and distribution.

For a list of the food items needed for our hampers and suggested books and toys for children under 18, visit our website (www.lccare.org.au) or call 08 8269 9333.

Donations can be delivered to our Blair Athol office (309 Prospect Road, Blair Athol).

We are also in need of Volunteers to help with the registration, packing and distribution of Christmas Hampers at Blair Athol. If you are interested in volunteering this year please call 08 8269 9300 and ask to speak to Audene or Verity.

POSITIONS VACANT

Student Welfare Worker

Concordia College, Highgate

Youth Worker (part time) -

St Stephen's Lutheran Church, Adelaide

See noticeboard for further details



Sunday 9th Dec.
Emi Schutz

Monday 10th Dec.
Skye Hoklas

Friday 14th Dec.
Lachlan Ahrens

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

Advent Adventure Community Christmas Fair

Sunday 9th December
 4pm onwards @ St John's Primary School
 (20HighgateSt,Highgate)

Come & celebrate the season of Advent! Invite your family & friends along. ALL WELCOME! Bring a salad/dessert & drinks to share. BBQ meat will be provided. Donations welcome!

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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Treasurer Simon Williams

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
Sun 3/12	9.30 am	269	\$ 671.10
	6.30 pm	39	\$110.30

Total giving for September 2012 (through REG & weekly giving) is \$14,709.35

Monthly average income required to meet budgeted expenditure \$18 350