



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

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

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



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23rd, 24th & 25th December 2012

## WELCOME to all worshipping with us at our Christmas services

Greetings to any visitors here with us. We are pleased to have you join us and we trust you have felt welcomed and pray you may experience fresh delight and wonder at the miracle of God's presence among us in Jesus this Christmas



### Before Worship ....

The Bible readings for **23rd December** (as listed on last week's "Daily Bible Readings") are **Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45-** (for Advent 4, series B)- wonderful Bible readings. I hope you read them today.

But we are using the Bible readings that the play the "Inn Keeper's surprise" depicts (**Luke 2:4-7, 15-20; Matthew 2:10, 11**) and one I shall be briefly speaking about (**Ephesians 5:13-20**) on being asleep and missing out.

On **Christmas Day** the set Bible readings are **Isaiah 62:6-12, Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:8-20**. Again I encourage you to read them. However, on Christmas Day we'll be listening to two passages **Matthew 25:34-46, Luke 2:1-20** which relate to the sermon I am presenting "Love in weakness".

I love the idea that God became weak (like us) so that we could relate to him (our "hearts could go out to him"). I also love the idea that God's heart goes out to us – in our weakness and this in turn motivates us to love those who are weak (and indeed allows us to see that weakness). This is the essence of my Christmas Day message. I am sure God will touch you through it.

Below is the pray of the prayer of the day for Christmas which we shall be using in our worship.

**Prayer:** *Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for sending your Son to become human like us, so that we might become your children. Make us who trust in Jesus to be more and more like him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Pastor Leon



### Worship Opportunities



<b>Sunday 23rd Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Presentation of the Christmas Drama
<b>Monday 24th Dec— Christmas Eve</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Christmas Eve drama presentation
<b>Tuesday 25th Dec—Christmas Day</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Christmas Day service with HC
<b>Sunday 30th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	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



If you are reading this as the current Weekly Bulletin then, from Heidi and myself:

**May you have a blessed Christmas. May your celebrations be happy. May you have many of your family and friends around you. May you rest in God's peace.**

What's more, **may you hear anew the Christmas message and be touched through Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship:**

- on Advent 4 (Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December) :with the "Inn- keeper's surprise" (morning service);
- in the evening and on Christmas Eve (Monday night): with "When God Almighty came to be one of us."
- On Christmas Day with Love in weakness (based on the selected Bible readings of Luke 2 and Matthew 25).

On this verge of the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to say **thanks to all those who were involved in ministry** through Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship.

Welcome to **Dakota Curtis' family and friends** who are here for her Baptism. Thanks for the Kids @ Heart for the "Story behind Christmas" and the "Inn- keeper's Surprise".

Next Sunday, Nathan Williams will join God's family through Baptism. **Pastor John Simboras** (Nathan's grand-father) will be involved in the Baptism and presenting the address on "Our response to Christmas" – based on Colossians 3:12-17.

Last week I shared a few things that I am excited about in 2013. Something we have already started on that list is **the email promoting the coming Sunday**. We started that this past week. You will have noticed that it is simply a paragraph from this Pastor's Column as well as anything that the Salt Factory team or the person presenting the message has submitted. If you didn't get an email then perhaps we don't have your email address. Please inform Jon Schiller (or someone of the Manna (communications) Team: Judith, Leanne, Daryl, Terry, Brian and myself) and we'll rectify that.

Judith will be on annual leave for the next 3 weeks and in her absence Leanne Schiller will be doing the Bulletin. (Thanks Leanne.)

I am still available – and so, except for a few days the **Church Office** will still "be open" (at least in the mornings). What I mean by "being open" is that you will need to use the door-bell of the right of the front door of the Admin Building, if I am the only one on site.

Over the last 2 weeks I have been asking who would like to write the "**Before Worship**" which is found on the front page of the weekly Bulletin. Enough people have indicated that they would like to write these articles on a regular basis so this will be rostered in 2013. So next Sunday will be the last one I will be writing.

We will continue with the **Daily Bible Readings** (listed on the back page of each Bulletin). For those who would like the whole year's readings we have Australian Christian diaries (\$10) as well as booklets (free) that list these. Pick up your booklet from the foyer this morning and diaries available from Judith.

Also further to the thought of closer cooperation with **other churches** (also listed in what I am excited about in 2013), I have had preliminary discussions with Golden Grove Uniting Church about having a combined East-dawn service in 2013.

I have started exploring the concept of "**The Golden Grove Way**" in the insert in this week's Bulletin.

**Pastor Leon**

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

**Our Christmas offerings will go to support the work and ministry of Australian Lutheran World Service.**

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.

### Worship times for January 2013

**Please note that next Sunday 30th December and during January there will only be ONE SERVICE held at 9.30 am.**



**Thank you** to Simon A & Daniel D for giving their time to putting up the church Christmas Tree.

**Now we need helping hands to share in the fun of decorating the tree after service this morning!**

Please stay for a little while to help if you can.

*Thank you*

### Offering Envelopes for 2013



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.

We also remind you of the opportunity of giving electronically via the REG (Regular Electronic Giving) system. Forms and information about this method of giving are available from the Church Foyer. If you decide you would like to take up this option details on the form for our congregation are Golden Grove Congregation REG Account No 28190 S1 GOL at the LLL (BSB No 704-942).

For members who already use the REG system for giving please consider using a specially printed card (available from the entrance table in Church Foyer) to place in the offering plate rather than taking a set of envelopes.

### Seeking new Editor of Life in the Vine

This is an opportunity for a keen individual to serve the church and school communities by producing the Life in the Vine magazine from 2013.

Duties included sourcing articles from members of our community that have news or stories to share, and producing the magazine in an electronic format.

If you are interested or have any further queries, please email [litv@gglf.org.au](mailto:litv@gglf.org.au).

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for Next Sunday 30th 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
Bruce Lindner	Jeramy Lindner	Kristian Appelt	Geoff & Pam Copeland	Pastor Leon	Kristian Appelt	Pastor Len		Barbara Stringer	Copeland Dutschke	NO SALT FACTORY SERVICE



## KIDS AT HEART

It's Christmas!

Thank you to all the children and helpers involved in presenting the Christmas play called "The Innkeeper's Surprise" on Sunday 23rd December.

**And Thank you** to all the ladies and older children in our fellowship who have prepared and assisted with the craft activities for the enrichment of the little one's worship time during 2012.

Blessings to everyone this Christmas

Lesley Friedrich for the Kids at Heart team

## There is still time to experience the Joy of Sharing this Christmas...

Lutheran Community Care still requires help to assist the 100's who will access our services in the coming months.

If you have not already done so, could you help by making a donation to support the increase in demand for our services at Christmas and in the New Year?

A donation of \$50 can supply a hamper to an individual or small family while \$100 can supply a hamper to a larger family. Experience the joy of sharing this Christmas by donating to our 2012 Christmas Appeal. You can visit our website [www.lccare.org.au](http://www.lccare.org.au) or call our office at 08 8269 9333 to help families in need this Christmas. All donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.



Tune in to "Red Boots For Christmas" on NINE, WIN or IMPARJA TV on Tuesday 25 December at 6.30am or various times on the Australian Christian Channel (AEDT) along with "The City That Forgot About Christmas" See [www.acctv.com.au](http://www.acctv.com.au) for times & channels

Hope you have enjoyed the [www.happyland.com.au](http://www.happyland.com.au) Advent Calendar!

Come and explore Happyland these holidays for lots of fun activities. You can travel to an island where there are lots of places to explore, games to play, puzzles to complete, and books to read. There's even pages for you to colour in!

Lutheran Media Ministry  
[www.lutheranmedia.org.au](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au)

The Lutheran Community Care 2012 Christmas CD is still available. Featuring nearly 500 students from 19 Lutheran Schools, 'A Christmas Note 2012' mixes choirs, bands and bells performing classic Christmas carols all on one disc.

The perfect gift for family and friends or the ideal Christmas dinner background music, the CD is available for \$25 +postage. Contact Lutheran Community Care's State Office at 08 8269 9333 for more information or to purchase a CD. For a complete list of schools and songs, visit [www.lccare.org.au](http://www.lccare.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 have been placed in your pigeon holes.

ALWS focus this year is Burundi, the third least developed country in the world. The help given through donations is hands-on and practical and includes help for farmers to grow bananas and pineapples.

## Christmas Message from the LCA President

Census time in a little known country and in an even less spectacular township. The message came that this long promised salvation of God had come and the old prophecies fulfilled.

There were angels and shepherds – a virgin birth and now life and hope and new beginnings.

The Son of God came as the Son of Man to bring life and hope and new beginnings.

Share the celebrations of this wondrous night with all you can as you are able – it is for everyone without discrimination. Pray for each other, your family and friends.

But do take a moment to read Luke 2:1-20 and to think about this word from our Lord and then join the angles and archangels and worship.

All at the National Office of the Church say thank you for enabling us to serve you over the past year and God willing look forward to serving in our special relationship with our Saviour and each other in the future.

Grace, mercy and peace in the Saviour Jesus Christ the newborn child of Bethlehem be to you,

Rev'd Dr Mike Semmler and the National Office staff

**Daily Bible Readings for this week**

Monday: (24/12/12) Isaiah 62:6-12  
 Tuesday: (25/12/12) John 1:1-14  
 Wednesday: (26/12/12) 1 John 1:1-10  
 Thursday: (27/12/12) 1 John 2:1-11  
 Friday: (28/12/12) 1 John 2:12-17  
 Saturday: (29/12/12) Psalm 148  
 Sunday: (30/12/12) 1 Sam. 2:18-20, 26  
 Col. 3:12-17  
 Luke 2:41-52



**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.



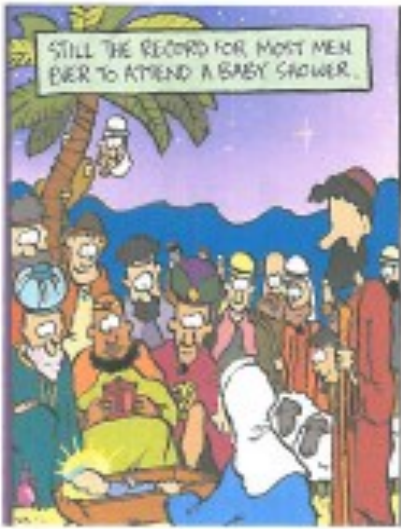
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*Promoting Papua New Guinea (A Christian web site, reaching the world for Jesus.)*

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

Web site address:  
[www.christianvisionpng.info/](http://www.christianvisionpng.info/)

**CHRISTMAS LAUGHS**



**LCA, SA/NT District District Office Job Opportunity**

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

37.5 hours per week (negotiable)

Contact Judy Gilbertson on 8267 5211 or 0400208184  
 Email: [districtadministrator@sa.lca.org.au](mailto:districtadministrator@sa.lca.org.au) for information and job description

Applications close Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2013  
**Office closed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 13**

**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](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.

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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**  
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 Mon 24 Dec Joel Amos  
 Jessica McLuckie  
 Tues 25 Dec Barry Taylor  
 Wed 26 Dec Garry Heinrich  
 Fri 28 Dec Darryl Bischoff  
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 We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace  
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**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 16/12	9.30 am	92	\$559.00

**Total giving for November 2012** (through REG & weekly giving) is \$19,246.86

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