



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

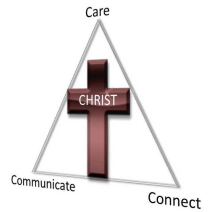
Our mission:

"Knowing Christ and
making Him known"

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

www.gglf.org.au

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



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11th December 2011— 3rd 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 message shared with us today.



Tea & coffee is available in the Fellowship Centre following morning service and at 5.45 pm a light tea is available prior to the 6.30 pm evening service. Please feel welcome to join us.

TWO MINUTES

John 1:23, 26-28

John replied to the Jews "I am the voice of one calling in the desert 'make straight the way of the Lord'. I baptize with water but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie"

Respect comes in many forms. John was showing respect for Jesus through **reverence**.

Paul urges us all to love and show respect for each other through **rapport** (1 Thessalonians : 12 -15) and in verses 16-18 he says "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

The Apostle Peter encourages us in 1 Peter 3: 13-15 to **communicate** and not be frightened.

"In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be **prepared** to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with **gentleness and respect**.

Respect is earned and learned. Without respect love struggles to grow.

It is not easy to respect everyone. Let us pray to God for guidance.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father in our endeavours to Care, Communicate and Connect may we always show respect for each other, include everyone in our prayers, reach out to others who have not found Jesus and open their hearts and minds to your Word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Ken Campbell



Readings for today

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
1 Thess. 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Readings for 18th Dec

2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16
Rom. 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Worship Opportunities

Today 11th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
Thurs 15th Dec	2.30 pm	Closing chapel for end of 2011 school year
Sunday 18th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Full dress rehearsal & performance of the drama presentation for Christmas Eve Drama
Sat 24th Dec	7.00 pm	Christmas Eve Drama presentation
Sunday 25th Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day 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

What would your last words be for people you care for? What advice would you give them? I love the encouragement: Keep well because for one thing it incorporates the aspect of being **spiritually healthy**. This morning I am going to explore what this spiritual health is by looking more closely at 3 verses in the second reading for today, namely **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**, *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus*. Spiritual health is joy, prayer, thanks. They are gifts from God and they protect us from those things that would steal our spiritual health from us.

This evening at **Salt Factory** we are basing our worship on **Ephesians 1-3**. I am sure you will find this a great blessing. This is last Salt Factory worship for this year (in fact until 5th February when we are starting a new format.) Next Sunday at the Salt Factory time slot we are holding our "dress rehearsal" for our Christmas Eve drama "For God so loved the world-Christmas 2011". Why not come along to this to see how good it is so that you have confidence and encouragement to invite your neighbours and friends to come with you to the drama on Christmas Eve?

What is on this week?

Monday (12/12/11) Pastoral Carers
Tuesday (13/12/11) Board
Thursday (15/12/11) 7 pm School graduation service

What is happening next week?

Sunday (18/12/11) 6.30 pm Dress rehearsal
Christmas Eve drama
Saturday (24/12/11) 7.00 pm Christmas Eve drama.

(All meetings start at 7.30pm unless otherwise indicated)

Salt Factory Worship Tonight: 6.30 pm service

Come from 5.45 pm onwards for food (gold coin donation) and drinks (\$1).

Christmas gifts

Give cultural gifts for Christmas and support Asaroka. **Today** there will be a PNG table in the fellowship centre during coffee where you will be able to purchase billums and other gifts from the people of Asaroka at excellent prices. All money raised will go to the Asaroka partnership account.

For more information please contact Allyson Dutschke on 8255 5570

Christmas Play – Rehearsal schedule

- **today after service at 11.00 am**
- Wednesday 14th Dec—7-8 pm
- Friday 16th Dec—7.30 pm Full dress & tech rehearsal



Mainly Music

Tuesday 13th December at 9.00 am in the GGLF Worship Centre.

Cost \$5 per family.

Come 'n' try first session free with registration at 8.45am



To all the "fellas" who gave up their Saturday morning last week (3rd Dec) to install a new data projector into the worship centre. We appreciate all your efforts



Australian
Lutheran
World Service

Christmas Action

Take your care to the world's children!

This Christmas, too many children in the world's poorest countries will be hungry, thirsty or sick. You might wonder what you can do. Consider this fact. This Christmas, each Australian will receive \$47 worth of presents they don't want.

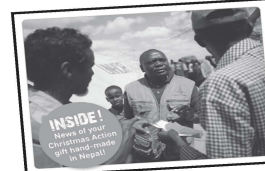
Through ALWS Christmas Action that \$47 can become:

- 4 months tutoring for a student in Nepal OR
- a business loan for a woman in Cambodia OR
- fitness games for children at Kakuma Refugee Camp

PLUS when ALWS sends the receipt for your tax-deductible gift, we'll also send you a bookmark handmade by women in a Lutheran-supported project in Nepal.

That way you'll know your Christmas Action gift is a gift that really is wanted!

1 300 763 407
www.alws.org.au



"It's not just a job. It's a ministry... you are serving God's people... We are not doing this to force them to convert, but we are doing this to represent what Christ would have done had he been here."

—Marilyn MacIntyre, serving our Lutheran partner project in Nepal

Reaching out in love... for justice!

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for Next Sunday 18th 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
Joel Schiller	Candy Fry	Michael Gower	Hoklas	Rosalie Hoklas	Pastor Leon	Margey Knapp		Jenny Rawolle	Fielke Hersevoort	
6.30 pm			Rogers							No catering



KIDS AT HEART

Mark 10: 14... "Let the little children come to me"

Welcome to everyone, especially the children.

During Advent we are running Christmas crafts for the children (*in the foyer*). Helpers and parents are welcome to assist. Please do join us!

May the Christmas season be a wonderful time for you & yours.

Blessings,
Lesley Friedrich for the Kids at Heart team

Sad News

Last Wednesday one of the Yr Seven students in our school sadly and very expectantly lost a family member.

The funeral will be in our Worship Centre this Tuesday 13th December at 10.30am.

Catering is being organized through the Class Carers in the school but we also **invite church members** to help by bringing a plate of food into the Worship Center before 10.00am on Tuesday 13th.

Offers of help will be coordinated by Tanya Wilson and she can be notified via sms on 0402 444 951 or emailed on tanscott@optusnet.com.au

Sincere thanks for your help at a very busy time of the year.



Happyland is Lutheran Media's gift to young children, especially 4 – 7 yr olds. It is a safe, fun place to play and learn about Jesus. There's even something for parents too! Our Happyland Christmas cards not

only share God's gift of Jesus but also invite children to the website. Help to promote Happyland to the wider community by giving Happyland cards this Christmas.

Order your **free** Happyland Christmas cards for children at www.happyland.com.au or FREECALL 1800 353 350

A donation to help cover postage or to support the ministry would be very much appreciated

Help make Christmas a little brighter...



With your help this year Lutheran Community Care will give out over 1,000 Christmas hampers. We are still needing help to assist the 100's who will access our services in the coming months.

The demand on our services continues to increase. Services such as general counselling, emergency relief, financial counselling, family support and education, foster care, housing and family shelter and our new neighbour's services are always full of activity or heavily booked. 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?

If you can't think of anything special as a last minute gift this Christmas, you can also purchase one of our many Care Kits. You will be sent a beautiful Christmas card for your loved one with information about the Care Kit gift chosen for them... while your actual gift provides care and support to a South Aussie in need.

To donate or purchase a Care Kit and help make Christmas a little brighter for someone this year, please visit our website www.lccare.org.au or call our staff on **08 8269 9333**. All donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.

CAR PARK CHANGES

Please note that for safety reasons the direction of traffic in the car park has changed. Entry will be via Richardson Drive with exiting being via Sunnybrook. A full explanation is available on the school website.

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, Joan Hochwald, 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: Knapp, Nelson.

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 .

GGLF Attendance & Offerings

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 4/12	9.30 am	94	\$593.90
	6.30 pm	42	\$123.00

Total giving for November 2011 (through REG & weekly giving) is \$15,326

Monthly average income required to meet budgeted expenditure \$18 362

Please refer to the NOTICEBOARD in Church Foyer for other notices

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.

One Year Bible

Reading Plan for this week

- Dec 11 Amos 4:1—6:14
Rev. 2:18—3:6
Psalm 130:1-8
Proverbs 29:21-22
- 12 Amos 7:1—9:15
Rev. 3:7-22
Psalm 131:1-3
Proverbs 29:23
- 13 Obadiah 1:1-21
Rev. 4:1-11
Psalm 132:1-18
Proverbs 29:24-25
- 14 Jonah 1:1—4:11
Rev. 5:1-14
Psalm 133:1-3
Proverbs 29:26-27
- 15 Micah 1:1—4:13
Rev. 6:1-17
Psalm 134:1-3
Proverbs 30:1-4
- 16 Micah 5:1—7:20
Rev. 7:1-17
Psalm 135:1-21
Proverbs 30:5-6
- 17 Nahum 1:1—3:19
Rev. 8:1-13
Psalm 136:1-26
Proverbs 30:7-9

POSITIONS VACANT

Check out job opportunities at <http://www.lca.org.au/employment-opportunities.html>

And also on our church notice-board

Reminder: Support for the work and ministry of Lutheran Community Care is ongoing and encouraged. **LCC's request list for December** is for canned vegies (other than tomatoes), canned meat meals, women's personal items, toothpaste. Boxes and bags are always in the Foyer waiting to be filled!

Diary Dates for 2012

An invitation to retreat
"Respond, Renew and Rejoice"

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

Ladies, this is your personal invitation to come and relax, refresh and be inspired as a new year begins.

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


Team Member ChildSafe Training Opportunity

11th February 2012
at Salisbury Lutheran Church
Cost: \$30

Please RSVP your attendance : child-safe@slc.lca.org.au

Invigorate Child & Family Ministry Conference—Saturday February 18

Unity College, Murray Bridge
'Ideas to Go'
With keynote speaker, workshops, crèche, expo and more!
This year we welcome parents to join child & family volunteers and workers
For more info invigor8@blueprintministries.org.au or 82675211


 Wed 14th Dec Lachlan Ahrens
 We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace

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