



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

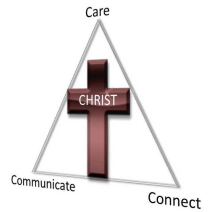
Our mission:

*"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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18th December 2011— 4th 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
Please feel welcome to join us.

TWO MINUTES

And He shall reign for ever and ever – Hallelujah!

I love to watch the Carols by Candlelight, from the Sidney Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne, each year on Christmas Eve. The sound of the massed choirs singing the Hallelujah Chorus, stops people and gets their attention to the real meaning of Christmas. Even though they have been singing the various of versions of traditional carols, their meaning can get lost in the performance by the celebrity. However with the repetition of 'He shall reign for ever and ever' and 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords', you cannot miss who they're singing about.

In David's time, this enduring reign was foretold, as we hear in the Old Testament reading: "Your throne shall be established forever."

Paul reminds us about the revelation of the mystery of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and his purpose of bringing salvation to ALL who have faith. Even those who just go the 'Carols' to see their favourite celebrity, yet also hear about God's promise through the words of each carol.

Our Gospel mirrors the words of the massed choirs: "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; his kingdom will never end."

As you watch them on television, listen to them while you finish your last minute shopping, and sing them in church, may the meaning of the words of the carols resound for you – that Jesus' reign still goes on, and will go on for ever and ever.

Hal—le—lu—jah!

Allyson Dutschke



Readings for today

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

Readings for 25th Dec

Isaiah 62:6-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:1-20

Worship Opportunities

Today 18th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Full dress rehearsal & performance of the drama presentation for Christmas Eve
Sat 24th Dec	7.00 pm	Christmas Eve Drama presentation
Sunday 25th Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day worship with HC
Sunday 1st Jan	9.30 am	New Year's Day 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

Have you ever thought: Why do I obey? – Why am I doing what I am told? Interesting question- often children are asked the opposite “Why are you being so disobedient?” But often parents or teachers who are asking that aren't expecting an answer – at least not a respectful one.

This opens a concept that the second reading (Romans 16:25-27) this morning denotes: **Obedience that comes from faith.** We'll consider what this obedience is, how does it change our lives and again why do we obey with this obedience that comes from faith?

Tonight in 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 that confidence and encouragement to invite your neighbours and friends to come with you to the drama on Christmas Eve? Remember the drama on **Christmas Eve** starts at **7pm**.

Next Sunday is Christmas Day. In that service we have the opportunity to contemplate (like Mary) the wonder of wonders: God come in the flesh. This really defines who our God is.

Pastor Leon

What is on this week?

Sunday (18/12/11) 6.30pm Dress rehearsal
Christmas Eve drama
Saturday (24/12/11) **7pm** Christmas Eve drama



To all those people who kindly donated food for the lunch following the funeral held at GGLF last Tuesday morning

It was much appreciated by the family.



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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

(from our Board of Management & Ministry)

Simon Ahrens has joined the Board in the area of Plant and Human Resources?

“Time Out—Five Minutes with God”—Australian devotions for a year

There is one copy of the new 2012 devotional book available in the Admin Office at a cost of \$22. If anyone would like to purchase this please contact Judith. Of course more can be ordered if required.

Pastoral Carers' Column



Would you like to share your Christmas lunch with one more person?

We usually have so much left over after Christmas lunch and we usually can fit one more chair around the table....

We believe there are a few people in our congregation who are going to be having Christmas lunch on their own and would love to be with people on Christmas Day.

If you would like to invite one of these people over, please see Pastor and he will tell you who would appreciate an invitation.

LOOKING TO STUDY MUSIC AT TERTIARY LEVEL IN 2012?

Tabor Adelaide will offer a major or minor in music within the BA *

Apply prior to February 3rd 2012 to ensure a place.

Go to www.taboradelaide.edu.au and hit the 'Apply Now' button.

*The music course will not be offered if insufficient student interest.



TOGETHER

The December edition of our District church's publication of news and views is available today from your pigeon holes.

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for Next Sunday 25th 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
Karl Dutschke	Brian Quick		Dutschke	Pastor Leon	Pastor Leon	Pastor Leon		Barbara Robertson	Hoklas King



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

Lutheran Media Ministry's Christmas website... www.redboots.com.au



Copies of the December issue of the Aboriginal Ministry, SA publication are available from the church foyer for those interested.

There is still time to make Christmas a little brighter...



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?

We also have Care Kits available if you're still looking for that special gift for someone on your Christmas list. 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. We have 17 Care Kits to fit every budget, whether you can afford \$10 or even \$250 we guarantee you'll find something. Some examples include a \$65 Kids Care Kit to help parents on low incomes buy toys for Christmas or a \$100 New Settlers Care Kit to help refugees from war-torn countries settle in Australia with language and driving lessons. For a catalogue of gifts, please find some in our church foyer or visit our website at www.lccare.org.au.

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

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.

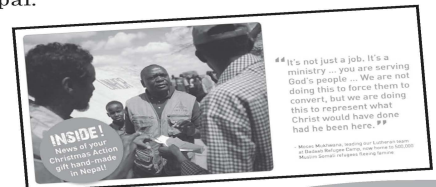
Through ALWS Christmas Action that \$47 can become:

- 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



Your **FREE** Thank you gift!



Reaching out in love... for justice!

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 11/12 9.30 am	95	\$359.50
6.30 pm		\$146.90
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 18 Habakkuk 1:1—3:19
Rev. 9:1-21
Psalm 137:1-9
Proverbs 30:10
- 19 Zephaniah 1:1—3:20
Rev. 10:1-11
Psalm 138:1-8
Proverbs 30:11-14
- 20 Haggai 1:1—2:23
Rev. 11:1-19
Psalm 139:1-24
Proverbs 30:15-16
- 21 Zechariah 1:1-21
Rev. 12:1-17
Psalm 140:1-13
Proverbs 30:17
- 22 Zechariah 2:1—3:10
Rev. 13:1-18
Psalm 141:1-10
Proverbs 30:18-20
- 23 Zechariah 4:1—5:11
Rev. 14:1-20
Psalm 142:1-7
Proverbs 30:21-23
- 24 Zechariah 6:1—7:14
Rev. 15:1-8
Psalm 143:1-12
Proverbs 30:24-28

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 rosaliegen@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


BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

★	Tues	20th Dec	Sue Neale
★			Chris Thiel
★	Sat	24th Dec	Jessica McLuckie
★			Joel Amos

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

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