



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

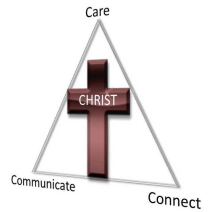
Our mission:

"Knowing Christ and  
making Him known"

# GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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



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24th, 25th December 2011

## WELCOME to all worshipping 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



### TWO MINUTES

Do you remember dear old Father Abraham and the promise he had from God? God asked him to count the stars. Imagine him sitting outside his tent at the end of a busy day looking up with wonder and trying to see if he could count them. God had promised Abraham that he would have descendants, 'like the stars in the sky' (Gen 15 v 5) and Abraham believed God.

Galatians 3 v 8 tells us that in this, God was pronouncing the Gospel in advance to Abraham and that 'all the nations of the earth would be blessed through him'. One of his own descendants would be his saviour and the Saviour of the world - a lone star among many who would fulfil the promises and bring the plans of God to fruition. Just as Abraham had to wait until he was over 100 years old to see the birth of Isaac, his 'son of promise', so the world has had to wait for the true Son of Promise.

And 2000 years ago, on the very first Christmas 'the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared'. (Titus 3 v 4) His coming was illustrated in the heavens by the movement of the star of Bethlehem that shone over the place where He was born. I can imagine God smiling when He used the star to show a 4000 year old promise was fulfilled.

And children of Abraham still wait, but not in vain, for the promise will be fulfilled with all the peace, love, hope and joy that is embodied in Christ our Lord, when He, the Morning Star will rise and be forever visible and we shall love and praise Him together, forever. Come Lord Jesus come.

Thank You Father God for the birth of our Saviour Jesus and this special remembrance day when our hope is renewed in Him. Amen.

Happy Christmas everyone.

Margey Knapp



### Readings for today

Luke 2:1-20  
Matt. 2:1-11  
John 1:1-14

### Readings for 1st Jan

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Gal. 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40



## Worship Opportunities



Sunday 25th Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day worship with HC
Sunday 1st Jan	9.30 am	New Year's Day worship
Sunday 8th Jan	9.30 am	Contemporary worship with HC
Sunday 15th Jan	9.30 am	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



On behalf of Heidi and myself, I wish you a **blessed Christmas**. May the joy, peace and love of Christmas fill you and overflow to the people around you!

Wasn't (or isn't – depending when you read this) the Christmas Eve Play: “**For God so loved the world**”, wonderful! As I said (or will say) I will never be able to hear the Proclaimers song “*On my way...*” in the same way again!... and *that* little sheep....!

The theme for this morning's address is “**Wonder of wonders**”, based on Luke 2:33. I love the insight that God gives us as we ponder over the Christmas message, that this is God- in the manger, he has come into our lives in all his vulnerability, Luther's quote from his Christmas sermon of 1527 “*....I know of no God but this one in the manger.*”

I am pleased that you have set aside just over an hour on Christmas morning to ponder this message and what it means for your life as well as sing those traditional carols, enjoy worshipping together and thanking God for this “Wonder of wonders.”

At this time of the year many people are **hurting**. If there is something in particular that you are finding hard to come to grips with, we are able to put you in contact with counsellors. Please see me for details.

**Next Sunday** our New Year's Day sermon will be on what God says about time.

Thinking of **next year**- at least next month. We have some special Sunday events: On the 8<sup>th</sup> January Elise Wilson is being baptized. Then over the next 2 weeks I will be having a pulpit exchange with Pastor Jim Bryan of Balaklava and Pastor Chris Gallasch of Hope Valley Homes – both friends who I greatly admire. In other words on 15<sup>th</sup> January Pastor Jim will be leading worship and on 22<sup>nd</sup> January Pastor Chris will be leading worship here. Then on the 29<sup>th</sup> January our School staff will be installed in the service. (During January there is no Sunday evening (Salt Factory) worship.)

In **February**, we can look forward to Harvest Thanksgiving (5<sup>th</sup> February), Small Groups Ministry Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> February), Confirmation (19<sup>th</sup> February) and Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> February). We are also thinking of taking up the Bible Society's “**E100**” program starting in Lent next year.

Pastor Leon

*A Joyous and  
Peaceful Season*

## CHRISTMAS EVE RETIRING OFFERING

Following our Christmas Eve service an opportunity to support the work and ministry of Lutheran Community Care will be available through a Retiring Offering.

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 2012

Please note that during January there will only be **ONE SERVICE** held at 9.30 am.

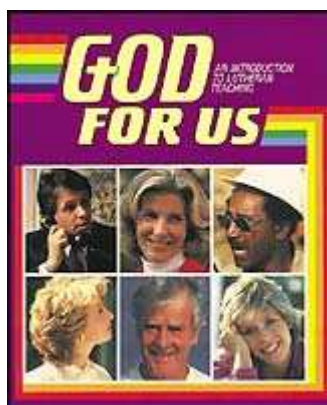
### Judith taking Leave

Commencing this week Judith is taking some leave returning to the office on Tuesday 31st January 2012. During this time Pastor Leon has kindly accepted to prepare the weekly church bulletin. Please continue to send any notices to my usual email address as notices will be accessed from there.

*Thankyou for your assistance*

“*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 the office (8282 6050). Of course more can be ordered if required.



### God For Us: an introduction to Lutheran teaching

I am starting a course (based on this book) in the new year.

If you would like to join this course please see Pastor Leon.

(I already have a couple of enrolments)

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 to ensure a place.

Go to [www.taboradelaide.edu.au](http://www.taboradelaide.edu.au) and hit the 'Apply Now' button.

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



# RosTers

for Next Sunday 1st 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
Bruce Lindner	Jeramy Lindner	Jacque Schutz	Canavese Quick	Dutschke	Pastor Leon	Pastor Len		Heidi Rosenberg	



## KIDS AT HEART

### It's Christmas!



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 2011.

Blessings to everyone this Christmas

Lesley Friedrich for the Kids at Heart team

## Lutheran Media Ministry's Christmas website... [www.redboots.com.au](http://www.redboots.com.au)



### 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.



## Christmas Message from the LCA President

Pastors, Synod Delegates and members of the LCA,

If the angels announced the birth of Christ in our time, who would the shepherds be? How would they be contacted with the gospel, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours'?

Would they connect via social media? Facebook? Blog sites? Tweets? Or even old fashioned emails?

What a gift of God it is to use social networking to communicate.

Imagine if the angels used it. A positive message using information technology. Perhaps no one would take it seriously even if the tone of the message was clearly different to that of cyberspace bullies, those hiding behind pseudonyms, misinformation, complaints and unchallenged defamatory comments. It is into this messy world Christ comes. And come he does to bring hope and new possibilities.

Giving glory to God in all circumstances would be a great New Year's resolution if you are inclined to make those.

For us it is everyday good news that a Saviour has been born. By all means discuss his lowly origin and be amazed at his down to earth salvation. Every day and in every way we have the opportunity to join the celestial break-in of the angels and give glory to God in what we do, what we say and what we tweet and blog.

The celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ is just that good.

Pastors wives and families, people and friends of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand, thank you for your prayers and support for the work done in praise of our Saviour in his kingdom on earth.

'Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favours' (Luke 2:14)

Rev'd Dr Mike Semmler  
President of the Church.

# 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](http://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 18/12 9.30 am	84	\$436.80
6.30 pm		\$

**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](http://www.gglf.org.au) and then clicking Files.

**One Year Bible**

**Reading Plan for this week**

Dec 25 Zechariah 8:1-23  
Rev. 16:1-21  
Psalm 144:1-15  
Proverbs 30:29-31

26 Zechariah 9:1-17  
Rev. 17:1-18  
Psalm 145:1-21  
Proverbs 30:32

27 Zechariah 10:1—11:17  
Rev. 18:1-24  
Psalm 146:1-10  
Proverbs 30:33

28 Zechariah 12:1—13:9  
Rev. 19:1-21  
Psalm 147:1-20  
Proverbs 31:1-7

29 Zechariah 14:1-21  
Rev. 20:1-15  
Psalm 148:1-14  
Proverbs 31:8-9

30 Malachi 1:1—2:17  
Rev. 21:1-27  
Psalm 149:1-9  
Proverbs 31:10-24

31 Malachi 3:1—4:8  
Rev. 22:1-21  
Psalm 150:1-6  
Proverbs 31:25-31

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:invigor8@blueprintministries.org.au) or 82675211


**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

★ Today	25th Dec	Barry Taylor
★ Mon	26th Dec	Garry Heinrich
★ Wed	24th Dec	Darryl Bischoff
★ Sat	31st Dec	Judy Pfeffer
		Mia Skipworth

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

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