



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

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



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28th November 2010—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 service.
Please feel welcome to join us.*

TWO MINUTES

Ready To Rap?

In Matthew 24: 36-48 today we read about something not discussed that often in Lutheran circles, 'the Rapture'. That last hour of the last day when people will be going about their daily business and all of a sudden a trumpet will sound and one will be taken, another left behind. As it says in 1 Corinthians 15; we'll be changed in an instant, in the blink of an eye. And in 1 Thessalonians 4; the living will be gathered up with those who have risen from the dead into the clouds. It's powerful imagery of supernatural and spiritual events beyond our comprehension. Does it make you fearful, hopeful, doubting? As we again enter the Advent season it is a timely reminder to be prepared for that last day. It's going to happen, that's for certain! Starting now let us be prepared by putting on the armour of light, trusting in Jesus as our Lord and loving one another just as He loves us. Then we'll be ready for that instant change when all will be revealed, the time of Advent will be over and eternal life begins.

Awaken us dear Lord to live a life of love now and in readiness also for eternal life with you. Amen.

Michael Gower



Readings for today

Isaiah 2: 1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Readings for 5th Dec
Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Worship Opportunities

Today 28th Nov	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory Worship
Friday 3rd Dec	9.00-9.30 am	Informal worship with school community followed
Sunday 5th Nov	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Thanksgiving & Giving service with Carols
Thurs 9th Dec	2.30 pm	Closing chapel for end of school year

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

The Bible describes Jesus in many ways, but arguably none quite as challenging as in the Gospel reading for today, in particular these verses:

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him- "**Jesus: like a thief.**" This is what we shall consider today through the three ways we can get ready for a thief. Can you think of what they would be?

I hope you can stay this morning for our school and church **Half Yearly meeting**. Please pick up your agenda today, if you haven't already done so.

Next Sunday is our carols service: **Christmas in coming, let's celebrate with thanksgiving and giving:** to Lutheran Community Care.

You will notice in what's coming up (below) that **our School closing** (at 2.30pm) **and Graduation services** (at 7pm) are being held next Thursday

Thanks for praying for the **Christmas programs** that we are running in many of our local primary schools over these weeks.

Also today is the last day of the **Christmas Tree Festival** being held at St John's, TTG. (11.30am-3.30pm) Please see the brochures for details.

You can show that you **Care, Communicate and Connect so that people know Christ**, by attending our **Half Yearly Meeting** this morning. We have a serious financial situation which our Management Team suggests can be addressed by halving our paid workers salary! What do you think? Come along and express your opinion.

Pastor Leon

This Week

Today (28/11/10): School & Fellowship Half Yearly meeting.
Tuesday (30/11/10) 6pm Endeavour School Council & (at 7.30pm) Association meeting

The following week:

Tuesday (7/12/10) Vision for Ministry
Thursday (9/12/10) 2.30pm Closing Service –School
Thursday (9/12/10) 7pm Graduation Service

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).

Rostered for catering next Sunday 5th December—Kloeden/Nelson group

Notice to Members of GGLF Half-Yearly Meeting AND Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School Annual Election Meeting

**To be held TODAY
11.00 am in the Worship Centre**

GGLF Agenda & proposed 2011 Budget together with accompanying report and GGLPS Agenda are available from the Church Foyer

Pastor's Appraisal

We apologise for taking so long to report on the Appraisal. We received so many constructive responses that it has taken us this long to collate the information and summarise it to a point where we will now discuss it shortly with Pastor Leon. A report will be provided to the congregation after our meeting with Pastor Leon. Thanks again to everyone who responded.

Pastors Support Group



Could you please supply a plate of morning tea for the teachers at Wynn Vale Primary School?

This is a means of supporting Cynthia our CPSW there and expressing our love for our neighbouring school. We would like to give this morning tea on **Tuesday 7th December**

Please bring the plate of food before 10am that morning and I will get it over there.

Pastor Leon

YOUTH EVENT

DECEMBER 3
ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE
(85 MAWSON LAKES BLVD,
MAWSON LAKES SA 5095)
WEAR YOUR TEAM COLOUR
SEE YOUR LEADERS FOR MORE INFO
7:15PM-10PM
GOLDEN GROVE'S COLOUR
BLUE
YOUTH GROUPS INVOLVED:
GOLDEN GROVE, PARA VISTA, SALISBURY & ST PAULS.



KIDS AT HEART

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

Welcome to everyone, especially the children! The quiet craft activity table will be run by Meg Ahrens today. If parents wish to help their children, they are welcome to, otherwise, if the children are confident enough to stay on their own, there are usually plenty of other older children and helpers to assist them. Also, may we please remind the children to keep the voices to a quiet whisper!

The Kids at Heart time will be held today in the GGOSH room. Lesley Friedrich will be conducting the children's lesson today.

We will also be practicing a song that the children will present for the Carols service next Sunday December 5th. All children are invited to participate in this little number in our special carols service. We hope it gets you into a real festive mood!

Kids at Heart team (Pastor Leon, Lesley Friedrich, Leanne Solomou, Dave Shrowder, Emi Schutz and Jane Swansson).

Calling all parents, grandparents, friends, supporters and members of Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship.

Christmas is coming! Let's celebrate and help the Lutheran Community Care Christmas Appeal.

In the spirit of thanksgiving, we are asking everyone – young and old to come along to our service of **Giving and Thanksgiving next Sunday 5 December at 9.30 am.**

We are asking **everyone** to bring along a new Christmas toy for a child between the ages of 5 – 12 years, as well as food items suitable for Christmas Hampers. (See flyers in Church Foyer for food and toy suggestions.)

All children are encouraged to dress up and come along as shepherds, angels or wise men. (A very basic dress pattern suitable for all is available, if needed.)

All gifts will be donated to Lutheran Community Care to be distributed to the many who are in need.



ROSTERS

The worship service **rosters for December 2010, Jan & Feb 2011 will be finalised this weekend ready for photocopying and distribution next Sunday. Today is your last chance to let Robyn Oatey** know (email: mrOatey@bigpond.com ph: 8263 9487) if you are unavailable to serve during this time due to holiday plans etc.

Volunteers required

We wish to thank the members of Golden Grove for welcoming us into the congregation and for their prayers and support as we waited for our home to sell in QLD. We have now purchased a home in Salisbury Heights and moving on the 11th December. If you can help us out with moving please let us know. Ph: 83424549 or see us at church.

Graham & Judy Pfeffer

Mainly Music, a program for pre-school children and their caregivers to be active in music, rhyme, rhythm, creative dance and more, would appreciate donations of items to make musical instruments. Baby Formula tins to be used as drums, pieces of dowel to be used as drumsticks, camera film containers to make shakers, craft materials for making Christmas decorations, items that we can give the pre-school aged children as birthday gifts, homemade cards for encouragement gifts, your loose change for us to purchase other materials.

A box is available in the Church Foyer for any donations.

* **Women's Retreat Meeting** *
* The women's retreat is being held 1st April to 3rd April *
* 2011. To help make this a wonderful break for the ladies *
* of our congregation and school a team of willing helpers *
* is needed so *
* on **Sunday 5th December** a meeting will be held after *
* worship in the F/Centre lounge area for any ladies (of all *
* ages) who have an interest in helping to plan for this *
* event. *

40 Days of Purpose / 40 Days of Community

In the 40 days leading up to Easter we will be re-visiting the 40 Days of Purpose as a refresher of what was done in 2004 as a way of being spiritually prepared for 40 Days of Community in September. As part of this we are hoping to keep costs down for everyone for the 40 Days of Purpose. The Nurture Team is asking congregational members to consider donating their excess copies of "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. If you are willing could you please bring them in to the office by 12th December.

Grace and Peace, The Nurture Team

Fresh Christmas Trees



If you would like a fresh, high quality Christmas tree to decorate and fill your room with a lovely fresh pine fragrance then Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Birdwood are once again offering trees at \$30 each. Orders are to be placed through our GGLF office so please contact Judith Whaites to place an order (email office, phone or contact in person) by **30th November**. Trees will be delivered on Saturday 11th Dec.

Christmas Card Packs for Sale

Budget Packs \$2.50 (6 cards)
Value Packs \$3.50 (8 cards)

Profits to Asia Focus. See Jenny Canavese.

ALWS Gifts of Grace catalogues in the foyer

More than 20 unique and exciting gifts to help you put grace and meaning back into Christmas!

SIX Gifts of Grace are under \$20 - perfect for children to give!

Gifts of Grace are tax-deductible. Order from the print catalogue, or **on-line** by calling Jen on **1300 763 407**.

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. (Jan Wegener, 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.

Video Ministry

Each service is video taped, with copies available immediately after each service. Please see the library to loan a copy. Even if you can't make it to the service, you can still participate in worship. 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 November are: McLuckie & Shillabeer.**

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

(Offerings do not include electronic giving amount of approx \$10900 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 21/11	9.30 am	94
	6.30 pm	\$586.35
		\$377.00

Total Offering for January to August

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$120 585	\$130 000	-\$9 415

Overall Budget Requirements to end of Aug

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$140 833	\$167 553	-\$26 720

One Year NT/Psalms

Reading Plan for this week

- 28 Nov 2 Peter 2:1-22
Psalm 119:113-128
- 29 Nov 2 Peter 3:1-18
Psalm 119:129-152
- 30 Nov 1 John 1:1-10
Psalm 119:153-176
- 1 Dec 1 John 2:1-17
Psalm 120:1-7
- 2 Dec 1 John 2:18—3:6
Psalm 119:65-80
- 3 Dec 1 John 3:7-24
Psalm 122:1-9
- 4 Dec 1 John 4:1-21
Psalm 123:1-4

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Come & join us at Community Christmas Carols on Sunday 12th Dec at Banksia Park International High School provided by Tea Tree Gully Uniting church

The evening starts at 6:30pm with a Sausage Sizzle, and the Carols begin at 7:30pm. Bring something to sit on, and your best singing voices. Free candles will be available. For details visit www.ttquc.org.au or phone the office 8396 3252.

Please refer to the NOTICEBOARD in Church Foyer for other notices and Positions Vacant

The Holy Spirit calls us to Christ – to grow in him and to reach more people. To assist in our anticipation of growth we, as the LCA, are developing a strategic plan. Why a strategic plan? To address becoming better stewards of God's resources. Teams with expertise will be formed and we invite you to consider becoming a team member and help in the development of plans and activities that will support congregations efforts to do what God is calling us to do.

The 5 Strategic Initiatives (or areas of focus) defined in the Strategic Plan were developed from the Church-wide summits and consultations over the past few years. We now need to create plans for the 5 strategic initiatives. To do this as best we can we are looking to build 5 teams of people with particular gifts and experience. Each team will develop tactics for the proposed initiatives and then act as a reference group to oversee their implementation The 5 focus areas inviting expertise are to address:


1. Increase in spiritual depth
2. Development of a proactive mission culture
3. Increase in leadership capability and capacity at all levels
4. Improvement in communication and engagement
5. Leveraging of assets / resources to support ministry and mission

*If your peers consider you to have particular skills and/or expertise in any of the 5 above areas please contact your Pastor who has more details for you to consider. If you'd like to participate in this special time in the LCA's history then we need to hear from you no later than **Friday December 10**. It is assumed that your time commitment will be; an hour a week and attendance at 2 or 3 meetings annually that may last 1 or 2 days.*

Please email your details with a short work history and paragraph as to why you feel especially suited to be on a particular team, to the LCA Executive Officer at: trevor.ruthenberg@lca.org.au

Please pray that God would bless us with wisdom and tenacity for His Glory.

In His Service Rev Dr Mike Semmler LCA President


BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

★ Today 28th Nov	Alison Heinrich
★	Andrew Schmidt
★ Tues 30th Nov	Summer Bartel
★ Fri 3rd Dec	Louise Sumner

★ We hope your special day is
 ★ blessed with God's love & grace
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Assist. Treas Graeme Hoklas
Property Daniel Bartel
Ministry rep James Leach
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Allyson Dutschke

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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.