



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

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



5th December 2010—2nd 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 service.
Please feel welcome to join us.*

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TWO MINUTES

Christmas is coming let's celebrate

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. (Matthew 2: 10, 11)

The response of the wise men when they came to Jesus was joy that overflowed in awe, worship and giving: "thanksgiving and giving" as we describe it in our service this morning.

Can our response be any different? We who have experienced the Christmas message so many times in the past and are about to experience it again - in "Christmas is coming" - the theme of this morning's service and the message of Advent, have to respond in this way if we take it to heart.

I pray that we may take the message of Christmas to heart again today and encourage others to experience something of Christmas through our response to it.

Lord, thank you once again for the message of Christmas. May we take it to heart and encourage others to the same through our giving and thanksgiving. Amen.

Pastor Leon



Readings from today's service

Luke 1:26-38
Luke 2: 1-20
Matt. 2:1-12

Readings for 12th Dec
Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Worship Opportunities

Today 5th Nov	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Thanksgiving & Giving service with Carols Salt Factory Worship with HC
Thurs 9th Dec	2.30 pm	Closing chapel for end of school year
Sunday 12th Nov	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory Worship
Sunday 19th Nov	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Christmas play full dress rehearsal

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

Welcome to our carols service: **Christmas is coming, let's celebrate with thanksgiving and giving.** Many people have brought toys and grocery items for Lutheran Community Care. These will be presented during the service. Many children have dressed up as shepherds, angels or wise men. You will be invited during the service to come on stage to help us visualize the Christmas story.

You will notice in what's coming up (below) that **our School Closing** (at 2.30pm) **and Graduation services** (at 7pm) are being held **this** Thursday. You are more than welcome to attend.

Please pray for our Christmas play: "**People of the Christmas story**": for the actors, our director Lauren Thiel and those behind the scenes; that people may come to the play: the dress rehearsal (19th Dec) and the play itself (on Christmas Eve) and that those who come may hear God speaking to them through the experience.

You may have got wind that C.S Lewis' "**The Chronicles of Narnia: the voyage of the Dawn Treader**" is now in cinemas. I encourage you to see this movie. It has a strong Christian message and so it's a great evangelism tool.

How are you going in your **Care, Communicate and Connect so that people know Christ?** Christmas is a wonderful time to be motivated to do this, when you have many of opportunities to do this in the community and when people are more open to receive it as from God.

Pastor Leon

This Week

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

The following week:

Tuesday week (14/12/10) Management Team

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).

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Salt Factory catering next Sunday and following through to end of January 2011 due to school holidays.

ROSTERS

The worship service rosters for the period Dec 2010—March 2011 are available today from your pigeon holes. Please check for when you are rostered and if you need to make any swaps **please record those swaps on the master copy in the church foyer.**

Please also note the list of people for each service task displayed next to the master roster in the foyer to assist in contacting / organising any "swaps". Thanks! *Robyn Oatey*

Update from half yearly meeting of GGLF held on Sunday 28 November 2010.

The meeting considered our financial situation to the end of October which showed an expected end of year budget shortfall of about \$20,000. The Management Team had proposed that unless substantial further donations were received we would need to reduce our loan repayments for 2010 and the hours for our Church Office Secretary and Youth Team Leader for 2011 to provide a balanced budget.

At the meeting it was announced that following the release of the proposal a \$10,000 donation was received and at the meeting members pledged a further \$17,650 to be paid before the end of December 2010 to allow us to pay all of our 2010 expenses and end the year with a budget surplus. Also the members present voted to amend the budget for 2011 to keep current staff levels and to increase our offerings/donation for 2011 by the necessary amount to match our expenditure. A revised budget will presented at our AGM in May 2011 with extra information to be provided in early 2011.

The meeting recommended that all members consider their level of regular giving so that we can avoid our usual end of year budget pleas.

For those who made a pledge of support and those who did not have the chance but wish to also donate to support our 2010 budget you can either place your pledged amount (cash or cheque payable to Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship) in the weekly offering, send a cheque to our Church Office (PO Box 1371 Golden Grove SA 5125), or arrange a bank transfer to our LLL account (BSB 704942 Account 28190).

For those members who use REG we invite you to review your level of giving and for those not yet using REG we invite you to take up this option to support the budget of our Church and the work of our Lord (forms are available in the Church foyer).

On a personal note, I was so pleased to see the commitment of our members to make sure we meet our commitments to our staff and loans for both this year and into the future. Thank you so much to all who provided the passionate discussion and support for our continued work at Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship.

John Fielke, Chairperson.



KIDS AT HEART

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

Welcome to everyone, especially the children! We hope that the Christmas carols and celebrations today will fast forward everyone into a super festive mood! The children will be performing "Away in a Manger" today- any little ones can move to the front of the congregation and join in when called.

Visitors may like to know that we regularly have some very popular children's activities here at GGLF- a quiet craft table for the children run during the service, and a special children's time twice per month. If you would like to know more, please ask an usher to point out a member of the "Kids at heart team": Pastor Leon, Lesley Friedrich, Leanne Solomou, Dave Shrowder, Emi Schutz and Jane Swansson.

As we head towards the end of the year, we are preparing new rosters for the running of the children's program. If any new volunteers would like to participate in the roster for either craft or Kids at Heart time, please see Lesley or Jane. Even if it's only once per year, it is great to have new ideas presented to the children and it helps the team tremendously.

Finally if any families have any feedback or suggestions about the children's programs, please pass it on- we are always open to your ideas or concerns.

Cheers,
Lesley

An update on activities as we plan and build for the future

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*

 * **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 **TODAY after worship** a meeting will be held in the *
 * F/Centre lounge area for any ladies (of all ages) who *
 * have an interest in helping to plan for this event. *



Morning tea for the teachers at Wynn Vale Primary School for Tues 7 Dec has now been postponed until next year.

If you had planned on providing a plate of food this will now be shared with our GGLPS staff.

Pastor Leon

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

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

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.

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**.

Christmas Card Packs for Sale

Budget Packs \$2.50
(6 cards)

Value Packs \$3.50
(8 cards)

Profits to Asia Focus.
See Jenny Canavese.

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 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

(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 28/11	9.30 am 125	\$561.30
	6.30 pm 46	\$171.70

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

- 5 Dec 1 John 5:1-21
Psalm 105:37-45
- 6 Dec 2 John 1:1-13
Psalm 125:1-5
- 7 Dec 3 John 1:1-14
Psalm 126:1-6
- 8 Dec Jude 1:1-25
Psalm 127:1-5
- 9 Dec Rev. 1:1-20
Psalm 128:1-6
- 10 Dec Rev. 2:1-17
Psalm 129:1-8
- 11 Dec Rev. 2:18—3:6
Psalm 130:1-8

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.ttguc.org.au or phone the office 8396 3252.

Peace Service

Tuesday Dec 21st TTG Uniting
600 Milne Rd, Banksia Pk
A service for those who find Christmas a difficult time

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

POSITIONS VACANT

THE LUTHERAN

7.5 hours per week, 1 year contract

In January 2011 *The Lutheran* will launch a nation-wide promotional campaign with the aim of increasing awareness of and subscriptions to *The Lutheran*. We are seeking a self-motivated, highly organised person with excellent interpersonal skills to assist in this task. A demonstrated competence with Microsoft Office software is essential and administrative and record-keeping experience is desirable. Office space and equipment can be supplied; however, the position can also be undertaken from a home office. Remuneration will be based on the LCA Lay Worker Award. Contact Linda Macqueen, editor, for more information and an application form: 08 8339 5178, 0409 388278 or linda.macqueen@lca.org.au **Applications close 17 December.**

The Lutheran Laypeople's League (LLL) is seeking a full-time Office Manager. Refer to the noticeboard for more information. **Applications close December 31.**

2011 LLL calendars & Annual Reports Are now available (on the table in the foyer).



★ Today 5th Dec	Hannah Bartel
★	Fran Lindner
★ Tues 7th Dec	Holly Schutz
★ Thurs 9th Dec	Tania Nelson
★ Fri 10th Dec	Skye Hoklas
★	Lloyd Kohlhagen

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

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

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Property Daniel Bartel
Ministry rep James Leach
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Allyson Dutschke

Church Office Secretary:
Judith Whaites

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.