



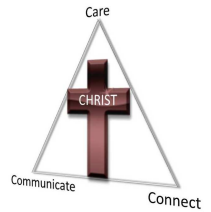
Jesus said, "I am the vine,
You are the branches."
John 15.5

*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.*



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12th December 2010—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

Please feel welcome to join us.



Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10



I am very prone to be anxious and stressed (just ask my husband) especially during busy and hectic times and this verse always touches me and calms my soul.

I often remember when our son Matthew was young, that he would come up to me and, with both his hands on either side of my face, ask 'Mummy, are you listening to me?'

In the same way I feel God's presence like he is turning me to focus on him when he says 'Be still and know that I am God'. He is in control, he knows my agenda, he will help me to determine what things are important and lovingly provide the strength and energy to face whatever life brings my way. What an amazing blessing to carry in my heart each and every day.

As Christmas approaches and the extra demands of our busy lives come ever more invasive, may you too feel God calming you, pacing you and sharing all your plans and joys, even the sometimes associated concerns and anxieties.

By leaving these in his hands we will be freer to bask in the glory and the wonderment of this special time of year and receive Christmas as the most precious gift God intends it to be.

Susanne Trigg



Readings for today

Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Readings for 19th Dec

Isaiah 7:10-16
Romans 1: 1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Worship Opportunities

Today 12th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory Worship
Sunday 19th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship Christmas play full dress rehearsal
Friday 24th Dec	7.00 pm	Christmas Eve Drama
Sat. 25th Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day worship with HC
Sunday 26th Dec	9.30 am	Contemporary Worship with Carols

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

How do you feel at this time of the year? Would it be good to take to heart God's Word: **Be still and know that I am God**. I am going to take up 3 points from this verse (in which our theme is taken: Psalm 46:10): Be still to focus, be still to be open and be still to grow.

Thanks to Susanne Trigg for the banners above the Altar on this theme: Be still and know that I am God.

Over Christmas I am going to explore that word **"to know"**: Just what does it mean to know, how can we know and what deepens our knowing.

We were going to have a special carols service on the day after Christmas but with the success of last week's worship "Christmas is coming, let's celebrate", we'll be using a standard order of service (of course with a lot of carols) so as to continue the theme of knowing.

The importance of keeping to **"Child Safe" practices** has been brought to my attention. A three day REV320 event in January has had to be cancelled because 'Permission to Proceed' documentation was not put in place.

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

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. I saw it last week and can highly recommend it – especially in 3D!

How are you going in your **Care, Communicate and Connect so that people know Christ?** Last Sunday I spoke on encouraging others to celebrate Christmas. I said that we do this by 1) Praying for people: we pray God acts - why then wouldn't we pray and continue to pray for people? 2) We study- get to know the Christmas story deeper, in how it is for 2010, through literature – and our church library has many books and a few DVDs for this, and 3) Through our giving and thanksgiving which prompts people to ask why we are doing that. Isn't this precisely our vision to care, communicate and connect? Just how are you going to do that this Christmas?

Pastor Leon

This Week

Tuesday week (14/12/10) Management Team

The following week:

Tonight (19/12/10): 6.30pm Christmas play- dress rehearsal.

Friday (24/12/10): 7pm Christmas Eve play

All meetings start at 7.30pm unless otherwise indicated.

Salt Factory Worship Tonight: 6.30 pm service

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

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 be 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.



Welcome to
Christian Vision.(P.N.G.)



A Christian web site that also includes some details of the partnership between Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship / Primary School and the schools at Asaroka, Papua New Guinea.

There is also general information on Papua New Guinea, a radio link, photos, various movies / videos and more....Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a happy new year.

www.christianvisionpng.info/

Regards, Ken Tscharke.



KIDS AT HEART

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

Welcome to everyone, especially the children!

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—this will be run by Judy Ross today. Kids at Heart time will also be held today and Leanne Solomou is leading this .

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

Child Safe information

Those who have attended the Child Safe Team Member training during 2010 – please ensure you complete the necessary paperwork for your approval, and forward to Allyson Dutschke **urgently!** If new copies are needed, please contact Allyson.

Child Safe Training at the start of 2011 is:
Saturday, February 5 – 9am to 4pm at Salisbury Lutheran Church – Team Member training. Contact Salisbury church office to book.

Sunday, February 6 – 12 to 5.30pm at Tea Tree Gully Lutheran Church – Team Leader training. Contact TTG church office to book.

All training is \$20 per session.

Note: There is also Team Member training at Birdwood during late January – date and time to be confirmed.

Without this training and completed approval you will not be able to assist with any of the Children's and Youth Ministries of the Lutheran Church in 2011, and beyond.

Thank you,

Allyson Dutschke
Child Safe Coordinator.

Minutes from the GGLF Half Yearly Meeting

Copies of minutes from the above meeting are available from the Church Foyer today for anyone interested.

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

Enrich your life with Families for Families

Families for Families is a volunteer Host Family program run by Cara (Community Accommodation and Respite Agency), which provides respite or 'time out' to parents of children with a disability.

Families for Families offers a unique opportunity for your family to provide overnight care for a child with a disability in your own home, usually for one weekend a month, or as part of the school holidays.



Many people want to give something back to their community but find it difficult in our increasingly time poor society. Being a Host Family is a great way for your family to volunteer together in your own home while helping the family of a child with a disability take a much needed break.

To find out more, visit www.cara.asn.au or call Families for Families on 8347 4588.



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 Christmas Action packs are available from the Church Foyer

Each pack contains a **Blessing Card**

Simply choose your Christmas Action donation and send it with your Blessing Card.

Christmas Action donations are tax-deductible. You can also donate at www.alws.org.au or by calling **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 5/12	9.30 am 139	\$761.40
	6.30 pm 25	\$ 42.00
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

- 12 Dec Rev 3:7-22
Psalm 131:1-3
- 13 Dec Rev. 4:1-11
Psalm 132:1-18
- 14 Dec Rev. 5:1-14
Psalm 133:1-3
- 15 Dec Rev. 6:1-17
Psalm 134:1-3
- 16 Dec Rev. 7:1-17
Psalm 135:1-21
- 17 Dec Rev. 8:1-13
Psalm 136:1-26
- 18 Dec Rev. 9:1-21
Psalm 137:1-9

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Come & join us at Community Christmas Carols this evening 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

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.**

Positions Vacant at Open Arms Community Child Care Centre, Birdwood

Are you passionate about working in a child care centre where Jesus' love comes to life? Open Arms Community Child Care Centre is seeking enthusiastic, caring, suitably qualified, and experienced early childhood educators to help establish the centre, as well as providing care for children 0-5 years. For more information on positions available, go to www.teachers.on.net or contact Tamara Zilm: **0417 853 732** or openarms@adam.com.au. **Applications close 20th December.**


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

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Brian Quick
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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.