

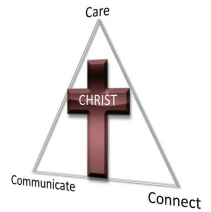


Our mission: "Making Christ known in the community so that all may worship Him and receive the gift of eternal life"

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

www.gglf.org.au

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



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24th, 25th & 26th December 2010

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

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests." Luke 2:14

That's how the angels in heaven responded when they saw the Christ child lying in the manger. They couldn't stop singing! It's really quite difficult for us to comprehend all this – the angels in heaven rejoice over us and give glory to God for sending Jesus to become our Saviour! We must be very special to God and all the hosts of heaven for them to respond like that!

At another time Jesus talked about how the angels in heaven rejoice when one sinner repents and comes back to God through Him. Sin has destroyed our hope of ever having the perfect life without Him. Like a person struggling to keep his head above the water in the middle of a raging current so sin carries us along and robs us of our lives.

**Today in David's city the Saviour has been born to you! That's what it is about!
Let's then do as the angels have done and join them in their song:**

No more let sins and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

(v 3 from 'Joy to the world')

Pastor Len Tschärke



Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:8-20

Readings for 26th Dec

Isaiah 63: 7-9
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23



Worship Opportunities



Sat. 25th Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day worship with HC
Sunday 26th Dec	9.30 am	Contemporary Worship with Carols
Friday 31st Dec	7.30 pm	New Year's Eve worship service at Schutz's place <i>(see Pastor's column for further details)</i>
Sunday 2nd Jan	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Contemporary worship DVD Series <i>(in lieu of Salt Factory worship)</i>

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 most blessed Christmas.

Our theme over these last few weeks has been: **Be still and know that I am God** (from Psalm 46:10). A couple of weeks ago (12/12/10), we looked at how we can **be still** at this time of the year (the sermon is on our web page, as are all sermons) and now we are considering how can we **know**. On Christmas Day we are going to look at how **Mary knew** and on the Sunday after Christmas (26/12/10) we are considering how **Joseph knew**.

Thanks to all those who were involved in the Christmas play this year, **"People of the Christmas story"** especially to Lauren Thiel who directed it. It was a great effort.

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.

Are you wondering what we are doing for **New Year's Eve** this year? If you are I am happy to inform you that Jon & Jacqui Schutz and family have kindly offered their backyard (and swimming pool) for New Year's Eve service and fellowship this year. *(Please see mud map elsewhere in this bulletin for directions to Schutz's home.)* We are celebrating a "Fiji New year's Eve": ie. we are going to note the New Year when it hits Fiji, which is 9.30pm our time – then we don't have to have such a late night. **It starts at 7.30pm with worship**. So you are invited to wear your loud Hawaiian shirts, bathers, grass skirts... bring drinks chairs and nibbles, celebrate the past year and look forward to the new with worship and stick around for an hour of so to welcome in the (Fiji) new year. Join us.

We enter the New Year as a congregation with **Care, Communicate and Connect so that people know Christ** as our vision and goal.

Over the next several weeks in the sermon, I am exploring the theme: **"Thank God for the opportunities he has given us to make Christ known."** And we are going to look closely at:

- Worship (2/1/11),
- Baptismal Support Families (9/1/11),
- Asaroka (16/1/11),
- The wider Church (23/1/11),
- Our School (30/1/11)- with the installation of school staff,
- LCC (6/2/11)- at our harvest thanksgiving service,
- GGAF (13/2/11),
- Our Fellowship Groups (20/2/11),
- Our Youth (27/2/11) - at our Confirmation Service.

At these services we shall communicate what we are doing in these areas and you will have opportunity to get involved. All of these opportunities are means through which we can care. Even if we may not be so interested in these areas by being informed and by supporting them you are being connected.

Pastor Leon

This Week

Friday (31/12/10): **New Year's Eve service**, fellowship and welcoming in the Fijian New Year.

All meetings start at 7.30pm unless otherwise indicated.

*A Joyous and
Peaceful Season*

CHRISTMAS GIVING

The offerings received at our Christmas services will be given to support the work of Australian Lutheran World Service. 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.

Please note there will be **NO Salt Factory service on Sunday 26th December.**

Worship times for January 2011

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

In lieu of our 6.30 pm service a DVD series will be run.

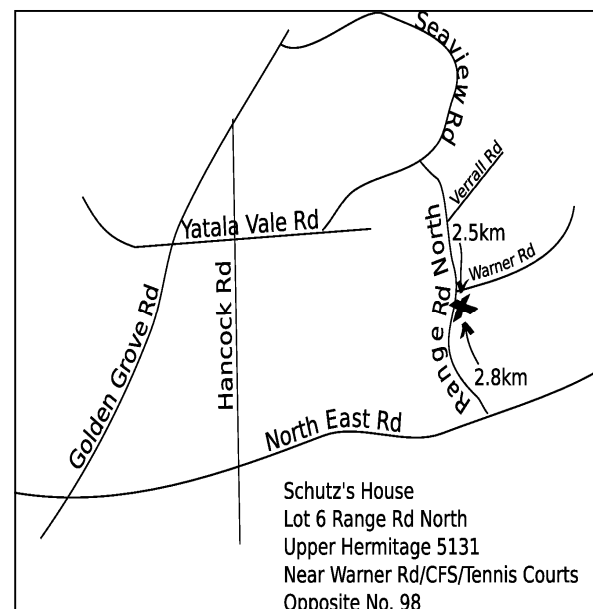
Judith taking LSL

Commencing this week Judith is taking some long service leave returning to the office on Tuesday 18th January 2011.

During this time Pastor Leon & Tanya Wilson have kindly accepted to prepare the weekly church bulletin. Pastor Leon will prepare it for 2nd January and Tanya will do 9th & 16th January.

Please continue to send any notices to my usual email address as notices will be accessed from there.

Thankyou for your assistance





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 2010.



Blessings to everyone this Christmas

Lesley and the [K@H](#) team.

Pastor Leon, Lesley Friedrich, Leanne Solomou, Dave Shrowder, Emi Schutz and Jane Swansson.

Christmas Greeting

Australian Lutheran College thanks you all for your support and encouragement throughout 2010 and wishes you every blessing for the Christmas season.

Child Safe information

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.



*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

Rental Accommodation Needed

We are a family (2 adults +3 children) looking for a rental property in the northern suburbs. We are returning to Adelaide after spending 12 months living on campus at the Bible College of Victoria preparing for Mission Aviation. If you know of any properties that may meet our need please contact Patrick 0413563233 or Tracy 0435415161.

Offering Envelopes for 2011



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.

We also remind you of the opportunity of giving electronically via the REG (Regular Electronic Giving) system. Forms and information about this method of giving are available from the Church Foyer. If you decide you would like to take up this option details on the form for our congregation are Golden Grove Congregation REG Account No 28190 S1 GOL at the LLL (BSB No 704-942).

For members who already use the REG system for giving please consider using a specially printed card (available from the entrance table in Church Foyer) to place in the offering plate rather than taking a set of envelopes.

Ladies You are Invited

**To retreat @ Australian Lutheran College,
North Adelaide from
Friday 14th to Sunday 16th January 2011.**

This is your personal invitation

to come and relax, refresh and be inspired as a new year begins.

Over the weekend take time to explore and be challenged by "God's Will For Me," and reflect on 'God's call on my life,' 'Barriers to hearing God's call on my life,' and 'Discerning how to hear God'

Also:

Find out how Music Therapy makes healing connections
Hear one woman tell her personal 'Sorry Story'

Need a good laugh? Retreat is a fun time as well as a time for a learning, caring, uplifting experience as women of God together.

Come and enjoy a weekend of pampering - no meals to prepare (but the food is great) no dishes to wash (how good is that!)

Come and make new friends, bring a friend, be a friend.

Take this opportunity to spend time with our Lord through Bible study, prayer, singing and fellowship in air-conditioned comfort.

Retreat offers women of all ages to an inspirational and refreshing beginning to the New Year for just \$70 inclusive.
(You don't have to be a Women's Fellowship member to come along)

Retreat is sponsored by the Lutheran Women of Sth Aust

For further information or an application form(s) contact Rosalie Jaeschke on Tel (08) 8584 5520 or email her at rosalieken@bigpond.com

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 19/12 9.30 am	96	\$708.20
6.30 pm	72	\$ 65.50

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 NT/Psalms

Reading Plan for this week

- 25 Dec Rev. 16:1-21
Psalm 144:1-15
- 26 Dec Rev. 17:1-18
Psalm 145:1-21
- 27 Dec Rev. 18:1-24
Psalm 146:1-10
- 28 Dec Rev. 19:1-21
Psalm 147:1-20
- 29 Dec Rev. 20:1-15
Psalm 149:1-14
- 30 Dec Rev. 21:1-27
Psalm 149:1-9
- 31 Dec Rev. 22:1-21
Psalm 150:1-6
- 1 Jan Matthew 1:1—2:12
Psalm 1:1-6

"Time Out—Listening to Jesus"—Australian devotions for a year

There is one copy of the new 2011 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.

POSITION VACANT

The Lutheran Laypeople's League (LLL) is seeking a full-time Office Manager.

Refer to the noticeboard for more information.

Applications close December 31.

Please refer to the NOTICEBOARD in Church Foyer for other notices

Calling all "Grey Nomads" with a purpose!

Last year two energetic people answered this call to serve as volunteers in Shepparton, Victoria amongst the people of this growing African community. Ray and Marica Smith are now giving their time serving alongside the local Lutheran pastor – Rev Matt Anker and his wife Laryssa to help with the many tasks that arise as these newly arrive residents settle into life in Shepparton, Victoria and the rapidly expanding Lutheran Church there.

Now Ray and Marcia need a break. They will be taking a 5 month holiday during, March to July next year. Pastor Matt, and Ray and Marcia are keen to find a couple to fill in their spot during this short-term vacancy.

Ideally the people who come for this short-term volunteer assignment in 2011, would be willing to also come for a couple of weeks in mid to late February to learn the roles and responsibilities from Ray and Marcia before they head off for a well-earned break. The "relieving" couple would possibly need to be able to help by paying the rent during this time on the place that Ray and Marcia are renting in Shepparton.

If you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity to serve in Shepparton, please email or phone the LCA Board for Mission Project officer, Glenice Hartwich after 6th January 2011 glenice.hartwich@lca.org.au or Phone 8267 7316


BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

★ Sat 25th Dec	Barry Taylor
★ Sun 26th Dec	Garry Heinrich
★ Tues 28th Dec	Darryl Bischoff
★ Wed 29th Dec	Rebekah Swansson
★ Fri 31st Dec	Judy Pfeffer
★ Sat 1st Jan	Carolyn Wachtel

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

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