



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

*Our mission:  
"Making Christ  
known in the com-  
munity 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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13th December 2009—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 messages 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 evening service at 6.30 pm. Please feel welcome to join us.

### TWO MINUTES

Luke 10:27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself."


Luke 3:11-14 And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptised and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorised to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

We have many things and we can easily give these up to others in charity. But even if we do this we may not be truly living in a way that is repentant of our selfishness. That is unless we do it because of our love and whole commitment to God. When we do things for His Kingdom, putting in all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we are not only showing our love for Him but we are living out the second commandment to love others as we love ourselves because I think the beginning of being at peace with God and loving ourselves is to be satisfied, no longer taking what is not ours and putting others first by having no want or desire that is not in line with God's will.

Praise God we strive for this heart.

Paul Swansson

### Worship Opportunities



**Readings for today**  
Zeph. 3:14-20  
Phil. 4: 4-7  
Luke 3: 7-18

Readings for 20th Dec  
Micah 5: 2-5  
Hebrews 10: 5-10  
Luke 1:39-45

<b>Today 13th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship with HC Salt Factory worship
<b>Sunday 20th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Contemporary worship Christmas Drama presentation ( <i>Dress rehearsal</i> )
<b>Monday 21st Dec</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Christmas Drama presentation ( <i>Dress rehearsal</i> )
<b>Thurs 24th Dec</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Christmas Eve drama
<b>Friday 25th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Christmas Day worship with HC
<b>Sunday 27th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Service of Carols with HC Salt Factory 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

**Today**, the third Sunday in Advent (one Sunday to go before Christmas) we are looking at the Gospel reading for the day: **Luke 3:7-18** on John the Baptist's message about the Fruit of repentance and in particular verse 18 *And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.* The theme is **Fruit of Repentance: it's good for us.** We'll be looking at John's evangelism style (We learnt about the 9 styles last Sunday), considering what is repentance and how our response to it (the fruit) is a great way to get ready for Christmas.

### Speaking about Christmas...

The Christmas Eve drama: **Law and order: Bethlehem** will be presented at next week's Salt Factory time slot and on Monday week (7pm) as well as Christmas Eve. I know you will enjoy it and it is something you can invite your non-church going friends to. (It probably hasn't the emphasis on children that we often have had in the past.)

So on **Christmas Day** we are celebrating "A children's Christmas" featuring the skit: "*Jesus Christmas party*", a children's address: "*Christmas: meet the cast*", a short message and Holy Communion as well as lots of carols.

**The Sunday following Christmas (27/12/09)** is itself a **carol service**: based on 9 of our most favourite carols. We will learn some of the history behind these carols and look at them a little more closely.

We are celebrating **New Year's Eve** with a taize style worship Service on Thursday fortnight ( at 7pm.)

**Today** Jon & Leanne Schiller (our Fellowship Group coordinators) are inviting **the leaders of our Fellowship Group** to a meeting with the Vision Team to look at our goal of **Care, Communicate and Connect**. We'll be learning about Lutheran Community Care, using the library resources, meals ministry and hearing about the new Fellowship Groups. I hope to see you there.

Last Sunday in the first of our 4 monthly series "**Creating confidence to share your faith**" we were given a couple of tools: "**My personal mission field**" and "**My focused prayer list.**" How are you going in using these? Jeff Wegener has volunteered to help anyone who is struggling with these to assist them in drawing them up.

**Ministry of Care.** The Pastoral Carers are implementing a different approach to the care in our congregation.

We still maintain the best care we can offer at GGLF is *in and through our Fellowship Groups* and through *our spontaneous caring* (when people see a need and just act - as an expression of their God given compassion).

But to encourage our whole congregation to be *more caring* we are making our pastoral care meetings an opportunity for the ministry of care. In other words they are **open to all who would like to be encouraged and supported in whatever caring for the congregation (and others) God has put them in.**

So **you** are welcome to come along and be encouraged and supported in your caring **and you don't have to join the team to do this.** You may come just the once or come back to these Ministry of Care meetings as often as you like.

The first meeting is **27<sup>th</sup> January 2010.** Please join us in our Ministry Of Care.

### This week:

**Monday:** 7.30pm Management Team

### The following week:

**Next Sunday:** 6.30pm Christmas Drama: Law and Order: Bethlehem

**Monday:** 7.00pm Christmas Drama: Law and Order: Bethlehem

**Thursday** 7.00pm Christmas Drama: Law and Order: Bethlehem

**Friday** 9.30 Christmas Day worship

## Salt Factory Worship

**Tonight: 6.30 pm service**

**Please note:** There will be **NO Salt Factory catering** tonight through to Feb 2010 during the school holiday period.

### Fellowship Group Leaders Meeting: This morning 11am

**AIM:** For the Vision team to encourage and support the wonderful work that our Fellowship Groups are doing at GGLF.

We would like to direct the fellowship, serving and studies that occur in our 22 groups towards our common goal: **Care, Communicate and Connect for people to know Christ.** We feel that to achieve this goal, which was adopted at this year's Annual General Meeting, we need to harness what God is doing in and through our Fellowship Groups. We hope that all group leaders will attend this meeting or delegate a representative to attend on their behalf. (*We believe this is very important so we plan to email this message to every group leader, personally invite them as well and encourage you to pass this information on.*)

Jon and Leanne Schiller  
(Fellowship Group Coordinators)



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH at GGLF

Come and join us for a hassle free relaxed lunch on Christmas Day. All members of GGLF, extended family and friends are invited. Festive fare, no charge.

Special Guest.

For catering **please RSVP before 13th Dec 2009**

Ring Marty Seidel - Home 8251 7108 or  
Mob 0439036177

## YOUTH NEWS

**REV320 CHANGE CAMP Fri 16th to Sun 18th January** - If you are in Year 7 or higher for 2010 then you are invited to the REV 320 CHANGE CAMP. Everyone is always going through change but many of you are going through big life changes. At this camp we're going to explore how we face these changes while we also go canoeing, swimming and do other such fun activities. Change is good— let's celebrate it with a great Camp at the start of year.

For details or registration form please contact Paul Swansson on 0432 646 064.



The December 2009/January 2010 edition of this publication is available from your pigeon hole today.

## KIDS AT HEART



**Here comes Christmas!** We thought it would be nice for the children to make something for keeps for Christmas so a few weeks ago the children began making a nativity scene. They have been making different parts of it every week.



Last week the children made Jesus, Joseph & Mary and today they will be finishing off. We hope the children have enjoyed participating in this activity and families will enjoy the fruits of their efforts.

Blessings,  
Lesley and the [K@H](#) team.  
Paul Swansson, Adele Leach, Emi Schutz, Dave Shrowder, Pastor

## WANTED

Children to participate in a Christmas Day play. Please contact Lesley Friedrich on 0402 036 183 or Jacque Schutz on 0411 426 158 if your child is interested.



**MEDIA UPDATE DEC 09** – Now available  
The Christmas edition of **Media Update** is available today from your pigeon hole.  
Read the latest media ministry news.

We rely on your prayers and your support.

For more information - Phone: FREECALL 1800 353 350



### FREE HAPPYLAND CHRISTMAS CARDS

*Send a Christmas card to a young child and invite them to Happyland.*

*Designed to share Jesus - God's Christmas gift - and to introduce young children to Happyland.  
Inside message : "Let's celebrate God's gift of Jesus this Christmas and always."  
Order from [www.happyland.com.au](http://www.happyland.com.au) or FREECALL 1800 353 350.*

### PRESS RELEASE for Advent Calendar:

"It's that time of year again - Christmas...!"

The LCA website Christmas pages [include](#) an Advent Calendar this year. Each day you can uncover new Christmas stories and ideas from communities, congregations, schools and departments across Australia and New Zealand.

This is a great way to share Christmas events and rituals that are celebrated in our congregations and communities. Each community and congregation celebrates Advent and Christmas in a unique way. Sharing our ideas and events means that more people can get involved this Christmas.

To access the page, just follow the link from the LCA homepage.

## Law & Order: Bethlehem

### Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship District Criminal Court

JUDGE METELLUS

COURT 1 - R v King Herod - Conspiracy to Murder (For Trial)

**On Christmas Eve at 7pm** Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship will be hosting a unique event, the trial of that dastardly villain King Herod. Come and hear the witnesses tell their tales of awe, wonder and faith as they present the Christmas story in a new fresh and compelling way.

We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour. Why not invite your friends and family for a night of entertainment and worship.

We are also having Pre-trial hearings on **Sunday 20th December at 6:30pm, and Monday 21st December at 7pm**, so if you can't attend on Christmas Eve, or simply want to see the trial more than once, please join us on either of these evenings.

What will the verdict be? There is more than one ending, so come more than once and see a different result. There is also an opportunity to be on the jury and participate in the production. Decide for yourself, is King Herod guilty? Or innocent...?



### GREY NOMADS WITH PURPOSE

- *Do you have energy and enthusiasm?*
- *Could you give 3 to 6 months (or more) of your time, wisdom and energy to serve in mission here in Australia? Would you be willing to travel with your caravan and stay in the caravan park in Shepparton?*

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions consider whether you would be able to join in an exciting mission opportunity with the people of St Paul's Lutheran Church in Shepparton, Victoria.

Check out the noticeboard for further details.

**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, Neale, 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 \$10464 per month from 35 contributors.)*

The LLL Account No. for GGLF Regular Electronic Giving is 28190/S1/GOL

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offerings</b>
Sun 6/12 9.30 am	74	\$1427.00
6.30 pm	34	\$ 240.05

**LLL calendars & annual reports** are available from the Church Foyer.

**ALWS Gifts of Grace Catalogues**

This Christmas why not give people close to you gifts that also bless those far away! Each gift represents the help you can give people in poor communities through the ALWS Overseas Program. You could choose a gift of chickens, goat, bicycle, seed kit, sewing machine. Check out the amazing gifts on offer in the ALWS catalogue available from our Church Foyer and see how easy it is do. You can also buy Gifts of Grace on-line at [www.alws.org.au/grace](http://www.alws.org.au/grace).

Each gift you buy is tax-deductible.

**One Year Bible— Reading Plan for this week**

Dec 13 Obadiah 1:1-21 Rev. 4:1-11 Psalm 132:1-18 Proverbs 29:24-25	Dec 17 Nahum 1:1—3:19 Rev. 8:1-13 Psalm 136:1-26 Proverbs 30:7-9
Dec 14 Jonah 1:1—4:11 Rev. 5:1-14 Psalm 133:1-3 Proverbs 29:26-27	Dec 18 Habakkuk 1:1—3:19 Rev. 9:1-21 Psalm 137:1-9 Proverbs 30:10
Dec 15 Micah 1:1—4:13 Rev. 6:1-17 Psalm 134:1-3 Proverbs 30:1-4	Dec 19 Zeph. 1:1—3:20 Rev. 10:1-11 Psalm 138:1-8 Proverbs 30:11-14
Dec 16 Micah 5:1—7:20 Rev. 7:1-17 Psalm 135:1-21 Proverbs 30:5-6	



**CAROL SINGING at GLENSIDE HOSPITAL, off Fullarton Rd, ADELAIDE**

You are invited to come and share Christmas Joy, Carol Singing at Glenside Hospital on Sunday 13th December, 2009.

Meet at the front entrance car park at 1.45 pm for 2 pm start.

Afternoon tea will be provided. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

*Organised by Hospital Cheer Committee of the Lutheran Women of South Aust.*

**PARA VISTA LUTHERAN HOMES**

We have a two bedroom Unit for sale suitable for a senior couple or single person who is able to live independently. Set within quiet gardens and adjacent to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, the unit is close to both shops and transport.

For further details, please call Bill Waring on 0405 213 460.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM MOBILE UNIT IN F/CENTRE.**

**On the noticeboard**

Please check the noticeboard for **Positions Vacant**, and other **upcoming events**.

**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.

**Free chicken manure.** Bring your trailer and help yourself. (well rotted and dry). Call Lesley 0402 036 183

**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.

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