



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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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 the Holy Spirit may speak into your hearts and lives this Christmas to receive the kingdom of God.

For Unto Us



A Child is Born

TWO MINUTES

Dressed to Love

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, **clothe** yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...And over all these virtues **put on love**, which binds them all together with perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ **rule in your hearts**, since as members of one body you were called to peace."*

Colossians 3:12, 14-15

I love the clothing imagery used here. As a response to God's grace, we are to clothe ourselves with a godly life. So when I get dressed to start a new day, washed cleaned from the saving waters of baptism, I am to put on a singlet of compassion, a shirt of kindness, trousers of humility, shoes of gentleness and a jumper of patience. And over all these virtues I'll put on a coat of love which binds (or completes) my outfit perfectly. But this is not just an outfit that I can discard. There is more to striving to live a godly life than putting on the right attitude or the right garments. Verse fifteen shows that there is something deeper to the Christian walk. I am to let the peace of Christ rule in my heart and this peace can't help but show itself to the world. Now that makes one attractive outfit!

Dear Father in Heaven, Help me to rise each day clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and love and let your peace flow from my heart. Amen.

Tania Nelson



Worship Opportunities



Readings for 25th Dec	
Isaiah	62:6-12
Titus	3:4-7
Luke	2:8-20
Readings for 27th Dec	
1 Sam.	2:18-20, 26
Col.	3:12-17
Luke	2:41-52

Friday 25th Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day worship with HC
Sunday 27th Dec	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Service of Carols with HC Salt Factory worship
Thurs 31st Dec	7.00 pm	New Year's Eve worship with HC—Taize style
Sunday 3rd Jan ONE SERVICE	9.30 am ONLY	Contemporary worship
Sunday 10th Jan ONE SERVICE	9.30 am ONLY	Contemporary worship with HC / PNG Missionary Fellowship Mission Festival/PNG Reunion



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 blessed Christmas. May the joy, peace and love of Christmas fill you and overflow to the people around you!

I reckon that the message of Christmas came through so strongly through Elizabeth's meeting with Mary in the Gospel reading last Sunday (Luke 1:39-45). It is very much a *Christmas incident*. Christ coming to us and expressed so well through Elizabeth's "evangelism style" of teaching: teaching us that we are favoured, who the Lord really is and that we appropriate this by faith. (Why don't you download my sermon based on this text from our website: www.gglf.org.au ?)

If you are reading this on **Christmas Eve**, I pray that you will enjoy the drama: **Law and order: Bethlehem** and be inspired by it. It has been videoed and these are available on request.

As you may have noticed the emphasis isn't so much a program for younger children as we 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 story time, a short message, and lots of carols as well as Holy Communion.

If you are reading this on **Sunday** – the first Sunday of Christmas as it is traditionally called, we are celebrating 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. Did you know that it is reported that Charles Wesley, the author of "Hark the herald angel's sing" never sang the carol because the words were changed from "Hark! How all the welkin rings, "Glory to the King of kings....". ?

Also this Sunday **David & Tania Nelson** will be commissioned for their mission trip to Myanmar as well.

And we have **Michael Edgecomb** speaking to us at Salt Factory.

Next Thursday we are celebrating **New Year's Eve** with a Taize style worship service. I hope you remember this special service to see out the past year and welcome the new. Our ALC student James Leach will be leading this and I shall be preaching.

Going back to the thrust of the month: "**Creating confidence to share your faith**". We were given a couple of tools: "**My personal mission field**" and "**My focused prayer list**." a few weeks ago. 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.

Sunday week (3/1/10) we are starting the next part of the series: "**Sharing your story**". Our story is the strongest evangelism tool God has given us. We'll be discovering how we can use it effectively, hearing a few stories (testimonies) which are both inspiration and instructive, and we'll be encouraged to develop and use our own story with those God is putting before us. I hope you can join us for this - I would say - *exciting* discovery.

Also Sunday week **Rhianna Bormann** (daughter of Stephen & Kim and grand daughter of Joy) is being baptized. What a great way to start the New Year!

I will be taking a week of **my annual leave** (4-11/1/10) in the New Year.

Each Sunday evening during January we have the opportunity to watch a DVD "**Out of the Valley**". Paul Swansson has organized this series, which takes the place of Salt Factory worship in January.

On **10th January 2010** the PNG Missionary Fellowship are celebrating their annual **Mission Festival/PNG Reunion** here at our morning service. The ex overseas missionaries are running the service, our Pastor Len is leading the worship and Dr. Dean Zweck is preaching. You are invited to the pooled lunch and the presentations in the afternoon.

This week:

Thursday 7pm: New Years Eve Worship with HC

CHRISTMAS GIVING

The offerings received at our Christmas services will be given to support the work of Australian Lutheran World Service & Lutheran Community Care. If you wish your offering to be tax deductible you will need to enclose your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your name.

Salt Factory Worship
6.30 pm
Sunday 27th Dec
With guest
Michael Edgecomb

Please note: There will be **NO** Salt Factory catering.

Worship times for January 2010

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.

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.

KIDS AT HEART



It's Christmas!

Thank you to all the children participating in the Christmas Day play.

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 2009.

Blessings to everyone this Christmas

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

Paul Swansson, Adele Leach, Emi Schutz, Dave Shrowder, Pastor Leon



Offering Envelopes for 2010



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.

Calling all Women

To LWSA 2010 Retreat @ Australian Lutheran College, North Adelaide from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th January 2010.

Retreat welcomes women of all ages regardless of whether you belong to a guild/fellowship.

Over the weekend take time to explore and be challenged by "Rest," an opportunity for women to reflect on God's gifts of 'Spiritual Rest,' 'Physical Rest' and 'Emotional & Intellectual Rest.'

Come and hear a Sudanese family share their story.

Find out more about the Parish Nurse Ministry.

Need a good laugh? Retreat is a fun time as well as a time for 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 (just walk away and let someone else do them).

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

Retreat offers all women an inspirational and refreshing beginning to the New Year for just \$70 inclusive.

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

rosalieken@bigpond.com

One Year Bible— Reading Plan for this week

Dec 27	Zech. 10:1—11:17 Rev. 18:1-24 Psalm 146:1-10 Proverbs 30:33	Dec 31	Malachi 3:1—4:6 Rev. 22:1-21 Psalm 150:1-6 Proverbs 31:25-31
Dec 28	Zech. 12:1—13:9 Rev. 19:1-21 Psalm 147:1-20 Proverbs 31:1-7	Jan 1	Gen. 1:1—2:25 Matthew 1:1—2:12 Psalm 1:1-6 Proverbs 1:1-6
Dec 29	Zech. 14:1-21 Rev. 20:1-15 Psalm 148:1-14 Proverbs 31:8-9 1:7-9	Jan 2	Gen. 3:1—4:26 Matthew 2:13—3:6 Psalm 2:1-12 Proverbs
Dec 30	Malachi 1:1—2:17 Rev. 21:1-27 Psalm 149:1-9		



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. St Paul's Lutheran Church, is a small but growing congregation in a large rural city. Over the past three years they have experienced tremendous growth as former refugees from Southern Sudan, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo have joined the congregation. Although they have a wonderful group of dedicated leaders within the congregation, this growth has presented them with many opportunities which they are finding difficult to respond to. They invite you and other members of the LCA who have a passion for service and the time to volunteer to consider spending some time in the congregation to be part of this exciting ministry. For more details about the opportunities for service at St Paul's Shepparton, and to receive a volunteer application form, please contact Glenice Hartwich at the Board for Mission office on bfm@lca.org.au or phone (08) 8267 7334. More information on the congregation is also available at <http://sites.google.com/site/sheplutheranbuild/home>

A Joyous and Peaceful Season

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

	Attendance	Offerings
Sun 20/12 9.30 am	107	\$536.20
6.30 pm	73	\$ 88.00

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 to do. You can also buy Gifts of Grace on-line at www.alws.org.au/grace.

Each gift you buy is tax-deductible.

LLL calendars & Annual reports are available from the Church Foyer.

POSITIONS VACANT

Ministry Coordinator to Families with Young Children, Zion Lutheran Church, Gawler – 20hrs

For further information please go to: <http://www.lca.org.au/action/layworkers/>, and click on **Job Vacancies**



The Best Holiday Provisions Are Love And Forgiveness.

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.



LUTHERAN MEDIA

Listen to Face to Face

Download or listen online at www.facetoface.org.au

25th Dec Red Boots For Christmas Radio Drama

This Christmas we're presenting the special program titled RED BOOTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Hans the shoemaker is visited by an angel who brings the promise of a very special gift. So Hans makes a very special gift in return. It's a classic Christmas tale that brings home the true meaning of Christmas.

We hope you can join us.

27th Dec The Best Part Of Christmas Is The Gift

Pastor Richard Mau Christmas Day has come and gone once again. What sort of Christmas did you have? Did you receive any special gifts?

Someone once said, "The best part of Christmas is the gift." What do you think they meant?

Join Richard Mau this week on *Face to Face* when he'll be talking about a very special Christmas gift.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Fri	25 Dec	Barry Taylor
Sat	26 Dec	Garry Heinrich
Mon	28 Dec	Darryl Bischoff
Tues	29 Dec	Rebekah Swansson
Fri	1 Jan	Carolyn Wachtel
Sat	2 Jan	Amanda Shrowder

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