

CHRIST CHURCH CONGREGATION UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

If you are aware of an event missing on this list, please let the Office know

NOVEMBER

27th—Advent Evening— JDHall
30th—Thrift Shop—JDHall

DECEMBER

1,2nd—Thrift Shop—JDHall
15-21st—Red Cross Blood Bank—JDHall
24th—Christmas Eve —7pm at Unity Steeple
— **7pm at Monarto**

25th Christmas Day - 9am—Christ Church
- **9am at Monarto**

31st—New Year's Eve—combined service at Holy Cross
- **with Pastor David Christian at 7pm**

JANUARY 2012 1st - New Year's Day— normal services

MARCH 11th— AGM



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
Monarto



First Sunday of Advent
4th December 2011



Reaching out with the Love of Jesus
that All may Know, Worship & Grow in Christ

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A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL - Toll Free Number 1800 644 628

WELCOME

“Communion Invitation” - Dear Friends in Christ, if you are a visitor who is a baptised believer and not a member of the Lutheran Church but believe that you will be receiving the body and blood of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, then an open invitation is extended to you.

Non-communing adults & children are encouraged to come for a blessing and are asked to keep their hands by their sides.

Please join us for a cuppa and a biscuit between services.

Visitors Cards You will find these cards on the ends of the pews.

We would like you to fill in the details and place in the offering bag or give to an usher or the pastor as you leave the church.

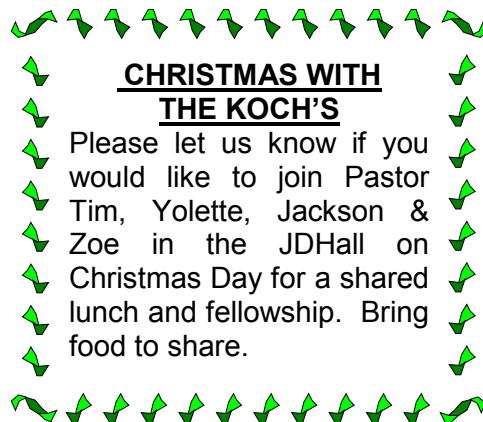
ADVENT EVENING

TONIGHT 6pm in JDHall.

Please bring savoury and sweet to share.

STEP-UP TO COMMUNION

an invitation is being offered on Wednesday 7th Dec at 7pm—join with the Confirmation class.



CHRISTMAS WITH THE KOCH'S

Please let us know if you would like to join Pastor Tim, Yolette, Jackson & Zoe in the JDHall on Christmas Day for a shared lunch and fellowship. Bring food to share.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - A BIG THANK YOU

To all who helped in ANY WAY with the above—those who prayed for us, those who donated money towards the power, those who cleaned the shop beforehand, those who set up or provided trees with their inspiring messages, those who made and donated items for the craft/gift tables, those who baked honey and other biscuits, packaged, priced, wrapped etc, those who helped on the actual days speaking to the community, offering tea/coffee, manning the gift table and those who cleaned up at the end. We also thank Wayne Richards who let us use the shop for no cost and the LLL for the free sample bags. It was a great time of fellowship & outreach to the community. **A FANTASTIC EFFORT BY ALL.** Some comments from the community—lovely, well thought out display, nice to see the real message of Christmas amongst the other commercialism, loved the decorations made by the children, it's good that Christ's arrival is celebrated in the centre of the public domain. We realised \$1626 which will be used for overseas mission. The left over goodies will be offered for sale next Sunday December 4th.

MONARTO
Wardens
Reader
Morning Cuppa

Sunday 4th Dec 10:30am
Colin & Raelene Wegener
Haydn Hein

Rosters

CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday 4th Dec

	9am	10:45am
Elders	Rodney Zanker	Janet Emmins
Wardens	John & Irene Kuchel	David Doecke, Gordon Kuchel
Music		Sheryl Martin
Reader		Tracy Piltz
Greeters	Janelle Traeger Doreen Borchardt	John & Val Spencer
Flowers	Ruth Schrapel	
General Prayer		Deb Colley
Tea/Coffee	Irene Mann, Helen Schubert,	Val Spencer
Data Projector	Ramona Slow	Miegel Family
PA	David Pech	Marcus Jaensch
Ed Cen Clean	Annette Korzeba	

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Address	Heather Courtney
Activity Leader	Heather Courtney
Helpers	Sarah Puust, Joyce Stiller

LUTHERAN MEDIA WEBSITES

Christmas fun for children at www.happyland.com.au & www.redboots.com.au

Check out Christmas stories & resources at www.lca.org.au

TELEVISION

Children... Tune in to **[NINE NETWORK, WIN & IMPARJA TV](#)**
Dec 18, 6am Little Shepherd

[AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN CHANNEL](#)

AUSTAR DIGITAL 182, FOXTEL DIGITAL 182, OPTUS 49 / Digital 182, TRANSACT (Canberra)

Dec 23, 4pm The City that Forgot Christmas

Dec 24, 6:30am Red Boots For Christmas

~Prayer Corner~

For use by friendship groups, study groups, other groups, & individuals.

"Always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do — 1 Thess. 5:16-18

- As we are now in the season of Advent pray that Christ and his love for all will be remembered and not overshadowed by all the activities associated with this time of the year.
 - Pray for all the Lutheran College pastor and teacher graduates as they prepare to enter into the service of the church—that their ministries will be a blessing to those they work with.
 - Ask Jesus the Light of the World to come into your life today and dispel all darkness of sin. Ask for help to walk in the light of His presence and to spread that light into the community of Murray Bridge.
 - Heavenly Father, we pray for those in Resthaven—Nita Jurecky, Dorrie Materne, Rita Bretag, Keith & Joan Neumann, & Jenny Mueller and also for Monica Eckermann, Bob Appleby, Melva Jackson and Maureen Kuchel in Lerwin.
 - Pray for those of our congregation who need special care & help at this time; the sick; the grieving; the lonely. Ask God to surround them with His loving, comforting arms and to give them help, healing and encouragement.
- We think particularly of Vernon Graetz, Judy Franklin, John Mattner (QEH), John Lohmeyer, Bryan Lees, Keith May (M/B Hosp), Edgar Gerhardy, Les Jericho (M/B hosp), Ivy Roennfeldt.**



Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

29/11 Tamara Wohlfeil
 30/11 June Walker, Klaus Brodde, Heidi Law
 1/12 Helen Schubert, Trudy Weber, Riley McLoughlin
 4/12 Luke Richards,

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP (at Unity College Steeple).

WE NEED YOU!!

We are looking for people to assist in a number of ways—please prayerfully consider if you can help in presenting the Christmas message (reading, drama, singing making props etc); baking and wrapping biscuits (home made); sorting costumes and dressing children; welcoming people to worship. People of all age groups are needed. Please let Pastor Tim Cheryl Doecke or Jan at the office know if you are able to assist ASAP.



LOCAL CHRISTMAS

HAMPERS

The congregation is invited to donate non-perishable food items and toys to help towards Christmas Hampers

Some suggestions for toys include books for babies and pre-school children, textas and crayons. hair accessories, water bottles and good quality tennis balls.

All donations can be delivered to church office between 9 and 12 weekdays or left in the box in the foyer of the church.

In today's Bulletin you have received a Flyer which is being using to promote our Christmas Services.

We encourage you to use these to hand to family, friends and others. You may wish to do a letter-box drop in a street or area.

Further copies are available in the Foyer at Christchurch, at Monarto & also the Church Office. Should you require larger quantities contact Jan at the Office.

BRIDGE KIDZ

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Friday December 9th at 4pm at Unity College Junior Campus. Cong members are invited to join them at 5:30pm for BBQ tea and then stay for the Christmas Service. RSVP for catering purposes by 7th Dec. ph 0439 150 015 or email bridgekdz@gmail.com

LOLLIES NEEDED

SUNDAY SCHOOL are again looking for donations of child – friendly lollies to be handed out after the Christmas Eve Service. Please leave all donations with Deb Colley (ph 0408 893 726) or with Jan at the church office. Thanks—much appreciated.



Jesus Christ
 the Love Gift
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 God to You

Come & share this gift with us

Check the back for our times of Worship this Christmas

This Week

Hymns—

Readings—Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; mark 13: 24-37

Sun	27th Nov	6pm	Advent Evening—JDHall		
Mon	28th Nov	9:30am 7:30pm	Cards, Coffee & Chat— Ed Cen Leadership—Ed Cen		
Tue	29th Nov	2pm 6-8pm	Set up for Thrift Shop— JDHall Time Out on Tuesday—Church		
Wed	30th Nov	9-4pm 7pm	Thrift Shop—JDHall Confirmation		
Thurs	1st Dec	9-4pm 9.30 am 10am 11:30am	Thrift Shop—JDHall Bible Study Group—Ed Cen Bulletin Notice Deadline Staff Devotion		
Fri	2nd Dec	9-3pm	Thrift Shop—JDHall		
Sat	3rd Dec	12noon	Sower's F/Gp— Jim & Heather's		
Sun	4th Dec	MONARTO	10:30am	Communion	
		CHRIST	9am	Communion	
			10am	Trading Table—JDHall	
		CHURCH	10:45am	Worship	
			12noon	Sausage Sizzle—JDHall	

MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sunday Dec 11th—Pre-carols concert at 5:30pm
featuring Jack Vidgen (Australia's Got Talent Winner),
and Danielle Catanzanti among others.

Carols commence at 7pm. Food, ice cream, drinks available for your picnic
tea. **FREE Entry.**

Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on.

Presented by Murray Bridge Inter-Church Council.

A cartoon illustration of three children singing. On the left, a boy with blonde hair and a green scarf holds a brown book. In the center, a girl with orange hair and a red scarf holds a white book. On the right, a boy with pink hair and a blue hat holds a white book. All three are looking up and singing, with musical notes floating around them. The entire page is framed by a decorative border of yellow stars.

NEXT SUNDAY

4th Dec

TRADING TABLE

& SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A great opportunity for fellowship,
good food & great bargains.

*Bring your fresh veggies, fruit,
eggs, jam, pickles, plants, cakes &
yummy food*

join us for a lunch and fellowship.

SCRAPBOOKS OF CHRIST

CHURCH HISTORY

For some time Jeanette Zanker has been keeping a Scrap Book of events happening within our

Congregation. Thank you Jeanette for your passion with this. The Scrap Books will be available to view at the Advent

Evening in the JD Hall Sunday night and then be kept in the Bookshop for members to view at their leisure.

STAMPS FOR MISSION

We need more stamps to clean. Please leave in STAMP BOX as you enter church. THANK YOU

BOARD FOR MISSION CALENDAR

December 2011 and January 2012.

See Notice Board in JDHall for prayer points you can use.

Ministry in Schools Task Group

**are seeking donations for
the Carols by Candlelight
BBQ December 11th .**

We require fresh fruit (oranges, apples, bananas etc) or tinned fruit to make fruit salad, eggs or donations of money to buy bread, bacon, onions etc. and people to assist with cooking, serving or setup/cleanup on the night. If you are able to assist please contact Joyleen Kuchel 8532 5353 (evenings).

: THRIFT SHOP

- : Set up Tuesday 29th Nov at
- : 2pm. Helpers please.

: Wed 30th Nov 9-4pm

: Thur 1st Dec 9-4pm

• Fri 2nd Dec 9-3pm

: THANK YOU

SINGLES/SINGLE AGAIN

Christmas Lunch at
the Community Club.
Sunday Dec 11th at 12:30pm.
Please bring a gift to the value of
\$5. Contact Fred Thompson ph
8532 6238

RETIRING OFFERING FOR CHRISTMAS ACTION APPEAL

Christmas Day, Jan1st and Jan 8th.
You can place in offering bag or
send on direct.



Sharing

Share your highs and lows for the week.
Share what you feel units people.

Reading:

1 Corinthians

Read through using three symbols:

? = question.

☼ = sun for when the light comes on.

→ = arrow where Jesus is hitting the mark
in your heart calling you to action.

Talking it Over

What is special about 'Grace and Peace'
from God our Father and the Jesus?

Paul calls the church not to be divided.
What is dividing the church of Corinth?
What causes division?

What does Paul point to so that we live in
unity, and not divided? How does this
apply to us today?

"Jews demand signs and Greeks look for
wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a
stumbling block Jews and foolishness to
Gentiles.." v22 Discuss.

How is God's power and wisdom shown
through the cross? Why do people look else
where, to the bigger and better?

Why did God chose the weak, foolish
things of the world? Why am I tempted by
the strong and wealthy?

"Let those who boast boast in the Lord."
v31 What about Jesus do you boast?

Praying

Ask Jesus to fill you with his Spirit of
wisdom and revelation. Ask Jesus to open
the eyes of your heart to know the hope to
which he has called you. Give thanks to
God for those who brought you to faith and
grew you in faith. Pray for each other.

Verse for the Week

"For the message of the cross is foolishness
to those who are perishing, but to us who
are being saved it is the power of God."
1 Cor. 1:17

Character Conversation Questions

Am I listening or telling Jesus.
Have I taken regular time out.
Have I loved my spouse, parents, family,
friends?
How have I loved people?
What's driving my morality?
How have I used God's gifts to me?
Have I told the truth?
Has the green monster of envy reared it's
head this week?
Am I doing Jesus will or my own?
Where did I encounter Jesus this week?
Did I finish my reading and hear from
God? What am I going to do?
Have I been honest with myself?

Readings

Sunday 27 November

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Monday 1 Thes. 1-3

Tuesday 1 Thes. 4-5

Wednesday 2 Thes. 1-3

Thursday Rom. 1-4

Friday Rom. 5-8

Saturday Rom. 9-12

Sunday 4 December

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a

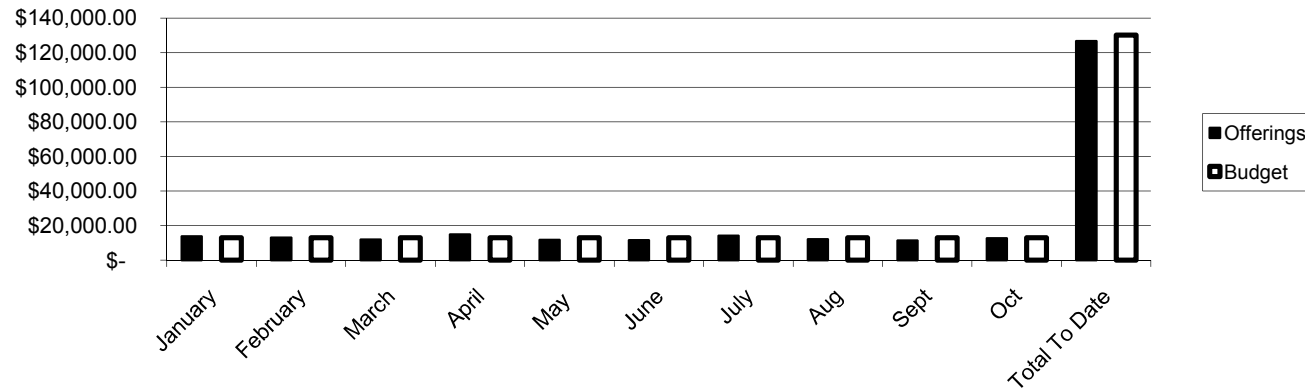
Mark 1:1-8

Treasurer's Report - Update to 31st Oct 2011

Income

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total To Date
Offerings (Plate & EzyReg)	\$13,685	\$ 13,003	\$11,818	\$14,853	\$11,761	\$11,433	\$14,140	\$12,002	\$11,337	\$12,550	\$ 126,582
Budget	\$13,016	\$ 13,016	\$13,016	\$13,016	\$13,016	\$13,016	\$13,016	\$13,016	\$13,016	\$13,016	\$ 130,160

Offerings 2011



Offerings 01/01/2011 – 31/10/2011

Thank you to all for your generous giving during 2011. This is a quick update of Offerings received vs Budget for this year.

We have fallen a little behind to budget:- approx a \$3,500 deficit to the end of Oct. November also looks like being short of budget & will possibly be \$5,000 - \$6,000 short by the end of the year. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

I encourage you to pray for those in leadership as we plan for the 2012 budget and for God's clear guidance, so that we are choosing to follow His direction.

Thankyou & May God continue to bless you. Cheryl Doecke, Treasurer.

Lutheran Women Magazine subscriptions are now due!

Renew your subscription now so you don't miss any news, inspiration, devotions and Bible studies.

Only \$8/year (group subscription) or \$10/year for individuals – **that's less than the cost of 3 cups of coffee!**

A subscription would make a wonderful Christmas gift for any Christian woman, especially one whom you would like to encourage in their faith.

Please contact your congregation's representative for more information or go to the website

<http://www.lca.org.au/lutheran-women-of-australia.html>



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