

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013

- May** 5th Food Fair—JDHall
9 & 10th—Red Cross Blood Bank
15th-17th— Thrift Shop
19th—Messy Church
28th—Conc Kindy Mannequin Parade
- June** 1st Visit by Peter Steicke
2nd Trading Table & Sausage Sizzle
15th—Chaplaincy Trivia Night
16th—Messy Church

LUTHERAN ARCHIVES DISPLAY

Topic: 'For they are our neighbours' - 175 years of Lutheran Mission. At Lutheran Archives, 27 Fourth St, Bowden, on Sat 4 May and Wed 8 May, 10am – 12 noon.

LUTHERAN MEDIA MINISTRY

RADIO Listen to *FACE TO FACE*

Invite others to do the same. Download or listen online at www.facetoface.org.au

28th April Anxiety Interview

Anxiety is a term that covers many fearful conditions such as phobias and obsessive compulsive disorders. A certain amount of nervous energy and fear is actually healthy and quite normal. But when these feelings take over and rule our life they need to be explored. Join us this week as we discuss anxiety and find hope for managing it.

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



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran

427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



Fifth Sunday of Easter
28th April 2013



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

OFFICE HOURS 9am –12 noon: Monday - Friday

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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.

LEADERSHIP

LISTENING TO JESUS

We are called to *GO*

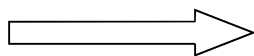
From 'Evangelism by the Book'

“...we must not take His (Jesus) kingdom into our hands, but must follow, be led, listen to Him and do as He directs; nothing more or less”.

LISTENING,

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How could you/we practice Going?

~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. 5:16-1.

- *Pray for the Sudanese congregation who meet in the church on Sunday afternoons—that their worship times together may be uplifting.*
- *Praise and thank God for the rain that has been received and ask for God's mercy that it may continue to fall where it is needed.*
- *Pray for each one of us to do what it takes so that others will come to know and share in the love of Jesus Christ.*
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- *Pray that “we will not take Jesus kingdom into our hands, but will follow, be led, listen to Jesus and do as He directs, nothing more or less”.*

We ask for God's blessings for *Henk Visser, Dawn Jaensch, Audrey Jaensch, Les Ahrens, Judy Franklin, Bryan Lees, John Lohmeyer, Edgar Gerhardy, Gordon Schultz, Wes Herrmann, Ivy Roennfeldt, Alex Warnest, Gwen Traeger, Adut Chol & Nola Reed,*
& pray also for their carers.

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

26/4 Judy Franklin

29/4 Charli Hampel

30/4 Mike Kluge

2/5 Matthew Doecke, Sonia Hein

4/5 Margaret Warnest

PLEASE NOTE

Stella Grose passed away last Sunday morning—her funeral was held at Holy Cross last Friday 26th April with Pastor Tim officiating.

**CHECK OUT THE
PHOTO'S & ART WORK
FROM THE CAMP
IN THE JDHALL**

THRIFT SHOP

Tues 14th May Set up 2:30pm

Wed 15th May 9-4pm

Thurs 16th May 9-4pm

Fri 17th May Feb 9-3pm sharp

Helpers appreciated.

MONARTO
Wardens
Reader
Tea/Coffee

5th May 10:30am
Rob & Liz
Raelene Wegener

Rosters

CHRIST CHURCH

9am

10:45am

Elders	Jonathon & Trish Rohrlach	Marcus Jaensch
Wardens	Brenton & Lorraine Doecke	David Doecke
Music	Alison Grieger	Josh Rance
Reader	Coralie Mattner	Merilyn Schultz
Greeters	Rodney & Jeanette Zanker	Gordon & Merilyn Schultz
Flowers	Helen Schubert	
Data Projector	Kate Frahn	Fiona Mann
PA	David	Nathaneal Mann
Tea/Coffee	Joan Kluge, Ramona Slow,	Janelle Traeger
General Prayer		Dennis Pfeiffer
DVD Videoing	Michael Doecke	
DVD Copying	Bruno Lablack	
Offering Counter		Valerie Jaensch

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Address
Activity Leader
Helpers

SINGLES/SINGLE AGAIN

Sunday May 5th. Meet at Christ Church at 10:15am. Those who would like to go to the 11am service at Salem are invited to attend a family lunch after the service. Please take a plate of savoury to share. You can then go on to Strathalbyn as per programme. Ph Jayne 8532 3227

ADELAIDE PLAINS MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

at Holy Cross
Sunday 5TH May @ 2pm
\$10 Per Person
Includes afternoon tea



Tickets can be purchased from Roy & Velma Zerk 8532561 or Annette Pearce 85321523 AH & at the door on

SERVICE GUILD
meets Wed 1st May at
9:30am in Ed Cen.
Dev: Julie Mueller

GENERAL SYNOD. A DVD will be available showing the **Sunday Afternoon Presentations** made at the Entertainment Centre and also the **Tributes made to outgoing President, Dr Mike Semmler** on Tuesday night. Contact Jan in the Office. *A DVD of the morning Service at the Entertainment is already available.*

Congratulations & God's blessings

to **James & Joyce Stiller**
who celebrate their
Golden Wedding
Anniversary on Saturday
4th May. We hope you have a great
time with Family & friends.



NEXT SUNDAY 5th May

TRADING TABLE

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

Great Bargains

**A CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INITIATIVE OF
THE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY IN MURRAY BRIDGE**

Bridge Kidz is a children's ministry program
For Children in grades R - 5



Offered Fortnightly on Fridays

After School at the Unity College Junior School Campus
Arriving from 3.15pm Child to be picked up @ 5.30pm

Bridge Kidz events

Combine food, fun, games, music, reflection and activity.

Dates for Term 2 2013

Friday, 10th May, Friday, 24th May, Friday, 7th June

Friday 21st June followed by a tea,

and a **Worship Concert** by Chris Jaensch

Writer of Lively Christian Children's Songs

All families and friends welcome.

For more information and registration forms contact

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This Week

Readings Acts 11:1-18; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Hymns Synod Song, AT 80; AT 177; 853

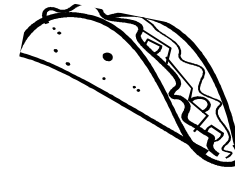
Mon	29nd April	9:30am	Cards & Coffee
		7:30pm	Admin Team—Ed Cen
Tues	30th April	11am	Resthaven Service
Wed	1st May	9:30am	Service Guild - Ed Cen
		9:30am	Senior Care & Visiting Team—Ed Cen
		7pm	Barnabas F/Gp— Hampel's
Thurs	2nd May	9:30am	Bible Study—Ed Cen
		10am	Bulletin Notice deadline
		10:30am	Lerwin Service
		7:30pm	Messy Church Planning—Ed Cen
Fri	3rd May		
Sat	4th May		
Sun	5th May	MONARTO	10:30am Communion
		CHRIST	9am Communion
		CHURCH	10am Trading Table—JDHall
			10:15am SINGLES—Ed Cen
			10:45am Worship
			12noon—Food Fair—JDHall
			2pm - Choir Concert—Holy Cross

Tailem Bend Trinity Congregation invite you to attend our Annual Dinner Friday May 17th at 6.30pm, Lutheran Church Hall, Seymour Street, Tailem Bend
Tickets \$20

Guest Speaker : **Pastor Peter Deng** sharing with us his ministry journey and his involvement with Sudanese Ministry.

For Bookings please contact Cheryle Mickan ph 85737068 or email mickan@internode.on.net

Food



Fun

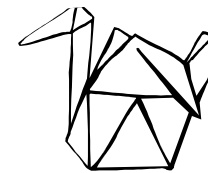
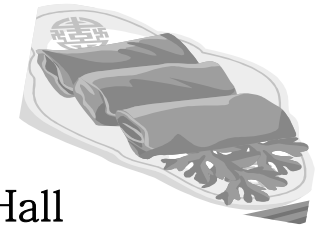


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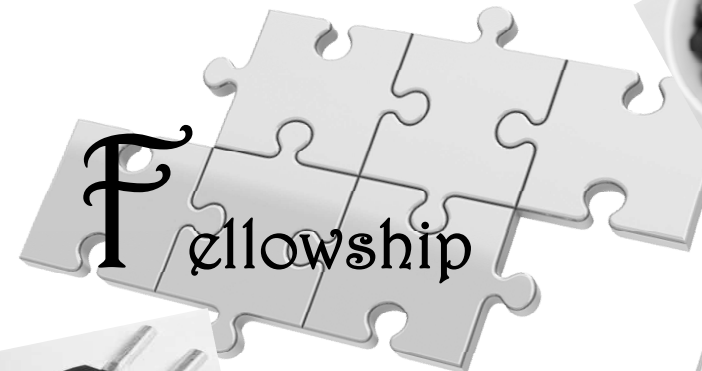
Come join us on
Sunday 5th May

12:15 pm

At the John Dohler Hall



Food \$1 per serve
Free Fun & Fellowship.



GPC had reached this conclusion for a number of reasons, including:

- . the recognition of the 'extended time to resolve the ordination question ... and the frustration being felt', and
- . the fact that Synod would have before it a number of proposals from congregations requesting the ordination of women as well as men.

GPC also advised that the laity of the Church should be involved in the discussion at this General Convention in order to allow for opinions and fears to be raised, and 'that the scriptural and theological issues and practical issues of ordaining people of either gender can be raised, recognised and discussed transparently and in love'.

In the interests of the decision of Synod being recorded and disseminated accurately, it is recorded verbatim below:

'Be it resolved that the Church:

- . receives the progress report of the Ordination Dialogue Group,
- . supports continued study of the matter of hermeneutics (the interpretation of scripture) arising from the October 2011 symposium on this topic,
- . supports study of what consensus means, for the sake of unity in the LCA as a confessional church,
- . requests General Church Council to ensure that a report with recommendations be presented to both General Pastors Conference and the next synodical Convention and the General Pastors Conference gives recommendation to Synod.'

To support this process, 'GPC has encouraged godly and biblically-based discussion in the Church during the coming synodical term in relation to the ordination question'. It will also ask the College of Presidents to ensure that appropriate study material is provided by the Church.

SYNOD NEWS

RAIN NO DAMPENER FOR 5000+ AT ALIVE!175

It wasn't the kind of weather organisers would have ordered for the biggest LCA event in 25 years. But they need not have worried. The first heavy rain of the year didn't keep over 5000 Lutherans away from ALIVE!175. In fact, many considered the rain an extra blessing of God on this day of praise and thanksgiving.

Even by 8.30 the car parks were filling and a sea of umbrellas was bobbing towards the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. 'We came all the way from Caboolture [Queensland]', said one couple, who came early to make sure they got a seat. 'We came on one of the buses from the Barossa', said another.

By 9.00 the crowd of Lutherans in various states of soggy had grown to thousands, and it was clear that ALIVE!175 was going to be a huge event. At 10.00, when the opening service of the 17th General Convention of Synod commenced, over 5000 Lutherans stood as one to sing the stirring processional hymn, 'Lift high the cross'.

Rev Dr Greg Seltz, speaker for Lutheran Hour Ministries in the USA, preached a lively and animated sermon on the Convention theme (and LCA tagline), 'Where Love Comes to Life'. He is accustomed to public speaking, with a weekly radio audience of 800,000.

'There is war in our world and havoc in society and in our relationships. But there is only one love that can hold us together when our lives are broken', he said. 'You can count on Jesus. His love is unique in all the world.

'His is a love that literally comes looking for us: in words we can understand, in water we can feel, in bread and wine we can taste.

'You can count on Christ's love, and only on his love. His love gives us life, and he will bring others to life also as we show and tell broken people that he died and rose for them.'

The service featured some traditional and cherished hymns pumped on with gusto by Pastor Mark Whitfield on the organ, and popular new songs led by Pastor Adrian Kitson and band. A special music feature of the service was the catchy Synod theme song, 'Where Love Comes to Life', written by Pastor Kitson.

The business sessions of General Convention will be held from Monday to Wednesday at Immanuel College.

BISHOP JOHN HENDERSON

Apologies to the people of Melbourne. In my great rush to send out the exciting news of the announcement of Pastor John Henderson as Bishop-Elect, I skipped a very important detail.

Pastor Henderson also served the Outer Eastern Lutheran Church (Croydon and Lilydale), Victoria, 1994–2001. Sorry about that omission.

I also made an error in reporting Pastor Henderson's term as NCCA General Secretary. The dates should have read 2002-2008.

So, now the dates stack up.

WE ALSO HAVE AN ASSISTANT BISHOP NOW

The LCA has its first ever Assistant Bishop (formerly called Vice President). LCA Victoria/Tasmania President Rev Greg Pietsch was elected this morning at the 17th General Convention of General Synod.

Pastor Pietsch is a member of General Church Council, Commission on Theology and Interchurch Relations, the LCA/Uniting Church of Australia Dialogue and the Federal United Churches Chaplaincy Board.

Yesterday General Synod upheld the proposal of the College of Presidents to change the title of the LCA's highest pastoral office from 'president' to 'bishop'. It follows that the role of 'vice president' will now be known as 'assistant bishop'.

LCA STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED

It's taken years and years of collaboration and hard work by all major areas of the LCA, but today it all feels worth it. General Synod was a sea of green cards just now, as delegates enthusiastically endorsed the LCA Strategic Plan. It sets the direction of the LCA, with major emphases on 'grow' and 'go'.

It is a vision for a church (congregations, communities, families and individuals) that grows deep into the Word of God - and that takes that Word into its communities and into the world - with 'mission' embedded in its cultural DNA.

Commenting from the floor, Rev Dr Steen Olsen described the Strategic Direction as 'radical', and urged delegates to not vote for this proposal unless they were each prepared to live out the plan themselves. By endorsing the proposal, delegates have authorised LCA leaders to roll out the Strategic Direction and apply resources to it over the ensuing years.

NORTH ADELAIDE REDEVELOPMENT GETS THE GREEN CARDS

After hearty and heartfelt debate, in the end General Synod voted with a strong majority to authorise General Church Council (GCC) to oversee the detailed master-planning and implementation of the redevelopment of the 'Lutheran precinct' in North Adelaide.

The aim of the staged long-term redevelopment is to make best use of the valuable real estate owned by the Church, and to provide an ongoing stream of income to support the ministries of the LCA.

The proposal to Synod was presented by Executive Officer of the Church Peter Schirmer and GCC member Michael Stolz.

The resolution contains a number of provisos in relation to fitness for purpose, financial viability, due diligence and risk mitigation. GCC will not proceed with the redevelopment unless these conditions have been satisfied.

SYNOD APPROVES INTERIM LOCAL MISSION BOARD

Within the dying hours of the 2013 General Convention of Synod, a new LCA board was born.

The establishment of the LCA Board for Local Mission, on a trial basis, will better coordinate the resources the Church already has, primarily through the districts, Rev Dr Steen Olsen said.

Co-presenting the proposal with LCA Mission Director Rev Neville Otto and LCA Board for Mission Chairperson Loyd Fyffe, he explained that one of the key goals under the LCA Strategic Direction (approved by Synod yesterday) is the development of 'mission culture' in the LCA. A local mission board would contribute to this goal and support this direction, he said.

The resolution by Synod means that there will now be two mission boards in the LCA (at least on a trial basis): one with particular interest in overseas mission, and the new board which will focus on local mission.

ORDINATION QUESTION BACK ON THE AGENDA

On Monday afternoon, General Synod spent several hours engaging in discussion about the ordination of women. This was made possible by a late addition to the agenda.

A resolution from General Pastors Conference (GPC), which met last week, advised General Synod that time for discussion of the ordination question should be allowed at this Convention.