#### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013**

December 15th– Sausage Sizzle –JDHall—12noon 15th—Messy Church Christmas — 4pm—JDHall 24th– Christmas Eve Service—7pm at Unity Stadium - 7pm at Monarto 25th - Christmas Day—9am at Christ Church - 9am—Monarto 31st—New Year's Eve– 7pm at Christ Church

March 2014 16th—Annual General Meeting

Lutheran Church ORGANISTS - an exciting 2014 Diary Date for you ! Zion Glynde Lutheran Church is hosting an "ORGANISTS' MEET AND SWAP"

#### on MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 12 noon to 5pm

This will be an exciting forum for musicians to share ideas and music and to get a few new tips for accompanying hymns and liturgy ...

A net-working day for well experienced organists, those new to playing for worship services and those pianists who are just thinking about it !

Watch for finer details of the day's Program at the beginning of February, 2014. You are welcome to contact: Joy Mildren, joymildren@hotmail.com, or 8367 9969

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# Chríst Church Lutheran

31 Swanport Rd Murray Brídge

## Zíon Lutheran 427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto





2nd Sunday of Advent 8th December 2013





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

<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	9am –12 noon: M	londay - 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.
<u>Visitors Cards</u> 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.

### <u>Please Note</u>

Pastor Tim is planning to use the book "<u>Crazy Love"</u> by Francis Chan as a resource for a series he is running before Easter 2014. It is currently available at the Bookshop from Denise or at the Church Office from Jan. Cost \$16. Get your copy early and do some prereading.

<u>PASTOR STEPHEN MATTNER</u> (a previous Chaplain at Unity) died on Nov 29th and was buried in Geelong on Tuesday 3rd December.

### ALWS Lutheran Action Philippines Typhoon

There will be a <u>Retiring Offering</u> each Sunday during Advent for this Appeal.

## <u>Murray Bridge Carols</u> <u>by Candlelight</u>

at <u>Murray Bridge Race Course</u> TONIGHT at 5.30 with food stalls and activities for the kids.

#### The Carols will start at 7.00

Don't forget to bring a chair and a rug

# ~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 Messy Church next Sunday that God will bless what happens– for the people planning & preparing resources—for the families who come along that they may be touched by the message that they receive.
- O God, as light comes from the Advent candle may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world and to us, as wait for His coming.

We ask for God's blessings for Lil Fiegert, Merilyn Schultz Elva Heinrich, Ev Kuchel, John Kuchel, John Lohmeyer, Gordon Schultz, Gwen Traeger, & also for their carers.

#### Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

- 9/12 Irene Kuchel
  10/12 Trevor Paech
  11/12 Carlien Bissett
  12/12 Charlotte Pahl, Ashley Roocke
  13/12 Stephen Jaensch
  14/12 Kaitlin Penta
- 15/12 Adele Doecke, Lores Frahn, Betty Rowland

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

Wed Dec 11th at 1:15pm in Conc Hall

Social Committee:-Christmas Entertainment Mystery Basket

<u>Devotion</u>: V Zerk <u>Offering:</u> ALWS <u>Hosts</u>: J Stiller, R Waltrovitz <u>Gift Table</u>: M Smith

#### **ROSTERS—WE NEED YOU!!**

We are seeking people to fill

- 1 Grounds roster—May, Oct & Dec
- 2 Readers at the 9am service
- 3 Usher/wardens for both services.

Please prayerfully consider if you can help with any of these areas.

#### MONARTO Wardens Reader

Tea/Coffee

15th Dec10:30amMax & MaxinePenne Lewis– Brown

9am



#### CHRIST CHURCH

#### 15th Dec

Dawn Hampel Elders Wardens John & Irene Kuchel Music June Walker Reader Merle Herrmann Greeters Ross & Merle Herrmann Flowers Cheryl Miegel **Data Projector** Jasamine Traeger PA David Pech Tea/Coffee Joan Kluge, Janelle Traeger **General Praver DVD Videoing** Damien Doecke **DVD Copying** Bruno Lablack **Offering Counter** 

**10:45am** Dennis Pfeiffer J Brodde P O'Connor Josh Rance David Doecke Sue Kuchel, Ruth Schrapel

> Jan Brodde Lees Family

Dennis Pfeiffer

Gerry Korzeba

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Address Activity Leader Helpers Annette Thomson Annette Thomson Shane & Jayden, Sarah Puust

#### MISSING AFTER THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

a small box containing string, scissors and a doll's dress. Please contact Jan at the Church Office. ph 8532 6553

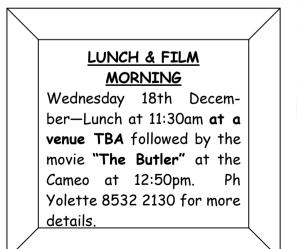
#### LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Subs now due. These have increased—now \$20 (\$10 if you do not wish to receive the LWA Magazine). Please contact Jan Brodde ph 85326553



#### SINGLES/SINGLE AGAIN

**TODAY**—meet at the Ed Cen at 12:15pm for lunch at the Murray Bridge Hotel at 12:30pm Bring a Christmas Gift to the value of \$5. Contact Fred: ph 85326238





#### lan & Deb Colley & Hayley & Monique

will be moving to Strathalbyn to facilitate lan's work as a teacher. However, they will be remaining as members of our Christ Church Family. Therefore, their involvement in "Messy Church" and "In Christ's Company" will continue into 2014.

#### DECORATING CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE CHURCH

TREE IN THE CHURCH The Service Guild will be decorating on Sunday

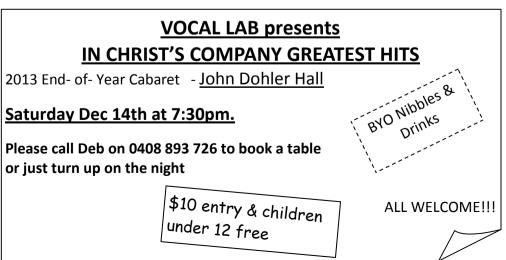
22nd at 4:30pm and would appreciate helpers especially someone to climb a ladder.



# This Week

Readings Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12 Hymns 161, 15, AT 105, 159

Mon	9th Dec	9:30am <b>7:30pm</b>	Cards & Coffee-Ed Centre Property Committee—Ed Cen NO Elders Meeting		
Tues Wed	10th Dec 11th Dec	1:15pm	Pastor's D Women's	Day Off Guild—Con	c Hall
Thurs	12th Dec	9:30am <i>10am</i>	Bible Study—Ed Cen <i>Bulletin Notice deadline</i>		
Fri	13th Dec	6pm	Barnabas F/Gp- Christmas Get Togethe		
Sat	14th Dec	7:30pm	ICC's Greatest Hits- JDHall		
Sun	15th Dec	CHR		10:45am on—Sausag	Communion



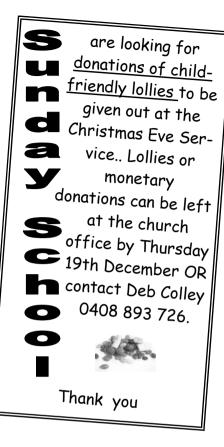


"On behalf of Asia Focus Australia and the Lutheran Church of Mvanmar, we would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the people who have supported the mission work in Myanmar. The Annie production put on by "In Christ's Company" was a huge success and created a tremendous amount of interest and support. Secondly, the fund raising day at the Callington Show was a day of fellowship and outreach to members of the community. Members of Christchurch and others did an outstanding job. Finally all the other efforts to raise funds for Immanuel Children's Home by other members in their own quiet way are very much appreciated. Thank you for your commitment and passion for mission in Mvanmar. lan & Dianne Kluge".

### **MESSY CHURCH DONATIONS**

We will be celebrating Christmas on Sunday 15th December (see insert in bulletin). We are seeking donations of party food to share for the meal. We have a number of families that come along from outside of the regular church family and this is an opportunity for you to show that they are loved.

Please contact Tamra Lees on 8531 1918 if you can help in any way.



**2014 DEVOTION BOOK** Now available. "Time Out With Jesus". Cost \$22. Contact Dennis Pfeiffer 8531 1188

#### NOTICE TO LLL DEPOSITORS

The interest rate on LLL interest bearing Savings Accounts will be 3.50% from 1st Dec 2013.

#### An invitation to retreat *"Finding Balance in Life – Who You Are is Everything"* at Australian Lutheran College, North Adelaide from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Ladies, this is your personal invitation

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

Over the weekend take time to:

- Discover the joy of Christian music for young and old!
- Be encouraged: "Finding balance in Life; You are Everything!"
- 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.
- View displays from the Lutheran Tract Mission, LLL and explore our Christian bookshop.

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

# 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 \$85 inclusive. (You don't have to be a Women's Fellowship member to come along)

Retreat is sponsored by the Lutheran Women of South Australia. Application forms are available from your guild/fellowship secretary.

For further information or an application form(s) contact Christa Dahms on Tel: 8261 2034 or email her at <u>dahms@adam.com.au</u>

Make time to meet @ retreat, January 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2014!



### Includes activities and a meal

# Free!

Contact us for more info:

Jodie Wegener 0407 701 980

Debra Colley 0408 893 726

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Held on the 3rd Sunday of each month

In the John Dohler Hall

31 Swanport Rd

Messy Church will be back on

#### Everyone (all ages) welcome!







Celebrate the birth of

Jesus in a messy way.

Lets take time to stop and reflect on the true message of Christmas.

Bring your friends (and their family) and enjoy a couple of hours of fun, creation, celebration

and food.



Sunday 15th December 4-6pm John Dohler Hall 31 Swanport Road Murray Bridge

# Who is Jesus? Celebrate Christmas with the Lutheran Community of Murray Bridge at Unity College - Owl Drive Murray Bridge **Christmas** Eu Tuesday 24 December 7pm

Lutheran Community of Murray Bridge Holy Cross – Christ Church – Unity College

<u>Christmas Day</u> 9am at Christ Church -9am—Monarto

<u>New Year's Eve</u> 7pm at Christ Church



# CAN YOU HELP??

Preparation for Christmas Eve service.

#### Sunday 22nd December at 2pm at Unity College Stadium

Setting up the chairs – Need people with trailers to shift chairs to the Stadium, and to set out chairs that will already be in the Stadium. (Unity will set up the stage area and roll out the carpet.)

#### Sunday 29th December at 2pm

Packing up chairs and delivering back.

Singing Group to lead the Carols – please contact Christ Church office—ph 8532 6553

### Some people to collect the offering on Christmas Eve-

please contact Christ Church Office.

What a great opportunity we have to invite people to come and hear the Good News. An opportunity that is blessed by the fact that people want to come and sing carols and hear the story.