

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 8TH, 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



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion 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

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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.

Please Note

Pastor Tim is planning to use the book "Crazy Love" 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 pre-reading.

PASTOR STEPHEN MATTNER
(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
Retiring Offering
each Sunday during
Advent for this Appeal.**

Murray Bridge Carols by Candlelight

at Murray Bridge Race Course
**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, Marilyn 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

Devotion: V Zerk

Offering: ALWS

Hosts: J Stiller, R Waltrovitz

Gift Table: 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.

Rosters

MONARTO 15th Dec 10:30am
Wardens Max & Maxine
Reader Penne Lewis– Brown
Tea/Coffee

CHRIST CHURCH 15th Dec
9am

Elders	Dawn Hampel	10:45am	Dennis Pfeiffer
Wardens	John & Irene Kuchel		J Brodde P O'Connor
Music	June Walker		Josh Rance
Reader	Merle Herrmann		David Doecke
Greeters	Ross & Merle Herrmann		Sue Kuchel, Ruth Schrapel
Flowers	Cheryl Miegel		
Data Projector	Jasamine Traeger		Jan Brodde
PA	David Pech		Lees Family
Tea/Coffee	Joan Kluge, Janelle Traeger		
General Prayer			Dennis Pfeiffer
DVD Videoing	Damien Doecke		
DVD Copying	Bruno Lablack		
Offering Counter			Gerry Korzeba

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Y **CHRISTMAS DINNER**
 Friday 20th December at
O 6:30pm in JDHall.
U *Bring food to share.*
t **Check Holly Schiller's**
Facebook page.
h (We're getting the
 band together).

F.Y.I. Ian & Deb Colley & Hayley & Monique will be moving to Strathalbyn to facilitate Ian'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.

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

DECORATING CHRISTMAS 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.



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

LUNCH & FILM MORNING
 Wednesday 18th December—Lunch at 11:30am at a venue TBA followed by the movie "The Butler" at the Cameo at 12:50pm. Ph Yolette 8532 2130 for more details.



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 7:30pm	Cards & Coffee—Ed Centre Property Committee—Ed Cen NO Elders Meeting
Tues	10th Dec		
Wed	11th Dec	1:15pm	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> Women's Guild—Conc Hall
Thurs	12th Dec	9:30am 10am	Bible Study—Ed Cen Bulletin Notice deadline
Fri	13th Dec	6pm	Barnabas F/Gp— Christmas Get Together
Sat	14th Dec	7:30pm	ICC's Greatest Hits— JDHall
Sun	15th Dec		MONARTO 10:30am Communion CHRIST 9am Communion CHURCH 10:45am Worship 12noon—Sausage Sizzle—JDHall 4pm Messy Christmas - JDHall

VOCAL LAB presents

IN CHRIST'S COMPANY GREATEST HITS

2013 End-of-Year Cabaret - John Dohler Hall

Saturday Dec 14th at 7:30pm.

Please call Deb on 0408 893 726 to book a table or just turn up on the night

\$10 entry & children under 12 free

BYO Nibbles & Drinks

ALL WELCOME!!!



"On behalf of Asia Focus Australia and the Lutheran Church of Myanmar, 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 Myanmar.
Ian & Dianne Kluge".

SUNDAY SCHOOL

are looking for donations of child-friendly lollies to be given out at the Christmas Eve Service.. Lollies or monetary donations can be left at the church office by Thursday 19th December OR contact Deb Colley 0408 893 726.



Thank you

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 17th to Sunday 19th 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 dahms@adam.com.au

Make time to meet @ retreat, January 17th – 19th 2014!



Includes activities and a meal

Free!

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!

Contact us for more info:

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Debra Colley 0408 893 726

www.facebook.com/messychurchonswanport

Email: messychurchonswanport@outlook.com

We invite you and your family to:



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 Eve

Tuesday 24 December 7pm

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

Christmas Day
9am
at Christ Church

9am—Monarto

New Year's Eve
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.