

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014

June 6th—Pentecost Combined Youth Event
7th June— Pentecost Men's Breakfast-Holy Cross
8th—Pentecost Tea & Worship—Christ Church
15th—Trading Table & Sausage Sizzle— JDHall
15th—Messy Church—JDHall
18th—Happy Hour—JDHall

July 16th –18th—Thrift Shop—JDHall
20th—Trading Table & Sausage Sizzle— JDHall
20th—Messy Church—JDHall
23rd— Happy Hour—JDHall



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



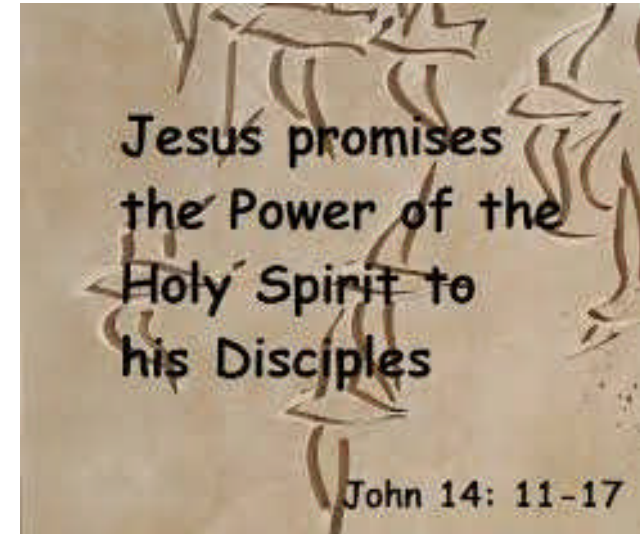
6th Sunday of Easter
25th May 2014

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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-communicating 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.

Welcome

We welcome all visitors & pray you are made to feel at home here in our congregation.

Your Christian Life begins with Christ, continues with Christ—and ends with Christ.

SINGING FOR PENTECOST

Practice will be on Wednesday May 28th at **7pm in the church.**

We will also be singing for the Ecumenical service on Sunday night June 8th in the JDHall.

More singers urgently needed—we welcome everyone.



A BIG THANK YOU

to members of Monarto & Christ Church for all their help in setting up, preparing food and helping to cook and serve over the two days at the Plough day. Special mention to those who battled the marquee.

Special thanks to Yolette, Dawn & Annette for serving the delicious evening meal on Saturday.

PLEASE NOTE

Jim & Heather Courtney no longer have a landline. Please contact them on mobile no 0400 333 422.

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GLENDA WATSON SEMINAR

Saturday 23rd August from 9:30-4pm in JDHall

Under Glenda's inspired teaching and ministry many have been healed from years of emotional pain and even defensive or addictive behaviour, enabling them to develop and maintain successful relationships and fulfilling their destiny in Christ. I encourage you to take the opportunity to experience Glenda's gentle, honest love for her Lord and her desire for the captives to be set free through healing and restoration.

Please invite anyone God places on your heart to also attend.

Glenda will also be involved in both services at Christ Church on Sunday 24th August.

MURRAY BRIDGE ANNUAL ALL CULTURE FEST

Join in celebrating the valued contributions New Neighbours make to the Murray Bridge Community

Murray Bridge Town Hall Saturday June 21st at 1:30pm

Free event fun for all the family
Children's activities
Afternoon tea provided.

RSVP by 16th June to Simone 8539 1182
email: s,zrna@murraybridge.sa.gov.au

TANDARA FAMILY CAMP

(For all ages)

11th-13th July at Tandara Rd, Halls Gap

For families & friends of LCA congregations.



\$100 per family or \$50 for singles (includes outdoor 7 craft activities, relaxation & family time, movie & Bible study, Child minding. Food, Cabin Accommodation (Caravans welcome)

Limited places so register soon
Ph (03)5356 4253

email: tandar.vic@lca.org.au

www.tandar.org.au then click on ministry events and download a registration form.

Registrations close June 30th.

The Country Choral Association 50th Anniversary Concert

To be held in the Barossa Arts Convention Centre, Tanunda on Saturday 20th Sept. at 2pm. Tickets of \$20 adults and \$18 conc. Individual and massed choirs will perform. Holy Cross will hire a bus if enough people are interested ranging from \$17 for a 46 seater to \$29 for a 24 seater. Bus would leave Holy Cross at 12noon. **URGENT** to have numbers for the concert this week if possible as tickets are selling fast. Contact Terry Little on 85324029 or Alan Packer 85322876

~ 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.

- Ask for the church community to be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit empowered as Christ's witnessing servants in the world.
- Give thanks for prayers— big and small—answered.
- Pray to God for guidance of all people in authority, that the decisions they make be pleasing to Him and good for the people in their care.
- Ask God to guide you to where He wants you to be to do His work. Know that He will be with you every step of the way as you step out of your comfort zone. Do not be afraid.
- We ask for God's blessings for Leo & Alma Schulz, Ian & Diane Kluge, Joyleen Stiller, Rita Faehrmann, Lil Fiegert, John Kuchel, Gwen Traeger, & also for their carers.

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

26/5 Dawn Schopp, David Hein
27/5 Nathaneal Mann, Fletcher Davis
28/5 Zoe Altmann
31/5 Jessica Jaensch
1/6 Merv Schopp



Lutheran Media presents

Face to Face

every Sunday at
8.00am on 5RPH 1197
6.45pm on 107.9 Life FM
or **7.00pm on 97.7 Flow FM**
(Local channel)

**1st June Fixing Up Life -
Mark Doecke**

LUTHERAN MEN OF AUSTRALIA SA DIVISION
47TH ANNUAL CONVENTION & AGM
Saturday 28th June 2014
St John's Lutheran Church Woodside
Theme – Communicating Christ
Study Leader – Rev Richard Fox,
Director Lutheran Media
Cost \$20
9am registration
9.30 Service with Holy Communion

LUTHERAN SUBS NOW DUE

Cost \$42

Please collect your tax invoice from the pigeon holes in the JDHall.

Payment can be made direct or to Dennis Pfeiffer
ph 85311188

by Sunday 29th June.

New subscribers welcome.

RECONCILIATION WEEK



Join us for **FREE BREAKFAST**—All ages welcome.

Date: Thursday 29th May
Time: 8-11am
Where: Edward Square

Contact Leah at Reconnect for any enquiries—8532 6303

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A series of short films approaching reconciliation issues with humour, emotion, creativity and honesty.

The Regional Art Gallery
Tuesday May 27th—
Friday May 30th from
12:30-1:30pm



Bring your lunch, bring a friend and an open mind. Tea, coffee & water provided.

FASHION PARADE

(Robyn's Mobile Fashion's)
Friday 30th May at 1:30pm at
Lutheran Homes, Owl Drive, Village Centre.

Hosted by Murray
Heights Lutheran
Village.

Includes Ladies Fashions, Handbags,
Jewellery etc

Everyone welcome.

(Visa & MasterCard accepted)



KAROONDA LADIES GUILD ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Tuesday 27th
May at 12noon
Karoonda

Lutheran Hall

Admission \$12

Guest Speakers: "Mind, Body & Soul"

Cars leave Holy Cross at 11am.



CONCORDIA OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION

are hosting a series of events through the year and warmly invite you to join in and catch up with friends old and new, and reminisce about shared experiences.

See the JDHall Notice Board for further info.

This week ...

Readings	Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21		
Hymns	355, AT 218, 181, 810		
Mon	26th May	9:30am 7 pm 7:30pm	Cards & Coffee—Ed Cen Waterford F/Gp – Function Centre Admin Team –meet Ed Cen
Tues	27th May	11am 7pm	Cars leave Holy Cross for Karoonda Luncheon B Heinrich's F/Gp– 104 Christian Rd
Wed	28th May	7pm	Singing for Pentecost—Church
Thurs	29th May	9:30am 10am	Bible Study—Ed Cen Bulletin Notice deadline
Fri	30th May	<i>1:30pm</i>	<i>Fashion Parade– Lutheran Homes, Owl Dr-Village Centre</i>
Sat	31st May		
Sun	1st June	MONARTO CHRIST CHURCH	10:30am Monarto Hall 9am Communion 10:45am Worship

CONVERGE
Young Adult event
6:00pm Sunday 1st June at St Stephen's, Adelaide

Speaker: Peter Miller
Topic: *The Fulfilling Life* is it just a forlorn hope?
Musican: Matt Cooper

Café style format,
Hot food and coffee.

REMINDER
LLL PASSBOOKS
Due to be sent in before June 1st for update and interest.

Installation of Pastor James Winderlich as Principal of ALC on 10th August at 9am in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Adelaide. If sufficient numbers are interested **Holy Cross** will hire a bus to it leaving at 7am. Contact Terry Little on 85324029 or Alan Packer 85322876

<u>MONARTO</u> Wardens Reader Tea/Coffee	1st June Max & Maxine Terry Franklin	10:30am	Rosters
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<u>CHRIST CHURCH</u>	1st June		
Elders Wardens	9am Dawn Hampel John & Gloria Pohl	10:45am Gerry Korzeba Jan Brodde Barb Cybulka	
Music Reader Greeters	June Walker Alison Grieger Joan Bahr Barbara Noble	Annette Korzeba Dennis & Helen Pfeiffer	
Flowers Data Projector PA Tea/Coffee General Prayer DVD Videoing DVD Copying Offering Counter	Merle Herrmann Cheryl Doecke David Pech Joan Kluge, Janelle Traeger	Fiona Mann Lees Family Dennis Pfeiffer	Delton Schiller
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> Children's Address Activity Leader Helpers		Janet Emmins Janet Emmins Belinda Joppich, Belinda Stiller	

SONS OF KORAH
(A Musical Journey into the Psalms)

Friday June 20th at 7:30pm at St Michael's Lutheran Church Hahndorf.

Tickets \$20 Family Pass \$65
Book tickets online at www.sonsofkorah.com OR get tickets at the door or from St Michael's.

The Australian Christian Meditation Community—SA is having a SILENT RETREAT DAY on Saturday 31st May at St Ignatius Church Hall, Queen Street Norwood from 11.00 am – 4.00 pm. The retreat is to be led by Ruth Fowler (co-founder of the ACMC) and her theme will be "The Journey Continues—on the Path of Christian Meditation". Suggested donation of \$15 and please bring your own packed lunch. Enquiries can be made to Bev on 0407 392 809.

Lutheran Church of Australia. Ms Debbie Venz, LCA Business Manager, introduced and coordinated an engaging presentation by representatives of all departments. The Overseas Mission Department told of people in Cambodia being rescued from poverty and affliction, and being baptised into the Christian faith through the ministry of the Gospel. The comprehensive update on the various courses offered in theology, ethics, education, and training, at Australian Lutheran College reminded us of the wonderful resource we have in this vital institution of the Church. Likewise, information on the growth and development in Lay Ministry (170 people) and its essential role in the ministry of our congregations, made for a very encouraging presentation. We were once again reminded of the significant blessings resulting from the LLL's *Finance with a Mission*, without which we would not be able to achieve as much as we do in ministry. Finke River Mission thanked congregations and individuals for the continuing support for the ministry with approximately 6000 Aboriginal people in Central Australia. It is pleasing to learn of FRM's close working relationship with Lutheran Community Care and the Lutheran schools in Alice Springs. We were encouraged to join *Grow Ministries* in support for the development of resources for ministry with children and youth, such as FaithInk and Faith5. A report on the activities of ALWS highlighted the positive outcomes from projects supported by Lutherans. In 2013, members of the SA/NT District donated \$1.7million. The presentation by Lutheran Media Ministry updated us regarding the new website, programs on YouTube, podcasts, booklets, worship CDs and live streaming resources for the church. And finally, the new Lutheran Archives archivist's presentation, introducing us to the tagline *Preserving our Story*. We are urged to make sure we gather and preserve our stories, in order that the church may remain alive for future generations.

Guest Speaker at the Convention Dinner, Dr Graham Buxton, a lecturer at Tabor College, challenged us to reflect on our personal faith journeys. Are we being short sighted in our ministry of the Gospel? Are we too narrowly focused? Do we fail to recognise the ambiguities and mysteries of the Christian faith? Are we too heavily focused on 'doing' rather than 'being'? The incarnation is, after all, a mystery. We live by faith, not sight. Faith clings to Jesus, who in the mystery of his incarnation, died on the cross and rose again in victory over sin and death. We are by faith, participants and beneficiaries in the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

National Bishop, Pastor John Henderson reiterated the confessional unity which we enjoy as members of the LCA, and the pivotal confession of justification by faith which identifies us as Lutheran. No matter what the season or circumstances of our time, our task of living out the Gospel in our communities remains the same. We are put here to serve, bringing *Love to Life* through faithfulness to our calling as God's people.

The 2014 Budget of \$1,864,000 was adopted by the convention. The expected deficit is \$159,022.

A significant effort has been made to reduce District expenditure over the last Synodical period, sadly resulting in a reduction in support for District ministries and also the LCA. Delegates are encouraged to keep the challenge of supporting the wider church before their congregations.



SA/NT District Popular Report for the 46th Regular Convention (2014)

Theme: *Where love comes to life ...AS WE GO AND GROW*

Mawson Lakes Community Church hosted the convention at **Endeavour College**. The current pastor is Stephen Trautwein. Being a Community Church, the congregation comprises people from a wide range of Christian denominations, each of them bringing and contributing experiences and insights from other Christian traditions, and also people from non-Christian backgrounds. This creates unique challenges and opportunities for a Lutheran congregation.

The College, with its excellent facilities was an ideal venue. The hospitality provided by the members of Mawson Lakes Community Church, enthusiastically supported by members of the neighbouring congregations and Endeavour College Events Coordinator Mrs Julie Freund, was outstanding. The catering was absolutely superb!

Opening worship was led by Pastor Eugene Minge, with Bishop David Altus preaching. Basing his message on the conference theme, '*Where Love Comes to Life...AS WE GO AND GROW*', Bishop David encouraged us to ponder the question, "*what are we prepared to give up, in order that the Kingdom may grow?*" Love comes to life when we ponder the Cross, where Jesus 'lost' himself in order that the world may be found in Him. As Jesus' people, in losing our 'self' consciousness and entrusting ourselves to Him, we *Live*. Taking to heart "*Love coming to life as we Go and Grow*" therefore, challenges us to prayerfully resolve to be 'losers of self' in order that those about us may become 'winners' with us in Christ.

The Principal of Endeavour College, Ms Heather Vogt, welcomed delegates and distinguished guest Mr Tony Zappia MP, Federal member for Makin. Ms Vogt, together with the College chaplain, Pastor Dale Gosden, presented the history of Endeavour College which was established in 1998 and now serves 500 students from culturally diverse backgrounds. A video presented the college through the eyes of students.

Pastor Gosden interviewed two people, Nerise and Ryan. Nerise is a current Year 11 student who spoke about the blessings of coming to the school as a Christian active in church life, and being nurtured in the school. Ryan, a 2013 graduate came to the school with no interest in the Christian faith. However, through the ministry of the College has come to faith through, and was baptised on Easter Day 2014. Both students affirmed the value of Lutheran Schools.

Federal member for Makin, Mr Zappia, was most positive in his praise for the life and work of the Lutheran Church, both with respect to the firm foundation of its teaching, and its practical demonstration of the Christian Faith through its people's engagement in the wider community by way of Lutheran Schools, Lutheran Community Care, and Lutheran Aged Care.

Bishop David Altus, in presenting his report, highlighted the importance of caring for our pastors and managing our resources for the sake of the Gospel in changing times. He called on each congregation to talk about its future and consider what sacrifices it may be willing to make for the sake of the whole church, in order to sustain ministry of the Gospel in each

of our regions.

Bishop David spoke about the importance of staying in relationship with each other through effective communication. He thanked the 50% of district congregations which replied to his letter last year seeking feedback on their challenges and concerns. Congregations are asking the question: "What can the District do for us?" He foreshadowed a full review of all District departments later this year, and acknowledged that Synod needs to determine the best way to be good stewards of our District property in North Adelaide.

Bishop David thanked the Assistant Bishops, Pastors Tim Klein and James Winderlich for their support and called the delegates to pray for James as he takes up the role of Principal of Australian Lutheran College.

District Church Council

The following pastors and lay members were declared elected.

Pastor David Altus (District Bishop), Pastor Tim Klein (First Assistant Bishop), Pastor Michael Steicke (Second Assistant Bishop), Mr Mark Schwarz (District Finance Consultant), Pastor Geoffrey Havelberg, Pastor Tom Hoffmann, Pastor Eugene Minge, and Lay Members Mr Craig Hall, Dr Judith Jaensch, Ms Sharyn Mooney, Ms Johanna Pietsch, and Mr Mel Zerner.

Lutheran Community Care Director, Mrs Helen Lockwood, on the theme *Helping Individuals, Families and Communities*, presented us with the stark reality that in SA there are 210,000 people living in poverty, 39,000 of whom are children. LCC is keen to *grow* relationships of service and ministry with schools and congregations. LCC is thankful for the generous support for this ministry of Christian service, and urges congregations to participate, through hosting local events, in *Anti-Poverty Week* (12-18 October), information on which was distributed to delegates.

Aboriginal Ministry SA. The Chair, Pastor Robert Schubert reiterated that the Board is committed to the long term development of Aboriginal leaders in the Church, and is making steady progress in so doing. Pastor Edmund Bilney, who shepherds groups of Aboriginal people within the Adelaide area, shared with us some of the positive developments in this ministry. People interested in SA/NT Aboriginal ministry are encouraged to consider participating in the *Fish 'n' Mission* fun and fellowship tour from 9-15 September.

Mission Department Dr Steen Olsen, Director for Mission, invited us to appreciate the importance of working together to *Grow* the Church through effective local mission. At the heart of such endeavour is to constantly apprehend the radical nature of the good news of the Gospel, and then taking radical steps in passionately sharing it. It means developing a mission culture and approaches which are relevant for the 21st century. It means stepping forward prayerfully in faith, being prepared to let go of some of the old familiar ways, and reskilling ourselves in order that we may better expend ourselves and our resources in meeting the needs and opportunities which God has set before us right now. Dr Steen spoke of the department's involvement in supporting African and Asian ministry, and the planting of new worshipping communities. He announced the secondment of Mr Dean

Eaton to work with the Board on church planting projects and other initiatives. As a result of financial restraints, the position of District Communications Coordinator has been discontinued. Dr Steen thanked Mr Valdis Andersons for the work he has done over the past 5 years in this role, especially his visits to congregations throughout the District. He also thanked Mr Nevin Nitschke for his valuable work in producing resources and leading workshops throughout the District in his role as Mission Facilitator. Nevin has taken up the role of LCA Director for Lay Ministry.

Table Discussion Dr Olsen presented an overview of the LCA Strategic Direction 2013-2018 document, highlighting the first three strategic priorities: 'Grow as God's people', 'Go as God's people' and 'Enable us to Go and Grow'. Delegates participated in table discussion based on the five questions that were discussed in congregations prior to convention. They focused on the common strengths, opportunities and challenges experienced by our congregations.

Children Youth and Family Ministry Director, Ms Fiona Weckert, spoke of the burgeoning success of the *Blueprint Ministries* the department's camp ministry which caters for hundreds of children and young people, with hundreds of young adults volunteering as leaders. These leaders are a significant resource in the Church. Ms Weckert strongly urged congregations to recognise and utilise these young leaders as a valuable resource in their local ministries. She further urged congregations to encourage/sponsor a young person to attend the *EMERGE* leadership Conference at ALC on 17 May. Information on this conference was distributed to delegates.

The Professional Standards Unit Mrs Liz Crawford (LCA) and David Biar (SA/NT) reinforced the message that Professional Standards are for the purpose of preventing harm, and caring for the vulnerable, especially children. (1 Peter 5:1-5)

Lutheran Schools Association Director, Mr John Proeve, cited the testimony of one of the Endeavour College students on the occasion of the opening of convention, as an example of the significant influence Lutheran Schools have on the lives of so many people who have not experienced Christian community prior to attending school. He shared the fact that welcoming students of differing faith backgrounds brings with it the responsibility of not compromising the foundations of our Lutheran faith. Mr Proeve also informed us that Lutheran Education Australia is celebrating 175 years of Lutheran Education on 5 September 2014. The theme for the celebration is *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*.

Chaplaincy Ministries Director, Dean Eaton, encouraged us to recognize that these ministries flow from the work of the congregation, and the Chair of the Chaplaincy Ministries Council, Mr Danny Perkins, challenged congregations to find ways of being involved. The impact of chaplains in the lives of people outside the close community of the congregation is significant.

Aged Care Council Chair, Mr Matthew Johns, presented information regarding the projected growth in the requirements of care for the aged, and invited people to consider the ministry of caring for the aged as an area of full-time service.

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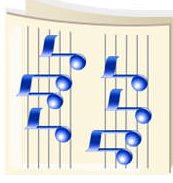


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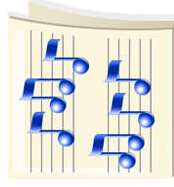


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