

COMING EVENTS

March	15th	Trading Table & Sausage Sizzle—JDH
	15th	Christ Church AGM 1:30pm
	18th	Lenten Service 7pm
	20th	C.H.I.L (formerly Messy Church)—JDH
	22nd	Church Picnic at Monarto 10:30am
April	1st	Maundy Thurs (Wed) at Monarto 7pm
	2nd	Maundy Thurs -Christ Church 7pm
	3rd	Good Friday - 9am at Christ Church - 10:30am at Monarto
	5th	Easter Sunday - 6:30am-Monarto - 6:30am — River - 9am –Christ Church



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran

427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



3rd Sunday in Lent
8th March 2015

WHY DID PEOPLE GO TO THE TEMPLE?

1. THEY WENT TO THE TEMPLE TO MAKE SACRIFICES.
2. MAKING SACRIFICES HELPED THEM REMEMBER THE SAVIOR WOULD SUFFER AND DIE FOR THEM.

WHY WAS JESUS ANGRY AT SOME OF THE MEN AT THE TEMPLE?

1. THEY SOLD ANIMALS IN THE TEMPLE.
2. THEY WANTED MONEY.
3. THEY DID NOT THINK ABOUT GOD.

*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.

Welcome

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Next Sunday 15th of March at 1:30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

to Roy Traeger who celebrated his 85th birthday yesterday 7th March. He enjoyed a lovely day with family and friends.

OFFERINGS FROM LENTEN SERVICES

will be given to CPS Workers (school Chaplains)

MONARTO MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

All In Worship services will now take place on the second Sunday of the month. The next **All in Worship** is on Sunday April 12th.

NEXT SUNDAY 15th March



TRADING TABLE

Bring your fresh veggies, fruit, eggs, jam, pickles, plants, cakes etc.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

12noon following 10:45am service.



Join us for fellowship and yummy food.

Monarto—Christ Church Picnic

Sunday March 22nd - 10:30 am at the Monarto Oval.

Worship at 10:30 am including a Prayer Tent (NO The second service at CCL)

Shared Lunch around 12 noon. (Please no hot food)
Bring your own chairs or picnic rug.. bicycle. BYOG. afternoon tea to share.

We will provide coffee, tea, water, paper plates and foam cups.

Afternoon Games for all the family, sporting and novelty items starting around 1:30 pm. (including cricket, croquet, bocci., golf, water balloons, tug of war, kites to fly, scavenger hunts etc.)

There will be an opportunity to ride a bike to the old Monarto Church on a safe dirt road (6.5km).

HERE TO STAY

“You’re Losing Us”

More than young people each year are leaving the Christian Faith and deciding that they have “no religion”. Despite all of our children’s, youth and young adult programs we have not been able to stop this mass exodus.

An invitation is extended to key leaders and thought leaders to join a conversation and to lead a process for change that starts at local church level.

Register online and mark your calendar.
www.here2stay.org.au

Thursday March 26th at the Burnside City Uniting Church, cnr Portrush Rd & Fisher St, Tasmore. 9:30am to 1:30pm—no charge.

NOVO (Camp for yrs 7-12) 17th –20th April at Cornerstone College, Mt Barker, Theme: “Unlikely Heroes”
Register online
blueprintministries.org.au/camp/novo

~ 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.



- Thank God for additional opportunities to grow in Lent.
- *With the AGM next week pray for the direction of the congregation—that the will of Jesus is done—not our own.*
- Give thanks for the wonderful gift of Jesus and all that he blesses us with. Ask him to help us share our blessing with others, giving us opportunities to demonstrate his love.
- *Jesus, help me to follow you with the same single-mindedness with which you went to the cross for my sake. Amen.*
- *We ask for God's blessings for Murray Pope (Mary Potter Hospice), Joyleen Stiller, Jeanette Zanker, Lil Fiegert, John Lohmeyer, Brenton Mann, Mike Kluge, Trudy Weber, Roy & Gwen Traeger, Leo Schulz & also for their carers.*

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

9/03	Ann Doecke
11/03	Peter Jaensch, Helen Pfeiffer
12/03	Bradley Klenke
15/03	Adrian Miegel, Lorna Penhall, Cameron Eckermann

WOMEN'S GUILD

Wednesday 11th March at 1:15pm
in Conc Hall.

Guest Speaker: Joy Gierus
Devotion: C Schache
Hosts: Y Lablack, M Zwar
Gift Table: J Ahrns
Offering: Aboriginal Missions,
 N/Guinea Medical (Solar Panels)

ZONE RALLY AT LAMEROO

Wednesday March 18th at 9:30am.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was a German pastor and theologian who had a striking journey and public witness against the Nazi regime. Thursday 9th April 2015 is the 70th anniversary of his martyrdom. A series of events have been planned in Adelaide. Check out bonhoeffer2015australia.wordpress.com for further information. Contact Di Thiele 0420 945 525 or ditheliving@gmail.com for further information.

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

has arrived. What a beautiful sound! If you would like to make a donation towards this ministry resource, please place an envelope in the offering bag marked "Sound System donation" or see the Treasurer Valerie Jaensch.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

For Annual "Garage Sale" for Saturday 4th July (\$20 to book a table).
 Ph 8532 2130 Yolette to book.

MONTHLY MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 21st March
 JDHall at 6pm with a pooled finger food tea, followed by the movie at approximately 10 to 7, then finger food desert/supper.
 Hot and cold drinks provided. All Welcome. No Cost.
 The movie "Facing the Giants". A failing high-school football coach finds that in order to succeed he must convince his team that there's more to sports than fame and glory in an inspirational tale of courage on the gridiron field and the power of God's word. Suitable for all ages.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Our Maundy Thursday service this year will include the Passover Meal plus a full evening meal. For this we are asking for your help & support.

Our requirements are:

- 5 large Legs of mutton (depending on size)
- CHATS potatoes
- 3-4 pumpkins (depending on size)
- Frozen peas
- Gravy
- 3 dz eggs

Are there any volunteers to cook any of the above?

We are also having a Breakfast on Sunday morning & require the usual foods – cereals, jams butter, etc

Gifts in kind for both meals are very welcome, but to defray other costs, we are having a retiring collection for the next 2 Sundays after each service.

Please consider how you can help in any way. For more information, please contact Coralie Mattner. Thank You

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Coming Week ...

Readings : Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Mon	9th Mar	PUBLIC HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am Cards & Coffee— Ed Cen
Tues	10th Mar	10:30am English Lessons - Ed Cen
Wed	11th Mar	1:15pm Women's Guild—Conc Hall 7pm Mid-Week Lent—Holy Cross
Thurs	12th Mar	9.30am Study Group— Ed Cen
Fri	13th Mar	
Sat	14th Mar	
Sun	15th Mar	9am Communion 10am Trading Table—JDHall 10:45am Worship— Baptism 12noon Sausage Sizzle—JDHall 1:30pm Annual General Meeting at Christ Church 10:30am Communion at Monarto

OPEN DOORS

- (Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide)
- *Presentation: "Dangerous Faith"*
- Thursday 19th March at 7:30pm
- Church Of Christ, Seventh St
- For more info visit website www.opendoors.org.au

AWAKEN (Young Adults Retreat)

March 13-15 for persons aged 18-30.
Venue: Shiloh Hills Camp, Ironbark
Cost \$45 for first timers, \$65 for others.
 Includes Worship, Pub Meal, Laser Skirmish etc.
Contact: events@sa.lsf.org.au
[facebook.com/LSFSAus](https://www.facebook.com/LSFSAus)

Rosters

MONARTO **15th March** **10:30am**
Wardens Barolo Family
Reader Penne Lewis-Brown

22nd March **9am**
Wardens Tyson, Trevor & Joy
Reader Barolo
Tea/Coffee Jodie & Nathan

CHRIST CHURCH **15th March**
9am

Elders	Rodney Zanker	10:45	Gerry Korzeba
Wardens	Allan & Dawn Hampel		David Doecke
			Polly O'Connor
Music	June Walker		Josh Rance
Reader	Alison Grieger		Lyn Zadow
Greeters	Ross & Merle Herrmann		Delton & Lynette Schiller
Flowers	Joyleen Stiller		
Data Projector	Bev Frahn		Piltz Family
PA	David		Roger Hampel
Tea/Coffee	Brenton & Lorraine Doecke,		Joan Bahr
General Prayer			Delton Schiller
Offering Counter			Delton Schiller
DVD Recording	Martin Lees		
DVD Copying	Bruno Lablack		

SUNDAY SCHOOL **15th March**
Children's Address Lynette Schiller
Activity Leader Lynette Schiller
Helper Belinda Stiller

MID-WEEK LENT (18th March) **7pm**
Wardens Merv & Dawn Schopp
Music Coralie Mattner
Reader Heather Courtney
Greeters Gordon & Shirley Lutze
Data Projector Chris Beauglehall
PA Andrew Grocke



Cyclone, chooks and chainsaws

by Rob Edwards

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Neighbours are helping neighbours to clear their yards. My neighbour cooked a meal for an elderly lady down the road a bit, and people are checking on each other to see if they are okay. People have put posts on community facebook pages: 'I have a chainsaw and I can help you clean up your yard; just ask'.

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There were some light-hearted stories about eggs floating in floodwaters and of chooks that escaped drowning. It was a healing time. We prayed each other through it and we did what the church is supposed to do. We prayed for the emergency workers, for the leaders and the medical workers. We prayed for our community, which had been through such torment, and we prayed for ourselves — that we could use this as an opportunity for God's love to shine through.

I thought that people might just drift off home, but Edna had prepared morning tea and insisted that we eat it all. One of the men pulled the BBQ out and pretty soon the kettle was boiling on the grill. Nothing was going to prevent this morning tea. It seemed important to everyone. We were not going to be beaten. We were going to celebrate our lives, our comfort, our togetherness. No matter what happens, we are the church, God's people, God's beloved. There is always reason to gather together and celebrate.

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