

## COMING EVENTS

<b>Sep</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>Men's Car Rally</b>
	18th	<b>C.H.I.L.—JDHall</b>
	20th	Trading Table & Sausage Sizzle—JDHall
	26th	Movie Night—JDHall
<b>Oct</b>	10th	<b>Men's Breakfast</b>
	16th	C.H.I.L. – JDHall
	18th	Trading Table & Sausage Sizzle
	<b>25th</b>	<b>Reformation Service— Unity College</b>
<b>Nov</b>	12th	Senior's Christmas Luncheon—JDHall
	15th	Trading Table & Sausage Sizzle <b>Men's Style</b>
	20th	C.H.I.L—JDHall
	<b>20th-22nd</b>	<b>Christmas Tree Festival—Town Hall</b>



*Christ Church Lutheran*  
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

*Zion Lutheran*

*427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto*



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
30th August 2015

faith  
action

*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.

## Welcome

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

## AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE (ALWS)

We will have guest speakers from ALWS (Jonathon and Julie Krause) at all the services next week both here at Christ Church and at Monarto.

Please note that there will be a retiring offering for ALWS after each service.

**“If you can't sleep,  
don't count sheep—talk  
to the Shepherd”**

## APPROACHING MARRIAGE

Congratulations & God's blessings to **Brett Wegener and Melissa Carson** who will be getting married at Monarto Lutheran Church next Saturday 5th September.

## BILLETS REQUIRED

Can you help!!!

**Kairos Ministry** are seeking billets for 6 single people for the team members running the next course taking place at Mobilong Prison-September 22nd to 25th. If you can help please contact the church office.

## WE ADVISE OF A POTENTIAL UNDERTAKING TO DEVELOPE THE FUTURE OF UNITY COLLEGE

This is to let you know that there are discussions taking place to investigate a proposed partnership between Unity College and Spring Head Lutheran Primary School. This is in the initial phases of investigation and will require the support of the LSA before further progress can be made.

The families of both Unity College and Spring Head are being advised by letter.

Any other progress will be advised via the College Council representatives and will of course form a major discussion point at the Association AGM later this year.

If you have any questions at all or would like to discuss this further, please contact the Principal Julian Denholm, or Chair of College Council, James Bormann.

## “Double Art” Concert

At Zion Lutheran Church, 15 Glynburn Rd., Glynde  
Enter off Lewis Road

**Sunday 27 September 2:30pm**

Featuring **Pastor Stephen van der Hoek**, highly accomplished organist and pianist, recently returned from interstate to live at Mt Barker.

Among his most notable awards are the prestigious National MBS Young Performer of the Year Award (piano - 2008), winner of the Adelaide Eisteddfod Concerto Piano Competition in 2008 and recipient of the St John's Organ Scholarship in 2002.

This event also features **an art display** of sculptures, landscapes and figurative paintings in pastels and oils by talented artist, **Lyle Bartel (retired Pastor)**. Some items will be for sale.

**Tickets at the door \$10, includes afternoon tea.**

Contact: Joy Mildren 8367 9969,  
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## ~ 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.*



- Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who are hurt over the question of women's ordination in the Lutheran Church of Australia, and for those who feel threatened or afraid. Give us confidence in your Son, our Saviour, and help us to walk the path of respect for each other and care for those who feel marginalised or unwelcome. Grant us grace to turn to you in humility, repentance and prayer. Direct us so that we may walk in your paths, and help us understand and accept your will in this matter so that we may know the truth and gladly live by it as servants of Christ. In Jesus name. Amen.
- Pray for the Kindy children, Kaiden, Kallan, Kushal, Leah, Josiah and Jeremiah.
- We ask for God's blessings for Robert Grieger, Merle Herrmann, Rita Faehrmann, Darren Piltz, Joyleen Stiller, Jeanette Zanker, Lil Fiegert, John Lohmeyer, Mike Kluge, Roy & Gwen Traeger, & also for their carers.

### Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

31/08	Maureen Kuchel, Betty Zadow
03/09	Yvonne Kuchel, Lyn Zadow
05/08	Ross Herrmann, Tracy Piltz
06/09	Ryan Hage, Natalie Sickerdick

*We appreciate your response with  
food donations for Teen Challenge  
- Thank You.*



We are continuing our collection of non-perishable food donations. Please place your donations in the boxes at the front of the church or drop off at the church office.

**A list of suitable foods is available in the JDHall.**

## WOMEN'S GUILD SOCIAL AFTERNOON

Wednesday 9th September  
at 1pm in JDHall.

Guest Speaker: David  
d'Lima

Topic: Family Matters

Devotion: Pastor Greg

Hosts: Executive & Social  
committees.

Members bring a savoury  
and a sweet please .

All interested people wel-  
come, men, women and non-  
members.

*We would appreciate help  
to set up at 11:30am on  
the morning of the 9th.*

## RESTHAVEN AND LERWIN

**Ecumenical Service on  
Tuesday 1st September  
at 11am & Thursday 3rd  
September at 10:30am.**

**This is our ministry.**

**Please come and  
be part of it.**

# MEN

Calling all men;

- Car Rally Sept. 13, RSVP 6th Sept to Office
- Breakfast Oct 10, 7.30am in hall. RSVP 4th Oct to Office
- Sausage Sizzle Men's Style! Nov 15th.

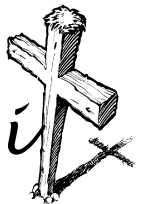
Now is the time to join together to support each other in our relationship with Jesus, as we seek to follow him, and be the men he has created us to be. I need you, and we need each other if we are to be the wonderful, strong, courageous, loving men of faith that Jesus gave his life to make possible.

Be there, not because what we do is interesting, but because in Jesus we love one another, and so what to support, encourage, build each other up to dream and live out boldly Jesus call on our lives.

Reserve these dates as a Priority.

"This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own." Eph. 6:12,13

*Bring Your Sons  
Living i*



# Coming Week ...

**Readings:** Deut 4:1,2,6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7: 1-8., 4,15, 21-23  
**Hymns:** 152, 243, 11271, 442

<b>Mon</b>	<b>31st Aug</b>	9:30am	Cards & Coffee— Ed Cen
<b>Tues</b>	<b>1st Sep</b>	10:30am 11am 2pm 7:30pm	English Lessons—Ed Cen Resthaven Service <b>Set up Thrift Shop— JDHall</b> <b>Worship Team Meet -Ed Cen</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>2nd Sep</b>	9-4pm 9:30am 7:30pm	<b>Thrift Shop— JDHall</b> <i>Senior Care Team— Ed Cen</i> <b>Confirmation—Holy Cross</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>3rd Sep</b>	9-4pm 9:30am 10:30am	<b>Thrift Shop— JDHall</b> Bible Study—Ed Cen Lerwin Service
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4th Sep</b>	9-4pm	<b>Thrift Shop— JDHall</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>5th Sep</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6th Sep</b>	9am 10:45am  9am	Worship Worship <b>at Christ Church</b>  Worship <b>at Monarto</b>

## THRIFT SHOP – JDH

Wed 2nd Sep 9-4pm  
 Thurs 3rd Sep 9-4pm  
 Fri 4th Sep 9-2:30pm  
**Helpers appreciated to  
 set up 2pm Tues 1st Sep  
 and pack away on Friday.**

## SINGLES/SINGLE AGAIN

Sunday 13th September.  
 Meet at the Murray  
 Bridge Hotel, Sixth St  
 at 12:30pm.

**MONARTO** Sep 6th 10:30am  
**Wardens** Haydn & Penne  
**Reader** Barolo  
**Tea/Coffee**

# Rosters

## CHRIST CHURCH 6th September

	9am	10:45
<b>Elders</b>	Ian Kluge	Gerry Korzeba
<b>Wardens</b>	John & Gloria Pohl	David & Joy Lienert
<b>Music</b>		Sarah Fiebig
<b>Reader</b>	Coralie Mattner	Sue Kuchel
<b>Greeters</b>	C Mattner, J Rosenzweig	David & Ann Doecke
<b>Flowers</b>	Pat Kuss	
<b>Data Projector</b>	Bev Frahn	Piltz Family
<b>PA</b>	David	Nathaneal
<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	Margaret Warnest, Margaret	Jenke
<b>General Prayer</b>		Graham Schubert
<b>Offering Counter</b>		Valerie Jaensch
<b>DVD Recording</b>	Ron Jericho	
<b>DVD Copying</b>	Basil Zadow	



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 6th September Leader Tamra Lees  
 Helper Belinda Stiller

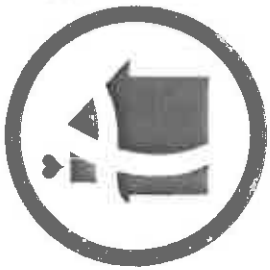
## BISHOP HENDERSON'S REPORT TO GENERAL SYNOD

At the forthcoming General Synod, voting delegates will be updated on the many issues now facing the LCA. The most notable issue at present is the Ordination of Woman. But what is the LCA doing about other contemporary issues in our society eg.

Same Sex Marriage, Domestic Violence, Refugees & Asylum Seekers  
 Terrorism, Persecution, Substance abuse, Indigenous Recognition  
 "Lutheran Renewal", Our Church's response to Child Sexual Abuse.

Answers to these and other issues can be found in Bishop John Henderson's comprehensive report that he made to the recent General Pastors Conference. It can be downloaded from the web site at

<http://www.lcasynod.org.au/2015/08/13/update-8-lca-bishops-report-to-gpc/>  
 or ask Jan at the Office to print you a copy. It's 29 pages long but worth the read.



# TAKING FAITH HOME

30 August 2015  
PENTECOST 14B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:

**Putting God's word into practice**

### Intentional Living

Plates of food, gifts from above, signs of a Father's gracious love. Thank you, God! Amen.

### Verse for the week

Don't just listen to the word. You fool yourselves if you do that. You must do what it says.  
JAMES 1:22

### Blessing

May God give you a clean heart, so that all you say, think and do pleases him. Amen.

## FAITH 5



**share** your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the **FOURKEYS Faith Talk**.

**read** and highlight a passage of scripture in your Bible. These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

<b>Sunday</b>	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Authentic religion
<b>Monday</b>	Mark 7:9-20	What makes people unclean
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 29:13-16	The wisdom of the wise will perish
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 1:10-20	Stop doing wrong, learn to do right
<b>Thursday</b>	Isaiah 58:1-10	Worship that pleases God
<b>Friday</b>	Colossians 2:6-8, 16-23	Christ, not human tradition
<b>Saturday</b>	Psalms 112:1-8	God will bless the just
<b>Sunday</b>	Mark 7:24-37	Christ heals the Gentiles



**talk** about how the Bible passage relates to your highs and lows or discuss some of the ideas in **FOURKEYS Devotional Practices**.

**pray** for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.

**bless** one another using this week's blessing or make up your own.

# FOUR KEYS for the Home



## 1. Faith Talk

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Would you prefer to listen to, play or sing a piece of music? Why?
- The apostle James tells us that, as Christians, we should not only listen to what God's word tells us but also act on it. How do you listen to God's word? In what ways do you put your faith into action?
- What helps you to put your faith into action? What stops you or holds you back?



## 2. Devotional Practices

James 1:26 says, "People who think they are religious but say things they should not say are just fooling themselves." In your household devotion times this week give household members an opportunity to apologise for things they may have said that have caused hurt or offence to others. Then take time to affirm and encourage one another with your words. Pray for God's help to use your tongues in helpful, positive ways.



## 3. Service

The apostle James tells us that true worship of God includes looking after "orphans or widows who need help" (James 1:27). Do you know any single people or people who are isolated from family at this time? Are there ways in which you can support, encourage or assist them? Plan a practical course of action that will show you to be "doers" of God's word.



## 4. Rituals and Traditions

We read in Mark 7 that Jesus accused the Pharisees of setting aside the commands of God to observe their own traditions (Mark 7:9). Take some time to discuss the traditions that characterise your household. In what ways do they reflect God's place in your life together? What is one tradition into which you introduce a faith element, or what is a new faith-based tradition you could make part of your home life?



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Yes, there is a risk to the church. After Convention, feelings could run high. Some people are saying that whichever way Synod votes on the ordination question, some people—or even entire congregations or groups within congregations—will leave on the grounds of conscience. However, as we work through this issue, shouldn't we be confident of God's blessing as we allow the love of Christ to guide our actions?

If you are anxious about all this, please don't rush into anything that is aimed to harm others or their reputations. Let's stay away from deeds that we might regret or that might bring the gospel of Christ into disrepute. Division is a sadness that brings no joy or satisfaction. Every other possibility must be explored first, and we must give time for that.

In these weeks leading up to Convention, I encourage you to prayerfully reflect on Paul's encouragement to the Ephesians (4:2,3): 'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.'

Therefore, before we do anything after this convention, as a whole church we will need to stop, reflect and breathe deeply. If we have prayed and been receptive to the Holy Spirit in the lead-up to Synod's meeting, then we will surely continue that practice once it is over. If there is no change in our teaching, there will still be substantial pastoral and theological work to be done. If there is change, it will not happen immediately. The preparatory work will take time.

The August 2015 issue of *The Lutheran* (p22,23) contains a delightful story about Pastor Bill Stolz, about to turn 100, and his wife Melva. Bill says, 'Whatever happens, I pray that we will not split if the vote is to ordain women. It would weaken our church, not strengthen it, if people leave. I don't agree with [the ordination of women] but I wouldn't leave the church over it.' As someone who, for 26 years of his ministry knew the division of Lutherans in Australia, he goes on, 'It was a very unfortunate thing when our church was divided. Many of us fought so hard, for decades, for union. We might have our differences, but that shouldn't break our communion.'

Bill's positive spirit is a witness to all of us as we face this challenge before us. We are to treasure, and not easily discard, the fruits of the labour of the generations through whom God blessed us with the united church we have today. Through the same Spirit who led and informed those who have gone before us, we can approach this Convention of Synod confident in God's grace and firmly trusting that the church is his handiwork and his alone.



## Pastoral Letter on the Unity of Synod

from Pastor John Henderson, LCA Bishop

August 2015

Dear fellow members of the LCA,

Soon our church will gather in a General Convention of Synod. No matter who you are or where you worship, the decisions made at the convention will affect you. They'll affect all of us—and our children and our grandchildren. Even if you won't be attending as a delegate or visitor, you have been asked to pray for the delegates, for the convention and for the church herself.

The question of Women and the Call to the Office of the Public Ministry will not be the only issue on the agenda, but it promises to be the most controversial one.

It might not be the single most important issue in the kingdom of God, but right now it offers us a practical opportunity to get to the heart of some stuff that really matters: how we hear God speaking in the Bible, who we are as Lutheran Christians and what we hold most dear. If you wonder why we are still having this conversation, it's because, after many years of study of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, and two Synod votes, the question has not been satisfactorily resolved. Nearly 50 years after the union that brought the LCA together, God continues to test our faithfulness. Are we ready to listen?

As the convention gathers in worship, hears God's promises and celebrates the gospel, God is preparing our church for the even bigger questions to come. The world is rapidly changing. Current global events threaten to make the pace of change increase even more. Now is the time to learn once more what it is to entrust our future to God, believe in his gospel, use his good gifts wisely and well, and follow the guidance of the Spirit who motivates us.

Understandably, there are those who feel anxious about what General Synod will decide. Others just want to move on. To face the future together, we need to confess our fears, identify our hopes and accept the challenges that we are called to face. If we can handle this difficult discussion with integrity, honesty and peaceful hearts, submitting to the inspired word of God as the 'only true source, norm and rule, and standard of all teaching and practice in the Christian Church', we will learn some important things that will help us with the issues that lie a head of us. With God's help we will continue to proclaim the gospel to a world so much in need of it.