

COMING EVENTS

Oct 25th	Reformation Service— Unity College
Nov 7th	Professional Standards Workshop— Holy Cross
8th	Lutheran Homes AGM—Owl Dr Village Cen
12th	Christmas Luncheon—11:45am in JDHall
15th	Trading Table & Sausage Sizzle Men's Style
20th	C.H.I.L—Sound Shell (Edwards Square) - 6pm.
20th	Christmas Lights Celebration, Edwards Square
20th-22nd	Christmas Tree Festival—Town Hall
28th	ADVENT EVENING –JDHall



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran

427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
18th October 2015

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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.

The next **PROFESSIONAL-STANDARDS WORKSHOP**

will be held at Holy Cross on Saturday 7th November. All leaders and those working with children or the aged and vulnerable who did not attend the last one in June will need to attend this one.

Congratulations & God's blessings

to **Emily Miegel** (daughter of Phil & Cheryl) and **Trent Mueller** (son of Ian & Julie) for their upcoming marriage on Saturday 24th October at 1:30pm here at Christ Church. We wish Emily & Trent all the best for their special day and pray that they have a blessed future together.

Thanks to  **Pastor David Christian** who is preaching at both services at Christ Church today and to **Pastor Peter Welke** who is preaching at Monarto.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Next Sunday there is a combined service at 10am at **Unity Steeple**.
There are no services at Christ Church or Monarto.

“AGM Notice – Murray Bridge Lutheran Homes Inc”

The Annual General Meeting of the Murray Bridge Lutheran Homes Inc. is to be held on **Sunday, the 8th November at 7.00pm at the Village Centre, 51 Owl Drive, Murray Bridge**. Members are invited to attend.

(Members are all voting members of the Murray Bridge Lutheran Congregations (known as Christ Church, Holy Cross & Zion Monarto) & Residents of Murray Bridge Lutheran Homes.)

A Book of Reports including the Agenda will be available at the Church Office from the 12th October 2015 for your information prior to the meeting.



TEEN CHALLENGE OPEN DAY

Invitation to Living Free Centre Open Day on Saturday 31st October from 4-6pm at the Centre –197 Norton Summit Rd, Norton Summit. Come and see what the staff and students have been up to in 2015.

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

Presents the FOSSILS live in concert, Saturday 21st November at 7:30pm at Concordia College.

The FOSSILS stands for folks of the sixties sing iconic legendary songs—they include Peter Combe and Leigh Newton among others.

Doors open 6:30pm.

Cost \$20 adults \$10 children.

Proceeds support children living in poverty, refugees settling in Australia, families on low incomes.

For booking call 8269 9333

CAN YOU ASSIST— MYANMAR FUNDRAISING

Next Sunday 25th October some of our members will be helping at the Callington Show.

We are seeking donations of cakes (we can supply the foil containers to cook them in so they are uniform); **homemade biscuits** including honey biscuits (no nuts); & **slices** which we ask you to leave in a slab (we will cut them up). *Please provide a list of ingredients for anything you make (we will label them).* Also please mark your containers with your name so we can return them.

Your donation can be left with Jan at the church office by 11am on Friday 23rd October. (biscuits can be left earlier).

2016 ROTARY CALENDARS FOR SALE

Featuring photos of Murray Bridge & surrounding areas
Cost \$20 (\$10 commission to Christ Church)
52 chances to win \$100, \$30 or \$20 cash

~ 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.



- Lord God, we thank you for those who are working together to plan for the Callington Show Outreach Stall, for the Christmas Tree Festival and for the Christmas Lights Celebration—all of which are coming up in the near future. We ask that you speak to the hearts of people that they may support these volunteers by offering assistance where they can—either by providing goodies or by volunteering to assist during the events.
- *When I think of the times I frustrate you, Father, I can only thank and praise you that you still love me and have saved me through Jesus Christ.*
- We ask for God's blessings for Quentin Barolo, Adut Chol, Rita Faehrmann, Darren Piltz, Joyleen Stiller, Lil Fiegert, Mike Kluge, Roy & Gwen Traeger, & also for their carers.

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

20/10	Harry Schulte, Elise Altmann
21/10	Tamar Pfeiffer, Sienna Law
22/10	John Kuchel
23/10	Luke Courtney, Melanie Thiele
24/10	David Lienert, David Ratsch
25/10	Bradley Frahn

Friends of Lutheran Archives

(FoLA). The next meeting will be on Monday 26th October, 7.00 pm (please note the change of time), at Bethlehem House, Flinders Street, for the AGM, followed by guest speaker, Dr Christine Lockwood.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 25th

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16th at 2pm
FRIDAY OCTOBER 23rd at 2 pm
AT HOLY CROSS



Reminder!



Thursday
November 12th
at 11:45am in the JDHall
for our Christmas Lunch

The cost of the meal
will be \$20
& payable by November 1st

Anyone welcome

Please return slip with \$20 and
your diet choices by Sunday
November 1st to Dawn Hampel or
Church Office.

**KEEP BRINGING IN
THOSE PAPERS**
**Thank you for your support of
this ministry.**

If you are dropping off material
to the paper shed please make
sure there is nothing with names
and addresses (personal infor-
mation) on it.

RESTORATION AUSTRALIA

This programme will feature
Luke Frahn (son of Rob & Liz)
& his family at Holowiena
Station (near Hawker) on
Tuesday 20th October on
the ABC TV at 8:30pm. A
story of station life 150
years ago.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

**Sunday 22nd November– 6pm Carols in the Bush
at Rockleigh Uniting Church**

**Christmas Eve—Christ Church 7pm at the Steeple
Monarto– meal at 6pm—
followed by service at 7pm
Christmas Day—9am—Monarto
10:30am—Christ Church**



**There is no service at Christ Church on New Year's Eve - you
are welcome to join an Ecumenical service at 7pm at
a location to be announced.**

Coming Week ...

Readings: Isaiah 53:4-12; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
Hymns: 344, 855, 377, 858, 397, 856

Mon	19th Oct	9:30am	Cards & Coffee— Ed Cen
Tues	20th Oct	10:30am 7pm	English Lessons—Ed Cen Shalom F/Gp— 142 Adelaide Rd
Wed	21st Oct	7:30pm 7:30pm	Leadership Team—Ed Cen Confirmation—Holy Cross
Thurs	22nd	9:30am	Bible Study—Ed Cen
Fri	23rd Oct	Cakes & Biscuits for Callington Show can be left at office by 12noon.	
		2pm	Choir Practice at Holy Cross
Sat	24th Oct		
Sun	25th Oct	10am	Communion—Reformation Unity Steeple

Myanmar Flood News – Elections in Myanmar

The monsoonal rains have abated and people are trying to rebuild their homes and source enough food. Rice is being brought in to the country from India and other places. Thank you for your support of our appeal for members of the Lutheran churches in Myanmar on behalf of Asia Focus. Pastor August is currently in Myanmar spending time with both Pastor Martin and James and will update us further on his return. The election is taking place in Myanmar on Saturday 7-11-15 and hopefully the more democratic party led by Aung San Suu Kyi will be elected. Christians are finding it harder and the present government is trying to pass a law that if people change from their faith in Budha they must publicly advise the council chairman which will lead to persecution. Please pray for the elections that the right people get in power. Christians in Myanmar are finding it more difficult to practise their faith and we need to pray for them that God may use his power to influence the government. Ian & Dianne Kluge

MONARTO Oct 25th 10am
Wardens Haydn & Penne
Reader Nathan Wegener
Tea/Coffee

Rosters

CHRIST CHURCH 25th October 10am
Elders Gary Beaglehall, Dennis Pfeiffer
Wardens Allan & Dawn Hampel
Reader Ben Traeger
Greeters Gordon & Marilyn Schultz
Flowers Holy Cross
Prayer Sabine Jericho
Offering Counter Marie Mueller
DVD Recording Ron Jericho
DVD Copying Basil Zadow



MONTHLY FREEWILL OFFERINGS

	<u>September Actual</u>	<u>Sept.Budget</u>
Offering plate	7,773.00	7,390.00
REG	3,475.00	2,985.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,248.00	\$ 10,375.00

Freewill offerings are \$7,851 above the projected income figure to the end of September

September Retiring offerings:

\$ 309.75 LCA General Synod
 \$ 1,073.55 Aust.Luth.World Sevice

Submitted by CCL Treasurer

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

20th -22nd November

Time is moving on and we are now seeking donations & helpers for the Christmas Tree Festival. **We would appreciate your help to set up on Thursday 19th November and to assist during the 3 days of the festival. Please let Jan know at the church office if you can assist.**

We are seeking donations for

Morning & Afternoon Tea – we need 500gm coffee, 2 kg sugar, 8lt milk, 2lt cordial, 500gm margarine, 1/2kg cheese, 7 jars jam (raspberry, apricot or strawberry) & 3x 600ml cream, & honey biscuits.

These can be delivered to the office by Sunday November 15th.

Contact Jan Brodde ph 8532 5050 or 85326553 for more details.

Biscuits for the Gift Table – eg honey biscuits, anzacs, shortbread or whatever you choose. We need to package & label the biscuits so please bring in bulk (ice cream container) together with the names & ingredients for the biscuits.

Please deliver to the church office by Sunday 15th November.

Contact Coralie Mattner ph 8532 3064 for more details.

Dear fellow members in the body of Christ,

It is with gratitude to God that I write to you after our recent General Convention of Synod in Rochedale, Queensland. I write on behalf of the College of Bishops, which met on Monday after Convention to reflect on how best it might serve you at this time.

The Convention was blessed with wonderful local hosts, a superb venue, perfect weather, good food and peaceful surroundings. We give thanks to our God for these people and things, and we especially thank him for the daily worship, the presence of his Spirit, the strengthening power of Word and Sacrament and a willing spirit among those present.

As I daily looked across the room of delegates I frequently felt as St Paul did in Acts 28:15. Seeing the people gathered together in faith encouraged me, despite our debate on a difficult doctrinal issue. We handled many important matters during the Convention, but the one everyone was waiting for was the proposal 'that the LCA accepts the ordination of both men and women and amends Theses of Agreement VI and the Constitution accordingly'. On Saturday, after hours of respectful dialogue and debate over the previous two days and Scripture and prayer led by chaplains, delegates came forward to the Christ candle to place their ballot in the basket. It was an awe-inspiring moment. Many were evidently in prayer.

Of the 423 delegates registered at Convention, 269 (64%) supported the resolution and 145 (34%) opposed it. The remaining 2% were absentees or informal votes. The vote was fair and close. The Constitution of the LCA requires a 2/3 majority on such an issue, and therefore the doctrine and practice of the church remains unchanged.

The outcome of the vote has left people with a variety of responses and emotions, some of them quite strong. This is hard, but it is human and quite normal. The bishops have also experienced a range of emotions, coupled with some exhaustion after working so intensely for so long. We believe, therefore, that it is too soon to understand the full impact of the vote. It is obvious, however, that there is work to be done. Part of that work, decided by Synod, is to prepare a doctrinal statement on the ordination of women and men.

Right now, though, there is something more immediate we need to be doing. In the closing sermon on Sunday I asked, 'What happens next?'

The first thing we need to do is pause and breathe, just as the delegates did from time to time during the debate, and as Jesus also did after intense times in his ministry. This is not our church, but God's. That's why Convention resolved '... that the church enter a period of careful theological reflection and pastoral work for the next synodical term ...'

During the closing hours of Convention, delegates were already demonstrating what we need to do. They had sat together throughout the Convention. They had dialogued and listened to each other, sharing what was on their hearts. Knowing one another as they now did, after the vote many remained behind to care for each other. People encouraged one another and quietly prayed together. Tears and fears were evident in the room, but there was also comfort and consolation. The mutual consolation of Christians was clearly evident at that moment. For example, one table group that had expressed a wide divergence of passionately held views reported that they now value each other so much they will be friends for life. My prayer is that we will all commit ourselves to this type of action. **Where love comes to life** can be given new meaning as we lovingly work through the situation in which we find ourselves.

I especially encourage our pastors to follow in this way of Christ. Blessing and encouraging God's precious people must be at the forefront of our pastoral practice. Gentleness and compassion, often sacrificial, must come first. It is written that despite everything that was done to him Jesus loved his own to the end. He willingly went to the cross for their sake (John 13:1). Pastors, as servants of Jesus Christ, can do no less at a time in the life of the church when so many people need your help and wise counsel.

So let's now take the space we need as we receive the outcome of the Convention. Your church leaders are feeling many of the same things that you are. We don't have immediate answers but we do know that it is unwise to rush into action before we have waited on the Lord.

Your bishops also recommend that as a church we wait a while before deciding on opening up public conversation spaces as we did with OWL. For this reason, we won't be receiving comments just yet on the Convention website or the LCA official Facebook page. If you are involved in private

blogs or Facebook pages, please help the church by publishing content that exhibits Christian respect, love, grace and compassion. When all the parts of the body love and respect each other, so the whole body is honoured, and Christ is served.

Many delegates reported that the highlight of Convention was the daily celebration of our unity and of the church of which our Saviour has made us a part. For the many of you who were not able to attend Convention, please ask your delegate to share with you his/her experience of the unity we shared around the Christ candle. Your bishops pray that all of us are strengthened to continue in this spirit. Each one of us can play a part, as we speak well of each other in love.

'And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 4:7 NIV).

To God be the glory.

Pastor John Henderson

Bishop, Lutheran Church of Australia
on behalf of the College of Bishops:



TAKING FAITH HOME

18 October 2015
PENTECOST 21B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:

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mealtime prayer

Lord, you fill each cup,
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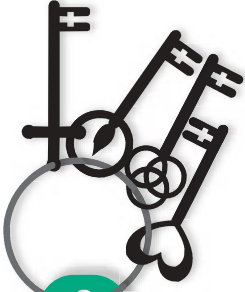
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- Share about a time when you felt important.
- Who is considered important in your town or city? Why?
- What makes someone great in God's kingdom? (read Mark 10:43-44).
- How did Jesus make himself the "slave of all"? In what ways can we follow his example?



2. Devotional Practices

Jesus told his disciples that following him would involve suffering (Mark 10:39). In your household devotion times this week, pray for Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. Visit the website www.persecution.org to read about specific people and situations in need of prayer.



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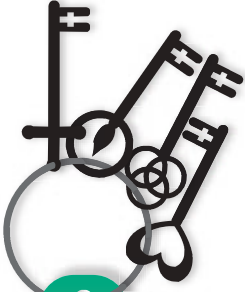


4. Rituals and Traditions

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