

COMING EVENTS

Dec 5th Movie Night—JDHall
13th Community Carols—7pm at Racecourse.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

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.



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran

427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
where love comes to life

First Sunday of Advent
29th November 2015

Count down to Christmas

OBEEDIENCE

God + an obedient carpenter
= Birth of the Saviour
of Our Family

God uses a village carpenter.
A man used to making his own decisions.
A man who follows his own designs.
A man with calloused hands
but an obedient heart.

*Are you obedient enough for
Him to use YOU?*



*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.

Thanks to
**Pastor Peter
Welke** who

is preaching at both services at Christ Church today.



Community Carols

Murray Bridge Racecourse
Sunday December 13th
starting at 7.00p.m.

Food will be
available
for purchase
from 6.00 p.m.



Programs and candles
will be for sale as well.

Gates open at

5.30pm

ALL WELCOME

LLL CALENDARS

Now available. Please see
Gary Beagle-
hall for your
copy.



PLEASE NOTE

Mike Kluge passed away last Wednesday 25th November. Our thought and prayers are with Joan and Ian & Dianne and their families and friends.

Dear members of the LCA/NZ

Yesterday afternoon a catastrophic fire, fanned by gale-force winds, raged out of control eastwards through farmland north of Gawler in South Australia, towards the northern Barossa.

At least two people were killed, and this morning media reports said three people were unaccounted for. Thirteen people have been hospitalised, among them fire-fighters in critical conditions. Thousands of farm animals have been killed or will need to be put down. The extent of property damage will not be known for some time.

Members of Lutheran congregations, including those at Balaklava, Greenock, Freeling, Eudunda, Gawler and Nuriootpa, have homes or farms in or close to the fire-affected area. Last night LCA SA/NT District Bishop David Altus heard that several homes belonging to Lutherans or to Lutheran school families had been destroyed, with others under threat. This morning he learnt that the churches at Bethel and Nain may have been surrounded by fire but were spared.

John Proeve, Director of Lutheran Schools Association SA, NT & WA reports, however, that 'sadly, there has been considerable loss of property experienced by staff, parents and relatives connected to some of the schools', but he is thankful that 'at this stage it appears that no-one in our communities has been injured'.

Last week, near Esperance in Western Australia, four people died in firestorms that burnt more than 200,000 hectares, including 30,000 hectares of crops. More than 100 properties were affected. St John's pastor Jason Pokela says that while emotional damage is hard to measure, he is seeing these sorts of feelings: -grief at the loss of life; in a tight farming community, loss of livelihood and live stock, including the pain of having to destroy suffering animals—guilt over having a full crop left when neighbours were burnt out, -physical and emotional exhaustion for firefighters. But Pastor Pokela also says the community 'is really pulling together to help each other out through donations, opening their homes, and volunteering'.

DONATE — The LCA has activated the Disaster and Welfare Fund. Donations will be distributed by the WA and SA/NT Districts.

Donate immediately at donation.lca.org.au clicking on this link will take you directly to the donation page.

- **Transfer funds to** BSB: 704942 Account #: 13286 (S1) Account name: LCA Disaster and Welfare Fund
- **Phone 1800 556 457** (LLL)
- **Mail cheques**, payable to 'LCA Disaster and Welfare Fund' to: LLL, PO Box 45, North Adelaide SA 5006. .
- Only cash donations are needed at this time.

~ 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 that this time of Advent will be one of reflecting and preparing for the coming of Jesus.
- Pray for the lives of those who will be touched by the Christmas message—that they will want to have a growing relationship with Christ Jesus.
- Lord God, We ask for God's blessings for Quentin Barolo, Adut Chol, Rita Faehrmann, Darren Piltz, Joyleen Stiller, Lil Fiegert, Roy & Gwen Traeger, & also for their carers.

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

30/11	Klaus Brodde, June Walker
1/12	Noah Paech, Helen Schubert
4/12	Luke Richards

Thank You

Lighting of the Christmas Tree @ Edwards Square

A **Big Thank You** to all who shared the load for such a wonderful event. To the CHIL families & organisers who braved the outdoors & took on a new challenge & to the Monarto men & ladies who helped with the BBQ. We forwarded \$328.90 to Teen Challenge from your donations.

Many thanks
- Gerry Korzeba.



Teen Challenge continues to experience a greater number of people seeking assistance. As you heard they must now rely on donations as they have no funding. Can you help by donating non-perishable goods? It would be appreciated if you could think about donating something Christmassy for hampers. eg Christmas Cake or Pudding, fruit, jelly, long-life custard, shortbread biscuits, lollies etc These can be left at the office or in the box in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Wed 9th Dec.

Meet at 10am at Holy Cross Meeting Room. (NOTE change of time and venue)

Devotion: L Rosenzweig.

Offering: ALWS

Lunch at the Church of Christ, Seventh St.

2 course roast for \$15 a head.
30 seats available.

Bookings Marilyn Smith 8532 6751 or 0427 020 542 OR Margaret Warnest 8532 1334.

Thank You

A very big heartfelt, grateful and thankful Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the **Christmas Tree Festival**. We appreciate the many hours of time, effort and expense many of you have given. Thank you to all who were an encouragement and support to us also.

But it is all glory to God for the opportunity He gave us to be His messengers through the tree presentations with all their messages.

We had a very successful event with much positive feedback from the community.

The money raise will be divided equally between local school chaplaincy and ALWS.

God's blessings to you all.
The Committee

Christmas With the Koch's

Tim & Yolette will be celebrating Christmas at home this year. If you would like to join them in the JDHall for lunch please contact Yolette on 8532 2130 for further details.

GIFT TABLE

Next Sunday 6th

December we will be holding a



sale of the remainder of the craft items from the Christmas Tree Festival. So come and get some early Christmas presents.

The Tailem Bend Christmas Carols

conducted by the Combined Christian Churches of Tailem Bend, in the Tailem Bend Town Hall. Friday December 11th at 7:30pm. If you want a non commercial Christmas experience this is it."
Gold coin donation.

Coming Week ...

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Matthew 1:18-25
Hymns: 733, 414, 746, 2

Mon	30th Nov	9:30am	Cards & Coffee— Ed Cen
Tues	1st Dec	10:30am 6pm	English Lessons—Ed Cen <i>Shalom F/Gp— Christmas Break-up— Owl Drive</i>
Wed	2nd Dec	10am 7:30pm	<i>Senior Care & Visiting Team— Church of Christ Coffee shop.</i> Confirmation—Holy Cross
Thurs	3rd Dec	9:30am	Bible Study—Ed Cen
Fri	4th Dec		
Sat	5th Dec	6pm	Movie Night—JDHall
Sun	6th Dec	9am 10am 10:45am	Communion Gift Table— JDHall Worship
		10:30am	Communion Monarto

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

Please come and join in the fun on Friday Dec 4th at 10am at Sturt Reserve. Have a go at free inclusive water and land based sport/ recreational activities for people with or without a disability. There will be a free healthy BBQ lunch, face painting & more. Further info contact Faith Box 8539 1126.

Rosters

MONARTO Dec 6th 10:30am
Wardens Max & Maxine Paech
Reader Penne-Lewis Brown
Tea/Coffee

CHRIST CHURCH 6th December
9am

Elders	Gary Beauglehall	10:45	Dennis Pfeiffer
Wardens	Brenton & Lorraine Doecke		David Doecke
	Ian Pumpa		Polly O'Connor
Music	Alison Grieger		Sarah Fiebig
Reader	Coral Coulter		Sue Kuchel
Greeters	June Walker, Grace Hill		Audrey Jaensch, Yolette Koch

Flowers	Irene Kuchel		
Data Projector	Jasmine Irvine		Piltz Family
PA	David Pech		Lees Family
Tea/Coffee	Irene Mann, Helen Schubert		
General Prayer			Graham Schubert
Offering Counter			Valerie Jaensch

DVD Recording Ron Jericho
DVD Copying Basil Zadow



SUNDAY SCHOOL 6th Dec
 Leader Gloria Pohl
 Helper Belinda Joppich

Movie Night

Saturday 5th December. John Dohler Hall at 6pm
 with a pooled tea, followed by the movie at approximately 10 to 7, then finger food dessert/supper after. Hot and cold drinks provided. Come along to a friendly small gathering of movie watchers. **All Welcome. No Cost.** Silver Bells -Competitive sports caster Bruce Dalt wants his wife to win their neighbourhood's Christmas decorating contest and his son, Jason, to be the star of his basketball team. But when Bruce scuffles with Jason's coach, he's "sentenced" to managing a Salvation Army kettle during the holidays. Will something as simple as ringing a bell transform his life? G Rating.