

## COMING EVENTS

Dec 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*

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**6th December 2015**

*Count down to Christmas*

**CARE**

God + Busy Inn-keeper  
+ Care  
+ a Stable

= A place for the birth of the Saviour for  
our Community of Murray Bridge.

God uses an over-worked motel owner with a  
Spirit of Care to provide a place for  
The Son of God to be born.

*Are you caring 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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A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL - Toll Free Number 1800 644 628

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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.

### Congratulations & God's blessings

to **Mary Schenscher** who was 85 on Wed 2nd December. She will be celebrating with her family today at Wellington.

### Community Carols

Murray Bridge Racecourse  
next 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  
Beauglehall for your copy.  
Gary has some copies of the  
financial report as well.  
Please see him between  
services.

### RETIRING OFFERING FOR CHRISTMAS ACTION APPEAL

this will be happening after the  
Christmas Eve Service, after the  
Christmas Day Service and on the  
27th December.



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.

### AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking volunteers to letter box drop around the vicinity of Unity College. We would like to invite those families to our Christmas Eve Service at the “Steeple”. Please prayerfully consider if you can help—maybe a walking group, young people in a group together, if it is your neighbour hood. Please let Jan at the office know and she can give you the flyers.



### ADELAIDE: Transport - Are you travelling to Alice Springs?

Are you or someone you know travelling to Alice Springs soon? The LCC Op Shop at Blair Athol would like to transport clothes and goods to our shop in Alice Springs but need your help to save money on large freight charges. If you have space available and can pick up a few items before you leave for your holiday please contact Di Gerrie at 08 8269 9300.

## 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

## ~ 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.*



- O God, as light comes from the Advent candle may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world and to us, as we wait for His coming.
- Pray for the children who are graduating from Kindy soon As they move forward in their journey of life may they know the blessings of Jesus Christ and grow in His loving relationships with them.
- Pray for all the people who have suffered heartache & loss following the SA bushfires & for anyone who is going to be assisting with the recovery process.
- Pray for the residents of **Lerwin** – Colin Kuchel, Gordon Kuchel, Gert Fiegert, Stewart Jaensch, Maureen Kuchel.
- *Pray for the residents of **Resthaven** – Kevin Thiele, Barbara Noble, Eric Scheer, Rita Bretag, Joan Neumann, Dot Noller, Jenny Mueller, also for Rita Schiller, Dawn Jaensch & Laurel Geisler (Mannum)*
- Lord God, We ask for God's blessings for Irene Kuchel (M/B Hosp) 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

7/12	Annette Thomson
9/12	Irene Kuchel
10/12	Trevor Paech, Simone Lees
11/12	Carlien Bissett
12/12	Charlotte Pahl, Ashley Roocke
13/12	Stephen Jaensch, Martin Lees

### 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.



To those who helped in any way with the Advent Evening last week—setting up, decorating the JDHall, working in the kitchen, cleaning up, organising the program, or presenting items. It was a great way to start the Advent season preparing for Jesus' birth.

### HELP WANTED

We need some more people for the **grounds roster** for the months of May, October and December for next year. Please prayerfully consider if you can assist. Thank you.

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PAUL CRIGHTON.

At Monarto Oval on next Sunday 13th December at 12noon. All Welcome.

# Coming Week ...

**Readings:** Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6  
**Hymns:** AT 206, 369, 221, 10, AT 294

<b>Mon</b>	<b>7th Dec</b>	9:30am	Cards & Coffee— Ed Cen
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Elders meet—Ed Cen</b>
		7:30pm	<i>Property Committee—Ed Cen</i>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>8th Dec</b>	10:30am	English Lessons—Ed Cen
		7:30pm	<i>10:45 Music Gp— Ed Cen</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9th Dec</b>	10am	<i>Women's Guild - Holy Cross</i>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Confirmation—Christ Church</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10th Dec</b>	9:30am	Bible Study—Ed Cen
<b>Fri</b>	<b>11th Dec</b>	7:30pm	<i>Carols at Tailem Bend Hall</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>12th Dec</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13th Dec</b>	9am	Matins
		10:45am	Communion <b>Christ Church</b>
		9am	Worship <b>Monarto</b>
		<b>7pm</b>	<b>Community Carols—</b>
			<b>Racecourse—food available from 6pm</b>

## 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.

# Rosters

**MONARTO** Dec 13th 9am  
**Wardens** Haydn & Penne  
**Reader** Rob Thiele  
**Tea/Coffee** Doris Hein

## CHRIST CHURCH 13th December

	<b>9am</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Rodney Zanker	Gerry Korzeba
<b>Wardens</b>	Allan & Dawn Hampel	Peter & Valerie Jaensch
<b>Music</b>	June Walker	Josh Rance
<b>Reader</b>	Alison Grieger	Dennis Pfeiffer
<b>Greeters</b>	Rob & Alison Grieger	Sue Kuchel, Ruth Schrapel
<b>Flowers</b>	Coralie Mattner	
<b>Data Projector</b>	Bev Frahn	Bethany Hein
<b>PA</b>	David Pech	Lees Family
<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	David & Joy Lienert, Yolette Koch	Pastor Tim
<b>General Prayer</b>		Yvonne Stiller
<b>Offering Counter</b>		
<b>DVD Recording</b>	Ron Jericho	
<b>DVD Copying</b>	Bruno Lablack	



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 13th Dec Leader Annette Thomson  
 Helper Belinda Stiller

## SA & WA BUSHFIRES

**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](http://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.**