

COMING EVENTS



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 the Uniting Church.

2016 14th February—Thanksgiving Service
 6th March—Annual General Meeting



Christ Church Lutheran
 31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
 427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



LUTHERAN CHURCH
 OF AUSTRALIA
where love comes to life

Third Sunday of Advent
 13th December 2015

Count down to Christmas

SHARING

God + Down to earth Shepherds
 + the Warmth of Wool
 + Guidance of a Crook
 + Warmth of God's Love
 = The World aware of the Birth of
 the One to show it God's Love is real

God uses the Unsophisticated "Men of the Field"
 to bring the message of his warm love to a
 world living in the cold of fear.

Are YOU too sophisticated for

Him to use ?



*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.

CHURCH OFFICE SECRETARY

The leadership and Admin Team have completed a job description and now that Pastor Tim is back with us, are in a position to proceed with filling the role. If anyone else is interested in applying please contact Cheryl Doecke on 0427 804 663 or email doecke01@ozemail.com.au by Tuesday 15th December.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

This will be held at the Uniting Church at 7pm.. *Please bring a plate of goodies to share after the service.*

NOTE OF THANKS

KLUGE FAMILY

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for our church family at Christ Church for all the work they did for Mike's funeral. A special note of thanks to the people who organised and did the catering for the afternoon tea and helped make the funeral service a real day of celebration of Mike's life and his faith. Special thanks also to Pastor Tim for leading the service.
Ian & Dianne Kluge.



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 neighbourhood. 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.

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.

~ 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 for Lutheran Media & the people they meet through their services. Radio & Social Media provide many ways to reach people in need with the Good News of Jesus Christ.*
- *Pray for all school students & staff as they have finished school for the year—that they have safe & happy holidays, where they can be refreshed, relaxed & ready for next year.*
- *Pray for everyone in our community as they face Christmas, all the problems that the world creates for them at this time.*
- *Pray for families that don't get along together- pray that Christmas be a time when they make an attempt to reconcile.*

Prayer of the day.

- Come to us in your kindness, and lighten the darkness of our hearts. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Lord God, We ask for God's blessings for Irene Kuchel, 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

15/12	Adele Doecke, Lores Frahn, Betty Rowland
16/12	Shirley Lutze, Alex Hein
17/12	Cooper Hampel
18/12	Emily Mueller (nee Miegel)
20/12	Celina Klenke

PLEASE NOTE

Friends and relatives of **Carlien Minge** may like to know that she is currently in the Royal Adelaide Hospital. You may wish to follow up.

SERVICE OF SOLACE

Venue: Murray Bridge Church of Christ, Seventh St

Date: Tuesday 15th Dec

Time: 7pm

There will be supper afterwards for those who wish to stay awhile.

A special service for those who have lost loved ones and wish to take a few moments remembering them.

LLL INTEREST RATE CHANGE

The interest rate on LLL interest bearing Savings Accounts will be 2.75% from 1st December 2015. This notice has been placed on the church notice board for your information.

MIKE KLUGE'S FUNERAL

A DVD is available from the church office.

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 6th March 2016 at 1:30pm. Please have your reports into the church office by Sunday 7th Feb.

Thanks

2016 DEVOTION BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

"Time Out- Come Lord Jesus"
Contact Dennis Pfeiffer
ph 8531 1188 Cost \$22

Now on Christmas Break...

- ☐ Thursday Bible Study
- ☐ Sunday School
- ☐ Confirmation Classes
- ☐ English Lessons

Until school returns 1st February 2016

Coming Week ...

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Hymns: 822, 624, 632, 623

Mon	14th Dec	9:30am	Cards & Coffee— Ed Cen
Tues	15th Dec	9:30am	Organists meet - Ed Cen NO English Lessons—in recess
Wed	16th Dec	7:30pm	Confirmation—in recess
Thurs	17th Dec	9:30am	NO Bible Study—in recess
		7:30pm	Admin Team—Ed Cen
Fri	18th Dec		
Sat	19th Dec		
Sun	20th Dec	9am	Communion
		10:45am	Worship Christ Church
		9am	Communion Monarto

RENEW YOUNG ADULTS CAMP

5th –8th February 2016 at Ankara, Walker Flat.

Guest Speaker: Michael Dutschke

Cost \$180 - \$200 (late)

:They will be like a tree planted by the water— never failing to bear fruit,”

For More Info

events.bluprintministries.org.au

INVIGOR8 (CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE)

Saturday 5th March 2016 at St Michael's Church & School, Hahndorf.

Keynotes, Free Creche, workshops, new evening keynote session.

Registrations online at

www.bluprintministries.org.au

Cost \$55 individual, Gp 10 -\$45

day & evening add \$15 evening only \$20

MONARTO

Wardens

Reader

Tea/Coffee

Dec 20th

Nathan & Jodie

Jodie Wegener

10:30am

Rosters

CHRIST CHURCH

20th December

9am

10:45

Elders

Dawn Hampel

David Doecke

Wardens

Merv & Dawn Schopp

Jan Brodde

Music

Coralie Mattner

Sarah Fiebig

Reader

Heather Courtney

David Doecke

Greeters

F Kerkham, M Jenke

Dennis & Helen Pfeiffer

Flowers

Lorraine Doecke

Data Projector

Chris Beauglehall

Miegel Family

PA

David Pech

Lees Family

Tea/Coffee

J & J Stiller, G Jaeschke

General Prayer

Delton Schiller

Offering Counter

Gerry Korzeba

DVD Recording Ron Jericho

DVD Copying Bruno Lablack



SUNDAY SCHOOL

20th Dec

Leader

Adrian Puust

Helper

Sarah Puust

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** 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.**