

FREEWILL OFFERINGS

Offerings you have made for the month of November, 2016

Offering Plate	\$7,420.00	This is \$480 UNDER budget.
REG	\$4,560.00	This is \$960 over budget.
TOTAL	\$11,980.00	

OFFERINGS JANUARY TO END NOVEMBER:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>	
Offering Plate	\$96,148	\$98,100	\$1,952 under budget
REG	\$43,710	\$39,600	\$3,150 over budget
TOTALS	\$139,848	\$137,700	\$1,198 OVER BUDGET

Thank you to all the people who have put in extra dollars over the period in an attempt to help us make up our budget, and have also contributed generously to help make up the \$25,000 extra we budgeted for Mission and Outreach.

In response to God's love, members have also generously donated to the following.

Teen Challenge	\$290
Myanmar	\$84
Lutheran World Service	\$25
ALWS – Mosul	\$10
Lutheran Community Care – Hampers	\$20

Average Church attendance for November: 1st service 80, 2nd Service 74.



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



Fourth Sunday of Advent
18th December 2016

*Reaching
out
with
the
Love
of
Jesus
that
All
may
Know,
Worship
&
Grow
in
Christ*



Christ Church & Monarto Congregation Contacts

<u>Monarto Elders</u>	Haydn Hein	ph 8532 3176
	Maurice Wegener	ph 8531 1060
<u>Monarto Chairman</u>	Trevor Hilton	ph 0439 839 022
<u>Monarto Secretary</u>	Raelene Wegener	ph 8538 5444
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<u>Christ Church Elders</u>	Dawn Hampel	ph 8532 4138
	Denise Lohmeyer	ph 8531 0935
	David Pech	ph 0420 849 344
	Janelle Traeger	ph 8535 4290
	Ian Kluge	ph 8531 3449
<u>Chairman</u>	Warren Doecke	ph 0417 804 663, 8572 6019
<u>Cong. Secretary</u>	Cheryl Doecke	ph 0427 804 663, 8572 6019
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<u>Church Secretary</u>	Yvonne Stiller	ph 8532 3445, 0417 786 827
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OFFICE HOURS

9am – 12 noon: Monday - Friday
Ph 8532 6553

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email: christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au
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Pastor Tim Koch

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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.

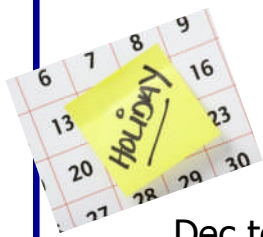
Visitors Cards You will find these cards on the ends of the pews.

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.

Pastor Tim will be away on holidays from 14th Dec to 20th Dec.



The church Christmas tree is being decorated on

Thursday
22nd Dec
3pm



Helpers Appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS TO TEEN CHALLENGE

As we continue to support Teen Challenge Murray Bridge with donations of food for Christmas, can you help with:



Christmas Puddings
Long life Custard
Christmas lollies
Shortbread Biscuits



Please - no Mince Pies, they are not popular and often left over.

Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION"

		24-Dec	25-Dec	1-Jan	8-Jan	
Monarto	Service Time	6pm/7pm	10:30am ♥	10:30am ♥	9am	
	Wardens	Barolo's	Rob & Liz	Haydn/Penne	Colin/Raelene	
	Readers	P Lewis-Brown	Rob Thiele	Jodie Wegener	Trevor Hilton	
	Tea Coffee					
Christ Church	9am	Christmas Eve at the Steeple 7pm	Elder/Assist	D Hampel ♥	W Doecke ♥	J&G Pohl
			Wardens	J&G Pohl	M&D Schopp	J & G Pohl
			Readers	B Lablack	J Pohl	H Courtney
			Greeters	C Mattner J Rosenzweig	M Warnest M Jenke	R&M Herrmann
			Organist	June	Alison	Glynniss
			Flowers	C Miegel	J Stiller	M Herrmann
			Tea/coffee/milk	B Zadow D Borchardt	L Penhall H Schubert	J Kluge J Traeger
			PA	David	David	David
			Data Projector	B Frahn	C Mattner	J Irvine
	10:45am		Elder/Assist		G Korzeba	D Pfeiffer ♥
			Wardens		D & J Lienert & Y Koch	J Brodde
			Readers		A Korzeba	G Schubert
			Greeters		D & L Schiller	G&M Schubert
			Music			
			Prayers		D Schiller	G Schubert
			PA		Nathaneal	Nathaneal
			Data Projector		Miegel family	K Rance
			Counter	M Mueller	D Schopp	G Korzeba
			Grounds		Y Koch	
Water & Care		Y Koch	J Schirmer	R Herrmann		

Coming Week ...

Mon	19th Dec	No Cards/ coffee
Wed	21st Dec	No Confirmation
Thurs	22nd Dec	No Bible Study
	10am	Bulletin Notices due
	3pm	Decorating Church Christmas Tree

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR SERVICE TIMES

Christmas Eve 24th

Christ Church, *Unity College Steeple* 7pm
 Zion Monarto 6pm for meal — service at 7pm

Christmas Day 25th

Christ Church 9am
 Monarto 10:30am

Community New Year's Eve Holy Cross 7pm

New Year's Day

Christ Church 9am
 Monarto 10:30am

COMING EVENTS

January	6-8th	Summer Camp - Robe
	10-14th	Spin Camp Kedron - Barmera
	20-22nd	Lutheran Women's SANT retreat
February	10-13th	Simplify Renew Young Adults Camp, Walkers Flat
	25th	Invorgor8 Conference
March	4-5th	Hobby Expo - JDH
	6th	AGM - 5:30-6pm pooled tea followed by 7pm AGM

AGM

Annual General Meeting

MONDAY 6TH
MARCH

5:30-6pm pooled tea
 7pm AGM meeting

NOMINATIONS

Where can you help.
 Please pray about how you can help your church family in 2017

AGM REPORTS

Are you the leader of a group? Its time you started to think about what you will put in your AGM report. They will be due around February next year

Christmas Dinner

Presented by the
 Combined Christian Churches

Catholic Church Hall
 Ind St., Murray Bridge.

December 25th 2016
 12 noon for 12.30pm

If you are on your own and would like to Celebrate with others, please register by 16th December 2016 for catering purposes.

"Come and find the heart of Christmas in Community."

RSVP by 16th December, 2016 to
 Margaret Daly or Rev. Frances Bartlett
 0413 800 721 0407 687311
 85 325 150

Come to...
SUMMER CAMP !!


6th - 8th January 2017
 Tarooki Campsite, Robe, SA

LMSE/Riverland Summer Camp

January 6- 8th 2017 Tarooki Campsite, Robe

Campers: If you're in year 8 to 12 in 2016, register now to come along as a camper! Registrations close Jan 3rd 2017 or when the campsite is full. Places are first come - first serve. A late registration fee of \$10 applies after December 25th. You'll need a parent or guardian to sign off on the form.

LEADERS: If you're not at school anymore, please consider coming along as part of our team of leaders. Your registration acts as an expression of interest. Approval is subject to you holding a current Police Check and completing training requirements. Leaders are asked to arrive on Thursday 5th Jan, wherever possible.



SIMPLIFY

RENEW YOUNG ADULTS CAMP
 10 - 13 FEBRUARY 2017 | ANKARA, WALKERS FLAT
 REGULAR \$180 (BEFORE JANUARY 20)
 LATE \$210 (AFTER JANUARY 20)
 REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW! REGISTER AT:
EVENTS.BLUEPRINTMINISTRIES.ORG.AU
 (REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FEBRUARY 5)

Blueprint ministries
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



English Lessons are in recess.
 They will recommence
 Tuesday 31st January'17.
 New times: **4pm to 5:30pm**
 in Ed Centre

~ **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 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.
- Thank you, loving heavenly Father, for coming with power to the Virgin Mary and making her the mother of our Lord. Come to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we receive your saving word and rejoice in our Saviour.
- Lord God, We ask for God's blessings for Gordon Schultz, Julie Mueller, Dawn Jaensch, Joyleen Stiller, Roy Traeger, & also for their carers.

If you have any prayer requests or would like to be included in this list please contact Yvonne in the office

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

- 18/12 Emily Mueller
- 20/12 Celina Klenke
- 21/12 Liz Frahn, Pat Kuss, Joan Martin,
Mary Schenscher
- 22/12 Cheryl Doecke
- 23/12 David Altmann



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.



LUTHERAN
community care



Envelopes are available from
LCC to give **JOY** this
Christmas with
Family Care Packs



2017 Offering Envelopes are
now available in the
Church foyer of office



**Children and Family
Ministry Conference**

Saturday 25th Feb 2017

Visit www.blueprintministries.org.au
for more details.

**RETIRING OFFERING
FOR CHRISTMAS
ACTION APPEAL**

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

Supporting the Lutheran
Church in PNG, all gifts
matched with a 3:1 Aus-
tralian Government Grant!

Do you have an wide screen monitor
or wide screen TV spare that you
no longer use?
The church office is in need of one for
DVD copying purposes.
If you can help please contact Ron
Jericho or the church office.



This Christmas...

...care for children
like Tabitha
through ALWS and the
Lutheran Church
in PNG

PLUS a 3:1 Govt Grant
means every \$ you give
is matched with \$\$\$!



Mail the
Action Slip



Place envelope
on offering plate



1300 763 407



alws.org.au

Our **Retiring offerings** over the Christmas
will go towards ALWS. This means that with
the Government grant it will triple our dona-
tion. You can also make a personal dona-
tion using the links above that will also uti-
lise the Government 3 to 1 grant.

Bible Society - Holy Lands appeal

Leadership Team has decided to match dollar for dollar any donations
made by Christ Church members to the Bible Society's 'Holy Lands ap-
peal'. *This Christmas will you help bring God's word to life for children
and their families, so they can find joy and comfort in these troubled
times?*

Please place your gift to God's work in Israel/Lebanon in an enveloped
marked Bible Society - Holy Lands and we will match it dollar for dollar.





Finance with a mission

Interest rate change from December

We advise that the interest rate on Savings Accounts will be 2.50% per annum from 1 December 2016.

We sincerely thank all depositors for their continued support of the Church via their LLL Savings Accounts. For more information, please contact us or visit our website.

Lutheran Laypeople's League | 1800 556 457 | www.lll.org.au



LLL CALENDARS

Now available from JDHall foyer or at the office



Christmas Eve

CAN YOU HELP??

We are seeking donations of honey biscuits & child friendly lollies to be given out at the Christmas Eve Services. These and/or monetary donations can be left at the Church Office. Thank you for your help.

Jesus Our Greatest Gift



LUTHERAN WOMEN SAINT RETREAT

Friday 20TH – Sunday 22nd January, 2017
at Australian Lutheran College, North Adelaide



Pastor Dan Rooney
RETREAT CHAPLAIN / BIBLE STUDY LEADER
will help us explore

"LORD TEACH US TO PRAY"

Take a break, rest and recharge as together with other faithful women we enjoy fellowship and prayer support.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Chris Jaensch—Song Writer/Musician
Colleen Bradtke with a panel of cross cultural friends
Wendy Fairley—Support for victims of crime

PLUS: Entertainment Saturday evening, singing, closing worship service on Sunday afternoon, excellent food, fun and fellowship.

FEES: Full Time: \$150.00 (includes Administration fee)
Part Time: Friday \$30.00 Bed \$12.00
Saturday \$50.00 Bed \$12.00
Sunday \$40.00
plus \$5.00 Administration

ALL ENROLMENTS and FULL PAYMENT must be received by 9th January 2017 for catering purposes.

Enrolment form available on LWSA/NT website:
<http://www.sa.lca.org.au/?q=mission/women>

For further information
email Ruth Kaesler - kaeslerrj@bigpond.com or (08) 8388 7784
or Val Schild - dschild@internode.on.net or (08) 8391 2004

18 December 2016

Advent is a season for celebrating God's promises.



Growing FAITH at home

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Advent is a time of preparing, a time of waiting and watching.



share

Your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following question:
Did God's word come alive for you today? In prayer, scripture, liturgy, music?



read

Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 1:18-25	Immanuel – God with us
M	Isaiah 7:1-14	A sign for King Ahaz
T	Luke 1:26-33	An angel appears to Mary
W	Luke 1:39-45	Mary visits Elizabeth
T	Matthew 1:1-17	Jesus' genealogy
F	Luke 2:1-7	The birth of Jesus
S	Luke 2:8-20	Shepherds and angels
S	John 1:1-14	In the beginning



talk

- What does your name mean? Do you know why it was chosen for you?
- The angel told Joseph to give Mary's son the name Jesus, which means "the Lord saves". What did Jesus' name indicate about his life? What does it mean to you that Jesus was born?
- A title for Jesus is "Immanuel" which means "God with us". How have you experienced God "with you" recently?



pray

The prayer for the week

O come, O come, Immanuel. Please fill us with your light and grace today. Amen.
And for your highs and lows, for your family and for the world.



bless

Share this week's blessing (below) or make up your own.

God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ be kind to you and bless you with peace. Amen.



creative response

Simple acts of kindness can be as good a gift as those bought and wrapped.

Make up "kindness vouchers" to give to one another as gifts this Christmas. Each voucher should list a kind deed that is redeemable during the year e.g. a night off the dishes, a bed made, a room cleaned, a massage provided.

Have fun thinking of voucher ideas and preparing them for one another!



We celebrate Advent with the colour BLUE as this communicates the message of hope. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that one day Jesus will come again.

verse for the week

so the Lord's promise came true, just as the prophet had said,
"A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Immanuel," which means "God is with us."

MATTHEW 1:22-23

Advent

mealt ime prayer

Bless our table, heavenly Father, and all who sit at it. As we wait for Jesus' return, give us the gift of sharing with others. Amen.