

# This Christmas...

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Our **Christmas Eve** and **Retiring offerings** over Christmas will go towards ALWS.

This means that with the Government grant it will triple our donations. You can also make a personal donation using the options above that will also utilise the Government 3 to 1 grant.

## Christ Church & Monarto Congregation Contacts

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A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL - Toll Free Number 1800 644 628



*Christ Church Lutheran*  
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

*Zion Lutheran*

427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



Fourth Sunday of Advent  
25<sup>h</sup> December 2016



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

### OFFICE HOURS

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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.

A Happy and Blessed Christmas To ALL

**Theological Books For Myanmar Lutheran Church - Pastor James San Aung**

If people have any theological books they would like to donate to the Myanmar Lutheran Church training school the team of six people going can take them over. Please take any books to office bearing in mind we have a 30 kg bag limit. We are interested in Luther's small Catechism and similar. Alternatively give them to Kluge's to distribute. We are looking for old pairs of glasses and crosses to give away.



Christ Church is organising the service on 5th Jan 10:30am. Please come along and join in worship with our family at Lerwin.

**STAFF HOLIDAYS**

**Yvonne** is on holidays from 4th January to 26th January inclusive.

**Denise Lohmeyer** will be caretaking in the office.

**Rosters**

♥ "COMMUNION"

		1-Jan	8-Jan	15-Jan	
<b>Monarto</b>	<b>Service Time</b>	10:30am ♥	9am	10:30am ♥	
	<b>Wardens</b>	Haydn & Penne	Colin & Raelene	Max & Maxine	
	<b>Readers</b>	Jodie Wegener	Trevor Hilton	Rollo Hein	
	<b>Tea Coffee</b>				
<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Elder/Assist</b>	W Doecke ♥	J&G Pohl	I Kluge ♥
		<b>Wardens</b>	M & D Schopp	J & G Pohl	B&L Doecke I Pumpa
		<b>Readers</b>	J Pohl	H Courtney	A Grieger
		<b>Greeters</b>	M Warnest M Jenke	R&M Herrmann	B&Y Lablack
		<b>Organist</b>	Alison	Glynniss	Coralie
		<b>Flowers</b>	J Stiller	M Herrmann	Y Lablack
		<b>Tea/coffee/milk</b>	L Penhall H Schubert	J Kluge J Traeger	R&M Herrmann
		<b>PA</b>	David	David	David
	<b>Data Projector</b>	C Mattner	J Irvine	D Hampel	
	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Elder/Assist</b>		D Pfeiffer ♥	J Emmins
		<b>Wardens</b>		J Brodde	P & V Jaensch
		<b>Readers</b>		G Schubert	T Piltz
		<b>Greeters</b>		G&M Schubert	G & M Schubert
		<b>Music</b>			
<b>Prayers</b>			G Schubert	Pastor Tim	
<b>PA</b>			Nathaneal	Roger	
<b>Data Projector</b>			K Rance	Piltz family	
<b>Counter</b>		G Korzeba	D Schiller		
<b>Grounds Roster</b>					
<b>Water &amp; Care</b>	J Schirmer	R Herrmann	M Kleemann		

## Coming Week ...

Readings: 1Samuel 2 :8-20,26 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52

Mon	26th Dec	No Cards/ coffee
Wed	28th Dec	No Confirmation
Thurs	29th Dec	No Bible Study
	10am	Bulletin Notices due

## NEW YEAR SERVICE TIMES

Community New Year's Eve Holy Cross 7pm

### New Year's Day

Christ Church	9am
Monarto	10:30am

### COMING EVENTS

January	5th	10:30am	Lerwin service
	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, Walkr/Fit
	25th		Invorgor8 Conference
March	4-5th		Hobby Expo - JDH
	6th		AGM: 5:30-6pm pooled tea followed 7pm AGM



interest rate is  
now **2.50%**

### LLL CALENDARS

Are available from JDHall  
foyer or at the office

### 2017 DEVOTION BOOK

NOW AVAILABLE

"Time Out- Food for each day"

Contact Dennis Pfeiffer  
ph 8531 1188 Cost \$23

# AGM

Annual General Meeting

## MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 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? It's  
time you started to think about  
what you will put in your AGM re-  
port. They will be due around Feb-  
ruary 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 !!**

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Tarooki Campsite, Robe, SA

### LMSE/Riverland Summer Camp

January 6- 8th 2017 Tarooki Campsite, Robe

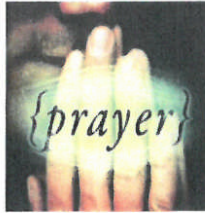
**Campers:** If you're in year 8 to 12 in 2016, register now to come along as a camper! Registrations close Jan 3rd 2017 or when the campsite is full. Places are first come - first serve. A late registration fee of \$10 applies after December 25th. You'll need a parent or guardian to sign off on the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

# LUTHERAN WOMEN SAINT RETREAT

Friday 20<sup>TH</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**ALL ENROLMENTS and FULL PAYMENT must be received by 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 for catering purposes.**

Enrolment form available on LWSA/NT website:

<http://www.sa.lca.org.au/?q=mission/women>

For further information

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

**Broken Hill Lutheran Congregation** will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Church building on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017. In order to prepare the building for this event, they would like to appeal to members of the LCA that if anyone with trade or handyman skills might be available to offer their services and ‘tidy’ the building for a period of time prior to 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Any offers of assistance or further queries should be directed to the congregation Chairperson, Ann Hohnberg (08) 8087 6492. Accommodation is available in the Church flat.

## ~ 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.*

- Give thanks for the year that has been and for every day that is yet to come.
- Pray for the people who are searching for real meaning in their lives—that they may find Jesus this Christmas. Pray for open generous hearts to invite someone lonely to share a Christmas meal.
- Pray for those travelling in the holidays that they are kept safe. Give thanks to God for this time of rest. Pray for emergency workers, hospital staff & counsellors over the holiday period.
- God, you are the giver of all good things. Today we celebrate the gift of our bodies and our possessions, and the gift of your Son Jesus.
- Father God be with Kuany Chol and his families as they mourn the loss of loved ones in Sudan recently. Help them feel your loving presence. A Memorial Service was held yesterday.
- Lord God, We ask for God’s blessings for Gordon Schultz, 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

25/12 Beverley Frahn  
26/12 Roxanne Rowland  
27/12 Jackson Koch  
28/12 Dennis Pfeiffer  
30/12 Perry Sickerdick  
31/12 Sarah Doecke, Estelle Lees, Marlene Schubert



25 December 2016

Jesus has  
come as our  
saviour!



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

Christmas Day

WHITE is the colour of purity, light and completeness.

The liturgical colour of Christmas is white to celebrate Jesus' purity and glory as the Son of God who came into the world to save us. It also represents the joy we find in him.

FAITH 5

creative response



### share

Your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following question:

**Did you bring Christ to your community today? Did they bring Christ to you?**



### read

Daily Bible Readings

S	John 1: 1-14	In the beginning
M	Isaiah 40: 1-14	God's people comforted
T	Luke 1:39-45	Mary visits Elizabeth
W	Luke 2:1-7	The birth of Jesus
T	Luke 2:8-20	Shepherds and angels
F	Isaiah 52:7-10	Burst into songs of joy
S	Psalms 98	Shout for joy to the Lord
S	Matthew 2:13-23	The escape to Egypt



### talk

- What do you know about your own birth or the births of others in your family?
- What is your favourite part of the Bible stories about the birth of Jesus?
- Why was Jesus a special baby? What does his birth mean for you?



### pray

The prayer for the week

**God, you are the giver of all good things. Today we celebrate the gift of our bodies and our possessions, and the gift of your Son Jesus. Amen.**

And for your highs and lows, for your family and for the world.



### bles

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

**May God's peace and favour rest on you, this day and always. Amen.**  
(Luke 2:14)

**Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the birthday of Jesus. Work together as a household to design and decorate a Happy Birthday card for Jesus. Leave space for each person to write a personal message to him. Place the card underneath your Christmas Tree and join in singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.**



verse for the week

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy. It is for all the people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord."

LUKE 2:10-11

mealt ime prayer

God, we join in celebration of the gift of Jesus our Saviour. Bless our meal, and fill all those gathered here and elsewhere today with Christmas joy, love and peace. Amen.

