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**December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**

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Why not consider ordering a carton (or more) on behalf of your community. Great for Christmas gifts. But mostly, to inspire you in living loved.



**Christ Church Lutheran**  
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

**Zion Lutheran**

427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
OF AUSTRALIA  
*where love comes to life*

24th Sunday after Pentecost  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2017



Back L-R: **Pastor Tim, Jemima Puust, Nyabol Ayom, Akuot Chol, Dudley Rigney, Pastor Greg**  
Front L-R: **Zoe Pica, Morgan Klemm, Andrew Ahrens, Joel Wiencke**

*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**

#### OFFICE HOURS

9am –12 noon: Monday - Friday

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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.



Please pray for Pastor Tim & his family as he considers a call to Ceduna

Thank you to Pastor Andy, David Pech, Gerry Korzeba & Graham Schubert who are leading



services at Monarto and Christ Church today while

Pastor Tim is on leave, he will be back in the office on Thursday 23rd Nov.

## Christmas Lunch

Tuesday November 28th  
11:45am at JDHall

Tailem Bend Ladies catering.  
Entertainment ~ Showbiz  
Variety.

### Invitations

with all details,  
including an RSVP slip,  
are available at Church  
or the Church Office.

Organised by the Senior Care Team.  
(Contact Dawn Hampel if requiring  
further details ~ 8532 4138.)

**RSVP by 19th Nov**

## Rosters

### ♥ "COMMUNION"

<u>RUSTLES</u>		26-Nov	3-Dec	10-Dec	
Monarto	Service Time	9am	10:30am ♥	9am	
	Wardens	Max & Maxine	Tyson,Trevor,Joy	Rob & Liz	
	Readers	Max Paech	Raelene Wegener	Terry Franklin	
	Tea Coffee	Robert T		Jo & Maudie	
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	J Pohl	G Beauglehall ♥	W Doecke
		Wardens	A&D Hampel	B&L Doecke I Pumpa	A&D Hampel
		Readers	V Spencer	P Hammond	C Coulter
		Greeters	C Mattner J Rosensweig	R&M Herrmann	F Kerkham J Ahrens
		Organist	Glynniss	Coralie	Joyce
		Flowers	H Schubert	T Walding	A Leske
		Tea/coffee/milk	J Pope J Traeger	M Warnest S Fiegert	L Penhall H Schubert
		PA	David	Wes	Wes
		Data Projector	B Lablack	J Irvine	B Frahn
	10:45am	Elder/Assist	D Doecke ♥	G Schubert	D Pfeiffer ♥
		Wardens	D&J Lienert Y Koch		P&V Jaensch
		Readers	D Doecke	D Pfeiffer	C Miegel
		Greeters	D&T Piltz	D&L Schiller	C&P Miegel
		Music			
		Prayers	D Pfeiffer	K Schrapel	Pastor Tim
		PA	Roger	Lees family	Lees family
		Data Projector	J Brodde	J Martin	Y Stiller
		Counter	Val J	Belinda J	Gerry K
	Sunday School				
	Leader	Belinda J	Annette	Adrian	
	Helper	Sophie/Belinda S	Belinda J & S	Jemima/Sophie	
	Grounds Roster	C Schenscher	R Zanker	R Zanker	
	Water & Care	Y Koch	J Schirmer	R Herrmann	

### Young Adults Retreat Jan 2018

Please note; Melissa Frahn will be speaking at Christ Church Sunday 26th Nov regarding the Young Adults Retreat in Jan 2018

## Coming Week ...

*Readings: Judges 4:1-7 1 Thess. 5:1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30*

<b>Monday, 20th</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	Cards and Coffee, Ed Cen Leadership Team, Ed Cen
<b>Tuesday, 21st</b>	<b>4.00pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	English Lessons ~ Christ Church Barnabas Group - Lablack's
<b>Wednesday, 22nd</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>First Communion</b> - Christ Church, Church
<b>Thursday, 23rd</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>10am</b>	Bible Study, Ed Centre <b>Bulletin notices due</b>
<b>Friday, 24th</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Men's Gathering</b> - JDH
<b>Saturday, 25th</b>	<b>9:45-4pm</b>	Hearing God's Whispers Workshop town Hall
<b>Sunday, 26th</b>	9am 9am 10:45am	Monarto Worship Service Christ Church Worship Service Christ Church <b>First Communion Service</b>

## COMING EVENTS

<b>Nov</b>	<b>26th</b>	Step up to Communion service
	<b>28th</b>	Senior Care Christmas Lunch JD Hall
<b>Dec</b>	<b>1st</b>	6pm Advent Evening, JD Hall
	<b>8-10th</b>	Christmas Tree Festival ~ includes CHIL on Sat
	<b>10th</b>	Murray Bridge Christmas Carols, Wharf Hill from 5:30pm
<b>2018</b>	<b>6-12th Jan</b>	LCA Young Adults National Retreat, Victor Harbor
	<b>4-6th May</b>	SA-NT District Convention of Synod

## Christmas Services

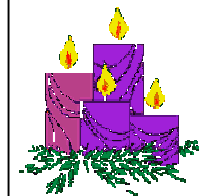
	<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>Monarto</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	9am Christ Church 7:30pm The Steeple, Unity	to be confirmed
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10:30am	9am

### Next meet

Wed 22nd Nov 7pm  
at your own church  
Christ Church will meet  
in the church

### First Communion Service

Sun 26th Nov  
at your own church



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
**ADVENT EVENING**  
**FRI 1ST DEC**  
**JDH 6PM FOR**  
**6:30 START**  
**SHARED TEA**

**Please note change of date**

**youth**

**Youth are invited to attend in lieu of our regular Sunday get together.**

### Barnabas Friendship Group

Tues 21st Nov -6pm @ Lablack's  
Study: Session 8  
**Moving Mountains**



### Murray Bridge Christmas Carols

**Sunday 10th Dec**

Wharf Precinct  
Wharf Rd, Murray Bridge

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Run by Murray Bridge Inter  
Church Council

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**We require 12 people to take up offerings on the night from the Lutheran Churches in Murray Bridge. If you can help please contact Yvonne at Christ Church office.**

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The Concordia Kindy children are presenting their Christmas Nativity play to the residents of both Lutheran Villages. Members of the congregation are invited to attend either performance.

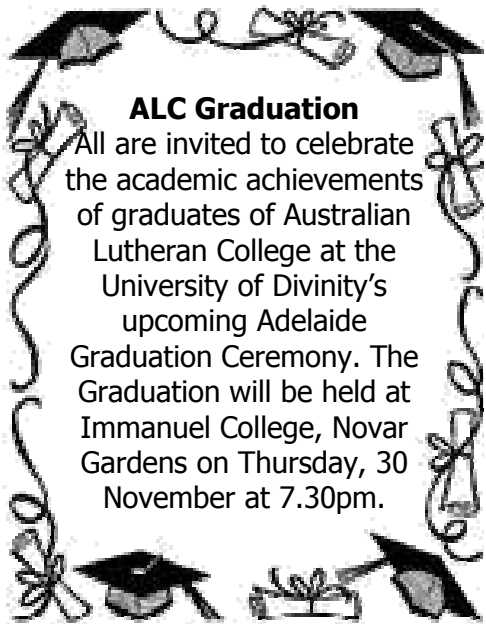
### Murray Heights

Mon 4th Dec 10:45am

### Owl Drive

Tues 5th Dec 10:45am





### ALC Graduation

All are invited to celebrate the academic achievements of graduates of Australian Lutheran College at the University of Divinity's upcoming Adelaide Graduation Ceremony. The Graduation will be held at Immanuel College, Novar Gardens on Thursday, 30 November at 7.30pm.



### DISTRICT 201C2 Sleeping Rough Project

#### Sleeping Rough Project

This is a National Lions program and they need our help in providing toiletry care packs for the homeless in Murray Bridge.

These are distributed through welfare and community agencies. Donations of travel sized toiletries ideally with an emphasis on soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste are now sought.

If you can help please leave any items at the Church office



### CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS TO TEEN CHALLENGE

Thanks for your generous giving. They are always in need of main meals, also cans of fruit, and vegetables, small or large.

With Christmas coming up can you also help Teen Challenge help with:

Christmas Puddings  
Long life Custard  
Christmas cakes - any size  
Christmas lollies  
Shortbread Biscuits  
Soft drinks or juices  
Cans of fruit salad  
Jellies  
Cans of Ham or Turkey  
Cans of peas and corn  
Cans of beetroot



Fresh carrots or potatoes can be helpful

Please - no Mince Pies, they are not popular and often left over.  
(Please - no food which contains alcohol)

*Teen Challenge thank us for our continued support throughout the year, it is very much appreciated.*

*Please keep Teen Challenge in your prayers for God to bless them financially and with food for them to maintain their Ministry.*

## ~ 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. 5:16-18*

- Pray for the following kindy children and their families: Jesse, Jakiath, Bailey Sylus, Seth & Bella.
- Lord God, thank you for all you have given us. Help us to be faithful servants who make the most of your gifts. (Matt 25:14-30)
- Dear God, please give us enough patience to wait for Your answers to our prayers. And if what we are asking is not aligned according to Your will, please have Your way. We know that You have better plans for us, much better than what we could ever pray for.
- Our loving Father, please help us make spending time with you the highest priority for us, especially in the midst of our busyness, May we always remember, and may our actions demonstrate, that you are the most important thing in our lives. Amen.
- Lord God, We ask for Your blessings for Jeanette Zanker, Allan Hampel, Bev Paech, Vernon Graetz, Vena Shinnick, Gordon Lutze, Darryl Klose (Flinders Medical Centre), Murray Piltz, Lores Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Sandra Healey, Joyleen Stiller & 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

19/11 Rita Burgemeister  
23/11 Rob Frahn  
25/11 Emily Mueller



### HOLY CROSS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Is organising a float for this year's Christmas Pageant. If you can help in any way, please contact Cynthia Dutschke on 0400 046 052 or email [cynsie@internode.on.net](mailto:cynsie@internode.on.net)

They are also looking for donations of individually wrapped lollies for the children to hand out along the parade route. Please drop them into the office if you are able to help.



Photo courtesy of the MV Standard Webpage

### LCA Young Adults National Retreat

is being held at  
Victor Harbor

**6-12th Jan 2018.**

The theme is  
**Baptism and Salvation**

Further details: [youngadultsnational.wixsite.com/retreat](http://youngadultsnational.wixsite.com/retreat) or on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/events/892964560806539/](https://www.facebook.com/events/892964560806539/)

### SPIN Camp 2018

Registrations are now open for this camp which is being held from **9th to 12th January 2018** for young people in **years 4-6** (in 2017).

It will be held at Camp Kedron, Barmera. Registrations close 17th December, unless sold out earlier. Please visit: [www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/spin](http://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/spin) for more information.



Strathalbyn Lutheran Church invites you to their **Quiz Night** Nov 25th from 7pm

Strath Lutheran Church Hall

All Ages Welcome

\$20 per Adult

\$10 per Child or

\$120 for table of 8

In aid of the **Young Adults National Retreat** in Jan 2018

to book contact Mel on

[melfrahn@hotmail.com](mailto:melfrahn@hotmail.com) or

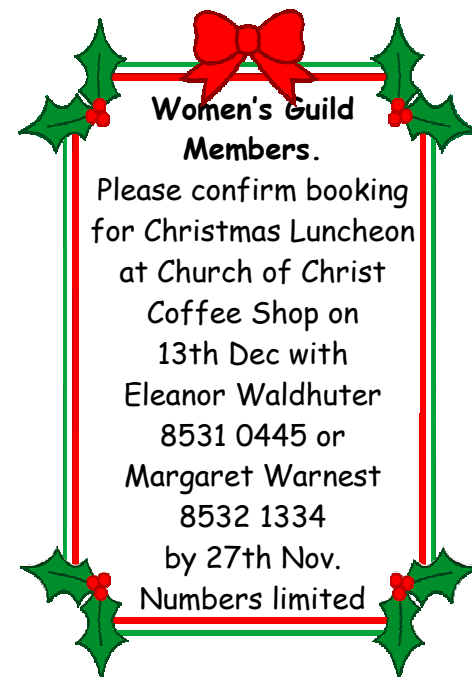
0458 570 920

### LCA SA-NT DISTRICT OFFICE BOOK KEEPER

The LCA SA-NT District Office seeks is seeking an experienced Book Keeper to work 3 days per week (0.6 FTE), starting asap.

For a copy of the Job Description for this role please contact the District Office, [administration.sa-nt@lca.org.au](mailto:administration.sa-nt@lca.org.au) or phone 8267 5211. Closes 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

*More info available on the notice board*



### Women's Guild Members.

Please confirm booking for Christmas Luncheon at Church of Christ Coffee Shop on 13th Dec with Eleanor Waldhuter 8531 0445 or Margaret Warnest 8532 1334 by 27th Nov. Numbers limited

Hearing God's Whispers Workshop

**Saturday 25th November,**  
**Salvation Army Corps Hall**  
**1 Fourth St, Murray Bridge**  
**9.45am - 4.00pm**

**FREE**

**Bring your own lunch, Bible, note pad and pen.**

**All Welcome**

RSVP by 24th Nov to  
Capt Tim Watson  
8531 1133  
[Tim.Watson@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Tim.Watson@aus.salvationarmy.org)



### Lutheran Men of Australia

Nov 2017

NEWSLETTER

is available. Please contact the office if you want a copy.

### 2018 ROTARY CALENDARS

Featuring local photos

\$20 each

*(\$10 returned to Christ Church)*

Chances to win \$\$\$ each week

**Proceeds in aid of**

Mallee Emu-Wren Project,  
Youth "Going Bush"  
& Leadership Camps

*Available from church office  
or Ron Jericho*

## Christmas Tree Festival

Could you please help us? Our requirements at this stage, are:

- ♥ Lucky dip gifts for girls 5-10.
- ♥ Finance for gift packages
- ♥ Ladies to wrap various sale gifts at our AGM on Nov 16th at 7pm
- ♥ Biscuits to be in at the office, to Jan or Coralie, or the church by Sunday Dec 3rd.
- ♥ Wallet cards and posters are available at church or the office. Please take and distribute them.

Any further queries, please feel free to contact either Jan, Heather or Coralie.

Catering needs for Christmas Tree Festival - Morning & Afternoon Tea:

- ♥ Honey Biscuits (or other varieties)
- ♥ 500gm coffee
- ♥ 2kg sugar
- ♥ 8 litres milk
- ♥ 2 litres of cordial
- ♥ 500gm margarine
- ♥ ½ kg cheese
- ♥ 7 jars of jam (raspberry, apricot or strawberry)
- ♥ 3 x 600ml whipping cream

These donations can be left in the Office with Yvonne by Friday 1st Dec.

We also require Fresh made scones, which should be delivered direct to the town hall during the festive.

For further information please contact Denise Lohmeyer on 8531 0935 or 04883 102 77.

Thank you in advance.

If you are interested in helping in the kitchen at the Christmas Tree Festival please see Denise in the bookshop in JDHall or phone her on 0488 310 277 or 8531 0935



### **FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES**

Trees are available for \$40

Sandra Gates has kindly offered to co-ordinate orders this year.

**We need 10 orders to get the trees delivered.**

**Please contact Sandra on  
mobile: 0438 324 150 or  
Email: [sandyk63@hotmail.com](mailto:sandyk63@hotmail.com) with  
your order.**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

# **UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA**

**A FREE INFORMATION SESSION FOR  
PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT  
THEIR MEMORY OR THE MEMORY OF  
SOMEONE THEY CARE ABOUT**

Topics to be discussed include:

- What is dementia?
- Diagnosis and treatments available
- Understanding the changes
- Support and services available to you

**When:**

Wednesday 29 November 2017

**Time:**

10am - 12pm

Morning tea will be provided

**Where:**

**Rural City of Murray Bridge Council Offices**

LGC Mobilong Suite

2, Seventh Street, Murray Bridge

**RSVP:**

Monday 27 November 2017

**Registration is essential as  
numbers are limited**

**For further information or to register  
your attendance please contact**

**ALZHEIMER'S AUSTRALIA SA  
(08) 8372 2100**

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Alzheimer's Australia SA Inc  
27 Deringham Street, Adelaide SA 5000

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## MURRAY BRIDGE LUTHERAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES

Thinking about Retirement or moving to a Retirement Village?  
The Murray Bridge Lutheran Villages are a friendly Community with unit options to suit most at either our Owl Drive or Murray Heights Village.

We currently have a number of vacancies at our Owl Drive village and are giving the units a face lift. Taking particular attention to the unit's back yard, we bring the inside to the outside with pergolas and paving creating an additional living space and room, an outdoor living room for you to enjoy.

The Residents enjoy a large range of activities through the use of our Village Centres including craft clubs, sausage sizzles, luncheons, tours, morning teas, croquet and more.

If you would like more information, please contact Delton Schiller ph 8532 4260 or mobile 0407 780 260 email [csd@mblv.com.au](mailto:csd@mblv.com.au)

Or simply visit one of our villages and Delton or Tamara will show you around.



**Unit 51 / Owl Drive Village**

2 bedroom unit close to Village Centre. Brand new kitchen, enclosed rear yard, built ins to bedrooms, roller shutters on windows.

Worth a browse!



**Unit 80 / Owl Drive Village**

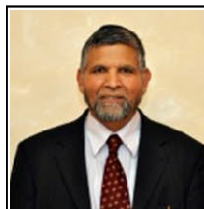
1 of only 6 three bedroom units with two toilets. Upgraded with fresh paint, brand new flooring and LED lights. Enclosed rear yard with pergola. Perfect retirement living!



**TYNDALE Tyndale Christian School - Murray Bridge**  
are currently looking to fill the following vacancies:

- Mathematics and/or Science Secondary Teacher (Permanent - 1.0 FTE);
- Early Learning Centre - Education Support Officer (Full Time, Part Time And Relief Positions);
- Temporary Relief Teachers;
- Support And Administration Relief Pool.

See <http://mb.tyndale.sa.edu.au/community/employment> for more info.



We have 2 books available to borrow from the Daniel Scot presentation last week:

- Critique of LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER Bringing Muslim Perspectives into Australian Schools'
- 'Share the Gospel with Muslims'

They are in the library in the Ed Centre meeting room.

### HOLY CROSS SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FLOAT .

We are looking for donations of individually wrapped lollies for the children to hand out along the parade route. Please drop them into the office if you are able to help.



Photo courtesy of the MV Standard Webpage

### MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm.**

The float this year is based on Love, Hope, Joy and Peace. Children of all ages are welcome to be part of the parade.

Set up for the float will be 9am on Pageant Day at the Holy Cross Church grounds.

If your child/children would like to be part of this exciting event, please call, text or email Cynthia by **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.**

Look forward to being part of this major community event.

Cynthia Dutschke  
Holy Cross Children's Ministry  
Coordinator

Mobile: 0400 046 052  
Email: [cynsie@internode.on.net](mailto:cynsie@internode.on.net)



**SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER**

**WHARF PRECINCT**  
Wharf, Rd  
**MURRAY BRIDGE**


WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
**RACHAEL LEAH CAR**


Featuring  
**ADAM PAGE**  
Murray Bridge Community Band + High School Band  
Childrens Choir & much more



























**MURRAY BRIDGE**  
*Christmas Carols*

Main event starts at 7pm

Food stalls open from 5pm. Facepainting for the kids, Candles and Programs available.  
Bring a Chair + Rugs and enjoy this FREE event for the whole family!  
For more information contact: 0419 848 336 or 0447 283 980

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## Men's Gathering

Friday 24th Nov  
6pm for 6:30 start  
for Tea at JDH

**"What has art got to do with it"**



COME AND SEE HOW ART  
HAS INFLUENCED OUR  
LIVES. GIVING AN  
INSIGHT OF HOW A  
PAINTER HAS  
INTERPRETED AND  
EXPRESSED

**GOD'S SAVING GRACE THROUGH HIS ART**

RSVP 22nd Nov  
Christ Church office 8532 6553  
NEXT MEETING: Sat 16th Dec 8am

## A new Boat to the Rescue

We are in the land of 'Goats for God' - the mountain regions in the West bordering Bangladesh. There are no roads, no cars, not even bikes - only rivers and boats, the only lifeline. Boats are many things: the 'truck' to carry goods and produce; the 'ambulance' to take the sick to the hospital; the 'bus' to connect with the outside world - and more.

This is why AFA supplied a good, large boat to the Miza District at the end of July 2017 through the kind sponsorship of Christ Church, Murray Bridge SA. But the most important reason was this: to bring the Gospel of Christ to the villages up and down the Kaladan River here in southern Chin State.



Pastor Samuel,  
the Dean of the  
Miza District



19 November 2017

Encourage others  
to use the gifts  
and talents God  
has given them.



# Growing FAITH at home

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
The colour of the season is GREEN to remind us of growth, life and hope.

FAITH 5

creative response

Sunday's after Pentecost  
represent 'time of the  
church' – During the  
season between  
Christmas and Lent, we  
focus on the work of the  
Church in the world,  
Jesus' message to us,  
and our growth in Christ.



## share

Your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following question:  
**Did you meet God today? In your fears, joys, work, school, misunderstandings, suffering?**



## read

Daily Bible Readings

|   |                       |                              |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| S | Matthew 25:14-30      | Parable of the talents       |
| M | Luke 19:11-26         | A king and his servants      |
| T | 1 Peter 4:7-11        | Using our gifts              |
| W | Romans 12:4-8         | We have different gifts      |
| T | 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 | Each has a gift              |
| F | Ephesians 4:11-16     | Christ's gifts to the church |
| S | Psalms 24             | All belongs to the Lord      |
| S | Matthew 25:31-46      | The sheep and the goats      |



## talk

- What talents has God given to those in your household or group?
- What helps us use our talents? What stops us from using them?
- In what ways are you using your talents to serve God? What does God promise to those who use their talents well (see Matthew 25:29)?



## pray

The prayer for the week

**Lord God, thank you for all you have given us. Help us to be faithful servants who make the most of your gifts. Amen. (Matthew 25:14-30)**

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.

**Child of light, may God bless you with faith, hope and love, this day and always. Amen.**

The apostle Paul says  
“encourage one another and  
build each other up”  
(1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Spend some time this week affirming and  
encouraging one another.

For instance, you may wish to finish these  
sentences for each household member:

“A talent I see you have is ...”

“One thing I really appreciate about  
you is ...”

“Something I'd like to encourage  
you in is ...”

“I felt very proud of you when ...”

## verse for the week

Encourage one  
another and build  
each other up.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11A

## mealt ime prayer

For food and drink and happy  
days we offer up our thanks  
and praise Amen.