

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.

Please Note...

**DECORATING CHURCH
CHRISTMAS TREE**

Tuesday 23rd December at 1:30pm. Everyone welcome to help.

**PLEASE CHECK THE
PIGEON HOLES
IN THE JDHALL FOR
2009 ROSTERS. Eg
cleaning, grounds,
data projector, ride
assists, etc**

PLEASE NOTE

The Church Office will be closed from Christmas Day until January 4th inclusive. It will re-open on 5th January at 9am.

Also note that Jan is on holidays from Christmas Day until Tuesday January 27th inclusive.

There will be a number of volunteers manning the office.

Congratulations & God's Blessings

to Keith May who celebrates his 85th birthday on Wednesday 23rd December. We hope you have a great day Keith.

2009 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Available this week from the ushers.

RECYCLED PAPER

Thank You Thank You Thank you to all the helpers who came along and loaded paper this past week. Your assistance was very much appreciated.

**FAREWELL FOR
JAMES & ADELE**

Next Sunday 28th December during services. Please bring morning tea to share.

COMING EVENTS this week

Mon 22nd Dec
Tue 23rd Dec 1:30pm Decorate Christmas Tree- Church

Christmas Eve 7pm Monarto
7pm Christ Church—Steeple @ Unity

Christmas Day Monarto
9am Communion
Christ Church
9am Communion



Fri 26th Dec **Public Holiday—Office Closed**

Sat 27th Dec
Sun 28th Dec **Monarto**
9am Worship
Christ Church
9am Worship
10:45am Communion

Mon 29th—Fri 4th Jan OFFICE CLOSED

New Year's Eve Monarto
6pm Communion
Christ Church
6:30pm Communion

Thu 1st Jan **No Services on New Year's Day**

Sun 4th Jan **Monarto**
10:30am Worship Today HC
Christ Church
9am Morning Praise
10:45am Communion



Pastor Tim & Pastor Edmund, Jan, Monarto & Christ Church Elders and Leaders wish everyone God's blessings for Christmas and the New Year.



WHAT IF YOU HAD ONE MONTH TO LIVE?

MONARTO**Sunday 21st Dec****Wardens****Reader****10:30am**

Paech (Tamara)

Maxine Paech

ROSTERS

Christmas Eve 7pm**Wardens**

Hein

Reader**Christmas Day 9am**

Frahn

Judy Franklin

Sunday 28th Dec**Wardens**

Wegener

Reader

Jodie Wegener

Cuppa

Haydn Hein

New Year's Eve 6pm

Barolo

Rollo Hein

CHRISTCHURCH**Sunday 21st Dec****Elders****Wardens****Music****Reader****Greeters****General Prayer****Tea/Coffee****Flowers****Data Projector****PA****9am**

Warren Doecke

Brenton & Lorraine Doecke

Ian Pumpa

June Walker

Dawn Jaensch

Evelyn Kuchel, June Walker

Joan Kluge, Janelle Traeger, Ramona Slow

Tania Walding

Daphne Young

David Pech

10:45am

Mark Stiller

David Doecke

Gordon Kuchel

Jenny Gogel

Ron & Sabine Jericho

Dennis Pfeiffer

John Lohmeyer

Christmas Eve**Wardens**

A & D Hampel, J & G Pohl, D & J Lienert

Greeters

M & J Kluge, M Goedecke, J Brodde

Christmas Day**Elders****Wardens****Music****Reader****Greeters****Flowers****Data Projector****PA****9am**

Dawn Hampel

John & Irene Kuchel

Erica Stone

Joyce Stiller

Alison Grieger

Robert & Alison Grieger

Tania Walding

Bruno Lablack

David Pech

~Prayer Corner~

For use by friendship groups, study groups, other groups, & individuals.

"When we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words... We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves Him". - Romans 8:26,28

- As we move further into the Christmas season may we praise God anew for His gift of Jesus who came to be the Saviour of the world and our Saviour too.
- Give thanks for fire fighters, ambulance officers, police officers, SES crews & other emergency workers who will be on duty daily over the holiday period.
- Thank and praise God for the recent rain that has quenched the thirsty land and brought relief.
- Pray for all in our midst who need special care and help at this time. Ask God to surround them with His loving, comforting arms and to give them help, healing and encouragement.

**Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays**

15/12	Lores Frahn, Adele Doecke, Betty Rowland
16/12	Alex Hein, Shirley Lutze, Gert Fiegert, Nathan Bolt
17/12	Cooper Hampel
18/12	Emily Miegel, Marlene Kuchel, Brianna Doecke
20/12	Celina Klenke, Jonathan Jaensch, Darcy Ahms, Hayley Pohl
21/12	Pat Kuss, Mary Schenscher, Joan Martin, Liz Frahn
22/12	Jenny Gogel, Paul & Laurie Hannaford, Cheryl Doecke,
23/12	David Altmann, Les Obst, Kirsty McMartin.
25/12	Bev Frahn
26/12	Roxanne Rowland
27/12	Jackson Koch
28/12	Dennis Pfeiffer
29/12	Carl Pfeiffer
31/12	Sarah Fiebig (Doecke), Murray Pope, Marlene Schubert
1/1	Graeme Mann, Ken Schiller, Joyce Ludewigs
2/1	Harold Miegel, Amelai Schiller
3/1	David Schubert, Gavin Doecke

ROSTERS

CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday 28th Dec

Elders

Wardens

Music

Reader

Greeters

General Prayer

Tea/Coffee

Flowers

Data Projector

PA

9am

John Mattner

Brenton & Lorraine Doecke

Ian Pumpa

Ivy

Coralie Mattner

Grace Hill, Rita Schiller

James & Joyce Stiller, Rita Schiller

Ivy Roennfeldt

Dawn Hampel

David Pech

10:45am

Dennis Pfeiffer

Brian & Jenny Gogel

Sue Kuchel

Helen

Jeanette Mann

David & Ann Doecke

Janet Vogt

John Lohmeyer

New Year's Eve

Elder

Wardens

Reader

Greeters

Music

PA

7pm

Bruce Heinrich

Allan & Dawn Hampel, John & Gloria Pohl

Daphne Young

Margaret Warnest, Margaret Jenke

Coralie Mattner

David Pech

Sunday 4th Jan 2009

Elders

Wardens

Music

Reader

Greeters

General Prayer

Tea/Coffee

Flowers

Data Projector

PA

9am

Warren Doecke

John & Irene Kuchel

Erica Stone

Daphne Young

Daphne Young, Janelle Traeger

Malcolm & Liz Thiel, Val Spencer

Lorraine Doecke

Kate Frahn

David Pech

10:45am

David Doecke

Graeme Mann & Family

Ian

Tracy Piltz

Brian & Jenny Gogel

Jenny Gogel

Brenton Mann Family

Nathaniel Mann



WHAT IF YOU HAD
ONE MONTH TO LIVE?

Who is this for?

You and your friends.

Let's all get involved and make this a really special time for our community.

What's involved?

There are three levels to participate in. An individual daily reading and journal.

A group time. There is a video to watch followed by discussion. The service for each week will focus on the theme.

How can I get involved?

Pray. Join a group. Form a group: you could get together with another couple or another family, you could do it as a couple—where two or three are there Jesus is—what a powerful group. You could do it over the net. You could read the book as a devotional and share the insights the Holy Spirit gives you with another.

What will it Cost?

\$15 will get you the daily reading book with the group study in the back, plus the Companion Challenge Planner, plus a bookmark. What a good investment of \$15. Why not buy them for guests you invite to share this special time with you.

(Couples might like to share the daily reading book and just get an extra Planner—I'm looking into costs.)



**Join us to take
the challenge**

Living i

Talking

- 1 *What special Christmas gifts can you remember receiving? Why was it special to you?*
- 2 *Why do we celebrate birthdays?*
- 3 *What would you like to get this Christmas?*
- 4 *What would you do if you knew this was your last Christmas?*

Praying

Thank God for loving you enough to be born your brother. Let God know why this is special to you. Thank Jesus for coming so that you might be reborn as one of His Father's loved children in whom he delights. Let Jesus know what this means to you. Bring before Jesus those people you love who are still outside the Father's loving family.

Verse for the week

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Reading

Mon John 1
Tues Matt 1:18 &
Chap 2
Wed Luke 2
Thur Hebrews 2 & 3
Fri Hebrews 4 & 5

Blessing

(Name) child of God, may Jesus be re-born in you each day to God's glory and praise.

Bible Readings Today

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Bible Readings 28th Dec

Isaiah 61:10—62:3
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

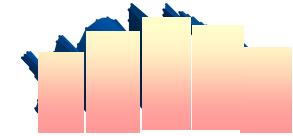
TRADING TABLE and SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thankyou to all who have supported the Trading Tables and Sausage Sizzles during the last 12 months. A great opportunity for service and fellowship each month. You might be interested to know that during the year the Trading Table has raised \$1818 for congregational funds. On the other hand, the Sausage Sizzles have raised funds for the food for the BBQ and supported James and Adele as they have continued to travel to Murray Bridge for Youth and worship this year. Just so that you know for next year - we don't put a charge as such - we just ask for a donation. Drinks will always cost \$1.00.

We thankyou for joining in the fellowship and encourage others to come along for lunch from 11:45.

Normally we are packed up and cleaned up by about 1:15- so it's not a long afternoon.

No Sausage Sizzle or Trading Table until February.



Sunday 28th Dec Movie Night
7pm -12pm BYO Supper to share and bring your friends.

Sunday 11th Jan Putt-Putt Golf

Sunday 25th Jan Painting "Cave"

Sunday 8th Feb Swimming

*Stay tuned for more details on upcoming youth events *

Come along and enjoy each others company

The Youth Activities page is on the Church web page

www.cclutheranmb.org.au

Links to "Fuel" and "Ypout" registrations are also available.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND THANKYOU

The staff of Lutheran Community Care Murraylands would like to especially thank Pastors, staff, congregational members and groups of Christ Church, Monarto, Holy Cross, Callington and Meningie for their generous support of our Christmas Hamper and Gift Appeal this year. With your support we have been able to supply 30 families with a Christmas Hamper for Christmas as well as gifts for the children in each of the families. Without your support this could not have been achieved. Thankyou.

We would also like to say THANKYOU for all your support, volunteer work and prayers throughout the year, and wish you all a very BLESSED CHRISTMAS and a very PROSPEROUS 2009. With greetings from Joylene, Nayano, Karen, Kendall, Cate, Peter, Megan, Rhonda and Alison. We will be closed from Dec 24th - Jan 5th 2009.



LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

'Sharing the love of Christ - building caring communities'

FINANCE UPDATE 2008

Total Income		Total Expenses	
To end of Nov	179,061.72	to end of Nov	166,535.35
Expected Income		Expected Expenses	
For Dec	9,000 – 11,000	For Dec	23,000 – 25,000
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	\$ 188,061.72		\$ 189,535.35

As you can see, by the end of the year we may just break even or have a small deficit.

While this is quite a good outcome, it really doesn't allow for any unforeseen expenses.

A big factor in this outcome is that the Property Committee has not spent a lot this year, but, there will be quite a few large expenses for maintenance next year.

If you can see your way clear to add just a small amount to your freewill offerings it would really be appreciated.

Dawn Schopp
Treasurer

This is pretty strange how it worked out this way. Even if you are not religious, you should read this.

Q: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalm 117

Q: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalm 119

Q: Which chapter is in the centre of the Bible?

A: Psalm 118

Facts: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118. There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118. Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

Q: What is the centre verse in the Bible?

A: Psalm 118:8

Does this verse say something significant

about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find

God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the centre of His will, just send them to the centre of His Word!

Psalms 118:8 (NKJV)

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

Now isn't that odd how this worked out... or was God in the centre of it?

Have you got a minute — 60 seconds for God?

All you do is simply say a small prayer for someone you know.

"Father God, bless my friend in whatever it is that you know he or she may be needing this day! May their life be full of your peace, prosperity, and power as they seek to have a closer relationship with You. Amen."

When things get tough, always remember... faith doesn't get you around trouble, it gets you through it!

"When you relinquish the desire to control your future, you obtain happiness."

May God bless you!



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ONE MONTH TO LIVE.

At the rear of the church there is a box to place your intention to join in this series. We would like to know numbers so we can order the resources required. The cost is \$15 for the daily devotional book with the group study in the back, plus the companion challenge planner (this is your personal daily diary) plus a bookmark. This works out at 50c a day over the month. What a great investment!

NAME _____

I would like to order a kit (daily devotional book with the group study in the back, plus the companion challenge planner (this is your personal daily diary) plus a bookmark). @ \$15 each Total _____

Couples may like to share the daily devotional book and buy an extra companion challenge planner (your daily personal dairy) @ \$5 each.

I would like to join a group _____

I am part of a group _____

I would like to start a group _____

I would like more information _____

Please include the correct money with your order— (place in an envelope with your name on it)



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