



**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.

**Please Note...**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday 23rd November @1:30pm in JDHall.** There will be a shared lunch after the services.

Proposed Constitution and By-Laws available from the office for your perusal before meeting.

*Before Jesus made any large decision he spent time in prayer. This year I would like to have a sustained time of prayer leading up to our AGM/Election of Office Bearer's. From Sunday 2nd Nov to 23rd Nov I would like to have an hour of prayer each morning, afternoon and evening as we earnestly seek Jesus' will and his leading for His Church.*

*In the bulletin there will be prayer suggestions and a time of prayer. The Church building will be open during that time, or you may wish to simply stop what you are doing at that time and spend some time united in prayer.*

*I would like this to culminate with 40 hours of prayer leading up to the AGM on 23rd Nov. We would begin at 5pm on Fri 21 Nov with a Celebration Meal & HC—finishing Sun Morning with a Breakfast from 8am to 9am.*

**WATCH THIS SPACE**

**10:45am SERVICES**

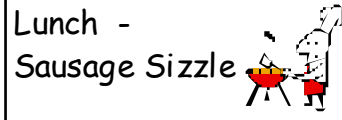
There will be **NO** second (10:45am) Services at Christ Church on the 16th of November due to congregational picnic **OR** the 30th November due to the Church Camp.

**NEXT SUNDAY 9th November - come at 10:30am in JDHALL**

We will begin with tea / coffee & nibbles **(BYO Nibbles)**

Our time enjoying each other's company will involve having fun, a shared study time, a time of prayer and during this a time for one-on-one prayer for those who wish.

We'll also share lunch together



Lunch - Sausage Sizzle

as we seek to enhance the fellowship we share in Christ.

**Congratulations and God's Blessings**

To Trudy Weber who celebrates her 90th birthday on Monday Nov 3rd.

**COMING EVENTS this week**

Sun	2nd Nov	12:30pm 5pm	Open Day—Lutheran Community Care Fellowship Tea—JDHall
Mon	3rd Nov	9:30am	<b>Pastor Edmund on Holidays</b> Cards & Coffee
Tue	4th Nov	7:30pm	HOPE Study Gp—John & Val's
Wed	5th Nov	9am 9:30am 10am	<b>Staff Devotion</b> Service Guild AGM—Ed Cen Time Out—Ed Cen
Thurs	6th Nov	9am	<b>Bible Study</b>
Fri	7th Nov	4pm 7:30pm	<b>Confirmation</b> Barnabas F/Gp—Basil & Helen's- Gal 3
Sat	8th Nov		
Sun	9th Nov	9am	<b>Monarto</b> Worship <b>Christ Church</b> 9am Communion—Pastor Steve Mattner 10am Trading Table 10:30am <b>Worship—JDHall</b> 12noon Sausage Sizzle 12noon <b>SINGLES—lunch at Bridgeport Hotel</b>

**LCA DEVOTIONAL BOOK 2009**  
**"Time Out—A Word from God"**  
 365 life related gospel centred devotions by Aust Pastors & Laypeople. **Cost \$18**  
 Contact Dennis Pfeifer  
 ph 8531 1188 by  
 Monday November 10th

**CAMP** It won't be long until the camp is upon us. Could you please now attend at the Ed Cen and pay the balance owing to Jan—she has the amount owing recorded at the office.

# ROSTERS

## MONARTO

Sunday 9th Nov  
**Wardens** 9am  
 Hein  
**Reader** Terry Frankin  
**Cuppa** Pam & Trevor Hilton

## CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday 9th Nov  
**Elders** 9am  
 Bruce Heinrich  
**Wardens** Brenton & Lorraine Doecke  
 Ian Pumpa  
**Music** Ivy  
**Reader** Dawn Jaensch  
**Greeters** Dawn Jaensch, Ivy Roennfeldt  
**Tea/Coffee** S Jericho, J Stiller, D Borchardt  
**General Prayer** Dennis Pfeiffer  
**Flowers** Jeanette Zanker  
**Data Projector** Daphne Young  
**PA** David Pech

10:30am  
 Mark Stiller  
 David Doecke  
 Gordon Kuchel  
 Debra Colley  
 John & Val Spencer  
 Dennis Pfeiffer  
 Brenton Mann Family  
 Nathaniel Mann

## Sunday School

**Children's Address** Jeanette Mann  
**Activity Leader** Yvonne Stiller  
**Helpers** Deb Colley, Sophie & Danielle Stiller

## WOMEN'S GUILD

Wed Nov 12th at 1:15pm  
 in Conc Hall.

### AGM.

Devotion: S Nitschke

Hosts: I Rosenzweig,  
 A Stead, R Packer;

Visitors: J Kluge,  
 S Wilhelm

Gift Table: T Weber,  
 D Borchardt

Honey Biscuits for  
 Christmas Cheer

**NO 100's & 1000's**

## MURRAY BRIDGE

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**SUNDAY 14th December.**

Help is needed for the setting up beforehand and also on the day with many and varied tasks.

(e.g transporting equipment, setting up the site, stage etc, security and gate keeping).

**Please prayerfully consider whether you can assist in some way—then contact Jan at the office.**

## ~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*

- Pray for the upcoming Annual General Meeting—for people to prayerfully consider serving on a particular ministry group within the congregation—ask that people will come forward and offer their gifts to God's glory.
- Ask Jesus, the Light of the world, to come into your life today and dispel all the darkness of sin. Ask for help to walk in the light of his presence and to spread that light into the community of Murray Bridge.
- Pray for members to have eyes to see people the way Jesus sees them and for courage to respond to their needs in the power of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give us all that we need to do the work that God calls us to do in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Ask for God's blessing by sending rain to the parched land—where it is most needed.
- Pray for those at Resthaven –Nita Jurecky, Ivy Przibilla, Dorrie Materne, Les Scheer, & for those in Lerwin - Monica Ecker mann.
- 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

3/11 Sue Kuchel, Olivia Hand  
 4/11 Lorraine Doecke, Joseph Haughton  
 5/11 Charelle Grocke, Alec & Pauline Burgemeister  
 7/11 Wayne Rowland, Darren Piltz  
 8/11 Delton Schiller, Pam Doecke, Joshua Becker

# Living

## Talking

- 1 *Share highs and lows for the week.*
- 2 *What feelings have you had when someone you love dies?*
- 3 *How does your faith in Jesus shape the way you see death and life?*

## Praying

Thank God for the hope we have in Jesus. Thank God for the people you know who have died in Christ and the hope of reunion we have in Christ. Thank God for those people who have been a positive witness of Christ to you. Pray for those people you know who are struggling with their faith, who don't know Jesus yet.

## Verse for the week

*Micah 6:8 "... and what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*

## Blessing

*As you seek to do what the LORD requires may He bless those actions and make you a fruitful witness to Him.*

### Bible Readings Today

Micah 3:5-12  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

### Bible Readings 9th Nov

Amos 5:18-24  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

## Reading

Mon 1 Thess. 4  
Tues 1 Thess 5  
Wed Revelation 20  
Thur Revelation 21  
Fri Revelation 22

## LADIES FELLOWSHIP

For the next meeting on Thursday November 20th when we will be repairing and completing CRISMONS, we need the following items—

Gold glitter, Gold ribbon  
Beading/sequins, Craft glue

Please bring along on the night.

## FLOWER ROSTER

We are seeking ladies to help provide flowers for the church services on Sunday mornings. It could be that you need only be on the roster once a year. If you feel you could assist in this way please contact Joyce Stiller ph 8532 1116

## MURRAYLANDS SINGLES/ SINGLE AGAIN

Meet at Ed Cen at 12noon on Sunday 9th November  
Lunch @ Bridgeport Hotel at 12:15pm

Murray Bridge Museum at 1:30pm  
Contact Jayne ph 8532 3227 if you plan to attend or for further info.

## SERVICE GUILD AGM

Wednesday 5th November at 9:30am in Ed Cen. Devotion: Rita Schiller  
We are looking for new members to join our committee. We meet 4 times per year, organise caterings and care for the interiors of the church and hall buildings. *If you would like to know more please see Joyce Stiller or Bev Frahn*

# Advent Evening

Sunday November 30th  
at 6pm in JDHall

Please bring a savoury and a sweet to hare.

ALSO BRING A FRIEND

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

### Christmas Eve

Christ Church 7pm @ Unity  
Monarto 7pm

### Christmas Day

Christ Church 9am  
Monarto 9am

Sunday 28th Services as normal

### New Year's Eve

Christ Church 6:30pm  
Monarto 6pm

NO SERVICES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

## Christ Church Connections

### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT DUNDEE'S HOTEL

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 noon

Begin with a hearty lunch – your selection – your cost join in with a few Christmas carols and fellowship with others

*Hear about the missionary work overseas with a slide show that will amaze you*

All you need to do is to come for lunch, stay and enjoy the day

**So that we can advise the caterers of your attendance  
Please contact Alex Warnest – phone 8532 1334  
by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

## Unity College Musical

Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup> at  
2pm at Unity College



Offering for  
Barnabas Fund

Cuppa to follow

Everyone most welcome

### PARISH MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Open Night  
Thursday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at  
7:30pm in Lutheran  
Homes Village Centre,  
Owl Drive.

Devotion: James Stiller  
Film presentation  
by John Thiele  
Offering  
Plate of Supper please

Everyone most welcome

## Car Navigation/Congregational Picnic

*Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>*

Assemble behind the JD Hall @ 10.15am for a  
10.45am start (NO Second Service)

**\$10 per car**



**Pre-registration with payment essential**

**Register at Christ Church Office,  
Annette Thomson or Yolette Koch**

*Total distance  
2 hr drive*

***Panic Envelope provided if you get lost!!***

Members are encouraged to come for lunch even though they may not be able to join in the car trial. For lunch destination please ph Yolette for more detail. Ph 8532 2130 (of course the destination is to be kept secret from those involved in the car trial).

*Mainly good  
unsealed roads  
suitable all  
vehicles*

***Fun and games***

***Bring a digital  
camera if you have one***

**BYO chairs, food,  
drinks, plates etc for  
a Picnic Lunch.  
Shared Afternoon Tea**

**NO BBQ plate provided.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



**WANTED lollies for Christmas Eve.** If you would like to donate lollies for the Sunday School, please leave them in the church office. Any children wanting to participate in the Christmas Eve Service, either leave your names with Jan in the Church Office, or contact Deb Colley, Annette Thomson or Sarah Puust before 9<sup>th</sup> November, so we can start planning for the Christmas Eve Service.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10.45am we will have a short practise in the Steeple at Unity College for the Christmas Eve service, followed by an end of year Sunday School Christmas party. Please bring along a small plate to share. We aim to finish by 12.00noon.

We encourage all families to join in with the Car Navigation Church Picnic on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November. It will be a fun day for all. See further details in the bulletin.

### LUTHERAN PASTORS HANG UP THEIR GOWNS!

Several hundred members of the Murray Bridge Lutheran Community gathered at the Steeple, Unity College, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October for their annual combined worship service celebrating the Reformation.

Representatives from local Lutheran organizations participated in the service – including Lynette Schiller representing Concordia Kindergarten, Angela Branford representing Unity College, Merv Schopp representing Lutheran Homes and Karen Ahrens representing Lutheran Community Care, along with people from Zion Church, Monarto, and Christ Church and Holy Cross Churches, Murray Bridge.

The pastors participating in the service included Pastor Wayne Zweck, Director of Mission and Secretary of the Lutheran Church of Australia, Pastor Steve Mattner, Unity College Chaplain, Dr John Thiel of Holy Cross and Pastoral Assistant Edmund Bilney of Christ Church.

The service marked the last service led by Pastor Zweck before his retirement from active ministry. He was the guest preacher and spoke on Martin Luther's rediscovery of the Good News that people can be forgiven all their sins and receive eternal life as a gift through faith in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Steve Mattner is soon to leave Unity College and take a position in Victoria.

So, there is a real sense in which Pastor Zweck, pictured with his pastoral gown removed, and Pastor Mattner, holding his gown, are hanging up their gowns – one for retirement and one leaving his position in this area.

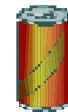
We wish Pastor Zweck and Pastor Mattner well in the years ahead.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Next Sunday  
November  
9th at 12 noon.

Join in fellowship—  
"Building Healthy  
Relationships"



Gold Coin  
Donation  
appreciated

## TRADING TABLE

### Next Sunday between Services



Any donations of produce, cake, biscuits, pastries, plants, etc would be greatly appreciated.



### DVD "Search for a Star"

If you would like to order a DVD (or video tape) of the "Search for CC Starz" Concert, order through the Office. Cost \$5. Considering the lighting & sound difficulties, the video came out pretty good, thanks to Marcus Jaensch.

## **Fellowship Tea**

Please bring  
a savoury and  
a sweet to  
share.

TONIGHT at 5pm in JDHall.

Includes DVD of Synod Presentation  
"Peacewise"

*An initiative of the Elders to help create an*