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**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.

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

# Christ's Church Lutheran

Swanport Rd. Murray Bridge.



26th December 2010 **Zion Lutheran**  
Monarto

First Sunday after Christmas

Merry  
Christmas  
&  
Happy  
New Year!

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

**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.*

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

#### **DONATIONS TO ALWS**

You would have received your envelope last Sunday. Please send directly or put in an envelope and place in the offering bag by Sunday 9th Jan.

The excellent **Concert & Carols program held at Monarto was videoed.** Copies will be available soon.

#### **NOMINATION REPORT**

Yes the time of Harvest is near and we met to get your thinking caps on in preparation for next year's AGM on March 20th.

#### **We are looking for**

- ♥ A Chairperson—a person (male or female) strong in faith, regular Bible reader & prayer participant who is able to keep us focused on what we are about— Jesus.
- ♥ Persons able to help with 10:45am Worship Team.
- ♥ A person to help on Kindy Management Team

On behalf of the Nominations Committee—Gerry Korzeba

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

The Church Office will be closed from 25th December to 3rd January inclusive. For Pastoral care needs please contact John Mattner Chairman of Elders during this time. Ph 8532 3064.

*Pastor Tim is on holidays from December 28th to January 9th inclusive.*

Jan will be on holidays from December 25th to January 30th inclusive.

**From January 4th Shirley Lutze will be in the office on Tuesdays and Valerie Sickerdick will be in on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Mondays the office will be manned by volunteers.**

#### **CHRISTMAS GREETING**

Australian Lutheran College thanks you all for your support and encouragement throughout 2010 and wishes you every blessing for the Christmas season.

#### **Installation Service**

The Installation of Dr Merryn Ruwoldt as Head of the School of Educational Theology at Australian Lutheran College, will take place on Sunday, 30 January 2011 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church during the 9am service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **ALC 'Beginning of Year' Events**

Australian Lutheran College's 'Opening Service' will take place in the College Chapel at 9am on Monday, 31 January 2011. This will be followed at 9.30am by the 'Opening Lecture' in the Refectory. The presenter will be Rev Linards Jansons, Lecturer in Theology and Dean of Chapel, who will speak on the topic "Between the Chapel and the Classroom: the vital (yet contested) role of Liturgical Theology". All are invited to attend.

#### **Employment Opportunities at ALC**

Australian Lutheran College (ALC) has a full-time position available for an Administrator in the School of Educational Theology and a part-time (.4) job share position as Administrator in the Dean's Office. Administrative experience within a higher education organisation would be advantageous. A full-time position also exists for a Maintenance Assistant. Position descriptions are available from ALC Reception—please contact Hannah Pietsch on 8267 7400.

#### **KEEP BRINGING IN THOSE PAPERS**

**The paper shed by the tennis courts is always open.**

**Thank you for your support  
of this ministry.**

If you are dropping off material to the paper shed please make sure there is nothing with names and addresses (personal information) on it. Identity theft is a common problem nowadays.

God's  
Riches  
At  
Christ's  
Expense

# This Week

**Mon** 27th Dec Public Holiday—Office Closed until 5th Jan

**Fri** New Year's Eve 7pm Christ Church

**Sat** New Year's Day No Services

**Sun** 2nd Jan **MONARTO** 10:30am Communion  
**CHRIST** 9am Worship  
**CHURCH** 10:45am Worship

**Mon** 3rd Jan Public Holiday—Office Closed

**Tue** 4th Jan

**Wed** 5th Jan

**Thurs** 6th Jan

**Fri** 7th Jan

**Sat** 8th Jan

**Sun** 9th Jan **MONARTO** 9am Worship  
**CHRIST** 9am Worship  
**CHURCH** 10:45am Communion

## Murray Bridge Celebrations

On Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 the Murray Bridge Catholic Parish will celebrate the centenary of the church of the Most Holy Redeemer. His Grace the Archbishop Phillip Wilson will celebrate Mass at 10.00 am on the day, the formal part of the celebration will be followed by morning tea. The parishioners of Murray Bridge invite those who are interested in meeting up with old friends and rejoicing on the occasion to join in the celebrations, please bring a plate for morning tea.

Join us before Mass in singing some of the hymns of the century from 9.15a.m. onwards

## NEW YEAR SERVICE TIMES

**New Year's Eve 7pm Combined Service at Christ Church**

*No Service at Monarto*

**NO SERVICES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY**



Many thanks to the Ladies who have Recently helped with cakes, slices, quiches and rice for our last 3 catering functions. With this great help we managed to raise \$543. Merry Christmas from Dawn, Audrey and Yolette.

## PLEASE NOTE

**LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE** will be closed from **December 25th** to **3rd January** inclusive.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2011

**These are now available from the church foyer. Please collect yours.**



Many thanks for the lollies and money donated for Christmas Eve. And a BIG thank you to Irene Kuchel for making honey biscuits and to Audrey Jaensch who iced them. From the Sunday School.

## GET INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH A GREAT BUNCH OF PEOPLE

Murray Bridge Lutheran Community care is looking for new volunteers to help with

**English language practice:** you choose hours and times to suit you

**Making Movies:** you choose hours and times to suit you

**Baby sitting:** Help another volunteer look after a few babies and toddlers 10.30am to 12 noon Tuesdays during term time

**Home work club:** Assist our worker Tuesdays 3.30 to 5 pm

**Study assistance:** Help adult new settlers with TAFE homework

Please contact Thanuja or Karen on 08 8531 3644 10.00 – 2.00 pm week days.



**MONARTO**

Wardens  
Reader  
Cuppa

January 2nd 10:30am  
Tyson Paech  
Nathan Wegener

**Rosters**

Wardens  
Reader  
Cuppa

January 9th 9am  
Tamara Wohlfeil  
Judy Franklin

**CHRIST CHURCH**

January 2nd

**Sunday**

9am

10:45am

**Elders**

Daphne Young

Marcus Jaensch

**Wardens**

John &amp; Irene Kuchel

Brian & Jenny Gogel  
Sue Kuchel**Music**

June Walker

Lynette Schiller

**Reader**

Merle Herrmann

Delton &amp; Lynette Schiller

**Greeters**

Ross &amp; Merle Herrmann

**Flowers**

Lorraine Doecke

**Tea, Coffee**

James &amp; Joyce Stiller, Rita Schiller

**General Prayer**

Janet Vogt

**Data Projector**

Bruno Lablack

Britanny Vogt

**PA**

David Pech

Nathaneal Mann

**Ed Cen Clean**

Annette Korzeba

January 9th

**Sunday**

9am

10:45am

**Elders**

John Mattner

Gerry Korzeba

**Wardens**

Brenton &amp; Lorraine Doecke

Peter &amp; Valerie Jaensch

Ian Pumpa

**Music**

Joyce Stiller

Jeanette Mann

**Reader**

Daphne Young

Dennis &amp; Helen Pfeiffer

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Joan Bahr, Barbara Noble

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**~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"*

- Give thanks for the year that has been and for every day that is yet to come.
- Pray for those travelling in the holidays, that they be kept safe. Give thanks to God for this time of rest.
- Spend time reflecting on what direction we need to take to be more like Jesus.
- Pray for people who are searching for real meaning in their lives—that they may find Jesus this Christmas.
- ♥ Pray for farmers and those on the land affected by insect plagues, diseases and unfavorable weather conditions.
- ♥ Pray for those of our congregation who need special care & help at this time; the sick; the grieving; the lonely. Ask God to surround them with His loving, comforting arms and to give them help, healing and encouragement. Bob Eckermann (QEH), Ron Jericho (Calvary)

**Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays**

27/12 Jackson Koch  
28/12 Dennis Pfeiffer  
29/12 Carl Pfeiffer  
31/12 Sarah Doecke, Marlene Schubert, Murray Pope, Leanne Kuchel  
  
1/1 Graeme Mann, Ken Schiller  
2/1 Amelia Schiller, Harold Miegel  
3/1 Gavin Doecke, Matthew Schultz,  
5/1 Mason Graetz, Noleen Kluge  
7/1 Tania Klemm  
8/1 Rita Faerhmann, Trent Mueller, Larissa Barry  
9/1 Richard Jenke



### Sharing

Share your highs and lows for the week.  
What have been some big changes in your life? What caused them?

### Reading:

Matthew 2

Read through using three symbols:

? = question.

☼ = sun for when the light comes on.

→ = arrow where Jesus is hitting the mark in your heart calling you to action.

### Talking it Over

Share one of your questions.

Share one area the light came on.

Share one point you felt Jesus was calling you to action.

What is the significance of the Magi?

What is significant about Herod? What does he reveal about the basic nature of sin?

What caused everyone to be worried? Why should the basic nature of sin cause us all to be worried, or at least expect conflict?

What was the response of the Magi when they saw the star? Compare that with Herod's response to hearing of Jesus' birth? When are you joyous like the Magi? When might you respond like Herod—his rule is challenged so he fights to keep what he's worked for.

What signs reveal God to you, and his plan for the world?

### Praying

Give thanks to Jesus for three special people in your life, for three special qualities you have, or want, for three special gifts you have.

Rejoice that God has opened the way that all people can find him.

Pray for each other by name.

### Verse for the Week

"The Magi asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'" Matt. 2:2

### Character Conversation Questions

How have I responded to Jesus' signs: like the Magi, like Herod, other?

Have I been looking for signs or too busy?

What signs did Jesus speak of, where are they evident now?

Have I been reading the bible to keep myself aware of God's signs?

Have I been seeking the lost?

Have I been praying for the lost?

Have I avoided temptation, and sought to grow like Jesus?

Have I thanked Jesus this week?

Have I tried to be my own boss, or let Jesus rule?

### Readings

#### Today

Isaiah 63:7-9

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

**Monday** 1 Jn 4

**Tuesday** 1 Jn 5

**Wednesday** 2 Pet 1

**Thursday** 2 Pet 2

**Friday** 2 Pet 3

**Saturday** Luke 1,2

#### Sunday 2 January

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:10-18





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What is special about the way John starts recording Jesus' story?

What do you find encouraging in the opening verses? Why?

What is significant about Jesus and faith in him? What's the wonderful outcome? Discuss.

Reflect on John and his ministry? What is the difference between Jesus' baptism and John's?

Discuss Jesus call of his first disciples? How does it differ to the other writers? What is John's emphasis?

What was the first thing Andrew did? What is the significance of verse 51?

### Praying

Give thanks to Jesus that he has made it possible for us to get to know God.  
Thank Jesus that you are baptised with the Holy Spirit.  
Thank Jesus that someone told you about him. Ask Jesus to lead you to tell someone about him today.

### Verse for the Week

"Jesus then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.'" John 1:51

### Character Conversation Questions

Have I taken the time to reflect on my life this week?

Have I spent time in prayer, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide me?

How has the Holy Spirit shaped my actions in regard to my spending, my sexuality, my work, my play?

Am I building my life in harmony with the Eternal Word, or the noisy world around me?

How have I sought to live as Jesus' disciple this week?

Have I read and lived the word this week?

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Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:10-18

#### Monday

Luke 3

#### Tuesday

Luke 4

#### Wednesday

Luke 5

#### Thursday

Luke 6

#### Friday

Luke 7

#### Saturday

Luke 8

#### Sunday 9 January

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

