CHRIST CHURCH CONGREGATION UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

If you are aware of an event missing on this list, please let the Office know

DECEMBER 15-21st—Red Cross Blood Bank—JDHall

24th—Christmas Eve —7pm at Unity Steeple

— 7pm at Monarto

25th Christmas Day - 9am—Christ Church

- 9am at Monarto

12noon—Christmas with the Koch's

31st—New Year's Eve—combined service at Holy Cross

- with Pastor David Christian at 7pm

JANUARY 2012 1st - New Year's Day— normal services

FEBRAURY 12th - Annual Reports Due

MARCH 11th- AGM

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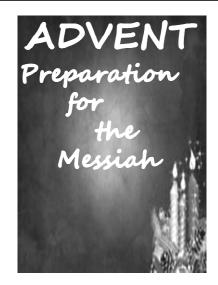
Monarto





Second Sunday of Advent 4th December 2011





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

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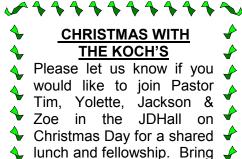
"Communion Invitation" - Dear Friends in Christ, if you are a visitor who is a baptised believer and not a member of the Lutheran Church but believe that you will be receiving the body and blood of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, then an open invitation is extended to you.

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.



food to share.

BRIDGE KIDZ
CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Friday December 9th at 4pm at Unity College Junior Campus.
Cong members are invited to join them at 5:30pm for BBQ tea and then stay for the Christmas Service. RSVP for catering purposes by 7th Dec. ph 0439 150 015 or email bridgekdz@gmail.com

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP (at Unity College Steeple). WE NEED YOU!!

We are looking for people to assist in a number of ways—please prayerfully consider if you can help in presenting the Christmas message (reading, drama, singing making props etc); baking and wrapping biscuits (home made); sorting costumes and dressing children; welcoming people to worship. People of all age groups are needed. Please let Pastor Tim Cheryl Doecke or Jan at the office know if you are able to assist ASAP.

MONARTO Sunday 11th Dec 9am

Wardens Hein Family
Reader Trevor Paech
Morning Cuppa Haydn Hein



CHRIST CHURCH Sunday 11th Dec

9am 10:45am

Elders Dawn Hampel David Doecke

Wardens Brenton & Lorraine Doecke Jim & Heather Courtney

Ian Pumpa Jan Brodde

MusicJoyce StillerSheryl MartinReaderMerle HerrmannMerilyn Schultz

Greeters Gordon & Shirley Lutze Gordon & Merilyn Schultz

Flowers Ramona Slow

General Prayer

Tea/Coffee

Joan Kluge, Ramona Slow, Janelle Traeger

Data Projector

Bruno Lablack

PA

David Pech

Dennis Pfeiffer

Schiller Traeger

Marcus Jaensch

Ed Cen Clean Annette Korzeba

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's AddressKevin SchrapelActivity LeaderKevin Schrapel

Helpers Sarah Puust, Stiller girls

'The Lutheran'

DECEMBER ISSUE OUT NOW

SILENT NIGHT

Stop, be still ... listen ... Christ, the Saviour, is born

MEMORIES ... AND MERCY

Shepparton young people take God's love into their community ... and far beyond

LONGEST LUTHERAN LUNCH

A feast of connection and creativity! Relive it all in our 8-page liftout 11 issues per year; \$39 Australia, \$41 New Zealand



~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 everyone in our congregation who are "just going through the
 motions' of everyday life; that they stop and take time to think about their
 reason for being here and their role within the community to serve others and
 to be alight for Jesus.
- Pray that this time of Advent will be one of reflecting and preparing for the coming of Jesus.
- Pray for mothers who find preparations leading up to Christmas stressful may they find ways to lower stress levels.
- Pray that God's Spirit would inspire and empower believers to pray specific blessings upon their neighbours and friends
- Heavenly Father, we pray for those in Resthaven—Nita Jurecky, Dorrie Materne, Rita Bretag, Keith & Joan Neumann, & Jenny Mueller and also for Monica Eckermann, Bob Appleby, Melva Jackson and Maureen Kuchel in Lerwin.
- 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.

We think particularly of Judy Franklin, John Mattner (home), John Lohmeyer, Bryan Lees, Keith May (M/B Hosp), Edgar Gerhardy, Les Jericho (M/B hosp), Ivy Roennfeldt.

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

- 5/12 Raelene Wegener, Eileen Miegel, Mark Stiller, Madeleine Binney
- 7/12 Annette Thomson, Lucas & Larry Semmler
- 8/12 Dylan Kuchel
- 9/12 Irene Kuchel, Ty & Logan Jenke
- 10/12 Trevor Paech

The profits from the MANGO SALES \$345 has been used to help 7 families overseas (via ALWS) arrange a business loan so they can support themselves

Gifts for Kindy Graduating Class

As part of our outreach program at Concordia Kindy, Christ Church along with Zion Monarto and Holy Cross will provide Bible Story books and Jesus DVD's for the children graduating at a service at Holy Cross on Tuesday 13th December.

Funds have been allocated from the catering fund

Special thanks to you for ongoing support.

LOLLIES NEEDED

SUNDAY SCHOOL are again looking for donations of child – friendly lollies to be handed out after the Christmas Eve Service. Please leave all donations with Deb Colley (ph 0408 893 726) or with Jan at the church office. Thanks—much appreciated.

NO CONFIRMATION THIS WEEK—STEP-UP TO

<u>COMMUNION</u> an invitation is being offered on <u>Wednesday 14th Dec at 7pm—join</u> with the Confirmation class.

CATERING FUNCTION 8th December

Many thanks to those ladies who are helping on this date. Could you please have slices, biscuits, sandwiches etc in at the JDHall by 9:30am on that day.

2012 DEVOTION BOOK

Now available. "Time Out—5 minutes with God" Cost \$22. Please contact Dennis Pfeiffer - ph 85311188

THANK YOUS

To those who supported the appeal for goodies for Christmas Hampers and toys for LCC. Your donations have been very much appreciated. **AND**

to those who helped in <u>any way</u> with the Advent Evening, setting up, decorating the JDHall, working in the kitchen, cleaning up, organising the program or presenting items. It was a great way to start the Advent season preparing for Jesus' birth.,

we have brought our
December meeting forward
to Monday December 5th at
the usual time of 7:30pm.
Bring a few nibbles to share.

"Grumpy Old Men Breakfast"

Come again and join us.

An opportunity for men of all ages to relax after a week of work or gardening or playing bowls or fishing. Get together and have a bit of fellowship and a talk over your favourite breakfast, which you need to bring. A BBQ is available. Tea and coffee will be supplied.

WHERE AND WHEN

At Marcus and Audrey Jaensch's place 22 Wells Way, formerly Tumbella Drive — Saturday 17th December at 7:30am. To give a bit of an idea how many are coming please ph 8532 1483 KEEP THIS DATE FREE

This Week

Hymns— 13, 732, 822, 851, 378, 371 Readings—Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

Mon **5th Dec** 9:30am Cards. Coffee & Chat– Ed Cen

> 7:30pm Elders- Ed Cen

Time Out on Tuesday—Church 6th Dec 6-8pm Tue

Wed 7th Dec Barnabas F/Gp- Zanker's 6pm

> **NO Confirmation this week** 7pm

8th Dec 9.30 am Bible Study Group—Ed Cen Thurs

> **Bulletin Notice Deadline** 10am

11:30am Staff Devotion

Worship Team (9am) - Ed Cen Fri 9th Dec 9:30am

> **Bridge Kidz Christmas BBQ & Service** 5:30pm

Sat 10th Dec

11th Dec MONARTO Sun Worship 9am CHRIST 9am Matins

CHURCH 10:45am Communion

12:30pm Singles Christmas

Lunch—Community Club

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5:30pm Pre-Carols Concert 7pm Christmas Carols—Racecourse

MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sunday Dec 11th—Pre-carols concert at 5:30pm

featuring Jack Vidgen (Australia's Got Talent Winner).

☆ and Danielle Catanzanti among others.

☆ <u>Carols commence at 7pm.</u> Food, ice cream, drinks available for your picnic tea. FREE Entry.

Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on.

resented by Murray Bridge Inter-Church Council.

SINGLES/SINGLE

AGAIN

Christmas Lunch at the Community Club.

Sunday Dec 11th at 12:30pm. Please bring a gift to the value of \$5. Contact Fred Thompson ph 8532 6238

MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Appeal For Assistance

Fri 9th Dec at 2pn – transport stage Sat 10th Dec 9am—cleaning seats at racecourse

Sun 11th Dec at 9:30am—preparing & decorating stage

10am installing batteries in candles

5pm—car park attendants

assist security

clean up & pack up after carols

STAMPS FOR MISSION

We need more stamps to clean. Please leave in STAMP BOX as you enter church. THANK YOU



LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Thursday 15th December at 6pm. Christmas Carols & chatting with some of the elderly in our church community. Meet at the Ed Cen. We will meet back at the Ed Cen around 8:15pm

RETIRING OFFERING FOR **CHRISTMAS ACTION APPEAL** Christmas Day, Jan1st and Jan 8th. You can place in offering bag or send on direct.

Ministry in Schools Task Group

are seeking donations for the Carols by Candlelight BBQ December 11th.

We require fresh fruit (oranges, apples, bananas etc) or tinned fruit to make fruit salad, eggs or donations of money to buy bread, bacon, onions etc. and people to assist with cooking, serving or setup/cleanup on the night. If you are able to assist please contact Joyleen Kuchel 8532 5353 (evenings).

URGENTLY NEEDED

A representative from Christ Church for Inter-Church Council. They meet about 5 times per year. The main task of the group is to organise the Christmas Carols each year. Ph Marie Mueller for more info. Ph 8532 2268

PLEASE NOTE

In the future the outside toilets (located by the tennis courts) will be locked. Key is available from the office.

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.



Sharing

Share your highs and lows for the week. When have you felt comforted?

Reading:

Isaiah 40

Read through using three symbols:

? = question.

 \heartsuit = sun for when the light comes on.

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

Talking it Over

What is the word of Comfort that starts this chapter? What comfort were the Israelites looking for? What comfort do we get?

How do we make straight paths for Jesus? Do we ever rough up the way! What gifts has Jesus given to us to make straight paths?

What reason does Isaiah give for us not to be afraid?

How does Isaiah describe the nations? What is his point?

How does he describe God? What thoughts come to your mind when you hear these things about God?

Have you ever felt like complaining or that way wasn't clear? What does God say about those feeling here in Isaiah?

What come to your mind when you hear that we will renew our strength and soar like eagles?

Praying

Ask God to comfort you with the hope we have in Jesus. Ask Jesus to use you to bring his life giving presence to people this week. Praise God for his grace, mercy and that he is concerned about you. Pray for each other.

Verse for the Week

"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles..." Isaiah 40:31

Character Conversation Questions

Am I listening or telling Jesus.

Have I taken regular time out.

Have I loved my spouse, parents, family, friends?

How have I loved people?

What's driving my morality?

How have I used God's gifts to me?

Have I told the truth?

Has the green monster of envy reared it's head this week?

Am I doing Jesus will or my own?
Where did I encounter Jesus this week?

Did I finish my reading and hear from God? What am I going to do?

Have I been honest with myself?

Readings Sunday 4 December

Isaiah 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8

Monday Eph. 1-3 Tuesday Eph. 4-6 Wednesday Phil. 1-4 Thursday Col. 1-4 Friday 1 Tim. 1-3 Saturday 1 Tim. 4-6

Sunday 11 December

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thess. 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28