

## **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



*Christ Church Lutheran*  
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

*Zion Lutheran*  
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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## 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.*

**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.

### CHRISTMAS WITH THE KOCH'S

Please let us know if you would like to join Pastor Tim, Yolette, Jackson & Zoe in the JDHall on Christmas Day for a shared lunch and fellowship. Bring food to share.

**2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES  
AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS**

### 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](mailto:bridgekdz@gmail.com)

### 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**  
**Wardens**  
**Reader**  
**Morning Cuppa**

**Sunday 11th Dec 9am**  
Hein Family  
Trevor Paech  
Haydn Hein

**Rosters**

### CHRIST CHURCH

### Sunday 11th Dec

<b>9am</b>	<b>10:45am</b>
<b>Elders</b> Dawn Hampel	David Doecke
<b>Wardens</b> Brenton & Lorraine Doecke	Jim & Heather Courtney
Ian Pumpa	Jan Brodde
<b>Music</b> Joyce Stiller	Sheryl Martin
<b>Reader</b> Merle Herrmann	Merilyn Schultz
<b>Greeters</b> Gordon & Shirley Lutze	Gordon & Merilyn Schultz
<b>Flowers</b> Ramona Slow	
<b>General Prayer</b>	Dennis Pfeiffer
<b>Tea/Coffee</b> Joan Kluge, Ramona Slow,	Janelle Traeger
<b>Data Projector</b> Bruno Lablack	Schiller Family
<b>PA</b> David Pech	Marcus Jaensch
<b>Ed Cen Clean</b> Annette Korzeba	

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

<b>Children's Address</b>	Kevin Schrapel
<b>Activity Leader</b>	Kevin Schrapel
<b>Helpers</b>	Sarah Puust, Stiller girls

## **‘The Lutheran’**

### **DECEMBER ISSUE OUT NOW**

#### **SILENT NIGHT**

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

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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*

- 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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

**COMMUNION** an invitation is being offered on Wednesday 14th Dec at 7pm—join 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 any way 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.,

**ELDERS** - please note that 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**





### Sharing

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

### Reading:

Isaiah 40

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

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