

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



*Christ Church Lutheran*  
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

*Zion Lutheran*  
Monarto



Third Sunday of Advent  
11th December 2011



Ron & Sabine  
unloading the  
30 boxes of  
Christmas  
Cheer brought  
up from LCC  
in Prospect  
for Murray  
Bridge  
distribution.

**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-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.

## Welcome

We welcome all visitors & pray you are made to feel at home here in our congregation.



**TODAY at the 10:45am service** we celebrate God's presence through baptism.

**Carljen Bissett** has been brought here today to be baptised.

Please pray for her parents Vic & Mart-Marie & brother James and thank God for His gift of Baptism.

## 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 DEVOTION BOOK

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

## 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 18th Dec 10:30am**  
Frahm Family  
Max Paech

**Rosters**

## CHRIST CHURCH

## Sunday 18th Dec

<b>Elders</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>10:45am</b>
<b>Wardens</b>	Bruce Heinrich Allan & Dawn Hampel	Gerry Korzeba David & Joy Lienert Yolette Koch Sheryl Martin Sue Kuchel Lance & Elsie Andriske
<b>Music</b>	Alison Grieger	Delton Schiller
<b>Reader</b>	Merle Herrmann	
<b>Greeters</b>	Bruce	
<b>Flowers</b>	Elva Heinrich	
<b>General Prayer</b>		
<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	Ross & Merle Herrmann	
<b>Data Projector</b>	Kate Frahm	Brenton Mann Family
<b>PA</b>	David Pech	Marcus Jaensch
<b>Ed Cen Clean</b>	John & Gloria Pohl	

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

<b>Children's Address</b>	Pastor Tim
<b>Activity Leader</b>	Annette Thomson
<b>Helpers</b>	Brianna, Shane & Jayden Thomson

## BACKYARD BLITZ AT CONCORDIA KINDY

We have several projects on the go that we really want to get happening in time for the commencement of 2012.

These include:

- ♥ replacing the bark "soft fall" to the required depth. We are hoping this can happen with lots of help over several evenings in the week before Christmas. We know weekends don't suit at present.
- ♥ Building the new cubby, which has arrived.
- ♥ Replacing the lawn (could be early in new year).
- ♥ Removing some dead branches from large trees.

Kym Lynch and John Koop from the management committee would be very happy to hear from you if you are able to assist. Kym can be contacted on 0419 033 994. We look forward to your support. Lynette Schiller (on behalf of the Management

## ~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"*

- Thanksgiving for the gift of God's Son, our Saviour, to the world.
- Pray for those who have lost a loved one during 2011 and are facing their first Christmas without them..
- Give thanks for the fire fighters, ambulance officers, police officers, SES crews and other emergency workers who will be on duty over the Christmas period.
- Pray for families that don't get along together - pray that Christmas will be a time when they make an attempt to reconcile.
- 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 (QEH), John Lohmeyer, Bryan Lees, Keith May ( home), Edgar Gerhardy, Les Jericho (home), Peter Jaensch.**

### Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

- 12/12 Ashley Roocke, Sharon Binney
- 13/12 Stephen Jaensch,
- 14/12 Ian Geue, Sophie Goldsmith
- 15/12 Lores Frahn, Adele Doecke, Betty Rowland,
- 16/12 Shirley Lutze, Alex Hein, Nathan Bolt
- 17/12 Cooper Hampel
- 18/12 Emily Miegel, Marlene Kuchel, Brianna Doecke



## **Invigorate Child & Family Ministry Conference**

Saturday February 18, Unity College, Murray Bridge

### **'Ideas to Go'**

With keynote speaker, workshops, crèche, expo and more!

This year we welcome parents to join child & family volunteers and workers

For more info [invigor8@blueprintministries.org.au](mailto:invigor8@blueprintministries.org.au) or 82675211

### **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.



### **INVITATION** **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Holy Cross invites the congregation to join them on New Year's Eve at 7.00pm for a service of reflection and thanksgiving, followed by supper (bring a plate) and fellowship – a great way to see out the old year and give us a foundation for the new one.

### **Congratulations & God's Blessings**

to Marlene Schubert and Sabine Jericho who are both celebrating their 70th birthdays (Marlene on the 10th Dec. and Sabine on the 12th Dec). Have fun ladies.

### **HELP NEEDED**

The Service Guild are decorating the church Christmas Tree on Thursday 22nd December at 9:30am. Your assistance would be appreciated.



### **CAROL SINGING**

We invite members to join us at 6pm on Thursday 15th December at the Ed Cen—carol singing and chatting to the older people in our congregation. Come back for supper & Christmas Devotion with Pastor Tim at 8pm at the Ed Cen. Bring a small plate of food to share.



**For Sale** 1990 Ford Corsair 171000 km's. Very tidy, tyres good, a/c on, serviced regularly. Rego. V W H 985 to 31/01/12. \$1500.00 Ph 85324138 or 0432 374628

## **"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—** 15, 373, 366, 442

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

<b>Sun</b>	<b>11th Dec</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	<i>Singles Christmas Lunch</i>
			<i>—Community Club</i>
		<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Pre-Carols Concert</b>
		<b>7pm</b>	<b>Christmas Carols—Racecourse</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>12th Dec</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<i>Cards, Coffee &amp; Chat— Ed Cen</i>
		<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Property Committee- Ed Cen</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>13th Dec</b>	<b>6-8pm</b>	<b>Time Out on Tuesday—Church</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>14th Dec</b>	<b>1:15pm</b>	<i>Women's Guild— Conc Hall</i>
		<b>6pm</b>	<i>Barnabas F/Gp— Zanker's</i>
		<b>7pm</b>	<b>Confirmation &amp; Step-Up to Communion—Ed Cen</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>15th Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<i>Bible Study Group—Ed Cen</i>
		<b>10am</b>	<b>Bulletin Notice Deadline</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<i>Staff Devotion</i>
		<b>2— 8pm</b>	<b>Red Cross Blood Bank</b>
		<b>6pm</b>	<i>Carol Singing—Ladies Fellowship— Ed Cen</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>16th Dec</b>	<b>7:30-1:30</b>	<b>Red Cross Blood Bank</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>17th Dec</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	<i>Grumpy Old Men's Breakfast— Marcus &amp; Audrey Jaensch's</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18th Dec</b>	<b>MONARTO</b>	<b>9am</b> Communion
		<b>CHRIST</b>	<b>9am</b> Communion
		<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>10:45am</b> Worship

## WOMEN'S GUILD

Wednesday 14th December at 1:15pm  
at Conc Hall.

Social Committee: Entertainment.

Devotion: Ramona Slow

Offering: Aust Lutheran World Service

Hosts: J Walker, S Wilhelm, J Stiller

Gift Table: J Ahrns, E Wegener  
All welcome

God's  
Riches  
At  
Christ's  
Expense

## 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.

## JESUS

*Read at least the first two lines.....  
Never thought of it!*

Jesus died over 2000 years ago.  
Nobody ever referred to him as the late Jesus.  
Not even the heathens.  
Nowhere in history.  
Nowhere has He EVER been referred to in the past tense!  
He is the Living God!

## 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.  
Share how words have affected you?

### Reading:

John 1

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 first thing John tells us about  
Jesus? Why do you think this is important?

Jesus is described as 'Light'. What  
thoughts does this imagery bring to your  
mind?

What do we have in common with John the  
Baptist? Why is that important?

Reflect on verse 13? Does this give you  
any comfort—why or why not?

John baptised with water for? What does  
John say about Jesus' baptism? Do you see  
any difference?

Jesus is the word but at times we are deaf,  
we don't listen. What causes you to be deaf  
to what people are saying at to Jesus at  
times?

Reflect on Jesus' call of his first disciple.

Jesus said the angels of God would ascend  
and descend on him. What does he mean  
by this?

### Praying

Ask Jesus to give you open ears, heart,  
mind to hear his clearly. Ask Jesus to fill  
you daily with the Holy Spirit that you  
might live in harmony with him. Praise  
God for his grace, mercy and that he is  
concerned about you. Pray for each other.

### Verse for the Week

"In the beginning was the Word, and the  
Word was with God, and the Word was  
God."

John 1:1

### 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 11 December

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 Thess. 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday** Heb. 1-3

**Tuesday** Heb. 4-7

**Wednesday** Heb. 8-10

**Thursday** Heb. 11-13

**Friday** James 1-5

**Saturday** 1 Pet. 1-5

#### Sunday 18 December

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38