

CHRIST CHURCH CONGREGATION UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

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

DECEMBER

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent
18th December 2011



Deb Colley &
Sarah Puust
making honey
biscuits.

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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.

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 at 12noon.. **For those coming please contact Yolette to organise "who brings what".**

A time of great blessing last Friday when Ken was baptised by Pastor Tim and welcomed into the family of God. We pray for him as he moves on to other parts of Australia.

Congratulations & God's Blessings

to Gloria Pohl who celebrates her 60th birthday on Monday 19th December. Have a great day Gloria.

HELP NEEDED

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



LEADERSHIP AND ADMIN TEAMS

meet at Delton Schiller's (12 Ross Rd) at 6pm on Monday 19th December. Please bring \$5-10 for Pizza Tea.

CHRISTMAS EVE

MONARTO

Wardens

Saturday 24th Dec 7pm

Barolo Family

Rosters

CHRIST CHURCH

Saturday 24th Dec

Wardens

John & Gloria Pohl, G & J Mann & Family

Music

Band

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONARTO

Wardens

Sunday 25th Dec 9am

Tyson Paech

CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday 25th Dec

9am

Elders

Warren Doecke

Wardens

Merv & Dawn Schopp, Brian & Jenny Gogel

Music

Joyce Stiller

Reader

Alison Grieger

Greeters

Joan Bahr, Barbara Noble

Flowers

Tania Walding

Data Projector

Dawn Hampel

PA

David Pech

Ed Cen Clean

John & Gloria Pohl

For Sale

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

HOUSE FOR RENT

4 bedroom home on 3 acres at Sunnyside. Contact Reg Biar for details. ph 0427 163 207

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.

~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 those who are organizing the Christmas Eve Service—that God will bless this time of preparation.
 - Pray for open generous hearts to invite someone lonely to share a Christmas meal.
 - Give thanks to a wonderful God who gave such an awesome gift—. His Son Jesus. Pray that we never take his blessings, love and forgiveness for granted and that we place Him at the centre of all we do, say and think.
 - 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 and also for Vera Appleby (Ross Robertson Centre, Victor Harbour).
 - 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 (M/B hosp, John Lohmeyer, Bryan Lees, Keith May (home), Edgar Gerhardy, Les Jericho (home), Peter Jaensch, Joy Paech, Wes Herrmann (QEH).**

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

20/12 Darcy Ahrens, Celina Klenke, Jonathan Jaensch, Hayley Pohl
 21/12 Liz Frahn, Mary Schenscher, Pat Kuss, Joan Martin
 22/12 Jenny Gogel, Laurie Hannaford, Paul Hannaford, Cheryl Doecke, David Kuchel
 23/12 David J Altmann, Kirsty Mc Martin, Les Obst
 25/12 Bev Frahn

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 Management .



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.

2012 DEVOTION BOOK

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

A BIG THANKYOU

to the ladies who helped out with food catering on the 8th and 15th December. Through your generosity of time and talents we were able to raise \$1000.



DONATE YOUR RECYCLING TO CONCORDIA KINDY

- Wally's bottle yard hold an account for Concordia Kindy.
- Take in your bottles and cans and request that your money goes to the Kindy. If you need help getting it there Delton & Lynette Schiller will be more than happy to collect it. Please contact them on 0409 325 759.
- Thank you for your assistance.

**RETIRING OFFERING FOR
CHRISTMAS ACTION APPEAL**
 Christmas Day, Jan 1st and Jan 8th. You can place in offering bag or send on direct.

PLEASE NOTE

Norma Lindner is now living in residential care at 1a Main St Hahndorf.

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. **We need the lollies by 9:30am tomorrow (Monday).** Thanks—much appreciated.



BOUQUET OF THE YEAR

A special thank you to all the people involved in the planning, helping and teaching of the children at Bridge Kidz on Fridays during the past year. This all came to a wonderful climax on Friday 9th December at the telling of the Christmas Story to a crowded chapel with parents, children and friends once again hearing this timeless message. This is an excellent witness of our church in mission in our community.

This Week

Hymns— 2, Song 80, 489, 315, Hymn 289, 206

Readings—2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Rom 16: 25-27; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mon 19th Dec 9:30am Cards, Coffee & Chat—Joan Bahr's —
4 Fountain Close—Waterford Estate
2pm-8pm Red Cross Blood Bank—JDHall
7:30pm Leadership & Admin Team -
Delton & Lynette's—10 Ross Rd

Tue 20th Dec 12:30-8pm Red Cross Blood Bank
6-8pm Time Out on Tuesday—Church

Wed 21st Dec 7:30am-1:30 Red Cross Blood Bank

Thurs 22nd Dec 9.30 am NO Bible Study Group
9:30am Decorate Christmas Tree—Church
10am Bulletin Notice Deadline
11:30am Staff Devotion

Fri 23rd Dec

Sat CHRISTMAS EVE MONARTO 7pm
CHRIST CHURCH 7pm at Unity

Sun CHRISTMAS DAY MONARTO 9am
CHRIST CHURCH 9am
12noon— Christmas Lunch—JDHall

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 or 82675211

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

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!

LUTHERAN MEDIA

WEBSITES

Holiday fun for children at www.happyland.com.au & www.redboots.com.au

Check out resources at www.lca.org.au

TELEVISION

ON MAIN STREET, a half hour talk show tackling socially relevant issues

11:30pm Saturday (AEDT) on the Australian Christian Channel
AUSTAR DIGITAL 182, FOXTEL DIGITAL 182, OPTUS 49 / Digital 182, TRANSACT (Canberra)

FREE WORSHIP SERVICE DVDs

If circumstances should prevent you or someone you know from attending church, please order FREE LCA Worship Service DVDs by contacting Lutheran Media. FREECALL 1800 353 350 or luthmedia@lca.org.au You can watch the whole or selected parts of the service.

RADIO

Listen to FACE TO FACE

Invite others to do the same. Download or listen online at
www.facetoface.org.au



Sharing

Share your highs and lows for the week.
Share how words have affected you?

Reading:

Luke 1:1-38

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 differences do you see between
Gabriel's visit to Zechariah and Mary?

Why do you think Zechariah's and Mary's
first response to the angel was one of fear?

How does Mary's response to the angel
Gabriel strike you?

When have you felt confused about what
God is doing? What does it take to accept
what God is doing? Mary said; 'May it be
according to your will.'

What is Jesus' will? How does that fit with
our societies priorities? Discuss

What aspects of the Christmas Story do
you find a mystery? Discuss.

What aspects of the Christmas Story do
you find encouraging? Discuss.

Why is it important that Jesus was born a
human being, like us? Why is it important
that he remains truly God?

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

"I am the Lord's servant." Mary answered.
'May it be to me according to your word.'
Luke 1:38

Character Conversation Questions

Whose the boss me or Jesus?

What time and effort have I invested in this
relationship?

Have I loved my spouse, parents, family,
friends? How have I loved people?

Who determines my morality?

Who have I gifted this week?

Have I told the truth?

Does money rule me or do I use money to
extend Jesus' kingdom?

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 18 December

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Monday John 1-4

Tuesday John 5-7

Wednesday Jn 8-10

Thursday Jn 11-13

Friday Jn 14-16

Saturday Jn 17-19

Sunday 25 December

Matthew 1 & 2

Luke 2