

CHRIST CHURCH CONGREGATION UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

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

MARCH

21st—Lenten Service—Holy Cross
28th—Lenten Service - Christ Church
29th-1st April -Fiddler on the Roof—JDH
31st—Treasury of Weddings—Unity College Stadium

APRIL

1st Apr—Palm Sunday—Confirmation at 10:45am
5th April—Maundy Thursday—7pm
6th April—Good Friday—9am
8th April—Easter Sunday at 6:30am at Sturt Reserve
9am at Christ Church
21st -LMSECLW Teaching Session #3 –Bordertown

Easter – Bringing Life to the City

On Easter Sunday, 8th April, from 1pm to 4pm in Victoria Square, Adelaide (near the water fountain), you are invited to join with Christians from other churches to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. There will be live bands, festival activities and free refreshments. In the past, there has been an Easter march, but this year we are focussing on welcoming the public to a free festival where they can engage with the meaning of Easter. Your support would be valued! Please pray for God's leading and blessing upon the Easter Sunday Festival, and I would love to hear whether you can help out on the team!
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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

427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



Fourth Sunday in Lent
18th March 2012



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

OFFICE HOURS

9am –12 noon: Monday - Friday

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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.

MID WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

IMAGES FROM THE CROSS

Wednesdays at 7pm

21st Mar Holy Cross—Pastor Tim Koch—Reconciliation

28th Mar Christ Church—Pastor Andy Gierus—Revelation

An Invitation



Is extended to the congregation to support Bridge Kidz by sharing a meal and fellowship with the children and their families at 5:30pm on Friday March 30th at the Junior School Campus of Unity College.

We are seeking volunteers to help cook a BBQ & serve on the night.

If you can help please contact Annette Thomson ph 8532 2114 or the Church Office ph 8532 6553

For Catering purposes please indicate attendance by Monday 26th March—email bridgekidz@gmail.com mobile: 0439150015 or Annette Thomson 85322114 or 0447011989

This is an outreach opportunity for the congregation to support Bridge Kidz.

Bridge Kidz needs volunteers to help with making up calico bags. These are given out with a bible, book to paste in info for parents etc. If you can sew, have some spare time and would like to help please contact Yvonne Stiller 8532 3445 (a/hrs) or Tamra Lees 8531 1918.

MONARTO Sunday 25th Mar 9am

Wardens Frahn Family
Reader Haydn Hein
Coffee Joy & Trevor Paech

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CHRIST CHURCH Sunday 25th Mar

	9am	10:45am
Elders	Rodney Zanker	David Doecke
Wardens	John & Irene Kuchel	Graeme & Jeanette Mann & Family
Reader	John Pohl	David Doecke
Greeters	Margaret Warnest Margaret Jenke	Gordon & Merylyn Schultz
Music	June Walker	Josh
Prayer		Janet Emmins
Flowers	Alison Grieger	
Tea & Coffee	Brenton & Lorraine Doecke, Joan Bahr	
PA	David Pech	Roger Hampel
Data Projector	Ramona Slow	Brenton Mann Family
Ed Cen Clean	Basil & Helen Schubert	

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Address	Jeanette Mann
Activity Leader	Jeanette Mann
Helpers	Sarah Puust, Bethanie Mann, Gloria Pohl

DISABILITY SERVICES INDEPENDENT LIVING OUT- REACH MOBILE UNIT

will be at the Karoonda Farm Fair on March 30th and 31st.
They provide free professional advice on techniques and equipment to assist with every day activities.

See notice board in the JDHall.

MOVIE MORNING

Wednesday 4th April at
the Cameo at 10:30am
(meet in foyer 10:15am)

"THE VOW"
(chick flick)

~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

- *Thank & praise God for His command to take up our cross and follow Him. Pray for humble and obedient hearts that we may carry the yoke willingly, trust in Him and follow Him in all suffering..*
- *Ask for God's blessings on all those outside His kingdom that they may be drawn to Jesus Christ .*
- *Continue to pray for Concordia Kindy and the opportunity for fellowship at Open Nights next week—for the Kindy kids: Cooper, Isaac, Gemma, Samuel, Olivia, Lachlan & Oliver— congratulations and God's special blessings for new arrivals: Ethan, Charli & Fletcher..*
- *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 Harbor).*
- *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 the Les Ahrns, Lil Fiegert, Judy Franklin, Bryan Lees, John Lohmeyer, John Mattner, Edgar Gerhardy, Les Jericho, Joy Paech, Gordon Schultz, Wes Herrmann, Ivy Roennfeldt, John Spencer.*

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

- 20/3 Malcolm Thiel, Christie Schopp, Nicole Zerna
21/3 Josh & Sam Doecke
22/3 Justin Jaensch, Michelle Stewart
25/3 David Miegel
26/3 Vera Appleby, Karl Krueger

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE
Are seeking volunteer English Tutors for Tuesday mornings 10.00-12.00—to help the current volunteers and the students. Please contact 8531 3677 if you can assist.

Congratulation to Adrian Miegel for his success in the recent Aust Rowing Championships in Perth. In extremely hot conditions he won a bronze medal in Men's Lightweight Double Scull and a Silver in the Open Men's Lightweight Quad. Obviously Cheryl & Phil are very proud parents

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

to John Lohmeyer who celebrates his 60th birthday today (18th March). Praise God that John has remained well and is able to celebrate with his family and friends.

WATERFORD FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our next gathering will be on Monday, 19th March @ 7.00 pm at the home of Don & Coral Coulter. We will continue our study on 'Managing your Emotions', based on Proverbs 16:32. Hope to see you there!

Pizza/Movie Night

Sunday April 8th


"BEST EXOTIC MARYGOLD"
Movie at 4pm at CAMEO
(meet 3:45 in foyer)

followed by pizza/supper/cards/
games in the JDHall. Pay for movie at the Cameo

Pizza/Supper \$7 per person
More info JDHall or ph Yolette
8532 2130

An invitation is extended to the members of the Churches of Murray Bridge to attend a **Commissioning Service for Narelle Chester, the new Christian Pastoral Support Worker in the Murray Bridge North Schools.**

The Service will be held on Friday March 30th 7.00pm at St John the Baptist Anglican Church, Mannum Road Murray Bridge.

 Thank you to all the kind people who sent good wishes on the occasion of my 90th birthday.
Dulcie Kube.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Bring a mate and join the fellowship at Jaensch's Place, 22 Wells Way, 7:30am on Saturday March 31st. BYO favourite breaky.



FOUND IN CHURCH FOYER

Black weatherproof jacket and green/grey soft cotton longer jacket with hood. If not claimed they will be donated to the next thrift shop.

LOBETHAL HARMONY CLUB CONCERT at Holy Cross Sunday 15th April @ 1.30pm. Afternoon tea provided . Cost \$10 per person at the door.

Enquiries please contact:
Pat & Gordon Jenke 85310 845
Roy & Velma Zerk 85 325 611

This Week

Hymns	<u>Mar 18th</u>	- 756, 752, AT 373, 847, 848, 853
Readings	<u>Mar 18th</u>	- Numbers 12:4-9; Eph 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
Sun	18th Mar	1:30pm District Church Council Zone Mtg— Holy Cross
Mon	19th Mar	9.30 am Cards, Coffee & Chat 2-8pm Red Cross Blood Bank—JDHall 7pm Waterford F/Ship Gp—Don & Coral's 7:30pm Leadership Team—Ed Cen
Tue	20th Mar	8-3:30pm Red Cross Blood Bank — JDHall 7:30pm Time Out on Tuesday — Church
Wed	21st Mar	<i>7am Prayer time in the Church</i> <i>12:30-8pm Red Cross Blood Bank—JDHall</i> 7pm Lenten Service—Holy Cross Church <i>8pm Confirmation – Ed Cen</i>
Thurs	22nd Mar	9:30am Bible Study—Ed Cen 10 am Bulletin Notice Deadline <i>12:30-8pm Red Cross Blood Bank—JDHall</i>
Fri	23rd Mar	<i>8am-2pm Red Cross Blood Bank—JDHall</i>
Sat	24th Mar	6pm Sower's F/Gp– Courtney's
Sun	25th Mar	MONARTO 9am Worship CHRIST 9.00 am Worship in Lent CHURCH 10:45am Communion– Baptism

WANTED to obtain/buy the music edition of the **Lutheran Hymnal** for a young person starting to play for church in a small country town.
Ph Shirley Lutze 8531 3046

RAG CUTTING MORNING
THURSDAY 5th April at 9am
in JDHall. Please bring scissors and a small plate of morning tea to share.

Some reflections for the fourth week of Lent

As we enter the season of Lent and we reflect on the sufferings of Christ, our hearts also respond to the suffering of others in our community. At Lutheran Community Care the demands on our welfare services continue to increase at an alarming rate. **John 3:16-21**

'For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. There is not judgement against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. And the judgement is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.'

Those of us living in large western cities rarely experience 'pitch darkness' like those living in remote communities in Australia and around the world. When we have our eyes open and we are in total darkness we can feel disorientated and afraid. We wait for just a glimmer of light to orient us again and to assure us that we are safe.

The gospel of John often uses the image of light and darkness to help us understand the self giving love of God who wants to comfort us in our darkness and bring us light. God went through the darkness of Jesus' death to bring light to the world. We can hold onto that light to orient us when things seem dark in our world and we can be that light for others when they are going through dark times. Our sense of being in darkness is not only caused by the physical absence of light. Psychological and emotional turmoil, mental or physical illness, grief and loss and our inability to cope with what life throws at us can plunge us into depression and hopelessness that can feel like a black hole. When this happens it is very hard to see even the pinpoints of light that others try to shine. When it happens to someone in our family, our workplace or our community, we often don't know how to bring any light to the situation and our well meaning cheeriness can sometimes make matters worse.

Staff at Lutheran Community Care often encounter people experiencing a time of darkness and they work carefully to listen and respond to their needs. Often there are multiple needs as those who are not coping emotionally cannot face the practical demands of life, such as buying food and paying bills. In the work they do the staff are inspired by God's love which brings light and freedom from fear. Over many years LCC has also provided support to individuals wanting to learn how to respond appropriately to those who may be going through dark times. Your contribution to Food Parcels+ enables those in the community to learn new skills and allows our staff to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those who come to us for support.

Use the tear off donation slip at the bottom of the letter in the March edition of the Together magazine, visit our website at www.lccare.org.au, or telephone 08 8269 9333 to make a donation today.



Sharing

Share your highs and lows for the week.

Reading:

Numbers 12

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

Why do you think Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses? What do you feel they hoped to achieve?

When have you spoken against God's appointed authority (Government, Police) and thought nothing of it? What did you hope to achieve?

Moses is described as a humble man. How would you describe humility? Does that fit with what you know of Moses? Discuss.

Are you humble? What helps keep you humble?

The LORD asks why Miriam and Aaron were not afraid to speak against his servant? Are there times to be afraid? Can fear be a good emotion at times? Discuss.

What strikes you about that fact that Miriam wasn't healed immediately but was ostracized for seven days?

How is Moses an example of Jesus? How is our relationship with God through Jesus different to Miriam and Aaron? Share.

Praying

Repent of times you have talked against God's designated authority. Pray for those in authority. Thank God that in Jesus we see him face to face, and know his form. Rejoice that in Jesus you are forgiven. Pray for each other.

Verse for the Week

"With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD." Numbers 12:8

Character Conversation Questions

How have I treated those in authority?

Have I given Jesus time for prayer?

What have I done to rest this week?

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 seeking Jesus' face, to live his shape?

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 March

Numbers 12:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

Monday 1 Cor. 4,5

Tuesday 1 Cor. 6

Wednesday 1 Cor. 7

Thursday 1 Cor. 8

Friday 1 Cor. 9

Saturday 1 Cor. 10

Sunday 25 March

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33