

CHRIST CHURCH CONGREGATION UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

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

- AUG** 5th—Food Fair— JDHall
19th—CLW Youth Service—Unity College
- Messy Church —4pm in JDHall
- SEP** 5th, 6th, 7th—Thrift Shop—JDHall
- OCT** 21st—E100 Celebration
27th—GarageSale in JDHall
28th—Reformation —Unity College
- NOV** 16th -18th —Christmas Tree Festival— M/B Town Hall



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
22nd July 2012



WINTER APPEAL TEEN CHALLENGE

during the month of July we are asking for donations for above appeal.

Non- perishable items can be placed in the box provided in the church foyer or left at the church office. *Suggestions: long-life milk, cereal, long life juice, canned meals, pasta, tuna, etc— Thanks.*



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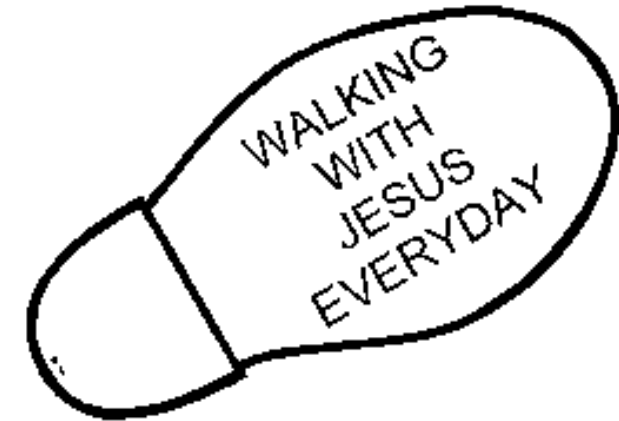
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that All may Know, Worship & Grow in Christ

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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 EVE SERVICE

We are seeking a group of people to be involved in planning./ preparing this year's Christmas Eve Service at Christ Church. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to be part of this group—contact Pastor Tim or Jan at the church office. ph 8532 6553.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be NO 10:45am service on August 19th. The congregation is encouraged to join in worship at Unity with the CLW Youth.

Sunday August 19

10.45am at The Steeple, Unity College, Owl Drive, Murray Bridge

Speaker: Juliette Warnes

To be followed by lunch and fellowship

The CLW band will play for the service, and the campers from CLW will be running the service.

E100 CHALLENGE

Audio session on Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Ed Cen.



*Does God seem far away?
Well who do you think has moved?*

CONGREGATIONAL NEWSLETTER FOR CHRIST CHURCH

a number of members co-ordinated by Cheryl Miegel will soon be producing a regular newsletter (e.g 4 times a year). She welcomes photos and newsy items.

MONARTO

Sunday 29th July 9am
Wardens Colin & Raelene Wegener
Reader Terry Franklin
Tea/Coffee Kevin & Robert Thiele

Rosters

CHRIST CHURCH 29th July

Sunday 9am 10:45am
Elders Jonathon & Trish Rohrlach Dennis Pfeiffer
Wardens John & Irene Kuchel David & Joy Lienert
Yolette Koch
Reader Merle Herrmann Lynette Schiller
Greeters Joan Bahr, Barbara Noble Delton & Lynette Schiller
Music Joyce Stiller
Flowers Irene Kuchel
Prayer Delton Schiller
Tea/Coffee Ross & Merle Herrmann
PA David Pech Roger Hampel
Data Projector Kate Frahn Piltz Family
Ed Cen Clean Betty Zadow

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Address Heather Courtney
Activity Leader Heather Courtney
Helpers Sarah Puust, Annette & Brianna Thomson



RENEW CAMP

for young adults (18+)
Fri 24th Aug –Sun 26th Aug at

Longwood campsite, Mylor
\$95 inc meals (\$120 after Aug 10th).

Info

www.blueprintministries.org.au/renew

Lutheran Youth of Queensland

is seeking to appoint a full-time 'Leadership Trainer' to lead our growing student leadership training ministry. The successful applicant will be an experienced trainer who is passionate about helping children & teenagers reach their God-given potential.

See Notice Board in JDH

~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. 5:16-1.

- Ask to help us to be true to who we are in Jesus- disciples who want to lead others to be disciples.
- *Pray against false deceptive spirits where people have been led astray. Pray for people to see clearly, to repent and to turn back to Christ.*
- Ask for God’ blessings for those who step into the lives of others and offer whatever they can no matter how little that may be— a listening ear, a warm hug, a place to stay.
- ♥ Praise and thank God for all things no matter how insignificant they may seem.
- Pray for what ever other things you need but have not asked for, for the sake of him who died that we might always have life with God.
- Heavenly Father, we pray for those in Resthaven—Nita Jurecky, Dorrie Materne, Rita Bretag, Keith & Joan Neumann, Jenny Mueller also for Monica Eckermann, Bob Appleby, & Maureen Kuchel in Lerwin, also for Vera Appleby (Victor Harbor) & Rita Schiller (Mannum).
- *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, Bryan Lees, John Lohmeyer, John Mattner, Edgar Gerhardy, Les Jericho, Gordon Schultz, Wes Herrmann, Ivy Roennfeldt, John Spencer, Alex Warnest, Gwen Traeger, Bob Eckermann & Nola Reed and pray also for their carers.*

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

25/7 Valerie Sickerdick

26/7 Anna Franzl, Tayler Schrader

29/7 Sabine Jericho, Marilyn Kleemann

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Food Fair - Fellowship - Fundraiser

Food Fair

In lieu of the regular Sausage Sizzle we are holding a: **Food Fair on Sunday, 5th Aug after the second service.** To make this a success, we need your assistance and attendance!

Get together a group of friends to provide food for the day. We have offers of Soup, Casseroles, Apple Crumble, pavlova, fruit salad, Drinks, Coffee & Cake.

Contact Gloria Pohl if you are able to provide anything else to make a feast! (suggestions - Pies, pasties, pizza, hamburgers, or whatever).

Gold Coin Donation per serve

John & Gloria Pohl Ph. 8532 4376

WATERFORD FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our next gathering will be on Monday, 23rd July, 2012 @ 7.00 pm at the home of Coral Coulter, we will be continuing our E 100 series. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK

24th-28th Sep 2pm Mon-2pm Friday @ Pendleton Farm, Keith.

A camp for high school aged young people, a crazy week of fun & fellowship focused on Jesus.

Theme—“Let Love Live”
Registration forms and further info available at the church office.

LOWER MURRAYLANDS LADIES ZONE RETREAT

To be held on Thurs 2nd August at Christ Church JDHALL

Theme: “Free to Put Others First”

Commencing with a cuppa at 9:30am.

Please bring a lap lunch.

All Welcome

Retreat

This Week

Hymns July 22nd - 444, 850, 191, AT 301
Readings July 22nd— 2 Sam 7:1-14a; Eph 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Mon	23rd July	9:30am 7pm 7:30pm	Chat, Cards & Coffee— Ed Cen Waterford F/Gp— Coral Coulter's Admin Team— Ed Cen
Tue	24th July	7:30pm	B Heinrich F/Gp—104 Christian Rd
Wed	25th July	7am 6pm 7:30pm	NO Prayer in church CWCI Dinner—Church of Christ E100 Challenge—Ed Cen
Thurs	26th July	9:30am 10 am	Bible Study—Ed Cen Bulletin Notice Deadline
Fri	27th July		
Sat	28th July		
Sun	29th July	MONARTO 9am CHRIST 9am CHURCH 10:45am	Morning Praise Worship Today HC Worship

Burmese man seeking adult apprenticeship

A Burmese man in "The Ark", Salisbury church family is looking for an Host Mechanic for an adult apprenticeship as a mechanic. Contact Pastor Wayne Boehm at Salisbury on Phn. 8281 2976 if you can help. Adult apprenticeships are very difficult to get, as they have to be paid Adult wages. This man has done all the preliminary work at TAFE, up to Certificate Two.

F.Y.I.

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

– are seeking the services of a cleaner for 2hrs per week with flexible hours. For more info see notice board in JDH or contact 8531 3644

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Update

Friday Nov 16th—Sunday Nov 18th at the Murray Bridge Town Hall from 9am -5pm. At present we are advertising to the wider community inviting groups/individuals from other towns within the Hills and the Murraylands areas.

The craft triangle trees to be made up are available at the church office for those able to help.

If you would still like to provide a tree with a Christian message please contact either Coralie or Jan.

SERVICE GUILD
meets Wednesday 1st August at 9:30am in Ed Cen. Dev: Julie Mueller

F.Y.I.

CLEAR CONCIIOUS COURAGEOUS LIVING

Weekend Spiritual Retreat hosted by St Martin's Lutheran Church, Mannum on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th August.

Looking at equipping Christians to withstand & transcend many of the pressures of 21st Century life.



More info – contact 8569 2863

email mannumluthparsh@bigpond.com

see Notice Board in JDHall



APPEAL TO REPLACE CHAIRS IN JDHALL

We are purchasing 20 new chairs with arms for the JDHall to replace the old ones. We have launched an appeal during July to raise \$2,760 for this special project and would appreciate any donations towards it. We invite you to put your donations into a clearly marked envelope with 'New Chairs' on it. You can either place your envelope on the offering plate on Sundays during worship time or alternatively you can leave your envelope with Jan at the office. If you would like a receipt please include your name and address inside with your donation. Thank you for your support with this appeal!



Sharing

Share your highs and lows for the week.

Reading:

Psalm 51

Read through using three symbols: Discuss

? = 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 does this tell you about how David felt after his affair with Bathsheba?

What strikes you in the way David begins this psalm.

In verse 3 David takes ownership for what he has done. Why is it important not to pass the buck but to own up to what we have done?

What strikes you in verse 4?

Verse 10 calls for a pure heart. What is the significance of the heart?

‘Restore to me the joy of your salvation’ Describe the joy you feel know you are saved in Jesus.

What strikes you as important in verse 13?

David says his sacrifice is ‘a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart.’ Why is this pleasing to God? Share your thoughts.

What have you learned from the Psalm about repentance?

Praying

Thank Jesus for his grace and mercy. Ask for a pure and contrite heart. Invite Jesus to show you where you need to repent. Give thanks for the joy of your salvation. Pray for each other’s needs.

Verse for the Week

“Create in my a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

Psalm 51:10

Character Conversation Questions

Where do you need to repent?

Where can you rejoice?

When do you take time to listen, be open?

How do you honour your parents and those God has placed in authority?

Who have you encouraged this week?

Who determines your sexual responses?

How have you helped people keep their property and resources?

Where have you been tempted to speak poorly of another person?

Have you given thanks to God for what you have or wished you had what others have?

What causes you fear?

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

Have I been honest with myself?

Readings

Sunday 22 July

2 Sam. 7:1-14a

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Monday Psalm 23

Tuesday Psalm 51

Wednesday Psalm 103

Thursday Prov. 1-4

Friday Prov. 16-18

Saturday

Sunday 29 July

2 Sam. 11:1-15

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

SA/NT District Popular Report for the 45th Regular Synod (2012)
Theme: “Love comes to life” (in ‘the Centre’: Alice Springs)
Synod snaps

Hosts: We were wonderfully cared for by the Alice Springs congregation. The synod theme “Love comes to life” was evident, even during some of the passionate discussions and in the worships sessions led by Pastor David Kuss. Worship was enhanced by the musicians led by Pastor Basil Schild, Simon Jungarai Dix and Kym Ritchie as well as the Hermannsburg Women’s and the ‘Mission Block’ choirs. Tim Higgins (Chairperson of the Alice Springs congregation) welcomed us and wondered why it had taken 135 years to have a Synod in Alice Springs. The mayor, Damien Ryan, also welcomed us and on Saturday evening we were greeted most warmly by Alison Anderson, (NT Legislative Assembly) who comes from an aboriginal Lutheran community. Having Pastors’ Conference and Synod in Alice Springs was such a blessing for visitors and locals.

President David Altus at the opening service encouraged us to neither see the glass as half full or half empty, but rather overflowing with the love and grace of God. He also welcomed 23 new pastors to the District and thanked and farewelled Directors and members of DCC. On Sunday Pastor Paul Fielke redirected us to discover love in the many ordinary events that make up our daily lives. In the final service Pastor Tim Klein reminded us of what it means to follow our loving Lord who serves all. The President’s report challenged us to rest in the knowledge that the Church is God’s Church and to trust that God can use us to grow and change in the directions in which he is leading us all.

District Church Council Pastor Paul Fielke stepped down and was thanked for his ten years on District Church Council (DCC). Pastor Tim Klein was elected as first Vice President and Pastor James Winderlich was elected as second Vice President. The three retiring members of DCC were replaced by Pastor Eugene Minge, Craig Hall and Johanna Pietsch.

Guest speaker Pastor Basil Schild listed many facts about the ministry to and with the Aboriginal people, going back to the first missionaries Kempe and Strehlow 135 years ago. Today 58% of the population in the centre identify as Lutheran. This is the highest density of Lutherans in Australia, totalling around 6000 people. Basil pointed out that while we can be proud of this multilingual Lutheran heartland, we need to also walk with our Aboriginal sisters and brothers as they cope with the scourge of alcoholism and the tragic deaths of so many. Some children are attending up to ten funerals a year for members of their extended families! Basil highlighted the history of Aboriginal evangelists in Central Australia and applauded the Lutheran pastors who stood up to the colonial governments of the day when Aboriginal people were being blatantly shot by white people. He spoke of the long history our Church has of speaking out to governments for the well-being of Aboriginal people in Central Australia. Looking south, Basil pointed out how the ground-rules laid down by King William (IV) in 1836 for the making of treaties with Aboriginal people in South Australia were completely disregarded in the early days of the settlement of our State, and challenged our Church to wrestle with the reality of its history, especially next year as we celebrate 175 years of Lutheran Settlement in Australia.

Major decisions: The two main decisions of Synod which were passionately discussed were the closure of the Tertiary Ministry Department which will now become a part of **the new Department of Chaplaincy Ministries**. This will oversee in particular hospital, prison and tertiary chaplaincy, as well as any other forms of chaplaincy such as school, industrial, police, aged care, defence force, etc. The aim is to link these chaplaincies to local congregations who can then participate in this mission to the wider community. Part of the debate included the decision that in this new department there will be one full-time tertiary chaplain to co-ordinate tertiary chaplaincy and work with Lutheran Students and Friends. The use of the remaining funds in these ministries is yet to be finalised. The **term of the President** was extended from three to four years to fit in with the bi-annual occurrence of Synod. Congregations are encouraged to discuss over the next two years how they can be more **supportive of aboriginal ministry** in the District. They were also asked to **listen to the young people** of their congregation and encourage these young people to be involved in all areas of congregational leadership whilst committing to connecting and funding ministry to this age group. It was also resolved that congregations should re-commit themselves to the **participation and service of women in the life, worship and mission of the Church**. The President launched a **new study series titled ‘Focussing and Encouraging Mission’**. The aim is for many groups in the District to be listening deeply to the Word of God and then feed back to the District ways they hear God calling us into His mission in the world.

Song competition: From more than 20 inspiring entrees, the song “Where love comes to life” by Adrian Kitson won. Many of the others may also soon be a part of our worship services. Damien Jardine from **Church Resources** outlined the many available benefits from insurance to electricity that can be bought

through this very large buying group for churches and not-for-profit organisations. The exponential growth of **the Darwin congregations and schools** was featured in a video presentation. **A grant of \$20,000** was awarded to Bethany congregation in the Barossa for an innovative programme called 'Godly Play' which provides an extensive number of play groups for the 30 children and their families who are baptised each year. The name change from **Amandus to Lutheran Disability Services** was explained by Janine Lenigas. She anticipates that there will be a 120% growth over the next year and invited Lutherans to consider working in parts of this caring organisation. August the 5th has been designated as Disability Sunday and she has a team of visitors who can speak at churches. The **Sunday service offering** for aboriginal ministry totalled \$15,389.

Lutheran School Association: John Proeve thanked the outgoing Director Barry Kahl. The life of the two Lutheran schools in Alice Springs was then presented. Living Waters Primary School has an extensive program, both in the classroom and out and about the town. Yirara College Principal, Andrew Mirtschin described the life of the school under their motto: One family: God's family. Through a Christ-centred education the aboriginal students re-imagine their future as they discover the bridge between 'two worlds'.

Mission: Pastor Steen Olsen noted some of the bad news from the recent National Church Life Survey but also pointed to some of the positives. The fact that our Lutheran membership is ageing needs to be addressed, but it was encouraging to hear that Lutherans are praying together more and also meeting the personal needs of people in their community. The Mission Dept has many resources to assist congregations to work alongside Jesus in his mission to the world. The department also highlighted the various ways in which AbMinSA is supporting Lutheran aboriginal people in Port Lincoln, Ceduna, Koonibba, Oak Valley and Adelaide.

Lutheran Community Care: Helen Lockwood interviewed three of the LCC team based in Alice Springs. Steve Axten heads up a money management team of seven workers who travel around the centre assisting people with managing their finances. They were actively involved in lobbying the government and banks about the excessive ATM fees. Jezebel Sena works with the students at the Lutheran aboriginal residential school (Yirara), teaching these students from remote areas financial skills. Sarah Landers told us how she has established several play groups in the aboriginal town camps, even including one mobile play group.

Aged Care: Ruth Pedler spoke on behalf of Matt Johns who was unable to be there. She encouraged Lutherans to actively seek employment in the Lutheran homes to add to the caring presence of Christians in the homes and also highlighted the scholarships that have been recently made available for those involved in chaplaincy and ministry support in Aged Care Homes.

Children, Youth and Family: The new Director explained the new name 'Blueprint Ministries' for the youth activities in the District. This includes many camping opportunities such as the new NOVO camp for secondary students, CLWs and Renew for young adults. Thousands of volunteer hours go into these events. Invigor8 continues to equip leaders and now parents to enable younger children to discover their faith in exciting and fun ways. Fiona is very ably assisted by Rebecca Cronau and Andy Pfeiffer the 2012 youth intern.

Tertiary Ministry: In what is the last report of the Tertiary Ministry Department's report to Synod, Pastor Ian Lutze sincerely thanked the Synod for affirming tertiary ministry by supporting their proposal for the continuation of a full-time university chaplain. Two students, Victoria Coxhill (president) and Cameron Seidel outlined some of the highlights of the student organisation Lutheran Students and Friends. Pastor Mike Pietsch concluding by thanking all for their support during the 19 years he has been the Director.

Professional Standards Unit: Judi Sykes with her team of three office staff presented their report noting that ChildSafe and Safe Place have been streamlined under the Professional Standards Unit. Sinikka Perkins explained that the guidelines have been developed to make concrete that 'Love coming to life' happens when children and young people are given safe places in which to grow in their faith. Disappointingly, last year 69% of congregations did not respond to the Safe Place questionnaire. But 97% of the leaders have a 'green status' for training and are mostly compliant.

National church departments were introduced by President Mike Semmler (LCA). These included: Pastor John Henderson, (Principal of ALC), Andrew Waldhuter (LLL Promotions Officer) , Pastor Richard Fox (Director of Media), Glenys Hartwig (Overseas Partnerships), Jonathan Krause (ALWS) and James Doecke (Lay Ministry). As a church we have much for which to be thankful. Annually the District contributes \$835,000 to these national LCA ministries.

The bottom line: Trusting in God Synod adopted the 2013 budget of \$1,947,000 anticipating a deficit of \$157,000. Congregations were asked to increase their contributions to the District to cover this deficit and to work on their budgets cooperatively with the District.

Next Synod will be held May 2nd– 4th, 2014 at Mawson Lakes.

Reporter: Pastor Mike Pietsch