

Dear Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge,

Thank you for your donation of: \$500.00

Thank you for being a part of the SMG journey this year as we have celebrated reaching 25 years. With your partnership we can continue to provide services that positively impact students and the whole school community into 2017 and beyond.

Your gift has enabled students to explore the Christmas story, and to hear about the birth of Jesus. The Life Matters team have also helped students to look deeper into their understanding of Christmas, as well as encouraging each one to show kindness and love to family and friends.

I am greatly encouraged by your gift, and look forward to keeping you updated about how your gift is changing lives.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Jolly
Executive Director

Thank you for your generous gift. Angela



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



Third Sunday of Advent
11th December 2016

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



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

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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.



The Gideons International

Monarto

Gideons are doing a presentation at Monarto today. There will also be a retiring offering.

I would like to thank all of the church members who enquired about me, came to visit me, supplied meals or prayed for me while I was in hospital. It was greatly appreciated. That together with my positive attitude I am recovering very well from my heart surgery.
Thank you all, Julie



DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be printing them on request as the information is updated regularly. Order at the book shop or come into the office or give us a call. If you are not in the directory and should be or you notice any errors please let Yvonne know ASAP.

We have had to compile 3 data bases into one manually!

Rosters

♥ **"COMMUNION"**

18-Dec 24-Dec 25-Dec 1-Jan

		18-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	1-Jan		
Monarto	Service Time	10:30am	6pm	10:30am ♥	10:30am ♥		
	Wardens	Nathan & Jodie	Barolo Family	Rob & Liz	Haydn & Penne		
	Readers	Barolo	P Lewis- Brown	Rob Thiele	Jodie Wegener		
	Tea Coffee						
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	G Beauglehall	Christmas Eve Unity College	D Hampel ♥	W Doecke ♥	
		Wardens	A&D Hampel		J&G Pohl	M & D Schopp	
		Readers	C Coulter		B Lablack	J Pohl	
		Greeters	D Borchardt J Traeger		C Mattner J Rosenzweig	M Warnest M Jenke	
		Organist	Joyce		June	Alison	
		Flowers	T Walding		C Mlegel	J Stiller	
		Tea/coffee/milk	M Warnest J Pope		B Zadow D Borchardt	L Penhall H Schubert	
		PA	David		David	David	
		Data Projector	C Doecke		B Frahn	C Mattner	
	10:45am	Elder/Assist	J Emmins	7pm			
		Wardens	P & V Jaensch				
		Readers	G Schubert				
		Greeters	A Jaensch Y Koch				
		Music	Band				
		Prayers	J Emmins				
		PA	Lees				
		Data Projector	B Hein				
		Counter	Y Stiller		M Mueller		
		Sunday School	Sunday School				
Leader	Lynette						
Helper	Sarah						
Grounds Roster	Y Koch	Y Koch	Y Koch	R&A Grieger			
Water & Care	M Kleemann		Y Koch	J Schirmer			

Coming Week ...

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25

Sun	11th Dec	6pm	Community Carols - MB Racecourse 12:30pm Singles Luncheon - MB RSL
Mon	12th Dec	9:30am 7pm	Cards/ coffee - Ed Cen Elders, Property, Leadership meetings & get together - Ed Cen
Tues	13th Dec		
Wed	14th Dec	10am 7:20pm	Women's Guild meet, lunch 12noon Confirmation, Christ Church - JDHall
Thurs	15th Dec	9:30am	No Bible Study (in recess until early January)
		10am	Bulletin Notices due
Fri	16th Dec	5:30Pm	C.H.I.L. - JDHall
Sun	18th Dec		Christ Church - 9am Worship 10.45 Worship Monarto - 10:30am Worship



CAN YOU HELP??

We are seeking donations of honey biscuits & child friendly lollies to be given out at the Christmas Eve Services. These and/or monetary donations can be left at the Church Office. Thank you for your help.

Birthday Blessings

**God's Blessings to
Colin Schenscher
on his 85th birthday
last Sunday, 4th Dec.
He celebrated at the
Wellington Hotel
with Family**

The church **Christmas tree** is being decorated on

Thursday
22nd Dec

3pm



Helpers Appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

December	14th	10am meeting, 12noon lunch - Women's Guild
	16th	5:30pm C.H.I.L. JDH
	22nd	3pm - decorating Church Christmas Tree 2017
January	6-8th	Summer Camp - Robe
	10-14th	Spin Camp Kedron - Barmera
February	10-13th	Simplify Renew Young Adults Camp, Walkers Flat
	25th	Invorgor8 Conference
March	4-5th	Hobby Expo - JDH

CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS TO TEEN CHALLENGE

As we continue to support Teen Challenge Murray Bridge with donations of food for Christmas, can you help with:



Christmas Puddings
Long life Custard
Christmas lollies
Shortbread Biscuits



Please - no Mince Pies, they are not popular and often left over.

SPIN 2017

10th - 14th January

For Young people in years 4-7 (in 2016)



Camp
Kedron,
Barmera

For more

information go to

www.blueprintministries.org.au

Closes 11th Dec



Children and Family Ministry Conference

Saturday 25th Feb 2017

Visit www.blueprintministries.org.au
for more details.



LMSE/Riverland Summer Camp

January 6- 8th 2017 Tarooki Campsite, Robe

Campers: If you're in year 8 to 12 in 2016, register now to come along as a camper! Registrations close Jan 3rd 2017 or when the campsite is full. Places are first come - first serve. A late registration fee of \$10 applies after December 25th. You'll need a parent or guardian to sign off on the form.

LEADERS: If you're not at school anymore, please consider coming along as part of our team of leaders. Your registration acts as an expression of interest. Approval is subject to you holding a current Police Check and completing training requirements. Leaders are asked to arrive on Thursday 5th Jan, wherever possible.

~ 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.

- We think of all students, staff and volunteers as they finish the school year—pray for safe travel and a time of sharing with families and for relaxation and refreshment ready for 2017.
- Lord Jesus, give us patience to wait for you. Keep us firm in our faith. (James 5:8)
- Pray for everyone in our community as they face Christmas—for families that don't get along together— pray that Christmas will be a time when they make an attempt to reconcile.
- Lord God, We ask for God's blessings for Gordon Schultz, Julie Mueller, Dawn Jaensch, Joyleen Stiller, Roy Traeger, & also for their carers.

If you have any prayer requests or would like to be included in this list please contact Yvonne in the office

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

- 11/12 Carlien Bissett
- 12/12 Ashley Roocke
- 13/12 Stephen Jaensch, Martin Lees, Adele Doecke, Loes Frahn, Betty Rowland
- 16/12 Alex Hein, Shirley Lutze
- 17/12 Cooper Hampel



2017 DEVOTION BOOK

NOW AVAILABLE

"Time Out- Food for each day"

Contact Dennis Pfeiffer
ph 8531 1188 Cost \$23

HELP WANTED

We need some more people for the grounds roster for the months of May, October and December for next year. Please prayerfully consider if you can assist.

Thank you.



Join us at CHIL
Friday 16th December
5:30-7:30pm

Celebrate
His [God's]
Infinite
Love

Sharing life, creating, reading stories, sharing a meal together (provided) @ the John Dohler Hall (next to the Lutheran church on Swanport Rd)

Contact: Jodie Wegener 0407 701 980, Gloria Pohl 0417 876 776
or Pastor Tim Koch 0427 326 553

Email: messychurchonswanport@outlook.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MessyChurchOnSwanport

A poster with a dark background featuring silhouettes of people with their hands raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The word "SIMPLIFY" is written in large, white, textured letters across the top. Below the silhouettes, the text "RENEW YOUNG ADULTS CAMP" is prominently displayed, followed by dates and location information. The logos for "Blueprint ministries" and "LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA" are also present.

SIMPLIFY

RENEW YOUNG ADULTS CAMP
10 - 13 FEBRUARY 2017 | ANKARA, WALKERS FLAT
REGULAR \$180 (BEFORE JANUARY 20)
LATE \$210 (AFTER JANUARY 20)
REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW! REGISTER AT:
EVENTS.BLUEPRINTMINISTRIES.ORG.AU
(REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FEBRUARY 6)

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OF AUSTRALIA

Believe



SENT 2017

EXPLORE GOD'S CALLING, SHAPING AND WAY MAKING IN GOSPEL MISSION

SENT CONFERENCE
BRISBANE - 6 & 7 OCTOBER
ADELAIDE - 13 & 14 OCTOBER

SENT EVENT
SYDNEY - 8 OCTOBER
MELBOURNE - 16 OCTOBER

WWW.LCA.ORG.AU/SENT

save the date!



Pastor Tim will be away on holidays from 14th Dec to 20th Dec. Please note there will be no communion services on the 18th Dec

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR SERVICE TIMES

Christmas Eve 24th

Christ Church, *Unity College Steeple* 7pm
Zion Monarto 6pm for meal — service at 7pm

Christmas Day 25th

Christ Church 9am
Monarto 10:30am

New Year's Eve Holy Cross 7pm

New Year's Day

Christ Church 9am
Monarto 10:30am



Envelopes are available from LCC to give **JOY** this Christmas with **Family Care Packs**



NEW
Offering Envelopes

2017 Offering Envelopes are now available in the Church foyer of office




To all organists and worship musicians

Mark **Saturday MAY 20th 2017** in your diary!
Come to Mannum Lutheran Church, Cliff St., Mannum, for **5th ORGANISTS MEET AND SWAP**

Singles Luncheon
today
11th Dec

12:30pm

Murray Bridge
RSL



Do you have an wide screen monitor or wide screen TV spare that you no longer use?
The church office is in need of one for DVD copying purposes.
If you can help please contact Ron Jericho or the church office.

**Murray Bridge
Christmas
Carols
2016**

**SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER
7PM**

**MURRAY BRIDGE
RACECOURSE
FOOD SERVICE FROM 6PM**

(A MURRAY BRIDGE INTER CHURCH COUNCIL COMMUNITY EVENT)

AGM

Annual General Meeting

NOMINATIONS

Where can you help.
Please pray about how you can help
your church family in 2017

AGM REPORTS

Are you the leader of a group? Its time
you started to think about what you
will put in your AGM report. They will
be due around February next year

Christmas Dinner

Presented by the
Combined Christian Churches

Catholic Church Hall
Ind St., Murray Bridge.

**December 25th 2016
12 noon for 12.30pm**

If you are on your own and would like to
Celebrate with others, please register by
16th December 2016 for catering purposes.

*"Come and find the heart of
Christmas in Community."*

RSVP by 16th December, 2016 to
Margaret Daly or Rev. Frances Bartlett
0413 800 721 0407 687311
85 325 150

LLL CALENDARS

Now available.
Please see Gary
Beaglehall for your copy.
Gary has some copies of the
Together In Mission report
as well. Please see him
between
services.

**RETIRING OFFERING FOR
CHRISTMAS ACTION
APPEAL**

this will be happening after the
Christmas Eve Service, and after
the Christmas Day Service and
on the 27th
December.

Supporting the Lutheran Church
in PNG, all gifts matched with a
3:1 Australian Government
Grant!

This Christmas...

...care for children like Tabitha through ALWS and the Lutheran Church in PNG

PLUS a 3:1 Govt Grant means every \$ you give is matched with \$\$\$!



 Mail the Action Slip  Place envelope on offering plate

 1300 763 407  alws.org.au

Our Retiring offerings over the Christmas will go towards ALWS. This means that with the Government grant it will triple our donation. You can also make a personal donation using the links above that will also utilise the Government 3 to 1 grant.

Bible Society - Holy Lands appeal

Leadership Team has decided to match dollar for dollar any donations made by Christ Church members to the Bible Society's 'Holy Lands appeal'. *This Christmas will you help bring God's word to life for children and their families, so they can find joy and comfort in these troubled times?*

Please place your gift to God's work in Israel/Lebanon in an enveloped marked Bible Society - Holy Lands and we will match it dollar for dollar.



Please clearly mark any offerings that you want to go to a particular project

There are many opportunities to give.

Some of the projects that the congregation is supporting are:

- ♥ Schools Ministry Group
- ♥ Bible Society (we will match \$ for \$, aiming for \$1,000?)

11 December 2016

Advent is a season of faith and hope.



Growing
FAITH
at home

Third Sunday in Advent

Advent is a time of preparing, a time of waiting and watching.

We celebrate Advent with the colour BLUE as this communicates the message of hope. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that one day Jesus will come again.

creative response

FAITH 5



share

Your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following question:

Did you meet God today? In your fears, joys, work, school, misunderstandings, suffering?



read

Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 11:2-11	Jesus and John the Baptist
M	Malachi 3:1-4	A messenger is promised
T	Isaiah 61:1-7	The Lord's anointed one
W	Matthew 9:27-31	The blind receive sight
T	Matthew 9:2-7	The lame walk
F	Luke 1:5-25	The birth of John announced
S	Psalms 146:5-10	God lifts up those bowed down
S	Matthew 1:18-25	Immanuel – God with us



talk

- Are you a patient person? In what ways are you impatient?
- The apostle James encourages us to be patient until the Lord's coming and not to lose our faith (James 5:7-10). What things cause people to fall away from trusting Jesus?
- What helps us keep our faith in Jesus?



pray

The prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, give us the patience to wait for you. Keep us firm in our faith. Amen. (James 5:8)

And for your highs and lows, for your family and for the world.



bless

Share this week's blessing (below) or make up your own.

God is coming to save you. May he calm your fears and give you a brave heart. Amen.

This week, find an opportunity to talk to someone older than you about what Advent means to them.

You could ask them:

What's your favourite thing about Christmas?

Why is Advent important to Christians?

What is your favourite part of the Christmas story?



verse for the week

Be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

JAMES 5:8

Advent
mealt ime prayer

We praise you, O God, for you are good and faithful. You meet our needs of body and soul. In you we trust and hope. Amen.