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



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Zion Lutheran

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First Sunday after Christmas
1st January 2017



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.



Christ Church is organising the **Lerwin** service on

5th Jan 10:30am.

Please come along and join in worship with our family at Lerwin.

2017 DEVOTION BOOK

NOW AVAILABLE

“Time Out- Food for each day”

Contact Dennis Pfeiffer
ph 8531 1188 Cost \$23

Theological Books For Myanmar Lutheran Church - Pastor James San Aung

If people have any theological books they would like to donate to the Myanmar Lutheran Church training school the team of six people going can take them over.

Please take any books to the church office bearing in mind we have a 30 kg bag limit.

We are interested in Luther's small Catechism and similar. Alternatively give them to Kluge's to distribute.

We are looking for old pairs of glasses and crosses to give away also.



Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION"

		8-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	
Monarto	Service Time	9am	10:30am ♥	9am	
	Wardens	Colin & Raelene	Max & Maxine	Tyson/Trevor/Joy	
	Readers	Trevor Hilton	Rollo Hein	Haydn Hein	
	Tea Coffee			Doris Hein	
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	J&G Pohl	I Kluge ♥	G Beaglehall
		Wardens	J & G Pohl	B&L Doecke I Pumpa	A & D Hampel
		Readers	H Courtney	A Grieger	B Traeger
		Greeters	R&M Herrmann	B&Y Lablack	C Coulter J Herrmann
		Organist	Glynniss	Coralie	Joyce
		Flowers	M Herrmann	Y Lablack	A Leske
		Tea/coffee/milk	J Kluge J Traeger	R&M Herrmann	D&J Lienert Y Koch
		PA	David	David	David
	Data Projector	J Irvine	D Hampel	C Beaglehall	
	10:45am	Elder/Assist	D Pfeiffer ♥		G Schubert ♥
		Wardens		P & V Jaensch	
		Readers	G Schubert	T Piltz	M Schubert
		Greeters	G&M Schubert	G & M Schubert	D & H Pfeiffer
		Music	Band		Band
Prayers		G Schubert	Pastor Tim	D Pfeiffer	
PA		Nathaneal	Roger	Roger	
Data Projector		K Rance	Piltz family	Yvonne	
Counter	G Korzeba	D Schiller	J Brodde		
Grounds Roster	R&A Grieger	R&A Grieger	R&A Grieger		
Water & Care	R Herrmann	M Kleemann	Y Koch		

Coming Week ...

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17

Mon	2nd Jan		Public Holiday - office closed No Cards/ coffee
Tues	3rd Jan	7:30pm	Worship Team Ed Cen
Wed	4th Jan		No Confirmation
Thurs	5th Jan		No Bible Study
		10am	Bulletin Notices due
		10:30am	Lerwin Service
Sun	8th Jan		Christ Church
		9am	Morning Praise
		10.45	Communion
			Monarto
		9am	Morning Praise

COMING EVENTS

January	10-14th	Spin Camp Kedron - Barmera
	20-22nd	Lutheran Women's SANT retreat
February	10-13th	Simplify Renew Young Adults Camp, Walkr/Flt
	25th	Invorgor8 Conference
March	4-5th	Hobby Expo - JDH
	6th	AGM: 5:30-6pm pooled tea followed 7pm AGM



MONDAY 6TH MARCH

5:30-6pm pooled tea
7pm AGM 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

STAFF HOLIDAYS

Yvonne is on holidays from 4th January to 26th January inclusive.

Denise Lohmeyer will be caretaking in the office.



Please save your Christmas Cards and drop into the church office for this years Christmas Tree Festival



Congratulations to Haydn Hein who celebrates his 70th Birthday today. 1st January

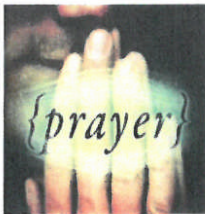


Congratulations to Irene Mann who celebrates her 85th Birthday today. 1st January

LUTHERAN WOMEN SAINT RETREAT

Friday 20TH – Sunday 22nd January, 2017
at Australian Lutheran College, North Adelaide

Pastor Dan Rooney
RETREAT CHAPLAIN / BIBLE STUDY LEADER
will help us explore



“LORD TEACH US TO PRAY”

Take a break, rest and recharge as together with other faithful women we enjoy fellowship and prayer support.

ALL ENROLMENTS and FULL PAYMENT must be received by 9th January 2017 for catering purposes.

Enrolment form available on LWSA/NT website:

<http://www.sa.lca.org.au/?q=mission/women>

For further information

email Ruth Kaesler - kaeslerrj@bigpond.com or (08) 8388 7784
or Val Schild - dschild@internode.on.net or (08) 8391 2004



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

Broken Hill Lutheran Congregation will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of its Church building on 26th February 2017. In order to prepare the building for this event, they would like to appeal to members of the LCA that if anyone with trade or handyman skills might be available to offer their services and ‘tidy’ the building for a period of time prior to 26th Feb. Any offers of assistance or further queries should be directed to the congregation Chairperson, Ann Hohnberg (08) 8087 6492. Accommodation is available in the Church flat.

~ 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.

- May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; Not by making your life always pleasant, But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God’s love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.
- Pray for the Australian Lutheran World Service for their work among those in underprivileged countries. Pray that the support given through the Christmas Action Appeal helps to bring people into Jesus’ light..
- *Pray for the residents of **Lerwin** – Gert Fiegert, Stewart Jaensch, Maureen Kuchel, Lil Fiegert and of **Resthaven** – Kevin Thiele, Barbara Noble, Dot Noller, Val Harrington and of **Aminya, Mannum** – Rita Schiller, Dawn Jaensch & Laurel Geisler and also for Lorraine Jacobs and Evelyn Kuchel at **Oakfield Lodge, Mt Barker.***
- Lord God, We ask for God’s blessings for Gordon Schultz, 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

2/1 Amelia Schiller
3/1 Tamra Lees
5/1 Noleen Kluge
6/1 Bryan Lees
7/1 Tania Klemm



1 January 2017

Hope for
the future



Growing FAITH at home

First Sunday after Christmas
WHITE is the colour of purity, light and completeness.

FAITH 5

creative response

The liturgical colour of Christmas is white to celebrate Jesus' purity and glory as the Son of God who came into the world to save us. It also represents the joy we find in him.



share

Your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following question:
Have I been a sign of God's presence and love to the people I met today?



read

Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 2:13-23	The escape to Egypt
M	Jeremiah 31:15-20	Hope for the future
T	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13	For everything a season
W	Hosea 11:1-11	Out of Egypt I called my son
T	Galatians 3:26 - 4:7	No longer slaves
F	Isaiah 43:16-21	Do not dwell on the past
S	Revelation 21:1-6	God will make everything new
S	Matthew 3:13-17	The baptism of Jesus



talk

- What makes you sad? What do you do when you feel sad?
- A time of great sadness came to the town of Bethlehem soon after the visit of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:16-18). Why were they sad?
- How does faith in God help us when we are sad?



pray

The prayer for the week
Lord God, you have done many good things for us. Help us to stay true to you. Amen. (Isaiah 63:7-8)
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.
May God be loving and kind to you. May he lift you up and carry you all your life. Amen.

While Jesus was still very young, his family fled to Egypt to escape from King Herod. There are many people in our world today who are forced to flee their homes because their countries have become unsafe for them – we call them refugees.

Find out more about how our church supports refugees in our world today (e.g. visit <https://www.alws.org.au>).

Talk together about what it would be like to be a refugee and pray for those in such situations.

Do you know a refugee in your community? Could you visit them and talk about their experience?

verse for the week

The Lord said,
"surely they are
my people, children
who will be true
to me"; and so he
became their
saviour.

ISAIAH 63:8

christmas
mealtime prayer

God, we thank you for this time to share a meal with those for whom we care. Please bless this food so that it gives us strength to serve you.
Amen.