

FREEWILL OFFERINGS

Offerings you have made for the month of December, 2016

Offering Plate	\$8,145.00	This is \$755 UNDER budget.
REG	\$4,170.00	This is \$570 over budget.
TOTAL	\$12,315.00	

OFFERINGS JANUARY TO END DECEMBER:

	Total	Budget to Date	
Offering Plate	\$104,293	\$107,000	\$2,707 under budget.
REG	\$47,880	\$43,200	\$4,680 over budget.
TOTALS	\$152,173	\$150,200	\$1,973 OVER BUDGET.

In response to God's love, members have also generously donated to the following, in the month of December.

Christmas Eve Appeal for ALWS	raised \$1,909. Plus another \$309 on Christmas Day.		
Bible Society Appeal	\$682 to which will be added \$682 when we send the \$\$\$ away.		
Teen Challenge	\$ 20	Lutheran Com. Care Christmas Appeal	\$60
Schools Ministry Group	\$20	Concordia Kindy	\$35
Fred Hollows Foundation	\$100	Myanmar - general	\$22
Damadi Children's Home	\$420		

Average Church attendance for December: 1st 3 Sundays 1st service 83, 2nd Service 65.
Christmas Eve 342 Christmas Day 109



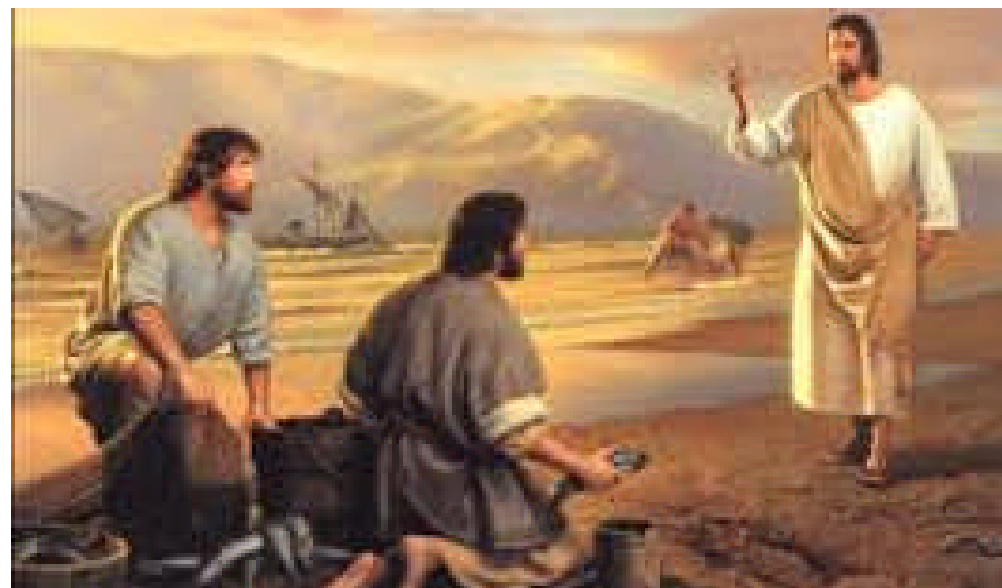
Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
where love comes to life

Third Sunday after Epiphany
22nd January 2017



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

Christ Church & Monarto Congregation Contacts

Monarto Elders	Haydn Hein	ph 8532 3176
	Maurice Wegener	ph 8531 1060
Monarto Chairman	Trevor Hilton	ph 0439 839 022
Monarto Secretary	Raelene Wegener	ph 8538 5444

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	Denise Lohmeyer	ph 8531 0935
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Chairman	Warren Doecke	ph 0417 804 663, 8572 6019
Cong. Secretary	Cheryl Doecke	ph 0427 804 663, 8572 6019
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Church Secretary	Yvonne Stiller	ph 8532 3445, 0417 786 827
Prop. & Maint.	Darren Piltz	ph 0475 095 273

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

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.

Welcome

We welcome all visitors & pray you are made to feel at home here in our congregation.

Advance Notice

Gideon's will be making a presentation at both the **9am and 10.45am services at Christ Church on Sunday 29th January**
There will be a retiring offering after both services.

AGM

Annual General Meeting

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. Reports will be due by mid February.

Lutheran Community Care

Have you thought about **fostering** before or are you thinking about it for the 1st time - come along to an information night!

Tuesday 24th January
in **Gawler**, at **Immanuel Lutheran Church**
Cnr Second & Seventh Sts
6.30 - 8.30pm.

Please RSVP on 8337 8787
or email
fostercare@lccare.org.au

Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION"

		29-Jan	5-Feb	12-Feb	
Monarto	Service Time	No Service	10:30am ♥	9am	
	Wardens		Barolo Family	Rob & Liz	
	Readers		Pam Hilton	Max Paech	
	Tea Coffee				
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	R Zanker	D Hampel ♥	W Doecke
		Wardens	M & D Schopp	J & G Pohl	B&L Doecke I Pumpa
		Readers	P Hammond	V Spencer	B Traeger
		Greeters	J Bahr/H Visser	A & R Grieger	G & S Lutze
		Organist	June		
		Flowers	D Hampel	A Grieger	J Ahrns
		Tea/coffee/milk	J&J Stiller	B&L Doecke	M Warnest J Pope
		PA	David	David	David
		Data Projector	B Lablack	C Doecke	B Frahn
		10:45am	Elder/Assist	G Schubert	M Jaensch
	Wardens		D Doecke P O'Connor	D & J Lienert & Y Koch	P & V Jaensch
	Readers		D Doecke	C Miegel	D Pfeiffer
	Greeters		D&L Schiller	D&A Doecke	A Jaensch Y Koch
	Music				
	Prayers		G Schubert	K Schrapel	G Korzeba
	PA		Roger	Lees	Lees
	Data Projector		B Hein	Y Stiller	Miegel family
	Counter		V Jaensch	Y Stiller	
	Sunday School				
	Leader				
Helper					
Grounds Roster					
Water & Care	J Schirmer	J Schirmer	R Herrmann		

Coming Week ...

Readings: Micah 6: 1-8 1 Cor. 1:18-31 Matthew 5: 1-12

Mon	23rd Jan	9.30am	Cards and Coffee
		11.30am	Ladies F/ship Planning Mtg @ Courtney's - followed by ...
		2.30pm	Christmas Tree Festival Mtg
		7.30pm	Leadership Ed Centre
Tues	24th Jan	7.30pm	Worship Team Ed Centre
Wed	25th Jan		No Confirmation
		10am	Bulletin notices due Myanmar/Thailand group leave
Thurs	26th Jan		Australia Day - Public Holiday Church Office Closed
Sun	29 Jan		Christ Church
		9am	Morning Praise
		10.45am	Worship
		9am	Monarto No Service

COMING EVENTS

January	31st Jan	English Lesson recommence 4pm - 5.30pm
February	5th	Monarto - Harvest Thanksgiving
	10-13th	Simplify Renew Young Adults Camp, Walkr/Flt
	13th-16th	Red Cross Blood Bank JDH
	12th	Christ Church - Harvest Thanksgiving
	17th	C.H.I.L. begins for 2017 5.30pm JDH
	25th	Invorgor8 Conference
March	4-5th	Hobby Expo - JDH
	6th	AGM: 5:30-6pm pooled tea followed 7pm AGM
	18th	Professional Standards Training - Mannum

Red Cross Blood Bank

Red Cross will be setting up again in John Dohler Hall for

Blood Donations on:

Mon 13 Feb 1pm - 7pm

Tues 14 Feb 11am - 7.30pm

Wed 15 Feb 11am - 7.30pm

Thurs 16 Feb 7.30am - 3pm

Please consider making an appointment to donate.

Ring : 131495

or visit : donateblood.com.au

Waterford Home Group

The Waterford Home Group will commence again on Monday 13 Feb at 7pm in the Function Centre.

Worship Team

There will be a Worship Team meeting on Tuesday 24th Jan in the Ed Centre at 7.30pm instead of the one scheduled for 7th Feb as Pastor Tim will be away!

Hobby Expo Exhibitors

There will be a meeting for Hobby Expo Exhibitors at 10am, between services on **Sun 12 Feb** near the stage in JDH.

STAFF HOLIDAYS

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

Denise Lohmeyer will be caretaking in the office.



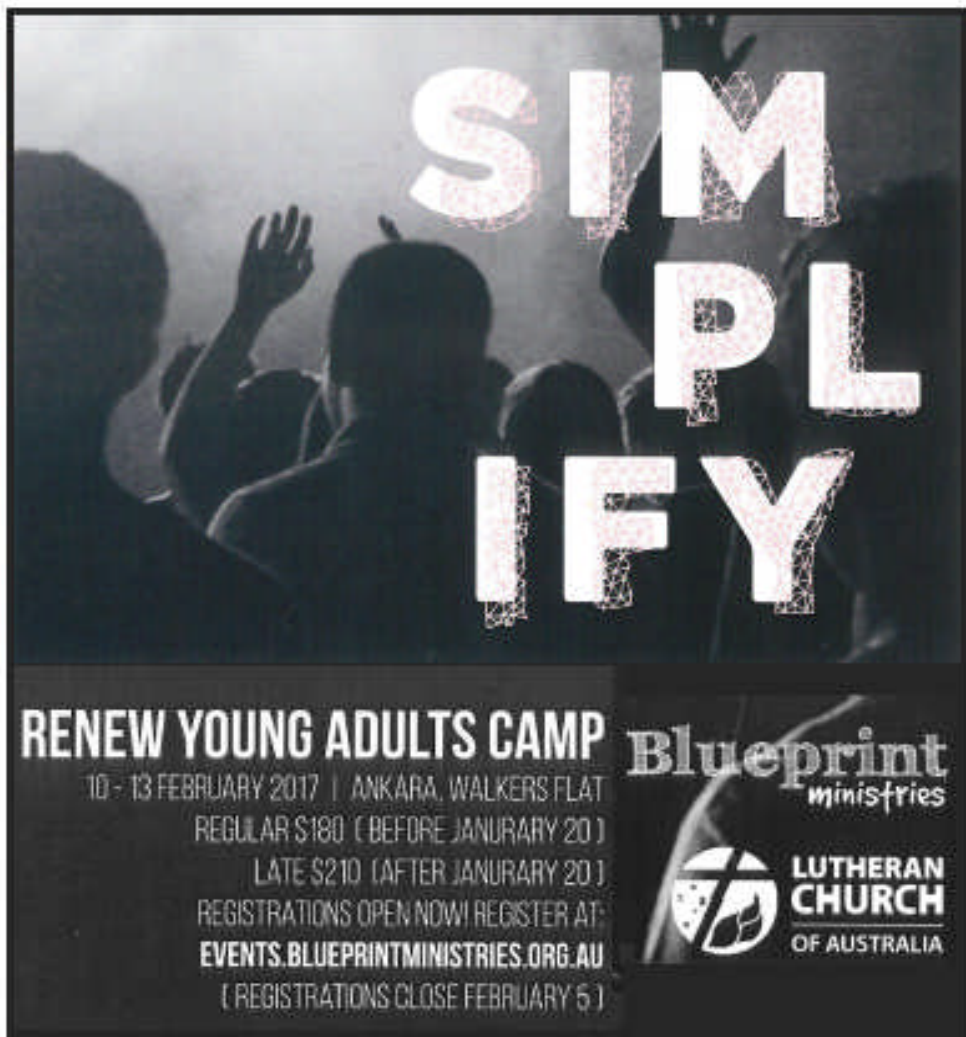
We are in need of more **wardens** and people to do the **general prayer** in the second service. If you can help please contact the office

Australia Day Celebrations

Port Adelaide Caledonian Choir

Thursday 26th Jan 2017

Murray Bridge Lutheran Homes,
Owl Drive Village Centre
2pm start
\$5.00 /person



SIMPLIFY

RENEW YOUNG ADULTS CAMP
 10 - 13 FEBRUARY 2017 | ANKARA, WALKERS FLAT
 REGULAR \$180 (BEFORE JANUARY 20)
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Children and Family Ministry Conference

**Children and Family
Ministry Conference**
 Saturday 25th Feb 2017

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

***Changes to Chaplaincy
in Metropolitan Public
Hospitals***

Please see the notice board in
 JDH for information on the
 latest changes to how
 chaplaincy operates in public
 hospitals in Adelaide now.

~ **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.

* Praise and thanks to all the people who put in extra dollars over the Christmas period and helped us make our budget, and have also contributed generously to help make up the \$25,000 extra we budgeted for Mission and Outreach. Many have also contributed to various appeals which were run in response to God’s love..

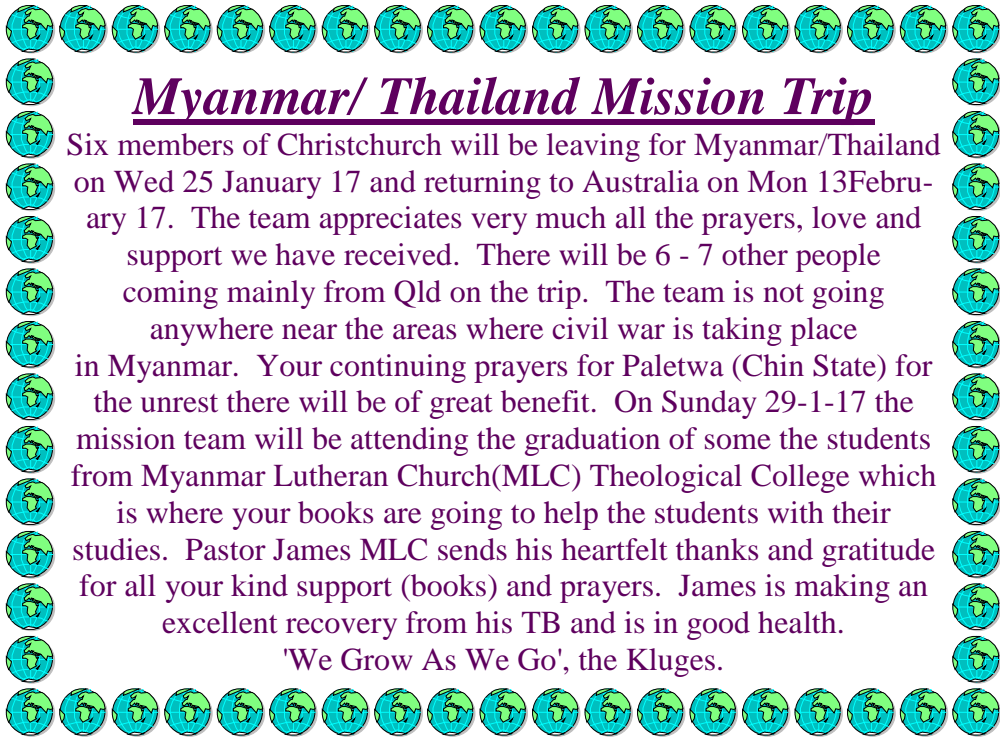
- Pray for each one of us to surrender totally to the will of Jesus Christ in our lives acknowledging him as our one and only King.
- Pray for any in our midst who need special care and help at this time. Ask God to surround them with His loving, comforting arms and to give them help, healing and encouragement.
- We pray for our six members who are going to Myanmar/Thailand on Wed 25 January, that they will be lead by the Holy Spirit. Give them all they need Lord for this mission trip and keep them safe. We pray that they will be a blessing to the people they meet and that they in returned will be blessed,
- Lord God, We ask for God’s blessings for Henk Visser, 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

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| 27/1 | Debra Frahn |
| 28/1 | Andrew Ferreira |
| 29/1 | John Pohl |





Myanmar/ Thailand Mission Trip

Six members of Christchurch will be leaving for Myanmar/Thailand on Wed 25 January 17 and returning to Australia on Mon 13 February 17. The team appreciates very much all the prayers, love and support we have received. There will be 6 - 7 other people coming mainly from Qld on the trip. The team is not going anywhere near the areas where civil war is taking place in Myanmar. Your continuing prayers for Paletwa (Chin State) for the unrest there will be of great benefit. On Sunday 29-1-17 the mission team will be attending the graduation of some the students from Myanmar Lutheran Church(MLC) Theological College which is where your books are going to help the students with their studies. Pastor James MLC sends his heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all your kind support (books) and prayers. James is making an excellent recovery from his TB and is in good health.

'We Grow As We Go', the Kluges.

Employment Opportunity

Office Manager

Hahndorf St Michaels
Congregation, SA 0.5Fte
Applications Close: 3rd
February 2017. For further
information contact: Anthony
Klatt, Phone: 0409 339 821
For further details go to:
[http://www.lca.org.au/
employment-
opportunities.html](http://www.lca.org.au/employment-opportunities.html)

Service Guild

Our Service Guild will be meeting
on Wed 1st Feb at 9.30am.
Devotion: Joy Stiller

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.

New Venue and Date!!!

Professional Standards Workshop

Bringing God's love to life in the LCA
... creating a safe and caring environment for all

Workshop Hosts: St Martin's Lutheran Church
82 Cliff St, Mannum

Date: Saturday 18th March

Time: 9am - 3pm Sign-in from 8.45am

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Registration is essential! Register online...www.sa.lca.org.au
RSVP: 14/3/17

This workshop will cover...

LCA Standards of Ethical Behaviour

Unpacking the core principles and complaints handling
This is required for Church leadership and
Desirable for all adult members

Child and Youth Ministries

ChildSafe Team Member

Required for Church Leadership and those involved in children
and youth ministry. Desirable for parents of young children.

Further information: Holly Koning 08 8267 5211
holly.koning@lca.org.au

Volunteers needed for SAUSAGE SIZZLE & CHIL

Please prayerfully consider going on the **sausage sizzle** roster
and/or on the **CHIL** roster for catering for their evening meal.

Our most urgent need is for a couple or group to do the February
sausage sizzle (Sunday 19 Feb)! If interested, the office has a list of
what you need to help you ! Please contact Gloria Pohl about the
sausage sizzle roster. For CHIL we are still looking for volunteers
for the months of June, August and October. For the CHIL roster
see Gloria Pohl or Denise Lohmeyer regarding being part of a
group to help on the roster in the months mentioned.

Ladies Fellowship and Christmas Tree Festival

Planning Meeting

**Ladies of the Parish -
Ladies Fellowship Planning Day**

**Monday 23rd January 2017 from 11:30 am at Heather and
Jim's , 57 Mc Quarrie Street Murray Bridge**

**Come along and share your ideas for the programme for
2017 Ladies Fellowship . Bring a plate of lunch to share .
Stay on after the programme planning for Christmas Tree
Festival planning or join us around 2:30pm.**

**For further details contact
Heather on 0400 333 422 or Coralie on 85 32 3064.**

Everyone welcome.

New ladies and ideas greatly appreciated.

Sunday 26 February

Combined Service

at

Christ Church

with our

Sudanese Community

Service starts at 10am

**followed by a
pooled lunch**

**so, bring along something yummy
to share for mains & dessert and
join in the fun!**

Can you help???

Can you help with the washing of our many costumes that we use. They have not been washed for many years and are in desperate need of spring cleaning! If you can help out with a load or two please contact the office.

We need to do this very soon, as in February we organise an afternoon or two to sort out the costumes and pack them away. If you would like to help with that let Yvonne Stiller know on 0417 786 827

Thanksgiving Service

We are having our Thanksgiving Service at Christ Church on Sunday 12th February.

Please consider if you have any goods that can be included in the church display. Goods that can be included are: fruit, vegetables, jam, pickles and tinned food, etc.

If you have any hobbies, those items would also be appreciated.

Setting up the display will be on Sat 11th Feb at 6.30pm.

22 January 2017

Follow me.



Growing
FAITH
at home

Third Sunday after Epiphany
WHITE is the colour of purity, light and completeness.

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 4:12-23	Jesus calls his first disciples
M	Isaiah 60:1-2,15-22	The Lord will be your light
T	Luke 1:67-79	Christ, the light dawning
W	Matthew 9:9-13	Jesus calls Matthew
T	Ephesians 5:6-14	Live as children of the light
F	Philippians 2:12-18	The call to shine as stars
S	Psalms 112:1-9	Light dawns for the upright
S	Matthew 5:1-12	The sermon on the mount



talk

- Share about a time when you were asked to take on a new task or role. How did you feel?
- When Jesus called Andrew, Simon, James and John to follow him they immediately left their work as fishermen and followed (Matthew 4:18,21). Why do you think they did this? How do you think they felt?
- Jesus calls his followers to "fish for people". What does he mean?



pray

The prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, thank you for choosing us to follow you. Teach us how to fish for people. Amen. (Matthew 4:19)

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



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

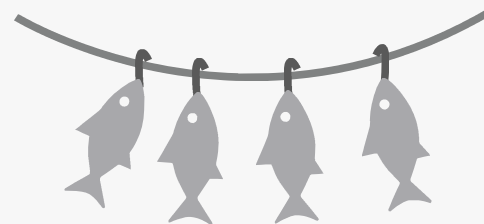
May Jesus give you a heart that seeks him and feet that are ready to follow him. Amen.

creative response

Jesus calls all his followers to "fish for people".

One way we do so is through prayer – by praying for specific people that don't as yet know Jesus, and for specific missionaries and mission activities.

Hang a string or a cord between two points in your home and attach small hooks to it. Cut out fish shapes from card or paper and write the name of a person you can pray for. Attach the "fish" to the hooks and use your "fishing line" as a visible reminder to pray.



White is used in all festivals of our Lord, (The Baptism of Jesus, Epiphany, Trinity etc) and this represents the purity, majesty and splendor of God.

verse for the week

"Come. Follow me," Jesus said. "I will make you fishers of people."

JOHN 1:29

epiphany

mealt ime prayer

Christ our light, shine upon us. Refresh us through this meal to reflect your love to others. Amen.