

A **big thank you** to Cheryl Doecke, Tamra, Gretel & Estelle Lees who were rolling, cutting, baking and icing honey biscuits on Wednesday for around 5 hours! And also to Adele & Yvonne who helped for part of that time and to Dawn Hampel for providing a batch of dough. What a great job they have done so we call all enjoy them on Christmas Eve!

we appreciate you!

Thanks {thank}ful

thankful for YOU

thankful

No **Elders** meeting this week. **Elders & Leadership** teams are meeting **7pm** on **Mon 17th Dec** followed with a combined supper together from **8pm**.
Please bring a small plate of supper to share.

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31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge



Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



Third Sunday Of Advent



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

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**Jesus is here
to serve you!**



WELCOME

Dear visitor, It is great that you are worshipping with us today, and we pray that it will be uplifting to you and I am sure we will all be blessed by your being here.

Once a fortnight at our services we celebrate "**Holy Communion**", or as some people call it "**The Lord's Supper**". Jesus had this special time with his disciples just before suffered and died for all who believe in him. At this time, as he blessed the bread and the wine he said "This is my body given for you. He also said "This is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins" No one can understand how this happens. Jesus said it, and we believe Him. That is what faith is about.

If you can accept what he said about him being here in a special way, then we would love to have you join us at this wonderful meal.

If you are not sure but would still like to come up for a blessing with everyone else, please do. So, the helpers are not confused, please stand with your hands folded across your chest. Thank you for being understanding.

If you would like to talk about this wonderful act of God's love, please feel free to see the Pastor or one of our leaders.

Pastoral Care Slips - You will find these slips on the ends of the pews. We would like you to fill in any details/comments and place in the offering bag or give to an usher or the pastor as you leave the church.



Put God's SMILE
on your Dial



Celebrating Christ Church December Baptisms

Noah Paech	Ashley Roocke	Liz Frahn
Helen Schubert	Stephen Jaensch	Pat Kuss
James Zorich	Martin Lees	Joan Martin
Luke Richards	Adele Doecke	Cheryl Doecke
Carl Beaglehall	Lores Frahn	Felix Patriitti
Raelene Wegener	Alex Hein	David Altmann
Annette Thomson	Shirley Lutze	Beverly Frahn
Irene Kuchel	Bill Dunthorne	Jackson Koch
Noah Patriitti	Cooper Hampel	Dennis Pfeiffer
Simone Mann	Emily Mueller	Roxanne Rowland
Trevor Paech	Darcy Ahrns	Sarah Doecke
Carlien Bissett	Celina Klenke	Estelle Lees
Charlotte Pahl	Hayley Pohl	Marlene Schubert

Rosters



♥ "COMMUNION"

		23-Dec	Christmas Eve 24-Dec	Christmas Day 25-Dec
Monarto	Service Time	9am	7pm	10:30 ♥
	Wardens	Colin & Raelene	Max & Maxine	Robert
	Readers	H Hein	P Hilton	M Paech
	Tea Coffee	M&M Paech		
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	G Beaglehall	One Service only at Christ Church 9am <i>Elder</i> D Pfeiffer ♥ <i>Wardens</i> A&D Hampel <i>Reader</i> L Schiller <i>Greeters</i> D&L Schiller <i>Organist-Ron</i> PA-David <i>Data Projector</i> C Mattner
		Wardens	J&G Pohl	
		Readers	C Mattner	
		Greeters	R&M Herrmann	
		Organist	Glynniss	
		Flowers	T Walding	
		Tea/coffee/milk	D Borchardt B Zadow	
		PA	David	
	Data Projector	B Lablack		
	10:45am	Elder/Assist	D Doecke	
		Wardens	P&V Jaensch	
		Readers	D Doecke	
		Greeters	D&L Schiller	
		Prayers	D Pfeiffer	
PA		Lees		
Data Projector	J Hage			
Counter	V Jaensch	M Mueller		
Grounds Roster	P Jaensch	P Jaensch	P Jaensch	
Water & Care	R Herrmann			

THANK YOU for all you do

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

Diary Dates: 16th Dec ~ 23rd Dec

Sun, 16th	Christ Church Baptism Celebration Monarto	9am ~ Communion Trading Table 10:45am ~ Worship 10:30am - Communion	
Mon, 17th	9:30am 7pm	Cards & Coffee ~ Ed Cen Leadership & Elders Meet ~ Ed Cen followed with shared supper	
Wed, 19th		No Confirmation ~ will resume 30th January	
Thurs, 20th	10am 10am	Bulletin notices due Bible Study ~ in recess until 17th January	
Fri, 21st	9:30am	<i>Decorate Christmas Tree in Church</i>	
Sun, 23rd	Christ Church Monarto	9am ~ Worship 10:45am ~ Communion Baptism Celebration 9am - Worship	

COMING EVENTS

- Dec 24th** Christmas Eve, 7pm Carols & Readings service
9:30pm **Nightwatch Gathering**
- 25th** Christmas Day, 9am Christ Church / 10:30am Monarto
- 30th** One Combined Service at Christ Church from 10am
- 31st** Youth BBQ, fellowship & tennis
- Jan 8-11th** SPIN Camp Kedron, Barmera
- 19th** Working Bee
- 19-5Feb** 2019 Myanmar Mission Trip
- Feb 8-11th** Renew Young Adult Camp Ankara, Walkers Flat

READINGS FOR TODAY

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

The church Christmas tree

is being decorated on

Friday

21st Dec **9.30am**

Helpers Appreciated.



2019 Devotion Book

For one year

'Time out to Tune In'

\$23 - contact

Dennis Pfeiffer 8531 1188

Christmas Eve

We are looking for someone to run with tea & coffee between the two Christmas Eve services.

If you would like to help please contact Yvonne in the church office



CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve

Monday 24th Dec
7pm Carols and Readings
Service in Church

9:30pm

Nightwatch Gathering

Alex Westlake is co-ordinating this service and is looking for people to help with: Musicians/ Singers/Readers/Prayers/ Artists & Creative Stylists/ biscuit & Brownie bakers/ Sound & Media operators or any other way you can help. Please contact Alex or the office for more details.

Lollies & Biscuits



We are looking for donations of lollies (or money

to purchase lollies) Christmas Eve. Please bring them to the office.

Thank You to all who have donated lollies and honey biscuits already

Trading Table

Today Sunday 16th
between services

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CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR SERVICE TIMES

▼ Note new time

Christmas Eve 24th Christ Church, 31 Swanport Rd 7pm Carols & Readings
9:30pm Nightwatch Gathering
Holy Cross, 31 Florence St 7pm Children's Service
Zion Monarto, 427 Schenscher Rd Monarto 7pm

Christmas Day 25th Christ Church 9am
Holy Cross 9:30am
Zion Monarto 10:30am

Sunday 30th Holy Cross 9:30am
Christ Church & Monarto 'combined service'
10am Coffee - 10:30am service
31 Swanport Rd



Envelopes available today



KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER THIS
Christmas

Lutheran Community Care
Christmas Appeal - help LCC bring love to life this Christmas so they can continue to respond to the needs in our communities

Can you care for a child of war this Christmas?



Our Lutheran family is working in the toughest places on earth looking after children fleeing war...

\$26 can care for a child from crisis to classroom

Help provide:
*Teachers *Textbooks *Tables
alws.org.au * 1300 763 407



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Renew Young Adult Camp
for young adults post high school
Fri 8th - Mon 11th Feb
Ankara, Walkers Flat

Registrations close 28/01/2019
50% off registration is offered for any who completed year 12 this year.

More info go to
events.blueprintministries.org.au
More info: P: 8267 5211
E: spin@blueprintministries.org.au



The next issue of the Asia Focus magazine



is now available and can be emailed out or picked up from church offices.

Christ Church Lutheran Bookshop (located in JDHall) has a great range of Christmas Gifts and Cards available. It is open on Sundays from approx. 9:30 to 10:45am



Christ Church office also has a selection of Christmas Cards available at a great price

Position Vacant for a Casual Activity Facilitators from February 2019
Christian Youth Camps of SA Inc. El Shaddai Camping Centre
www.cycsa.org.au

We are seeking active, energetic individuals who have a passion for working with youth, and outdoor adventure activities. The job involves facilitating various adventure activities such as Rock Climbing, Canoeing and Archery with small groups of kids of all ages. A Qualification in Outdoor Recreation is favourable but not essential. Training will be provided on the job. See the notice board for all the information.



CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMPS

196 EL SHADDAI ROAD WELLINGTON SA 5259
PHONE (08) 8572 7262 FAX: (08) 8572 7135
www.cycsa.org.au email@cycsa.org.au

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Prayer for our city

Join other Christians to thank God for all He has done in the Murraylands this year

8am to 9am Saturday
December 29th

@ Frank Jackman
lookout



Bring a chair if you need one

Holy Cross Office & Christ Church will be closing over the Christmas break.

Closing:

CC: Monday 24th Dec at 12noon

HC: Friday 21st Dec at 12noon

Reopening:

CC: Monday 31st Dec at 9am

HC: Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 9am



With Christmas coming up do you need to do a clean out of preloved & unneeded items?

Drop them into Christ Church for the next Thrift Shop in March 2019

You can put them in the 'bin' located under the veranda of the Hugo Stiller Building or drop them into the Church office.

Any queries please contact
Dawn Schmerl 0421 194 957



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HAPPYLAND ADVENT CALENDAR ONLINE

The popular online Happyland Advent Calendar is available for children at the end of November. Click on a new star each day to reveal a video, recipe, or activity for the family to enjoy.

Go to www.happyland.com.au/advent to join in the fun.



Teen Challenge

Are beginning their Christmas Hamper program as well as their usual emergency food handouts.

Everybody deserves to eat a Christmas meal. Can you help with any of the following:
Christmas puddings/cakes/lollies, custard, short bread biscuits, soft drinks & juices, cans of fruit salad, jellies, cans of ham or turkey, cans or peas/corn/beetroot and also fresh carrots & potatoes can.

Leave in box in church / office or Teen Challenge



Teen Challenge will close on the 21st December for the Christmas break and will reopen on the 14th January 2019

YOUTH

Next Youth meeting:

Monday 31st Dec,
New Year's Eve
at Christ Church

Tennis Courts
for a BBQ, fellowship
and hit of tennis

From 5pm to 8pm

Let us know if you are coming - we'll provide meat and ice-cream!

Please bring a salad to share (and a parent too would be great!)

All Welcome

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Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week



16th	Alex Hein Shirley Lutze	21st	Liz Frahn Pat Kuss
17th	Bill Dunthorne Cooper Hampel		Joan Martin Dianne Paech
18th	Emily Miegel	22nd	Cheryl Doecke
20th	Darcy Ahrns Celina Klenke Hayley Pohl		Felix Patritti



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

Combined Christian Churches Christmas Lunch

Catholic Church Hall
Ind Street, Murray Bridge

December 25th 2018
12 noon for 12.30pm

If you are on your own and would like to celebrate with others, please register by 16th Dec 2018 for catering.

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

RSVP by 16th Dec, 2017 to:
M/B Catholic Parish 8531 1699
Margaret Daly 0413 800 721



CHRISTMAS Blessings

The LCA/NZ Churchwide Staff pray for God's blessings on you, your congregations and communities, as together we celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Office closes 12noon Monday 24 December and re-opens 9am Wednesday 2 January 2019

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Prayer of the Day

Jesus, our promised Messiah, John the Baptist went ahead of you and proclaimed the good news of your coming. Encourage us to receive you with joy as our redeemer, and faithfully follow you. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please Pray for...

Christ Church Members:

† Declan Franke, Jeanette Zanker, Darryl Klose, Colleen (Rehab Care) & Andy Nicholls, Shirley Fiegert, Murray Piltz, Noelene Kluge, Lores Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Joyleen Stiller, and also for their carers.

† **Resthaven:** Barbara Noble, Dot Noller.

† **Lerwin:** Colleen Fawcett, Stewart Jaensch, Chris Herbig

† **Aminya Village Hostel,** Mannum: Laurel Geisler, Dawn Jaensch, Rita & Keith Faehrmann.

† **Oakfield Lodge,** Mt Barker - Lorraine Jacobs, Evelyn Kuchel.

Holy Cross Members:

† Fay Baxter (Ian), Olga Burgemeister (Colin), Ken Coventry (Di), Paul Fiegert, Pat Gogel (Darren), Lila Grocke, Trevor Hueppauff (Helen), Bert Hyam (Nita) Leila Koehler, Ray & Rhonda Paech, Marion Poole (Jim), Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert (May), Reg Schwartz, Bob Steele, Barbara Taylor, Kurt Unger (Walter, Trudy), Rosa Waltrovitz (Rodney, Janine, James & Leanne), Felicity Woods.

† **Resthaven:** Ray Box, Lorna Burrett.

† **Lerwin:** Dorothy Klietscher (Elizabeth & Leon), Alice Kowald (Louis), Betty Paech,

† **Tailem Bend Hosp:** Gordon Jenke (Pat & Annette), Bevan Schulz (Bev).

† **Karoonda Hosp:** Doreen Steinborner,

† **Bupa Aged Care:** Ruth Neindorf - , 104 Woodville Rd, Woodville 5011. Ph: 8211 1200.

Ruth's mobile: 0438 724 412

Also pray ...

- † Thank you Father, for giving me the gift of faith. Give me wisdom so that I will always serve you with my whole heart Father, thank you for giving me the gift of faith. Give me wisdom so that I will always serve you with my whole heart.
- † For the gift of patience, and let me trust that God is taking care of me.
- † To you our Heavenly Father, I thank you for having graciously protected me this day. Please forgive me all my sins and the wrong I have done. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your Holy Angel be with me so that the evil one may have no power over me.
- † Thank God for our family and friends and how He blesses us through them.