

## From the Leadership Team...

- \***Bulletin survey** - please fill in the bulletin survey (Surveys available from the church or office). by 9th December
- \***Christmas Office Hours** - The office is closed over from Wed 25th Dec to Fri 3rd Jan. No bulletins for 29th Dec & 5th Jan
- \***2020 Office Hours** - The Church office will be closed on Wednesdays beginning in January 2020.
- \***29th December (5th Sunday)** - Combined service with Monarto commencing 10am with morning tea. New Year Theme. Combined Lunch.
- \***3C CONNECT 2020** - mark these dates in your diary : Jan 19th & Feb 16th
- \***AGM 2020** - Sunday 15th March, 1:30pm. Please prayerfully think on where you can help. All Reports will be due in February - they can be sent to the office from now!
- \***JDH Hiring** - looking for someone to help with unlocking, & locking, PA etc when the hall is hired
- \***Christmas Eve service at Christ Church** - Please let the office know if you can help
- \***Social Fundraising Activities 2020** - we are looking for some people to be involved with organising activities and events bringing members together and also raising funds.

### Monarto Congregation Contacts

|                                 |                 |              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b><u>Monarto Elders</u></b>    | Haydn Hein      | 8532 3176    |
|                                 | Maurice Wegener | 8531 1060    |
| <b><u>Monarto Chairman</u></b>  | Trevor Hilton   | 0439 839 022 |
| <b><u>Monarto Secretary</u></b> | Raelene Wegener | 8538 5444    |

### Christ Church Congregation Contacts

|                                    |                  |                         |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b><u>Christ Church Elders</u></b> | Dawn Hampel      | 8532 4138               |
|                                    | Denise Lohmeyer  | 8531 0935               |
|                                    | David Pech       | 0420 849 344            |
|                                    | Janelle Traeger  | 8535 4290               |
|                                    | Ian Kluge        | 8531 3449               |
| <b><u>Chairman</u></b>             | Warren Doecke    | 0417 804 663, 8572 6019 |
| <b><u>Cong. Secretary</u></b>      | Cheryl Doecke    | 0427 804 663, 8572 6019 |
| <b><u>Treasurer (Acting)</u></b>   | Gary Beauglehall | 0407 049 900            |
| <b><u>Church Secretary</u></b>     | Yvonne Stiller   | 8532 3445               |
| <b><u>Prop. &amp; Maint.</u></b>   | Trent Mueller    | 0424 311 124            |



*Christ Church Lutheran*  
31 Swanport Rd, Murray Bridge

*Zion Lutheran*  
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
OF AUSTRALIA  
*where love comes to life*

**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**1st December 2019**

**GRACE**

**THE  
UNSETTLING  
SOLUTION  
FOR JUST ABOUT  
EVERYTHING**

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

**OFFICE HOURS** 9am –12 noon: Mon-Fri Ph 8532 6553  
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**Pastor Tim Koch**  
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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 he 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.

## RSL Dinner

20th December  
5:45pm (for 6pm)

The Kneebones  
will be performing

Bookings essential by 6th Dec

Ph: Yolette 8532 2130  
for more details



## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Are you in Adelaide over Christmas? Check out the times for the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Service times on the hall noticeboard.

## Offering Envelopes 2020

If you ordered envelopes please see Yvonne in the church office to collect them.



LLL Calendars are  
available from  
the office



**Envision Hands** – is a project to collect plastic recyclable waste destined for landfills and turn it into filament for 3D printers, then making hands for kids.

Drop off you lids to the  
Christ Church office.

# Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION"

|                         |                     | 8-Dec                  | 3C CONNECT<br>10:30am<br>service<br>15-Dec | 22-Dec                    |                         |              |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Monarto</b>          | <b>Service Time</b> | 9am                    | 10:30 ♥                                    | 9am                       |                         |              |
|                         | <b>Wardens</b>      | Robert                 | Trevor, Joy, Tyson                         | Rob & Liz                 |                         |              |
|                         | <b>Readers</b>      | R Hein                 | T Hilton                                   | H Hein                    |                         |              |
|                         | <b>Tea Coffee</b>   | J&T Paech              |  | M Wegener                 |                         |              |
| <b>Christ Church</b>    | <b>9am</b>          | <b>Elder/Assist</b>    | G Beauglehall                              | D Hampel ♥                | I Kluge                 |              |
|                         |                     | <b>Wardens</b>         | A&D Hampel                                 | J&G Pohl                  | B&L Doecke              |              |
|                         |                     | <b>Readers</b>         | C Coulter                                  | J Pohl                    | C Mattner               |              |
|                         |                     | <b>Greeters</b>        | R&J Zanker                                 | R&M Herrmann              | B&Y Lablack             |              |
|                         |                     | <b>Organist</b>        | Glynniss                                   | Coralie                   | June                    |              |
|                         |                     | <b>Flowers</b>         | H Schirmer                                 | Coralie                   | C Miegel                |              |
|                         |                     | <b>Tea/coffee/milk</b> | R&M Herrmann                               | B&L Doecke                | H Schubert<br>L Penhall |              |
|                         |                     | <b>PA</b>              | Wes  | Wes                       | A Hampel                |              |
|                         |                     | <b>Data Projector</b>  | C Beauglehall                              | J Irvine                  | D Hampel                |              |
|                         | <b>10:45am</b>      | <b>Elder/Assist</b>    | D Pfeiffer ♥                               | <b>3C CONNECT 10:30am</b> | D Schiller              | D Doecke ♥   |
|                         |                     | <b>Wardens</b>         | D&J Lienert<br>Y Koch                      |                           | J Brodde                | P&V Jaensch  |
|                         |                     | <b>Readers</b>         | S Kuchel                                   |                           |                         | L Zadow      |
|                         |                     | <b>Greeters</b>        | S Kuchel<br>R Schrapel                     |                           | P&C Miegel              | D&H Pfeiffer |
| <b>Prayers</b>          |                     | D Pfeiffer             |  |                           | D Schiller              |              |
| <b>PA</b>               |                     | Lees                   | Roger                                      |                           | Lees                    |              |
| <b>Data Projector</b>   |                     | J Brodde               | J Hage                                     |                           | J Martin                |              |
| <b>Counter</b>          |                     | J Brodde               | B Joppich                                  |                           | G Korzeba               |              |
| <b>Grounds Roster</b>   | A Nicolle           | A Nicolle              | A Nicolle                                  |                           |                         |              |
| <b>Water &amp; Care</b> | R Herrmann          | Y Koch                 | P Hammond                                  |                           |                         |              |

THANK YOU for all you do

## Diary Dates: 1st Dec ~ 8th Dec

|              |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|
| Sun, 1st Dec | Christ Church<br><br>Monarto<br>2pm<br>6pm | 9am Communion<br>10:45am Worship<br><b>10:45am Sunday School Event day in JDH</b><br>10:30am Communion<br>Open Day at Lutheran Homes ~ Owl Drv<br>Advent Evening, shared tea ~ JDH |
| Mon, 2nd     | 9:30am                                     | Cards & Coffee ~ Ed Cen  |
| Wed, 4th     | 9:30am<br>1pm<br>7:30pm                    | Senior Care Team ~ Ed Cen<br>Icing Honey Biscuits ~ JDH<br>Prayer Ministry ~ Ed Cen  |
| Thurs, 5th   | 10am<br>10am<br>7:30pm                     | <b>Bulletin Notices Due</b><br>Bible Study ~ Ed Cen<br>Ladies Fellowship AGM ~ Ed Cen  |
| Sun, 8th     | Christ Church<br><br>Monarto<br>5:45pm     | 9am Worship<br>10:45am Communion<br>9am Worship<br>MB Carols ~ Wharf Precinct, Sturt Reserve   |

### COMING EVENTS

- Dec 15th** 3C CONNECT Service 10:30am, Christ Church  
**22nd** Holy Cross Children's Christmas Service 7pm  
**24th** Music Ministry Christmas Eve Service @ The Steeple 7pm  
**24th** Monarto Christmas Eve Service 7pm  
**24th** Carols Service at Christ Church 8:30pm  
**31st** NYE's Ecumenical Service, 7pm ~ Holy Cross

**Holy Cross Office Phone: 8532 4577**

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

For anybody experiencing domestic and/or family violence please call Centacare 8531 8888



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

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 of peas/corn/beetroot and also fresh carrots & potatoes. They are also looking for clean plastic bags to deliver the food in.

**60yr Anniversary.** On the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1959 Pastor John Dohler, before a very large gathering, opened and dedicated the John Dohler Hall at a Thanksgiving Service. An evening programme was held comprising a Sacred Concert and the showing of a movie film of the building in progress.



### HELP WANTED for 2020

We need some more people for the **grounds roster** for 2020. This involves keeping the church grounds clean and tidy. You can do it at a time that suits you! There is a blower available to use. Please prayerfully consider if you can assist next year. If you can help please contact the office.



If you have any articles / photos etc for the next **Sharing the News** please get them to Janelle Traeger or the office by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Many thanks.

### GIFT TABLE

Sunday 8th Dec

**JD Hall**

Between Services

To offer the remaining Christmas Tree Festival gifts for sale

**Please note:** there will be no trading table on Sun 15th Dec

**Note new date!**

### Prayer Ministry

We are looking at forming a 'Prayer Ministry Team' - the goal being to pray for/with people on Sundays, before, between or after services. We would also meet weekly for a time of prayer and to pray personally for people. Are you interested? We will get together in the Ed Cen

**Wed 4th Dec, 7:30pm**

Please come along or talk with Bob Martin or Pastor Tim.



# Combined Lutheran Churches News

## ADVENT EVENING

1st Dec 6pm

Shared Tea

JD Hall

*Please bring a savoury  
& sweet to share*

We'll be looking at  
**God's 'GRACE'**



**Murray Bridge  
Christmas Carols**  
at the Wharf Precinct,  
Sturt Reserve  
From 5pm

**Main event at 6:45pm  
Sunday 8th Dec**

Local Performers, food stalls,  
disabled parking available  
near event.  
Marketplace  
carpark open  
until 10pm.  
Please bring  
your own rug  
or chair



## 3C CONNECT SUNDAY

Christ Church  
Lutheran



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**10.30am for coffee**

Christ Church connecting  
with the Community

We invite you to bring gifts,  
Christmas Treats or Toys  
(*please don't wrap*) to place  
under the Christmas Tree



## FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES

Trees are available for \$45 each.  
Sandra Gates is coordinating orders **We  
need 10 orders to get the  
trees delivered.**

Please contact Sandra on  
mobile: 0438 324 150 or  
Email: [sandyk63@hotmail.com](mailto:sandyk63@hotmail.com)  
with your order.

**Orders to be placed by 6th Dec**  
Delivery will be Sat, 14th December 2019

# Combined Lutheran Churches News

## Administration Officer

Murray Bridge Lutheran Homes are seeking to employ an Admin Officer to support the CEO in operation and management of our 2 residential villages, where residents enjoy independent living in a community with a Christian focus.

To be successful in this role you will need to demonstrate sound office administration and finance skills delivery with a strong customer service focus. You will be the 1<sup>st</sup> level of Public and Resident contact and provide multi-faceted business support including payroll. Currently the role is permanent part-time at 30 hrs per week with the potential for additional time if skillset covers all desirable requirements.

Request the Admin Officer information package for application & Job detail: [retire@mblh.com.au](mailto:retire@mblh.com.au)

Applications close at midnight Friday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 **MURRAY BRIDGE  
LUTHERAN HOMES INC.**

Available today: **ALWS Christmas Packs for Lutheran GRACE** project to.  
2019 ALWS GRACE project was to support 40,000 refugee children go to school - there are only 1,945 children left to go! **Please support this year's  
Christmas Action to help the last 1,945 ~ \$26 per child!**



## Guest Pastors at Holy Cross

**Pastor Alwin Schirmer ~ 8th Dec 9.30am**  
**Pastor Wayne Kerber ~ 15th Dec 9.30am**

## Ladies Fellowship



Come and join  
us for fellowship  
study and AGM, Christmas Tree  
Festival Debrief.

**Thursday 5th Dec - 7.30pm**  
**Ed Centre**  
**Please bring a small plate of  
supper to share**

Please also bring along  
something yummy for the Teen  
Challenge Christmas Hampers

## Schools Ministry Group



are seeking to fill three  
PCW positions in our  
schools for next year.

- \* Murray Bridge High School
- \* MB South Primary School
- \* Coomandook Area School.

*Application details can be obtained  
from SMG at [smg.asn.au](http://smg.asn.au)*

## Combined Lutheran Churches News



### No need to be alone

Discover new friendships through Lutheran Singles Connect (LSC). Open to singles of all ages and currently \$30 per year membership. There's never been a better time to join. The more LSC members, the better chance everyone has of finding that special someone. So why not give LSC a go? Email [lsc@lca.org.au](mailto:lsc@lca.org.au) or call Sharon on 0438 049 572 for further information.

This **Sunday, 1st Dec**, you are invited to come along to the Advent Evening in the JDHall at 6pm. Tea will be supplied - if your family comes please bring sweet/savoury to share.

**youth**

## Combined Lutheran Churches News

celebrate  
**JESUS'**  
Birth

everyone welcome!

Christmas Eve  
7pm Dec 24th  
The Steeple, Unity College



by the Murray Bridge  
Lutheran Community

## Women's Guild

Murray Bridge Lutheran Women's  
Guild Meeting

December 11th 10am

Devotion: M Haskell

Musician: J Stiller

Offering: Australian Lutheran World  
Service

Followed by Christmas Luncheon at  
Church of Christ Coffee Shop at  
12noon

Cost of Luncheon \$25

RSVP 3rd Dec to Eleanor 8531 0445

## MANY THANKS!

Thankyou to everyone who  
had anything to do with the  
**Christmas Tree Festival.**

setting up / serving / making  
Biscuits, scones & goods / do-  
nating goods / the displays /  
talking to people

**What a great outreach!**



## Lobethal Lights Bus Trip Fri 13th Dec

Departing Murray Heights Retirement Village Car Park 5.30pm

Visit Lobethal Main Street Markets. Price Includes Food Vouchers,

Christmas Nativity 8.50pm-9.10pm then  
Lobethal Lights Tour.

Return to Murray Bridge Approx 11.30pm

Bookings to Joyce 0421908724

\$50 per person all inclusive To be paid to  
Murray Heights by **Dec 6th**



## Do you have a photograph worth sharing?

We are seeking photos from our church family (Murray Bridge & Monarto) taken in 2019 that has great meaning to you. Perhaps a family photo, a beautiful sunset or sunrise, a photo of our town or region, farm photo, a flower in bloom, a photo from one of our church activities throughout the year etc.

The photo will be shared at the Christmas Eve Celebration. Giving thanks to God for our people and region through photos taken by you!

Photos will need to be in digital format and can be emailed through to Alex Westlake [alexandrawestlake@hotmail.com](mailto:alexandrawestlake@hotmail.com) by Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Please note: We value your privacy therefore it is assumed permission to use your photo and the content on the photograph publicly at the Christmas Eve Service only.

## Christmas Eve Transport

If you need transport to the service please ring  
the office asap so we can arrange a pickup.

**MUSIC  
MINISTRY**  
MURRAY BRIDGE.



## Icing honey biscuits for Christmas Eve

We would love some helpers to come in to help with  
icing from **1pm Wed 4th Dec @ JDHall**

Any queries contact Cheryl Doecke





## Combined Lutheran Churches News

### Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



Please Pray for...

**Christ Church Members:** Jasamine and Daniel Irvine, Julie Mueller (St Andrews), David Pech, Margaret Kuchel, Sandra Thiele, June Walker, Darryl Klose, Murray Piltz, Lores Frahn, Irene Kuchel, Noleen Kluge, & also for their Carers.

**Holy Cross Members:** Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Maxine Gogler, Lila Grocke, Bert & Nita Hyam, Pat Jenke, Leila Koehler, Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Felicity Woods & also for their Carers.

**Resthaven:** Joyce Ahrens (CC), Ray Box (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Gordon Jenke (HC), Dot Noller (CC), Helen Paech (Mon) Murray Piltz (Respite) (CC)

**Lerwin:** Colleen Fawcett (CC), Glad Hausler (CC), Enid Heidrich (CC), Chris Herbig (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC), Lorna Schulz (CC)

**Aminya Village, Mannum:** Val Stevens (CC)

**Bupa Aged Care:** Ruth Neindorf (HC)

**Meningie Hosp Aged Care:** Kurt Unger (HC)

**Estia Health Strathalbyn:** Leon Klitscher (HC)

**Tailem Bend Hosp:** Paul Fiegert (HC), Pat Gogel (HC), Bevan Schulz (HC).



Also Pray...

**Prayer of the Day:** Stir up your power, Lord, and come. Protect us, so that we may be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins, and saved by your deliverance. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ Pray for all the Kindy children & families including Isabella, Shanul, Penelope, Rivah, Sierra and Sophia and also for the Year 10/11 students and families at Unity and surrounding schools.

✠ Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a community this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

## Combined Lutheran Churches News

### Pray Continually

### Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

|     |  |     |   |
|-----|--|-----|---|
| 1st | Noah Paech (Mon)<br>Helen Schubert (CC)<br>Dennis Steinborner (HC) | 5th | Carl Beauglehall (CC)<br>Bob Eggers (HC)<br>Raelene Wegener (Mon) |
| 3rd | Bevan Schulz (HC)<br>James Zorich (CC)                             | 6th | Joyleen Kuchel (HC)<br>Joyce Marrett (HC)                         |
| 4th | Luke Richards (CC)   | 7th | Annette Thomson (CC)  |



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

If you would like to be included in our Prayers, please contact David Schirmer on 8531 2372 or 0459 943 682 for Holy Cross and Yvonne Stiller on 8532 6553 for Christ Church.



Deepest condolences to Dulcie Pfeiffer and family on the passing of her sister Mary Graetz, on the 16th November 2019 Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)

## OPEN DAY

### Sunday 1st Dec

Open Inspection and Information Session

2PM - 4PM OWL DRV VISITOR CEN

Starting at 2.00pm

Information session on Independent Living in Retirement

Promotion of Swanport Village

2.20pm Coffee time with Residents

3.00pm Village Walk through (Units)



# NYE

## New Year's Eve

Ecumenical Service

Tues 31st Dec 7pm

Holy Cross Church

Bring a plate of food to share