

STAMPS FOR MISSION

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Are you looking for something to do in Social Isolation?

Ann Ratsch has had an unusual delivery of stamps for missions. A huge amount of 5^d stamps. They are easy to clean and no peel and stick stamps.

Come into the office to collect a bag to clean. It will pass away many afternoons for you.

Many thanks



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd, Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



Fifth Sunday in Lent
29th March 2020

DIARY DATES AND COMING EVENTS

Because of the COVID-19 all events cancelled. We will advise when the situation changes

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Salan- "I will cause anxiety, fear and panic. I will shut down business, schools, places of worship, and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil."

Jesus- "I will bring together neighbors, restore the family unit, I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table. I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters. I will teach my children to rely on me and not the world. I will teach my children to trust me and not their money and material resources."

This is from the
"Screwtape Letters"

by C S Lewis

also author of
Chronicles of Narnia:
The Lion, the Witch
and the Wardrobe

God was faithful then.
He is faithful now

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

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Take Away Church

Welcome to our brave new world!

That's right, for the time being there is no gathering in the church building for worship, but that doesn't mean we don't worship or pray to God.

I'm encouraging everyone to use this opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus, spending time with him; reading his word, praying, listening, inviting him to send the Spirit. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Jesus, after all you won't be busy, sitting at home. What an opportunity to spend time with family, talking about life, faith, Jesus, hope, praying together over the kitchen table.

I pray we all grab this opportunity that God has orchestrated and make the most of it. How, you might ask. Good question. Ask Jesus, and listen for his response, his prompt, his idea, his picture and then do it. To me that is living by faith; listening to Jesus and then doing it.

To help we'll be running a 'Take Away' church, where we'll provide some resources for you to use. I'm putting out a talk which I'm hoping will create discussion and prayer. We'll provide a regular bulletin; as well as notices on the stone notice board in front of the building to keep you updated.

God used a persecution (Acts 8:1) to scatter the early community of faith, I believe he's using this time to scatter us, far and wide, so that many more people might come to know him and believe in him. When meeting a person take the opportunity to invite God to bless them. Offer to pray for them. We still can meet where there are two or three. Look up Matthew 18:20 to refresh your memory on what Jesus says.

Please call by, grab your take away meal, and share it with Jesus. Invite him to speak with you about who you might share him with this week.

God Bless; Pastor Tim

Praying DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK



1. Comfort for elderly, vulnerable and their families



2. Community calm



3. Government wisdom & care for all human life



4. Health practitioners' courage



5. Hospital safety



6. Business provision & survival



7. Church unity & gospel focus



8. Family and children closeness



9. Schools and universities are sustained

Christ Church Update - Take Away Church

By now you will be aware that the Federal Government health advice and measures mean that we are no longer able to hold worship services or gatherings at Christ Church Lutheran.

In response, Pastor Tim will be putting together a meditation for people to use in their homes to share and discuss. This will be in a format of both a DVD, a printout and our church webpage.

Other options available on TV, radio and internet include:

- * Lutheran Media- Live Streaming from Hahndorf and Toowoomba via <https://livestream.com/luthworship>
- * Joyce Meyer Chanel 44, weekdays 9.00 am.
- * In Touch Ministries Charles Stanley 9 Gem, Chanel 92, 7.30 a.m. Sundays.
- * Radio - Power FM 107.9 – 7.00 am and 8.00 am Sundays.
- * There are many podcasts and other Christian programs available via the internet.

We will continue to provide more information as time goes on.

Matthew 18:20 (NIV) “*For, where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.*”

We should all see this as an opportunity to contact each other, share and dwell on God’s word. Encouraging, each other to trust God knowing that he loves and cares for us.

On Fridays starting this week (March 27th), you will be able to pick up a DVD or printout as well as the Bulletin etc. *If you would prefer to use USB instead of a DVD, then we need 2 USB sticks clearly marked with your name.*

- * After 11.00 am from the office.
- * Alternatively, you can collect materials from the white box located inside the church metal gates.

The office will be open Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm, Wednesdays only for pick-ups only. *If you are concerned about coming into the office you can stop out the front of the office and beep your horn – we will bring the material out to you.*

We encourage you, if you are able, to pick up and deliver to others who can’t get out.

We are very keen for you to share your thoughts with Tim and our leadership group as we work together to serve God at this challenging time.

Pastor Tim Koch – Warren Doecke - Chairperson

From the Leadership Team

✚ ***Please note All meetings etc have been cancelled***

Other News

✚ **Barnabas Friendship Group** - is in recess until further notice

✚ **Friends of Lutheran Archives** – please note that it has become necessary to cancel all future FoLA meetings until further notice. In the meantime, please keep safe & well. God be with all of you.

✚ **Myanmar News** – Marriage celebration Sat 6th March – Yangon. Dianne and I would like to share some wonderful news. Lord, we give special thanks and praise to you, as Sui Remi (pronounced Sue Ray Me), a former child at Damadi home was married Sat 6th March in Yangon, Myanmar to Mr. San Aung. God bless their union together as they serve your Kingdom and grow the community of Christ in Kachin (pronounced Kay Yin) State, north east Myanmar near China, as your servants. They met at the theological college where they were doing their studies to become pastors. Sui Remi was part of the first group of 15 children to come Damadi Home in 2007, 13 years ago when we first visited. In February 2019 she graduated as a qualified pastor. In Myanmar women who are qualified to be pastors are called Women’s Worker in the Lutheran Church. In addition Sui Remi is trained in tailoring and has made clothes for the children at Damadi Home. Let us give thanks for this wonderful young woman. Ian & Dianne Kluge – Asia Focus Australia

✚ **Men’s Breakfast** ~ Will be a drive thru - more information to come

Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



Please Pray for...

Christ Church Members: Martha Aartsen, Lores Frahn, Audrey & Marcus Jaensch, Noleen Kluge, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bob Martin, Peter Paech, David Pech, Murray Piltz, Sandra Thiele, June Walker & also for their Carers.

Holy Cross Members: Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Breerton, John Fournier, Lila Grocke, Trevor Hueppauff, 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), Dot Noller (CC), Helen Paech (Mon)

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)

Estia Health Strathalbyn: Leon Klitscher (HC)

Infin8 Care, Hahndorf: Geoff Pfeiffer (CC)

Meningie Hosp Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC)

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



Prayer of the Day: Jesus our Saviour, thank you for coming to give us life through your suffering and death. Keep us following you wherever you lead us, because we know that you have promised to take us home to God. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Also Pray...

✚ Continue to pray for the teachers, children and their families at Kindy including Jess J, Levi F, Savannah, Alex H, Arlia & Matilda and also for Year 10 classes at Unity and surrounding schools.

✚ Almighty and All loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, We pray to you through Christ the Healer For those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19 across our world We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease. Give wisdom to policymakers, Skill to healthcare professionals and researchers, Comfort to everyone in distress And a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord Who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those whom no love was shown. Amen.

✚ Pray for everyone who are travelling and away from home. Help them to find a way home, especially pray for Harry and Inez Schulte who are in Tasmania, that they are safely able to get home and be quarantined for 14 days.

✚ Pray for Parents and Grandparents as they encourage and share their faith with their children and grandchildren

Pray Continually

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

March	2nd	Debra Colley (CC)
29th	Lilly Pfeiffer (CC)	Monique Colley (CC)
30th	Margaret Zwar (HC)	Zoe Koch (CC)
April		Mia Schubert (HC)
1st	Jan Brodde (CC)	Courtenay Short-Brown (HC)
	Janise Fournier (HC)	3rd Carlene Schache (HC)
	Miriam McLean (HC)	4th Ann Ratsch (CC)
	Val Stevens (CC)	



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your Birthdays or Anniversary announced, please

LCA/NZ PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Reflecting God's Love ~ **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE**

If you think a child is at risk of harm ... In an emergency, call 000 - If it is not an emergency, call your local police and child protection authority.

Sharing The News: If you have any photos and stories – birthdays etc. please pass on to the Office or Janelle for the next newsletter. Let's all keep in touch – take a photo of what you are doing in lieu of attending church services. We can still care for each other but in different ways.

Our Care Directory - An updated directory is now available. Please be aware that this is not a full membership list! Cost is \$2 and they are available from the office.



Concordia Kindergarten are inviting members of our Lutheran congregations to consider donating a bible to a child at Concordia Kindergarten. All of the Kindy children will be presented with a bible later this term. Bibles have been purchased for \$15 each. Any donations would be gratefully received.