



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

St. James Lutheran Church, Whyalla

Mark Your Calendar

- 3.5 Baby Shower
- 3.6 March Outreach Sign Up
- 3.12 Crusaders Day Trip
- 3.16 Focus on Prayer
- 3.19 Men's Breakfast
- 3.20 Choir Try Outs

Reminder:

Last week
to be a part of
***Project Help
A Child***

New Beginnings

It's Never Too Late

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Refresh Your Heart

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// Dr. Mark Ward

Hall Kitchen Sink Facilities Upgrade

The ongoing repairs to taps and supply lines to kitchen sink was causing various problems. The replacement of tap fittings had become unavailable and spares on hand were not suitable and made the area look very untidy and out of date. The undersigned took on the task to arrange the overall update of the system.

List of work carried out

- ◆ Hole cut in outside wall of kitchen to locate original pipe work, but none found. All old lines were buried in brick wall. This required new approach.
- ◆ New line ran from rain water tank with a section underground.
- ◆ New tap header made to suit new fittings under sink.
- ◆ Old valves removed from wall including associated wall tiles.
- ◆ Holes drilled in kitchen brickwork under sink for flexible connectors.
- ◆ Altered pipe work associated with hot water, cold water and supply to Hall air-conditioners.
- ◆ Replaced hot water unit safety valve drain lines.
- ◆ Area above sink retiled.
- ◆ Steel frame made and installed to cover hole in kitchen wall.

All copper pipe, PVC pipe, taps, flexible connectors, tap header under sink, isolation valves, tiles etc. were donated being no cost to the Church.

This project was carried out with the help of R. Freund, A. Schwenke and T&D Zimmermann. These services were greatly appreciated as it turned out to take longer than anticipated.

Thanks again.

Jim Havelberg.



Women's Fellowship

President Di Zimmermann, Secretary Carolyn Ronan, Treasurer Marilyn Sichler

Our group of 14 women meet for *FUN, FAITH* and *FELLOWSHIP* on the last Wednesday each month at 7.30pm.

Our monthly program for 2015 included: cooking 'Gnuchi' demonstration, hearing about Community Home Care packages from Whyalla Aged Care Manager and a member Chris shared photos of her recent Iceland trip and the northern lights.

We have much *FUN* catching up for our *FELLOWSHIP* night each month, sharing our *FAITH* and each year we come up with new design for our annual Christmas tree display. This makes for much head scratching and laughter while we chatter getting glued fingers as we try to follow given instructions to complete our "Angels"...

Every year our largest shopping centre in Whyalla at Westland has a display for 1 week in December celebrating the "Festival of Christmas" organised by Anglicare Mission and this year we received a highly commended award for our Christmas tree 'Angels'.

Other community activities that our Fellowship participates in during the year are the Combined Christian Church services in Whyalla such as World Day of Prayer, combined Fellowship Birthdays in the month of July and Advent Celebrations in December with each church group taking turns to host it.

Each year in February our Zone group has a Women's Retreat at Melrose at camp Willochra being our 46th this year where friendships are renewed and God's Love and Word is shared leaving us inspired and refreshed.

Pastor Tim Spilsbury has been leading us in devotion throughout the year with his thought provoking questions and messages to help us to see the relevance of God's Word for today's living.

Our Fellowship group enjoys fundraising with providing yummy morning teas after church and cuppa soups during winter months after church and a trading table during the year.

Three times a year we organise hamburger lunches after church which is a great opportunity for families of the congregation to meet and mingle.

Our special projects include supporting a Cambodian student, donations to local groups, supplying postage for 'Samaritan's Purse' shoeboxes, helping with church plant maintenance and assisting with convention requests such as knitting knee blankets last year.

In 2015 we organised our Upper North Zone Fellowship day at St James Whyalla on 16th June 'God's Loving Care' with 41 participants attending plus the guest speakers. We were waited on by the men in the kitchen serving and cleaning away. A real treat and a great day!!!!

Our 2015 Christmas meal together was great *FUN* and a real celebration of our *FATH* in Christ, inviting friends to come and share a meal and *FELLOWSHIP* with us. We sang Christmas Carols and shared in God's Loving Care with each other. Friendship is a gift from God.

Carolyn Ronan.

FUN, FAITH & FELLOWSHIP



Church & Hall Gutter Replacement

After many years of carrying out repairs to various sections of the Church & Hall gutters, it became essential to replace all gutters. This became evident during the heavy rain (70mm) in January 2015 when the church back gutter could not cope with the volume of water and the many holes in the west end of the gutter. The result was that water came down onto the main electrical fuse box on the back wall.

Also, the gutter between the toilets and the committee room (known as The Hidden Gutter), which was also in very poor condition for many years, again leaked water into airlock of the men's toilet.

A decision was made that investigation be undertaken to determine what action be taken. The undersigned took on the project to supply details after thorough research to the Church Council. It was agreed that the project proceed to the next stage, being the compiling of an enquiry and after reviews, to be issued to possible Whyalla contractors.

Four contractors were supplied copies of the enquiry including all details, and site inspections were arranged. Of the four, only three responded and after many further discussions and site inspections, and closing date extended, saw two more contractors decline to quote. This then required further research as there needs to be more than one contractor to review.

Two contacts were made in Pt. Augusta and site inspections arranged which required the closing date to be extended again to allow time to quote. Both submitted quotes, but it was obvious that one did not want the work.

The two remaining quotes were discussed with a committee (R. Wittwer, A. Jones, R. Freund, T. Zimmermann & A. Schwenke), which brought up various thoughts and ideas and from this another contractor declined leaving one contractor McLachlan Roofing, who is an authorized roofing and gutter contractor.

This quote after many updates was finally submitted to the Congregation after Church at an authorized meeting where it was approved to proceed with the project. The finance situation was discussed prior to the approval being given.

The contract was carried out with little drama and on the whole, was done without causing too many problems to people using the facilities. The whole exercise took over 9 months to complete from start to finish. The total cost was \$21,364.64.

I personally would like to thank the committee and all who assisted me in any way to the success of the project.

Jim Havelberg.

