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Holy Cross / Monarto / Christ Church
Bulletin



*Receiving the gift of God's love through
Jesus and bringing hope to the community*



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

Rejoice



*Today we light the third
candle of Advent. The
candle represents Joy. It
reminds us of the Joy the
world experienced at the
birth of Jesus*

*"He will be a joy and delight to
you, and many will
rejoice because of his birth."
(Luke 1:14)*

Prayer Page

For use by friendship groups, study groups, other groups and 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



Prayer of the Day

Lord, listen to our prayers. Come to us in your kindness, and lighten the darkness of our hearts. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please pray for...

✠ Pray for all students, teachers/ workers/volunteers for the end of the school year and for the safety of those who are travelling over the holiday break.

✠ Pray that the power of Christ's love would bring lasting transformation throughout entire communities.

✠ **Holy Cross members:** Fay Baxter (Ian), Olga Burgemeister (Colin), Lorna Burrett, Paul Fiegert, Lila Grocke, Gordon Jenke (Pat), Peter Heintze, (Sharon), Leila Koehler, Marion Poole (Jim), Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert (May), Reg Schwartz, Bob Steele, Doreen Steinborner, Felicity Woods.

✠ **Christ Church members:** Darren Piltz, Henk Visser, Jeanette Zanker, Bev & Peter (Wakefield Hospital) Paech, Vernon Graetz, Vena Shinnick, Gordon Lutze, Darryl Klose (home), Murray Piltz, Lores Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Sandra Healey, Joyleen Stiller and also for their carers.

✠ **Resthaven** - Ray Box, Melva Kowald, Barbara Noble, Dot Noller.

✠ **Lerwin** - Colleen Fawcett, Lil Fiegert, Stewart Jaensch, Dorothy Klitscher (Elizabeth & Leon), Betty Paech.

✠ **Tailem Bend Hospital** - Bevan Schulz (Bev).

✠ **Aminya Village Hostel**, Mannum - Rita & Keith Faehrmann, Laurel Geisler, Dawn Jaensch.

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

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✠ Erica Stone (Les) - Bethsalem Care, 10 Education Street, Happy Valley 5159. Ph: 8321 0487

READINGS FOR TODAY



Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
1Thessalonians 5: 16-24
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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



Diary Dates (cont)

Tuesday 26th		Public Holiday
Wednesday 27th - Friday 29th		Holy Cross Office Closed
Sunday, 31st New Year's Eve	Christ Church	9am ~ Worship 10:45am ~ Worship
	Holy Cross	9.30am ~ Worship with Communion includes Kidz Zone Activity 9.45am
	Monarto	9am ~ Worship
Community Ecumenical Service at Uniting Church 7pm		

~Holy Cross-Christ Church-Monarto~ Christmas / New Year Services

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th

Christ Church	9am	7:30pm Unity College Steeple
Holy Cross	9:30am	7pm Children's Service
Monarto	5:30pm ~ tea followed by 7pm Service	

Christmas Day Monday 25th

Christ Church	10:30am
Holy Cross	9:30am
Monarto	9am

New Year's Eve Sunday 31st

Christ Church	9am	10:45am
Holy Cross	9:30am	
Monarto	9am	

Community Ecumenical service at Uniting Church 7pm



Jesus is the reason for the season

Diary Dates: 17th-24th December

Sunday, 17th <i>John 1: 6-8, 19-28</i>	Christ Church Holy Cross Monarto	9am ~ Worship with Communion 10.45am ~ Worship Trading Table & Sausage Sizzle 9.30am ~ Worship with Communion <i>includes Kidz Zone Activity</i> 9.45am Trading Table 10.30am 10.30am ~ Worship with Communion
Monday, 18th <i>Galatians 5: 25 - 6: 10</i>	1.30pm	Funeral for Rita Schiller at Christ Church
Tuesday, 19th <i>Galatians 6: 11-18</i>	9.30am	Christ Church Organists ~ Ed Cen
Wednesday, 20th <i>Philippians 1: 1-11</i>	9am-10am 10.00am	Recycling Shed open, Holy Cross Lutheran Homes Church Service ~ Owl Drive by Holy Cross
Thursday, 21st <i>Philippians 1: 12-30</i>	10.00am 1.15pm 6.00pm	Bulletin notices due Third Thursday Communion -Holy Cross Church Councils Meeting, 16 Lodden Rd-Avoca Dell Holy Cross & Christ Church
Friday, 22nd <i>Philippians 2: 1-11</i>	9.30am	Christ Church ~ decorate Christmas Tree
Saturday, 23rd <i>Luke 1:(46b) 47-55</i>		
Sunday 24th December 2017 <i>Luke 1: 26-28</i> Christmas Eve	Christ Church Holy Cross Monarto	9am ~ Worship 7:30pm ~ Unity College Steeple 7.00pm ~ Worship, Family/Children's Svs 5:30pm ~ tea followed by 7pm Service
Monday, 25th <i>Christmas Day</i>	Christ Church Holy Cross Monarto	10:30am ~ Worship 9.30am ~ Worship with Communion 9am



WELCOME

Dear friends in Christ, thank you for joining us! We welcome all visitors and pray you are made to feel at home here in our congregations. If you are at a service where our Lord feeds us through Holy Communion and 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 and children are encouraged to come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing. Attendance Records Slips - You will find these cards on the ends of the pews. We would like you to fill in the details and give to an usher or the pastor as you leave the church.

Future Birthdays & Anniversay

Please note that from today onwards, birthday and Anniversary notices will only be put in the bulletin if requested by the individual/s involved.

Copies of Today's Sermon



There are copies of today's sermon available as you leave the church, if you would like to take a copy with you or to pass on. More copies are available from the Office from Tuesdays. Please let the Office know if you would like it emailed to you.



Baptismal Birthday Celebrations December



17th Cooper Hampel
 James Waltrovitz
 18th Emily Mueller
 20th Celina Klenke
 Angela Wiencke
 21st Liz Frahn
 Pat Kuss

21st Joan Martin,
 Dianne Paech
 22nd William Altmann
 Cheryl Doecke
 Felix Patriitti
 23rd David Altmann



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

Holy Cross News....

Finishing for Christmas Holiday Break...

Recycling (last one)	20th December
Fellowship Cards	16th December
Dance Group	7th December
Bible Study	11th December
Crafty Capers	13th December

and returning...

Recycling	3rd January
Fellowship Cards	6th January
Dance Group	10th January
Bible Study	29th January
Crafty Capers	31st January



**Holy Cross
Friday
Afternoon
Fellowship
Group**

CORRECTION

The Afternoon Fellowship Group has **finished for the year.** They wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to catching up in the New Year.

Have you seen the sign?

After several years of patience and perseverance, we finally have our new sign erected (on the Charles St side of the church). Many thanks to Alan Packer for doing much of the initial groundwork and negotiations, and the late Shirley Wilhelm and the Social Committee for providing the finance.

If you have any suggestions as to what we should display on the sign from week to week, or if you would like to be the person responsible for changing the messages each week, please contact the office.



Upcoming Blueprint Ministries Events

Family Camp - 12 – 14 January Camp Kedron, Barmera

Blueprint
ministries

LCA SA/NT Child & Family, Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Spend a weekend with your family recharging and connecting.

Renew Young Adults - 2-5 February Ankara, Walkers Flat

Join other young adults from across the state to be renewed and refreshed in your faith journey for the coming year. Those who finished year 12 in 2017 receive their registration half price!

Invigor8 - 24 February Adelaide West Uniting Church

Join us for a special focus on ministry in the home as we hear from Mark & Lisa Scandrette, authors of "Belonging & Becoming". Registrations now open.

Registrations & more details online

<http://www.blueprintministries.org.au/>

or contact Blueprint Ministries

E: info@blueprintministries.org.au

P: 8267 5211

Please provide any feedback on the joint bulletins to your Leadership Team, Church Council or Church Office.

Please see the notice board in the Church Halls for information on events etc outside of our congregation

Joy

Please note:-
Next week's bulletin will be for 2 weeks, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, due to th Christmas break.

THIS WEEK

~THIRD THURSDAY
COMMUNION~

**Thursday
21st December
1.30pm**

Concordia Hall

The Recycling Shed will be closed after next Wednesday and reopen on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Please hold on to your recycling during this time.

Did you know they also take shredded paper?

Pop it in a bag and bring it along with your next drop off.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters

On behalf of the Catholic Parish PPC I would like to thank you for inviting us to the Reformation Day. We hope that we can come together each year for fellowship and friendship. May you all have a holy, blessed and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Christ

Allen Woolstencroft

Chairman PPC

500
Reformation
Five Hundred Years 1517-2017

Combined News cont....

CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS TO TEEN CHALLENGE



Please continue to support Team Challenge Murray Bridge with donations of food including for Christmas:

Through our support to Teen Challenge throughout the year, they have been able to assist many people in the community. They have really appreciated our help!

They will be closed from Friday 22nd Dec until the week of 8th Jan 2018
Please keep Teen Challenge and their workers/volunteers in your prayers for God to bless them financially and with food for them to maintain their Ministry.



Do you know a **YOUNG ADULT** who is/will be going to Adelaide in 2018 for study, training or employment? We have a letter from Peter Miller who is the Young Adult & Tertiary Student Chaplain for the Lutheran Church in SA-NT. He offers assistance in transitioning to city life including finding accommodation, support with enrolment at Uni's/TAFE's and help with connecting up with other Christian young adults/sporting groups etc.

Holy Cross News cont....



To all of you I wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2018. Also I like to thank you for the time you prayed for us both, Erna and Kurt, as our health weakened and you lovingly thought of us. A big thank you!

*With friendly greetings from
Kurt and Erna Unger*

Erna Passed away on 2nd December and her funeral was held at Holy Cross on Wednesday 13th December.

HOLY CROSS VISITOR SIGN IN SHEET

To best protect our volunteers and staff who work in our church office and building during normal business hours Church Council have developed a sign in sheet. Each volunteer and staff member is asked to sign in when they begin working and sign out when they leave.

We often have people working in offices and in the case of an emergency we do not want to miss finding someone. Please speak to a Church Council member if you have any questions about this. Thank you for assisting us to keep everyone safe.



Communities for Children **Murraylands**

Beyond Kayaking

School Holiday Program

free for families with children aged 4-12.

Murray Bridge Wednesday 3rd January 9-12am and 1-3pm	Mypolonga Thursday 4th January 10am until 3pm	Jervois Friday 5th January 10pm till 1pm
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Come and try some fun recreation with your child with easy to use Sit On Top double kayaks. All equipment is supplied. Just bring hat, water, sunscreen and solid soled shoes- not thongs. Sit on Top kayaks are wide and stable for beginners and provide great fun for children.

please book by
calling Lyall @ Centacare 85318888

All ReLink activities are drug & alcohol free

Communities for Children Murraylands is facilitated by ac.care, funded by the Australian Government department of Social Services and delivered by our Community Partner - Centacare

Office Volunteer needed

We are looking for an office volunteer to sit in the office on Monday afternoons while Lutheran Community Care are in.

Starting at 1200noon and finishing around 4.00-5.00pm.

You are not required to do anything but must be able to occupy yourself.

Please see Carla in the office.

TOGETHER
 Magazine of the Lutheran Church of Australia
 Reformation 500 Celebrations

Pick up your edition of the TOGETHER Magazine in church today.

Holy Cross News cont....

Dear Holy Cross Sunday School Parents:

Upcoming Dates as we prepare for the Christmas Eve Service:

Sunday December 17th:

9.30am Church Service
9.45am - 11.00am: Practice in the Sunday School Rooms

Friday December 22nd:

5.30pm-8.00pm: Sausage Sizzle and FINAL PRACTICE in the Church.

All the Family is Welcome.

Please let me know if you can come by Sunday 17th.... Thanks

Sunday December 24th:

9.30am Church Service
9.45 - 10.30am: NO PRACTICE. Activities and Games in the Sunday School Rooms
7.00pm: Christmas Eve Service. Children to be at the Sunday School Rooms at **6.15pm SHARP**



Children's Christmas Program



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Any questions or queries don't hesitate to contact me,

Cynthia Dutschke
Mobile: 0400 046 052
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~ Holy Cross Office Movements over Christmas ~

The office will close on Friday 22nd at 1200noon and reopen again on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 9.00am. Next week's bulletin, will be for 2 weeks, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The next bulletin on Sunday 7th January 2018 will be put together by Christ Church. If you have anything you want in this bulletin, please contact Yvonne on 8532 6553 before cut off time of Thursday 10am. Carla will be starting holidays after 22nd December and come back on the 9th January 2018. The office will be staffed by our regular volunteers during this time and we thank them greatly in advance. Hoping you all have a Blessed Christmas.

Christ Church and Monarto News cont....

Thursday morning
Bible Study is in
recess until 18th
Jan 2018

Advent



Jane, Robert, Dianne and families sincerely thank everyone for their kind words, thoughts and Prayers on the passing of their father, **Kevin Thiele**, especially the support from Pastor Tim. It has been very much appreciated.

FUNERAL



Rita Schiller passed away last Wednesday. Her funeral will be held on Monday 18th December, 1:30pm at Christ Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rita's family and friends.

Combined News ...

God bless you this Christmas as we celebrate the greatest gift that God has given to us, his son Jesus Christ.

From all of us at the SA-NT District Office.



CHRIST CHURCH & MONARTO

♥ Communion

Rosters


		24-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	31-Dec	
Monarto	Service Time		7pm	10:30am ♥	9am	
	Wardens	No morning service	Haydn & Penne	Colin & Raelene	Max & Maxine	
	Readers		Rob Thiele	Penne L-Brown	Rollo Hein	
	Tea Coffee		Rob & Liz			
Christ Church						
9am	Elder/Assist	I Kluge	Christmas Eve Unity 7:30pm		J Pohl	
	Wardens	J&G Pohl		J&G Pohl	A&D Hampel	
	Readers	M Herrmann			G Molineux	
	Greeters	D Borchardt M Warnest		R&J Zanker	J Bahr H Visser	
	Organist			Coralie	Glynniss	
	Flowers	C Mattner			C Mattner	
	Tea/coffee/milk				B&L Doecke	
	PA	David		David	David	
	Data Projector	C Mattner		C Doecke	B Lablack	
				G Schubert ♥	G Schubert	
10:45am	Elder/Assist		Greeters R&J Zanker R&J Martin	Christmas Day Service at 10:30am	D Doecke	
	Wardens				D Doecke	
	Readers				K&R Schrapel	
	Greeters					
	Music				D Schiller	
	Prayers				Lees Family	
	PA				J Brodde	
	Data Projector				J Brodde	
	Counter				J Brodde	V Jaensch
	Grounds Roster	R Zanker			R Zanker	R Zanker
Water & Care	Y Koch			J Schirmer		

HOLY CROSS

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Thursday Communion
21st December – 1.30pm
L Rosenzweig & M Smith



	Sunday 17th December 9.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 24th December 9.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 24th December 7.00pm Christmas Eve	Monday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Day
GREETERS	J Coombe C Dutschke	R & V Zerk	P & E Welke	D & G Schirmer
LS SERVERS	M Altmann S Gates	J Fournier C Paech	N/A	P Welke M Page
LECTOR	M Altmann	C Paech	N/A	M Page
PA OPERATOR	A Wegener	P Welke	B Kuchel	E Ahrens
MM PROJECTOR	M Page	E Welke	A Gates	M Ahrens
V C OPERATOR	R Thiele	C Stephens	A Wegener	A Wegener
USHERS	B & M Gerlach	B & J Kuchel	R & D Paech J Sacco	P & E Welke
CHILDREN'S ADDRESS	M Altmann	A Pearce	N/A	
BELL RINGER	B Gerlach	B Kuchel	R Paech	B Kuchel
ALTAR GUILD	E Welke	L Rosenzweig	N/A	S Gates
COUNTERS	K Pfeiffer	B & M Gerlach	B & M Gerlach	B & M Gerlach
FLOWERS	H Carroll	V Zerk	V Zerk	V Zerk
MORNING TEA	Y Patterson J Venning	R & E Waldhuter	N/A	N/A
HALL & KITCHEN CLEANING	R Packer	A & L Wiencke	N/A	N/A

Hall & Kitchen Cleaning is to be carried out prior to the Sunday listed.
If you are unable to fulfil your role. Please arrange for someone else to fill in and advise the office

MINISTRY TEAM	20th December D Steinborner	27th December J Jarrott	3rd January E Welke	10th January K Pfeiffer
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Christ Church and Monarto News....

This Christmas Christ Church will be again supporting the **ALWS Gifts of Grace projects.**

Pick up ALWS Gifts of Grace catalogue from the church or office now!





Thank you to Delton Schiller who is leading the second service at Christ Church today

Today SUNDAY
17th Dec
TRADING TABLE
and
SAUSAGE SIZZLE



LLL Calendars are now available. You can pick one up from the office

CHRIST CHURCH NOMINATIONS FOR 2018



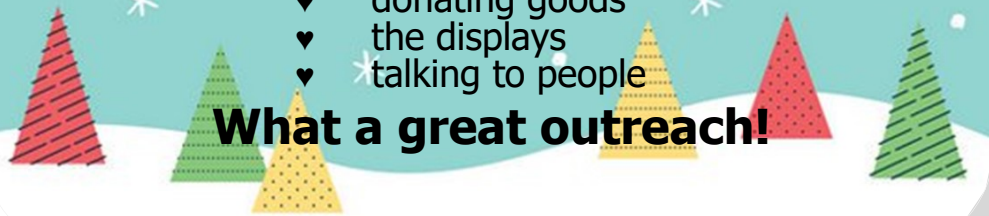
Please consider nominating for a position on the Leadership Team in the New Year. Positions to think about: *Vice-Chairman, Worship, Prayer and Property.* If you are already on a committee/group - please stay, we value your involvement.

MANY THANKS!

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

- ♥ setting up
- ♥ serving
- ♥ making scones & goods
- ♥ donating goods
- ♥ the displays
- ♥ talking to people

What a great outreach!



Christ Church and News cont....

Christ Church FREEWILL OFFERINGS

Offerings you have made for the month of November, 2017.

REG	\$4,125	Budget	\$4,250
Offering Plate	\$7,906	Budget	\$8,077
TOTAL	\$12,031	Budget	\$12,327

OFFERINGS JANUARY – NOVEMBER:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>
REG	\$48,540	\$46,750
Offering Plate	\$90,332	\$96,923
TOTALS	\$138,872	\$143,673

Thank you so much to all those who are trying to help make up the shortfall that we are experiencing.


Average Church attendance for November: 1st Service 84 - 2nd Service 74
Confirmation Service at Unity 283
CHIL Lighting of the Christmas Tree – lots!!

In response to God's love, members have also generously donated to the following. Teen Challenge - \$146
Myanmar - \$60
LCA – in memory of Robert Eckermann - \$60.
Thank you to all those who have generously donated food to Teen Challenge over the month.

Thankyou to Yolette from the Property Committee for all the work you do around the place, especially painting the JDH steps



Letter received from **Concordia Kindy** thanking Christ Church for the final pledged donation towards their building loan



Suddenly - Incredibly Loved
A Ministry Expression of Peter & Julie Steicke now available from Christ Church bookshop

The church Christmas tree is being decorated on Friday 22nd Dec **9.30am**



Helpers Appreciated.



Advent is a time for joy as we
look to the birth of Jesus.

verse for the week
Always be joyful,
pray continually
and give thanks
whatever happens.
That is what God
wants for you in
Christ Jesus.

1 THESSALONIANS
5:16-18

Caring Conversations

SHARE

Share your highs
and lows of the
day, or respond
to the following
questions:

1

What does it
mean to be joyful?
Tell about a time
you were filled
with joy.



2

Is there a
difference
between joy
and happiness?
Explain your
answer.

3

The apostle Paul
tells Christians
to be "joyful
always".

Why can all
Christians be
joyful?

How do we
show our joy?

Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 1:6-8, 19-28	John's witness to the light
M	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	1 Good news of deliverance
T	Thessalonians 5:16-24	A call to rejoice
W	Luke 1:46b-55	Mary's song of praise
T	Psalms 63:1-8	In God's presence I sing for joy
F	Acts 16:25-34	A jailer is filled with joy
S	Psalms 126	A people who dream
S	Luke 1:26-38	The birth of Jesus foretold

TALK Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

Lord Jesus, we
are joyful because
of you. Help us
to be thankful
no matter what
happens each day.
Amen.

BLESS

God is the
God who gives
peace. May he
make you holy
through and
through.

Creative Response

Advent is a time to slow down, savour and see things in the light of Christ.

Use or imagine a nativity set. Hold or imagine one piece of your nativity set each day.

Think what it was like to be that character in Bethlehem. What did that character see? Experience? Hear? How was that person changed? How are you changed?

Talk about your thoughts with family and friends.

Conclude by singing *Away in a Manger*.



mealtime prayer

Lord God, you fill the hungry with good things. With all my heart I praise the Lord, and I am glad because of God my saviour. Amen.

Service

We show the joy that
we have because of
Jesus by putting others
ahead of ourselves.

Share your Christmas
joy with your
neighbours by baking
Christmas cookies for
them. If possible, use
icing to write the word
"joy" on the cookies.

