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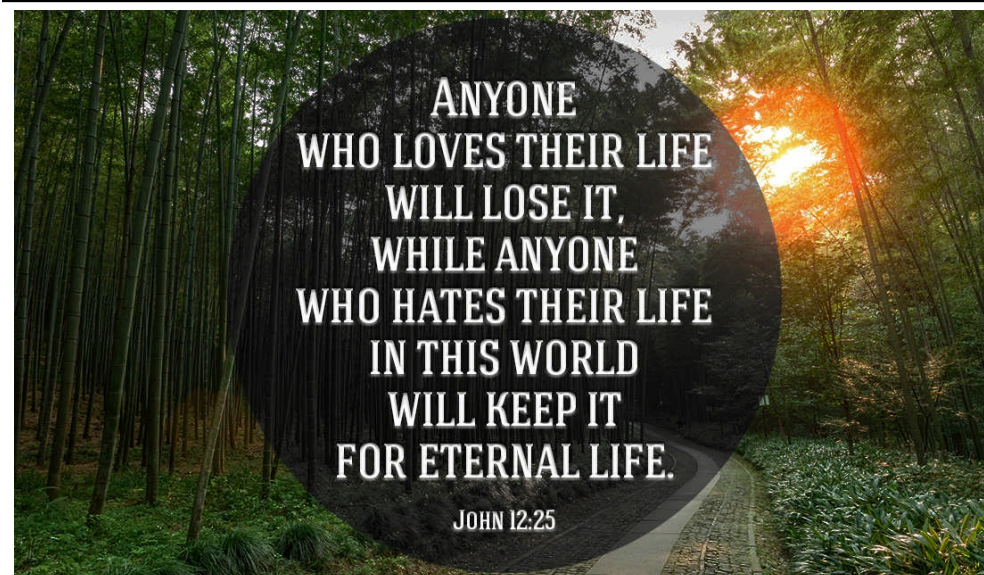
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31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge



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5th Sunday in Lent  
18th March 2018



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

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## 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 with **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 & children are encouraged to come for a blessing and are asked to keep their hands by their sides.

**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.

## Celebrating Christ Church March Baptisms

Nikita Hein	Cameron Eckermann	Joshua Doecke
Matt Schiller	Adrian Miegel	Samuel Doecke
Tristan Ahrns	Lorna Penhall	David Miegel
Judith Chandler	Vern Graetz	Karl Krueger
Merle Herrmann	Philip Hammond	Doreen Borchardt
Ann Doecke	Chris Thomson	Daniel Doecke
Peter Jaensch	Paul Zadow	Inez Schulte
Helen Pfeiffer	Christie Schopp	Keith Faehrmann
Bradley Klenke	Malcolm Thiel	

## Trading Table

Today 18th March  
There will be **NO**  
sausage sizzle

## READINGS FOR TODAY

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:2-33

## Sausage Sizzles

Thank you for everyone who has helped with the BBQ' over the years. Due to the lack of helpers to run the sausage sizzles they will be in recess for now.

*There is a time for everything*

If you would like to run any sausage sizzles etc on the third Sunday please contact the office.



## ♥ "COMMUNION"

## Rosters

Wed Lenten

21-Mar

25-Mar

Maundy Thurs

29-Mar

Monarto		Service Time	Christ Church 7pm	9am	Wed 7pm ♥
		Wardens		Max & Maxine	Trevor,Joy,Tyson
		Readers		H Hein	P Hilton
		Tea Coffee		M&M Paech	
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	R Zanker	G Beauglehall	I Kluge ♥
		Wardens	P & V Jaensch	A&D Hampel	P&V Jaensch
		Readers	H Courtney	M Herrmann	
		Greeters	C Coulter J Herrmann	J Rosenzweig C Mattner	G&M Schubert
		Organist	Glynniss	Glynniss	
		Flowers		C Miegel	
		Tea/coffee/milk		R&M Herrmann	
		PA	David	David	David
		Data Projector	C Mattner	B Lablack	D Hampel
	10:45am	Elder/Assist		M Jaensch ♥	Christ Church Service at 7pm
		Wardens		D Doecke P O'Connor	
		Readers		M Schultz	
		Greeters		G&M Schultz	
		Music			
		Prayers		D Schiller	G Schubert
		PA		Roger	
		Data Projector		J Brodde	
		Counter	J Brodde	V Jaensch	B Joppich
	Sunday School				
	Leader		Belinda J		
Helper		Liam			
Grounds Roster	J Pohl	J Pohl	J Pohl		
Water & Care		J Schirmer			



## Diary Dates: 18th - 25th March

Sun, 18th	Christ Church  Monarto 1:30pm	Baptism Birthdays Celebration 9am ~ Communion <b>TRADNG TABLE</b> 10:45am ~ Worship 9am ~ Communion Christ Church AGM ~ JDH
Mon, 19th	9am 9.30am 1pm & 7pm	Baptism Group, Ed Cen Cards & Coffee ~ Ed Cen I Can Only imagine, Cameo Cinema
Tues, 20th	11am 1pm & 7pm	English Lessons ~ Ed Cen I Can Only imagine, Cameo Cinema
Wed, 21st	7pm	Mid Week Lenten Service, Christ Church
Thurs, 22nd	10am 10am	Bulletin notices due <b>Bible Study</b> ~ Christ Church Ed Cen
Sun, 25th	Christ Church  Monarto  2pm	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9am ~ Worship 10:45am ~ Communion Baptism Birthdays Celebration 9am ~ Worship Celtic Songs Fundraiser for Thomas Foods Fire MB Uniting Church

## COMING EVENTS

Apr 1st	Easter Sunday
3-6th	Thrift Shop, JDH
10-13th	Kairos Prison Ministry, Mobilong Prison
May 4-6th	SANT District Synod, Tatachilla, McLaren Vale
Sept 23rd	80th Anniversary of first service, Christ Church
30-Oct 2	LWA Convention, Rosehill Gardens, NSW

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

**AGM**  
Annual General Meeting

**TODAY 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
1:30pm JDH

**Book of Reports**  
available from the  
church  
**Please bring to  
the AGM!**

### MONARTO

A BIG THANKS to the members who gave a monetary donation, provided food and helped with catering at CHIL on Friday night.  
*Thankyou!*



*Raelene Wegener*

*Sharing the News*

If you have any news, articles or events since the last newsletter, then please send them to the church office.

Thank you!

*Janelle & Ben*

**WE WANT YOUR NEWS!**



### HELP WANTED

We need some more people for the **grounds roster** for 2018. This involves keeping the church grounds clean and tidy. There is a blower available to use. Please prayerfully consider if you can assist during July, Oct or Dec. If you can help please contact the office.

3 reasons to smile today...

- Jesus loves you.
- Jesus died for you.
- Jesus will always be with you



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# Combined Lutheran Churches News

## Mid-Week, Lenten and Easter Services

### Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ 18th March

9.00am ~ Christ Church  
9.30am ~ Holy Cross  
10.30am ~ Monarto  
10.45am ~ Christ Church

### Mid Week Lenten Combined Service 5 ~ 21st March

7.00pm ~ Christ Church

### Palm Sunday ~ 25th March

9.00am ~ Christ Church  
9.00am ~ Monarto  
9.30am ~ Holy Cross  
10.45am ~ Christ Church

### Maundy Thursday ~ 29th March

7.00pm ~ Monarto - **on Wed 28th**  
7.00pm ~ Holy Cross  
7.00pm ~ Christ Church

### Good Friday ~ 30th March

9.00am ~ Christ Church  
9.30am ~ Holy Cross  
10.30am ~ Monarto

### Easter Sunday ~ 1st April

6.30am ~ Ecumenical Dawn Service  
at Sturt Reserve, In front of  
the 'Bunyip'

7.00am ~ Monarto

7.30am ~ Christ Church Easter  
Breakfast

9.00am ~ Christ Church

9.30am ~ Holy Cross

**Mid Week Lenten Offerings  
are going towards  
School Chaplains**



## City university Bible studies!

The city Lutheran pastors run a weekly day time Bible study for students at our city campuses. Come and meet other Christian young people and be encouraged in faith on the journey through university.

**Thursdays 1pm-2pm Religious and chaplains centre,  
downstairs Lady Symons building, University of Adelaide**

If you'd like to be on a contact list, please get in touch with Pastor Joshua Pfeiffer:

[joshua.pfeiffer@outlook.com](mailto:joshua.pfeiffer@outlook.com), 0431 398 713

# Combined Lutheran Churches News

## IMPORTANT: INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 GENERAL SYNOD

Nominations are now open for interested people to apply for positions on the LCA's boards, councils, commissions and committees for the next synodical term.

Please refer to the LCA Nominations page: [www.lca.org.au/nominations](http://www.lca.org.au/nominations) for further information about the nominations process and to download the nominations form. Please note the following:

1. Although individuals can self-nominate, nominations, with the consent of the nominee, may also be submitted by congregations to the LCA Standing Committee on Nominations.
2. As resolved at the 2015 General Convention of Synod no nominations can be moved from the floor. It is therefore essential that if your congregation wants to nominate someone, the nomination form must be submitted to the LCA Standing Committee on Nominations by the **closing date of 15 May 2018.**



**SMG** I am the new  
Holy Cross rep.  
for the Schools  
Ministry Group,

There are 2 issues facing us at present:

1. The government is deciding whether to refund this program. Would you like to support this ministry by writing a letter?
2. A Schools Ministry Group position is available at North School, beginning term 2. Applications close 21 March.

More information regarding both of these is available from the church office or myself, Karen Ahrens, 8532 5450 or [eahrens@internode.on.net](mailto:eahrens@internode.on.net)



## I Can Only Imagine

at the  
**CAMEO CINEMA, Murray Bridge**

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The Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia

## Celtic Songs



Sunday, 25 March 2018  
2.00pm

Murray Bridge Uniting Church  
1 Narooma Boulevard

This concert features the well-loved songs of Ireland, Cornwall, Scotland and Wales, including *Danny Boy*, *Flower of Scotland*, *Calon Lan*, *Trelawny*, and *Men Of Harlech*.

Part proceeds to benefit the Murray Bridge Fire Community Fund

**Tickets: \$20.00**

Tickets will be available at the door.  
For pre-purchase, please visit [mmcsa.org](http://mmcsa.org)  
or call Graham on 0414 936 895.

## LADIES LUNCH FILM AFTERNOON AT THE CAMEO

### "Finding Your Feet"

(see review in Hall)

Wed 28th Mar 1:40pm

Meet at Church of  
Christ 12:30pm for  
lunch

Phone Yolette 8532  
2130 for more details

"THE FEEL-GOOD FILM  
OF THE YEAR"



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### see noticeboards for more details

- ♦ **Friends of Lutheran Archives**, next meeting Monday 19th March
- ♦ **Novo Camp 'Stand'** for years 7-12, 20-23rd April, Cornerstone College
- ♦ **Women of Worth Retreat**, 4-6th May, Adare House Victor Harbor
- ♦ How you can donate to the **Murray Bridge Fire Community Fund** to support those affected by the Thomas Foods fire.
- ♦ **Wickham Community Projects** request for tax deductible donations for Aboriginal Ministry work along side the BCA (Bush Church Aid)



**Australian  
Lutheran  
World Service**

ALWS latest appeals are:

**Papua New Guinea Earthquake** - 150,000 people impacted see notice board for more details  
**Kakuma Refugee Camp Schools program in**

**Kenya.** With more and more refugees arriving they are needing more support. \$26 can cover the cut in funding for one child. Please consider donating \$26 or more to ALWS earmarked for Kakuma.

**To donate to either see the notice re PNG in the hall or contact church office.**



## Kairos Prison Ministry



*Pastor Tim is going to Mobilong Prison*

10th - 13th April

### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE KAIRO'S PRISON MINISTRY?

Please see the separate insert for details on how you can help. Copies of the biscuit recipes are available at the back of the church or you can pick one up from the office. If you can help please let Pastor Tim or Yvonne know ASAP Ph 8532 6553

**Biscuits & Letters required by Friday 6th April**

**Prayer slips for Kairos, available from the ushers or the front entrance to the church, need to be returned by Friday 6th April**



## Combined Lutheran Churches News

### Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV

#### *Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week*



18th Brendan Sacco  
19th Peter Hein  
Paul Zadow  
20th Melva Kowald  
Christie Schopp  
Malcolm Thiel  
21st Tony Budarick



21st Joshua Doecke  
Samuel Doecke  
22nd Brandan Pahl  
Roy Zerk  
Bailey Rothe  
23rd Sandra Hein  
Kathy Pfeiffer



*Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday*

**Next Thrift Shop**  
Tuesday 3rd April to Friday 6th April



**I NEVER  
SAW  
ANOTHER  
BUTTERFLY**

This is a thought provoking performance and is being used as a fundraiser to support a mission outreach to Sri Lanka by a student at Tyndale Christian School.

*Experience stories of sorrow, joy, laughter and tears that only the children of the Terezin ghetto (in a Jewish concentration camp) can share. Please note this production contains historical imagery that may be disturbing.*

John Dohler Hall  
Thurs 22nd & Fri 23rd March **7pm**  
Tickets \$20

### *Women of Worth Retreat*

4-6 MAY 2018  
ADARE HOUSE ~ VICTOR HARBOR

A weekend of encouragement, worship, teaching and fun, as we connect and journey together into the fullness of who we are created to be in Jesus Christ.

More info and registrations via  
[www.trybooking.com/UPED](http://www.trybooking.com/UPED)  
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### Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



#### *Prayer of the Day*

Almighty God, look in mercy on your family. By your great goodness, guide and protect us forever in body and soul. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. . **Amen.**

#### *Please Pray for...*

##### **Christ Church Members:**

- ✠ Darryl Klose, (FMC), Shirley Fiegert, Jeanette Zanker, Murray Piltz, Noelene Kluge, Henk Visser, Lores Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Joyleen Stiller, Jayne Hill and also for their carers.
- ✠ **Resthaven:** Barbara Noble, Dot Noller.
- ✠ **Lerwin:** Colleen Fawcett, Stewart Jaensch, Betty Paech
- ✠ **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), Lorna Burrett, Paul Fiegert, Karyn Gerlach (Bob & Myrna), Lila Grocke, Gordon Jenke (Pat), Leila Koehler, Marion Poole (Jim), Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert (May), Reg Schwartz, Kevin Smith (Merrilyn), Bob Steele, Doreen Steinborner, Felicity Woods.
- ✠ **Resthaven:** Ray Box, Melva Kowald.
- ✠ **Lerwin:** Dorothy Klitscher (Elizabeth & Leon), Alice Kowald (Louis), Betty Paech, Mal Schenscher.
- ✠ **Tailem Bend Hospital:** Bevan Schulz (Bev).
- ✠ Ruth Neindorf - Bupa Aged Care, 104 Woodville Rd, Woodville 5011. Ph: 8211 1200.  
Ruth's mobile: 0438 724 412

*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.*



#### *Also pray ...*

- ✠ Pray for all the Kindy children and their families including Cohen, Elijah, Isla, Chloe, Willow Alexandra, Lauriel and Arlia. Pray that the Kindy families hear and share God's love through the Bibles presented to the children.
- ✠ Pray for the Unity R-12 Sports Carnival this Friday, 23rd March
- ✠ Almighty God, we commit to you the State election that was held on Saturday. We pray that the people elected put their trust in you - so we may be quietly and Godly governed.



**Kairos Mobilong #26 10<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

*Thank you for your support of Kairos,*

***Pastor Tim will be attending***

*It does indeed make a difference!*

**HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY**

*Kairos is a ministry of passing on God's love to prison inmates and officials. You are invited to be part of this ministry by sharing in any of the following:*

### **1. PRAYER**

Prayer is the foundation of the whole Kairos ministry. Your prayers leading up to and during the program are greatly appreciated. Please pray for

- God to prepare the inmates who will be invited to the program,
- for the team leaders and preparations of their teams,
- for the receptiveness of the inmates (our guests) who participate in the program,
- for the smooth running of the program, and for the success of fundraising.

An **80-hour** International prayer vigil covers the duration of the program. The prayer vigil is divided into 1/2hour timeslots and extends from 12.00am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April to 8:00pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

We need 160 people who are willing to pray for 1/2hour (wherever you are) during the program.

To take part in the prayer vigil, please register online at

<http://www.3dayvol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14476&commid=1370> and sign up to the timeslot when you wish to pray on the *Mobilong Prison South Australia Prayer Vigil Signup Sheet*.

The Team members and the men from Mobilong are amazed and incredibly encouraged to know that there are people literally all over the world praying for them and this Kairos course.

### **2. POSTERS and PLACEMENTS**

These put a name and face to the Body of Christ. Either individually, in a Sunday School class or other group, you are encouraged to make a poster which will be displayed during the Kairos program.

Posters should convey greetings from the maker(s) to **“The men of Kairos Mobilong #25”** (or similar), and express the love and hope found in Christ, or a short Bible verse.

They may be signed, but with **Christian names only**.

Children could also be asked to make colourful **placements**, for example on A4 paper/ coloured card which will be used during meal times. These can also be signed, with **Christian names only**.

**Please use only your own pictures and words. Nothing is to be pasted onto the sheet including glitter.** The Agape team will laminate these as they are received.

**Please pass onto Christ Church office ASAP, thank you**

### **3. FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Another way to respond to Jesus 'calling to care for prisoners is by providing the financial resources for the Kairos program. Each Kairos program currently costs around \$4500.00.

Donations are tax-deductible, and can be handed to Kairos representative, or sent directly by

**cheque to:** Kairos Prison Ministry Australia C/O PO Box 242 Highgate South Aust 5063

Or **Direct Debit:** BSB: 035-045 A/C No. 157255

**A receipt will be forwarded to you.**

#### 4. LETTERS

During the Kairos program, each guest will be given a bundle of short and encouraging letters. These will be sourced from friends or partners of team members, but from Church congregations.

These letters often have a profound impact on the recipients, many of whom have been rejected by both society and their families.

Letters should be addressed “Dear friend” and should express the assurance of God’s love for the person, and of the writer’s prayers for them. It can be helpful to write about the forgiving nature of God, and to include personal examples of receiving forgiveness.

- **Letters must be hand written and each one unique.** As the men on the course will be opening these letters while they are all together we ask that each letter you write is unique.
- You are welcome to write as many letters as you wish. Often people will write a letter a day based on a daily bible verse or meditation.
- Attractive printed note paper may be used **but please do not use any form of scrapbook or glue or stick anything onto your letters. Nothing other than ordinary writing paper will be allowed to be taken inside Mobilong.**
- The letters are to be placed unfolded in a plastic sleeve.

Please indicate your contribution on the sheet provided by your Kairos representative.

**Please let Christ Church office know ASAP if you can help**

#### 5. BISCUITS AND SLICES

*Here is the opportunity for you to make tangible, visible (and edible) expressions of the love of your Christian community for the guests and team members on this Short Course.*

As these expressions of love will be going inside Mobilong, the following guidelines apply:

- Biscuits or slices that are handmade, not shop bought.
- Slices requiring no refrigeration.
- A variety of biscuits. Decorated biscuits are particularly sought after – all **edible** decorations may be used
- Dried fruits may be used, but **must be finely chopped**
- Biscuits may be iced, but **must not be sprinkled with, or rolled in, icing sugar)**
- **NO NUTS in or decorating due to possible allergies of guest or team members.**
- Historically we have received a lot of ANZAC & Chocolate Chip biscuits so other varieties would be fantastic. If you have a favourite recipe why not send it along too for others to add to our list.

After you have made YOUR favourites, if you are at a loss I have printed some recipes on a separate sheet. Don’t forget that Savoury Biscuits are very welcome and often a good alternative for later in the afternoon.

**UP TO 700 DOZEN BISCUITS/SLICES ARE USED THROUGHOUT THE SHORT COURSE!**

- They are on tables for snacks each day during talks and discussions for guests and team members.
- Each Guest on the course receives a bag of biscuits each evening.
- There are special plates of decorated biscuits distributed during the Forgiveness Service.
- They are distributed around the whole prison to staff and all prisoners on the last day.
- As a Thank You platter to our Base, Church of Christ at Murray Bridge
- Each day they are given to the prison staff on the front desk and those on duty in the centre.

Please pack biscuits & slices in **ice-cream containers**. Do not use snap-lock bags. Mark the number of pieces (2doz) & variety (Decorated Shortbread) on the lid.

**Please return to Christ Church office by 6<sup>th</sup> April, thank you**





Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

18 March 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT

Lent is a time to reflect on  
Jesus' sacrifice for us.

verse for the week

"I tell you for certain  
that a grain of  
wheat that falls  
on the ground will  
never be more than  
one grain unless it  
dies. But if it dies,  
it will produce lots of  
wheat."

JOHN 12:24

## Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Recall a sacrifice  
you have made  
for someone  
else. Is there  
something that  
another person  
has sacrificed for  
you?

2

Before Jesus' death, his heart  
was "troubled"  
(John 12:27).  
Could Jesus  
have chosen  
not to die?  
Why or why  
not?

3

How is your life  
different because  
of the death of  
Jesus?



## Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 12:20-33	The grain of wheat that dies
M	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant from God
T	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus as high priest
W	John 20:24-29	Thomas sees and believes
T	1 Kings 19:11-18	Elijah meets God
F	2 Corinthians 5:14-21	Christ died for all
S	Psalms 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing
S	Mark 15:1-39	The passion of Jesus



TALK

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

## Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Jesus our  
Saviour, please  
draw us close to  
you. Amen.



BLESS

May Jesus draw  
you to himself.  
May his death  
cover your  
sins, and his  
resurrection fill  
you with new life.

## Creative Response

Read Psalm 51.

Consider dividing up the reading as follows:

Reader 1: verses 1-2;

Reader 2: verses 3-5;

Reader 3: verses 6-9;

Reader 4: verses 10-12.

At the end of each section, invite all household  
members to respond together with these words:

**"God, create a pure heart in me."**



### mealtime prayer

You feed the hungry with grains of wheat. Thank  
you, Lord, for this food to eat. Amen.

## Service

Plant and water  
flower seeds in pots  
with potting soil.

Plan to give the flower pots  
away as Easter gifts to  
friends or neighbours as a  
sign of the new life that has  
come through the death and  
resurrection of Jesus.

Write on the pot "John 12:24"  
and decorate it with Easter  
symbols.



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We have come to life