

## PLEASE NOTE

**6th May** the next Music Ministry Service at Christ Church  
10:45am - *Youth having a shared lunch after*

**13th May** we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday - wear  
something bright to visualize the vibrancy of life with  
the Holy Spirit

We're on **FIRE!** why not wear a loud shirt?

**20th May** there will be no second service at Christ  
Church. Instead you are invited to the Service at Unity  
College - 11am **Celebrating 40 Years**  
*See notice under 'Combined Lutheran Churches News'*

**27th May** - will be normal services - **not combined**

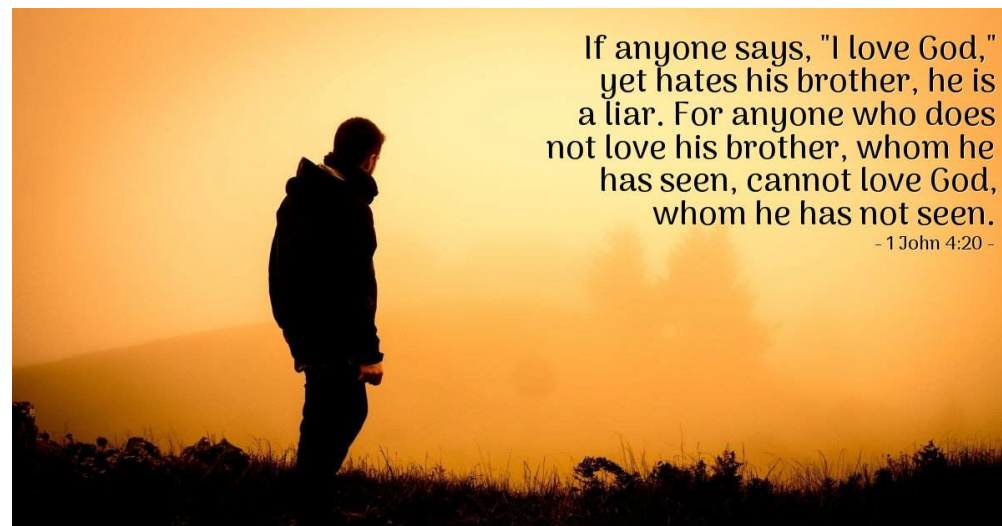


**Christ Church Lutheran**  
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

**Zion Lutheran**  
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**29th April 2018**



If anyone says, "I love God,"  
yet hates his brother, he is  
a liar. For anyone who does  
not love his brother, whom he  
has seen, cannot love God,  
whom he has not seen.

- 1 John 4:20 -

### Christ Church & 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               |
| <hr/>                              |                 |                         |
| <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               |
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| <b><u>Chairman</u></b>             | Warren Doecke   | 0417 804 663, 8572 6019 |
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**Reaching out with the Love of Jesus**  
**that All may Know, Worship & Grow in Christ**

**OFFICE HOURS** 9am –12 noon: Monday - Friday  
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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-communicating 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.

## Dwelling in the Word 1 John

The services are focusing on the readings from 1 John. Pastor Tim has put together a booklet for you to go deeper into the readings and then share what you received with others.

Booklets are available in church or from the office.

## READINGS FOR TODAY

Acts 8:26-40  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

**PLEASE NOTE**  
**Special Congregational**  
**Meeting in the Church**  
**Sun 6th May 10:10am**

BE *still* AND *listen*

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

## Rosters

## ♥ "COMMUNION"

|               |               | 6-May           | 13-May                  | 20-May                    |   |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Monarto       |               | Service Time    | 10:30                   | 9am                       | 10:30 ♥   |
|               |               | Wardens         | Trevor,Joy,Tyson        | Rob & Liz                 | Barolo Family   |
|               |               | Readers         | R Hein                  | T Hilton                  | H Hein  |
|               |               | Tea Coffee      |                         | R Thiele                  |   |
| Christ Church | 9am           | Elder/Assist    | R Zanker                | I Kluge                   | J Pohl ♥  |
|               |               | Wardens         | M&D Schopp              | J Pohl                    | B L Doecke<br>I Pumpa   |
|               |               | Readers         | Ben Traeger             | C Coulter                 | H Courtney  |
|               |               | Greeters        | C Coulter<br>J Herrmann | J Rosenzweig<br>C Mattner | R&M Herrmann  |
|               |               | Organist        | Coralie                 | June                      | Glynniss  |
|               |               | Flowers         | I Schulte               | E Mueller                 | Y Lablack   |
|               |               | Tea/coffee/milk | D&J Lienert<br>Y Koch   | R&M Herrmann              | D Borchardt<br>B Zadow  |
|               |               | PA              | Wes                     | Wes                       | David   |
|               |               | Data Projector  | B Lablack               | C Doecke                  | C Mattner   |
|               | 10:45am       | Elder/Assist    | M Jaensch               | D Pfeiffer ♥              | No second service at Christ Church. Instead you are invited to the Service at Unity College 11am<br><b>Celebrating 40 Years</b> |
|               |               | Wardens         | J Brodde                | P O'Connor                |   |
|               |               | Readers         | T Piltz                 | Lyn Zadow                 |   |
|               |               | Greeters        | D&T Piltz               | D&L Schiller              |   |
|               |               | Music           |                         |                           |   |
|               |               | Prayers         | D Schiller              | Pastor Tim                |   |
|               |               | PA              | Nathanael               | Nathanael                 |   |
|               |               | Data Projector  | Y Stiller               | J Martin                  |   |
|               |               | Counter         | D Schiller              | J Brodde                  |   |
|               | Sunday School |                 |                         |                           |   |
|               |               | Leader          | Belinda J               | Annette                   | Adrian  |
|               |               | Helper          | Sophie                  | Belinda S                 | Jemima  |
|               |               | Grounds Roster  | Y Koch                  | Y Koch                    | Y Koch  |
|               |               | Water & Care    | J Schirmer              | A Nicholls                | R Zanker  |

## Diary Dates: 29th April - 6th May

|                                   |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Sun, 29th                         | Christ Church & Monarto                   | 10am ~ Coffee<br>10:30am ~ One service at Christ Church followed by a shared lunch   |
| Mon, 30th                         | 9:30am                                    | Cards & Coffee ~ Ed Cen  |
| Tues, 1st                         | 11pm<br>7:30pm                            | English Lessons<br>Worship Team, Ed Cen  |
| 2nd - 4th May Pastors' Conference |   |  |
| Wed, 2nd                          | 7:30am<br>9:30am<br>10am                  | Cars leave Christ Church for LWSA?NT Convention<br>Senior Care Team ~ JDHall<br>Service Guild ~ Ed Cen   |
| Thurs, 3rd                        | 10am<br>10am                              | Bulletin notices due<br>Bible Study ~ Christ Church Ed Cen   |
| 4th - 6th May SANT District Synod |   |  |
| Sun, 6th                          | Christ Church<br><br>Monarto<br><br>Youth | 9am ~ Worship<br>10:10am ~ Special Congregation Meeting<br>10:45 ~ Music Ministry Worship Service<br>10:30am ~ Worship<br>Shared lunch after Christ Church 10:45am service |

## COMING EVENTS

|      |          |   |
|------|----------|---|
| May  | 12th     | Leadership/Elders/Worship get together at Monarto (8:30am)  |
|      | 13th     | Celebrating Pentecost at Christ church                      |
|      | 20th     | Unity Celebrating 40 years - no 10:45 Christ Church service |
|      | 21-24th  | Red Cross Blood Service - JDH                               |
|      | 23rd     | 2pm Communion, Cuppa & Chat - Owl Drive Village Centre      |
|      | 29th     | CPR Course 1:30pm - Christ Church                           |
| Sept | 23rd     | 80th Anniversary of first service, Christ Church            |
|      | 30-Oct 2 | LWA Convention, Rosehill Gardens, NSW                       |
| Oct  | 21st     | Reformation, combined service                               |
| Nov  | 15th     | Christmas Lunch (organised by Senior Care Team)             |

## From April's Leadership Meeting

### Special Meeting 6th May

A special meeting will be held on 6th May for the congregation to vote on the following motions:

**Motion 1:** Leadership recommends that Christ Church makes a donation of \$10,000 from the auxiliary account to Unity College to assist in the purchase of a bus to transport the CASLAU students

**Motion 2:** Leadership recommends that the following motion is taken to the General Convention of the LCA that we dispense with the title 'Bishop' for those in leadership of the Lutheran Church of Australia. We replace it with another suitable title..

**Nominations for 2018** - Graham Schubert has been elected as Discipleship Rep on the Leadership Team

**Defibrillator** - we have ordered one and when it arrives will be kept in the JD Hall

**CPR Course** - a 1 hour course will be held on Tuesday 29th May, 1:30pm at Christ Church run by SA Ambulance.

## Chaplain Visits

Due to privacy laws hospitals can no longer notify Pastors or Chaplains of your stay. If you would like a visit while in hospital please contact the district office or our church office to arrange one.



## Service Guild meeting

2nd May 10am  
Ed Centre  
Devotion: Joyce

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



## Communion-Cuppa-Chat



The Senior Care Team are organising a Communion, Cuppa & Chat get-together on Wednesday May 23rd at 2pm in the Owl Drive Lutheran Homes Village Centre.

We are especially inviting those who receive Home Communion & welcome anyone else who would care to join us.

This is to give those who commune in isolation an opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper together as a Church family.

If you have queries talk to Dawn Hampel or a Senior Care Team member.

If you need transport please let Dawn (ph 8532 4138) know by Monday May 21st.

This is not replacing regular home Communion.

3 reasons to smile today...

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



## Colleen Fawcett's baptism



## Ink Cartridges

don't forget to bring in your Used ink cartridges so they can be recycled!



**RECYCLE  
INK CARTRIDGES**



## Teen Challenge

Thanks for your generous giving. They are always in need of main meals, also cans of fruit, and vegetables, small or large.

*Leave in box in church / office or Teen Challenge*



## OTHER SERVICES - MAY

*Led by Christ Church*

### Thursday 10th May:

10:30am - Lerwin Ecumenical Service  
3pm - Resthaven Communion Service

### Friday 11th May:

10:30am - Lerwin Communion Service

### Wednesday 16th May:

10am - Lutheran Homes Service



Can't get to service on a Sunday? Did you know you can watch live worship at [www.livestream.com/luthworship](http://www.livestream.com/luthworship) choose either St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba Qld.  
*They can also be viewed throughout the week!*

**Lutheran  
Worship**

**LUTHERAN.MEDIA** )))  
COMMUNICATING CHRIST

» Play Entire Service

» Bible Readings

» Play Service Without Communion

» Children's Talk

» Sermon

» All Chapters

» Support us



## Combined Lutheran Churches News



### Murray Bridge Lutheran School – Unity College **CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN 2018**

**Sunday 20 May 2018**

**10.15am** : Coffee and Morning Tea

**11.00am** : Worship Service & Welcome Speeches

**12.30pm – 3.30pm** : Community Lunch & Family Fun Day

- + Tours of School Campus
- + Historical Displays and Photo Collections
- + Entertainment and Games for Children
- + BBQ Lunch available at small cost

**Bookings** : [www.trybooking.com.au/367001](http://www.trybooking.com.au/367001)

**e.** [studentsfirst@unitycollege.sa.edu.au](mailto:studentsfirst@unitycollege.sa.edu.au) or **p.** 08 8532 0100

### 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)  
[www.facebook.com/WOWAdelaideHills](https://www.facebook.com/WOWAdelaideHills)

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BASED ON MATERIAL FROM 'CAPTIVATING'  
BY JOHN & STASI ELDRIDGE



CONCORDIA COLLEGE // EARLYBIRD BY 17 APRIL // REGISTER AT  
[WWW.ADELAIDEMENSCONVENTION.ORG](http://WWW.ADELAIDEMENSCONVENTION.ORG)

## Combined Lutheran Churches News

### Women's Guild

**Murray Bridge Women's Guild**

**May 9th at 1.00pm**  
**Visit Orana**

Devotion: M Paech  
Hostesses: R Packer, Y Lablack  
Offering: ALC Women's Auxiliary  
Lutheran Media Ministry  
Gift Table: J Ahrns



### CPR Course

A 1 hour course  
will be held on

**Tues 29th May 1:30pm**

at Christ Church

run by  
SA Ambulance

Please RSVP ASAP if  
attending to Christ  
Church office 8532 6553.

### 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.**





## Combined Lutheran Churches News

# Come back to Cambrai

Reminisce  
about the old  
days

Help celebrate

Meet up with  
your old  
classmates

## 130 Years of Education in Cambrai

### 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 10am

## Cambrai Primary School

School Fete, Memorabilia, Museum &  
other displays during the day  
(more info later)

### 130<sup>th</sup> Dinner

Cambrai Sports Ground

6:30pm

Spit Dinner with salads

\$10 per adult, \$5 per child

**Bookings Essential**

Live Band – 'Creatures of Habit' (ex-scholars in band)

Camping  
Available

For more information – contact Cambrai Primary School by email:  
dl.0747\_admin@schools.sa.edu.au

## Combined Lutheran Churches News

### Kwatja Etatha playgroup in Alice Springs needs our Support

Kwatja Etatha playgroup was started by Living Waters Lutheran School and the Alice Springs Congregation, particularly for the families who live in town camps. Since 2009, it has been run by Lutheran Community Care. It has provided a safe place for children and their families to interact and to encourage children to develop new skills and parents to gain parenting support.

Government funding stopped just before Christmas last year and the impact was devastating, eight Lutheran Community Care staff lost their jobs

**LCC are asking congregations with a one off appeal to keep Kwatja Etatha going. The offering at the SA-NT Synod Sunday worship will be donated to the appeal.**

*Individual donations can also be made to this appeal. Contact Lutheran Community Care on (08) 8269 9333 or visit [www.lccare.org.au/donate-now](http://www.lccare.org.au/donate-now).*

We pray that we can as a church community continue to work together to reflect God's love in the Alice Springs through Kwatja Etatha.

Blessings,

Helen Lockwood LCC Executive Director

### Acceptance of Call

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ.

Thank you for your prayers as Meredith and I discerned the call to Novar Gardens.

As announced last Sunday, it has been a very difficult decision but we feel confident and peaceful that Novar Gardens is where God now wants us to be so I have accepted the call.

I anticipate I will finish up here at Holy Cross around the end of June.

May God continue to bless you in all you do.

Pastor Greg <><



Our deepest condolences to Karen Ahrens on the passing of her sister, Ruth Ziegeler, on Sunday 14th April. Our prayers are with Karen and Ernie and their children Mathew and Andrew.

Ruth's funeral service was conducted on Thursday April 26th at St Stephens Lutheran Church, Adelaide.

*I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God.  
(Job 19:25,26 NRSV)*

### To the Murray Bridge Lutheran Women's Guild

Please join the Anglican Ladies Guild  
to celebrate Mothers' Day  
at a Mothers' Day breakfast  
(family members welcome)

**Saturday 12th May**

**The Old Rectory  
Anglican Cathedral  
Murray Bridge**

**From 9.00am to 10.30am  
\$8.00 per person**

RSVP: 1st May 2018

*Looking forward to seeing you.*

*Happy Mother's day!*

www.angel.info

### Invitation

The Karoonda Lutheran Women's Guild  
invites **Murray Bridge  
Lutheran Women's Guild**  
Men welcome

to our luncheon on

**Tuesday 8th May**

**In the Karoonda Bowling Club  
Railway Terrace, Karoonda**

**12noon**

**Admission \$15**

Guest Speakers:

Tanath & Charlee Hoff

*Wedding in India*

RSVP by Tuesday May 5th



## Combined Lutheran Churches News

### LWSA / NT CONVENTION



Thurs 3rd May 9:30am  
Lutheran Centre  
21 Adelaide Rd,  
Victor Harbor

Theme: Bloom where you  
are planted

Bring a pen and notebook

Bring your own lunch and a cup

Leave from Christ Church at 7:30am

Those interested in attending contact  
Velma 8532 5611 or Eleanor 8531 0445

### Abundance

**An inspirational equipping/  
teaching event**

Held at Bridgewater Lutheran  
Church Sat May 19<sup>th</sup>  
9am to 4.30pm

This is a free event with a free-will  
offering for our presenters  
Morning and afternoon tea will be  
provided. Lunch BYO

**Presenters:** Peter Steicke and  
Michael Dutschke

See Noticeboard for more info

You and your friends are  
invited to the:

Waterford Estate Function Centre  
55 Long Island Rd, Murray Bridge

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

To join us in watching an excellent  
Christian based Movie

### "Courageous"

Reviews have been:

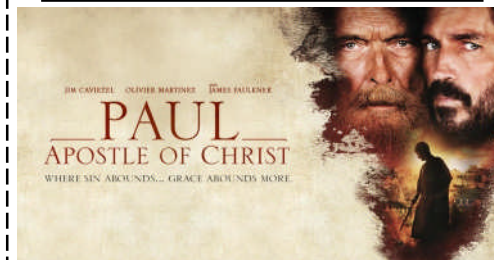
"Best Movie I have ever seen"

"Honour Begins at Home"

"Powerful, Heroic, Life Changing"

Joyce Herrmann: Ph: 0429803539  
(On behalf of Waterford Lutheran  
Home Group)

Supper to Follow.



Special Screenings at the **Cameo Cinema**  
Tuesday May 8th at 1.00 & 7.00pm

**ALL TICKETS \$9.00**

Tickets Available at the cinema or online  
[www.cameocinema.com.au](http://www.cameocinema.com.au)



### ALWS

#### PNG Earthquake Appeal

If you would like to help the 37,000+ people still  
affected by the earthquake in Feb with a  
donation please place in a marked envelope or  
go online at [www.alws.org.au](http://www.alws.org.au)



**Australian  
Lutheran  
World Service**

## Combined Lutheran Churches News

### Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



#### *Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week*

29th Apr Charli Hampel  
1st May Olivia Anderson  
Hudson Stephens  
2nd Matthew Doecke  
Sonia Hein  
Allan Nicolle  
4th Leith Franklin  
Margaret Warnest

6th Andrew Vigar  
11th Madison Hearne  
12th Gordon Jenke



*Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday*

**Holy Cross Film Night**  
**Friday 11/05/18 – 7pm**  
In Concordia Hall  
gold coin donation at door  
light supper  
film to be advised

#### **Blessed are the Peacemakers - Adelaide**

Two Day Workshop with  
Rev Paul Kerber

#### **Growing in a lifestyle of Reconciliation**

When: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of May –  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2018  
9:00am - 5:00pm

Where: LLL Upstairs Conference Room  
175 Archer Street,  
North Adelaide

Cost - \$150

Includes training materials and meals

For more information: [rm@lca.org.au](mailto:rm@lca.org.au)  
or 08 8267 7300

Presented by the Lutheran Church of  
Australia Reconciliation Ministry

Broken Hill Congregation is looking for  
volunteers to help with repairing their  
storm damaged church. If you are able  
to paint or do woodwork see the  
noticeboard for further information.

#### **Please Note:**

**Pastors' Conference** 2nd-4th May  
**District Synod** 4th-6th May



**Next Youth -**  
**Sunday 6th May**  
**Come to the**

#### **Music Ministry Service**

at Christ Church 10:45am

*Bring a shared lunch for afterwards*

## Combined Lutheran Churches News

### Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



#### **Prayer of the Day**

Lord God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Lead us to love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, among the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found. 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, Murray Piltz, Noelene Kluge, Henk Visser, Lores Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Joyleen Stiller, Jayne Hill, Julie Mueller and also for their carers.

✠ **Resthaven:** Barbara Noble, Dot Noller.

✠ **Lerwin:** Colleen Fawcett, Stewart Jaensch

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

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

*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.*

##### **Holy Cross Members:**

✠ Fay Baxter (Ian), Olga Burgemeister (Colin), Lorna Burrett, Paul Fiegert, John Fournier (Janise), Karyn Gerlach (Bob & Myrna), Lila Grocke, Gordon Jenke (Pat), Leila Koehler, Marion Poole (Jim), Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert (May), Reg Schwartz, 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).

✠ **Bupa Aged Care** - Ruth Neindorf - , 104 Woodville Rd, Woodville 5011. Ph: 8211 1200. Ruth's mobile: 0438 724 412

#### **Also pray ...**

✠ For Colleen Fawcett who was baptised and welcomed into God's family on Wednesday 25th April at Christ Church.

✠ Pray for those in the congregation and community that their actions may reflect the love of God.

✠ Jesus reached out to the rejected in society. Pray we include all in our love and care.

✠ Let us together turn our eyes toward God in prayer and worship. Pray for unity.





Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

29 April 2018  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

Jesus is the vine we are his  
branches

verse for the week

I am the vine, and  
you are the branches.  
The one who remains  
in me and I in him  
produces much fruit,  
because you can do  
nothing without me.

JOHN 15:5

## Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

What is your  
favourite fruit?  
Why?

2

Jesus says that  
we show that we  
are his followers  
by producing  
fruit. What do  
you think Jesus  
means by 'fruit'?

3

Jesus tells us  
that if we are to  
produce fruit, we  
need to remain  
with him. Other  
translations use  
the word 'stay'  
or 'abide'. What  
do these words  
mean for you?

## Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

|   |                      |                       |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| S | John 15:1-8          | Jesus the true vine   |
| M | Acts 8:26-40         | Philip and the eunuch |
| T | John 4:7-21          | God is love           |
| W | Deuteronomy 10:12-19 | What the Lord wants   |
| T | Mark 12:28-34        | The first commandment |
| F | Galatians 3:23-29    | Purpose of the law    |
| S | Psalm 22:25-31       | A vow of thanksgiving |
| S | John 15:9-17         | Love one another      |



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, thank  
you for never  
leaving us. Help us  
to stay with you.  
Produce your good  
fruit in our lives  
today. Amen



BLESS

May the love of  
God bless you,  
live in you, and  
be perfected in  
you.

## Creative Response

This is a great week to creatively represent what John 15:5 says. Use pipe cleaners, construction paper etc to create a vine, branches, leaves and fruit. Discuss what the 'fruit' is and note times this week when you see it displayed in one another's lives. Pray God will use you as you love each other. Keep the verse close to your heart by learning the actions below.

"I am the vine" –Move arms around in the air.

"you are the branches"

–Stand as still as a tree with your hands up.

"If a man remains in me and I in him,"

–Hug your arms around your body.

"He will bear much fruit."

–Act like you are picking fruit off of a tree.

"Apart from me you can do nothing."

–Hold your arms apart with your palms out.

### mealtime prayer

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven  
above; so thank you Lord, for all you give, this  
food and drink and love. Amen.

## Service



The Easter joy began  
with women at the empty  
tomb being sent out with a  
message that Jesus has been  
raised (Mark 16:6).

We, like the women, are sent  
out into the world with the  
good news of Jesus Christ's  
victory over sin and death. It  
was the same for Philip who  
met the Ethiopian eunuch  
on a wilderness road (Acts  
8:26). As you meet people  
in your daily activities, find  
ways through your words  
and actions to communicate  
God's love to them. Whose  
life can you touch today with  
the freedom of the gospel that  
has conquered sin and death?  
Pray for Christian  
outreach throughout  
the world.

