

Teen Challenge - have started their *Christmas Hamper program as well as their usual emergency food handouts*. Can you help with any of the following: Christmas puddings/cakes/lollies, custard, short bread biscuits, soft drinks & juices, cans of fruit salad, jellies, cans of ham or turkey, cans of peas/corn/beetroot and also fresh carrots & potatoes. They are also looking for clean plastic bags to deliver the food in.

HELP WANTED for 2020
Grounds Roster

We still require people for **January, February, April, June, July, August & December.**

Please contact the office if you can assist with these months. Thank you



Christ Church Lutheran
 31 Swanport Rd, Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
 427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



3rd Sunday of Advent
15th December 2019

Letter and card received from Schools Ministry Group thanking for the donation from our Lent offerings. It is displayed in the JD Hall.



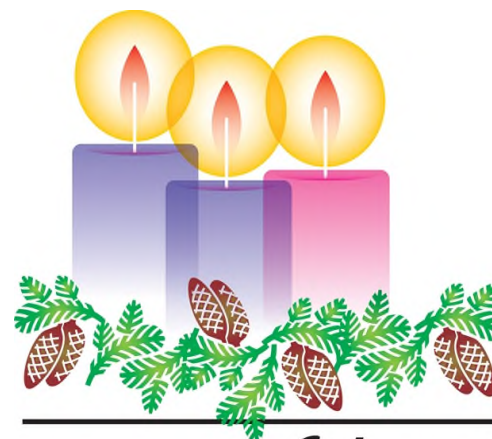
Monarto Congregation Contacts

<u>Monarto Elders</u>	Haydn Hein	8532 3176
	Maurice Wegener	8531 1060
<u>Monarto Chairman</u>	Trevor Hilton	0439 839 022
<u>Monarto Secretary</u>	Raelene Wegener	8538 5444

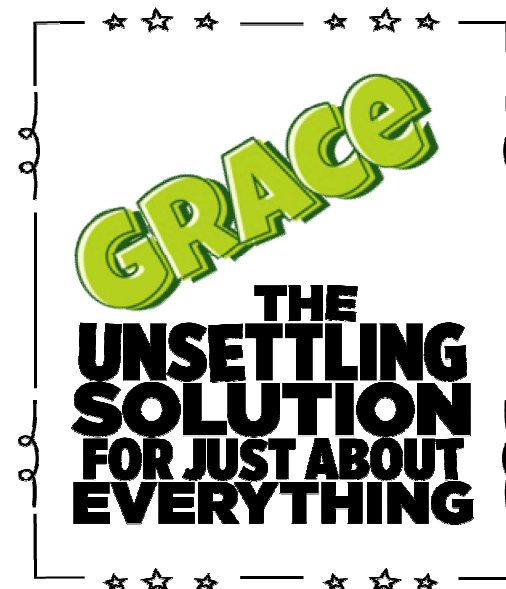
Christ Church Congregation Contacts

<u>Christ Church Elders</u>	Dawn Hampel	8532 4138
	Denise Lohmeyer	8531 0935
	David Pech	0420 849 344
	Janelle Traeger	8535 4290
	Ian Kluge	8531 3449
<u>Chairman</u>	Warren Doecke	0417 804 663, 8572 6019
<u>Cong. Secretary</u>	Cheryl Doecke	0427 804 663, 8572 6019
<u>Treasurer (Acting)</u>	Gary Beauglehall	0407 049 900
<u>Church Secretary</u>	Yvonne Stiller	8532 3445
<u>Prop. & Maint.</u>	Trent Mueller	0424 311 124

Holy Cross Office Phone: 8532 4577



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*



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

OFFICE HOURS 9am –12 noon: Mon-Fri Ph 8532 6553
 5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge SA 5253
 email: christchurch murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au
 Website: www.cclutheranmb.org.au

Pastor Tim Koch
 A/H: 8532 2130 Mob: 0427 326 553 Email: tim.koch@lca.org.au

**Jesus is here
to serve you!**



WELCOME

Dear visitor, It is great that you are worshipping with us today, and we pray that it will be uplifting to you and I am sure we will all be blessed by your being here.

Once a fortnight at our services we celebrate "**Holy Communion**", or as some people call it "**The Lord's Supper**". Jesus had this special time with his disciples just before he suffered and died for all who believe in him. At this time, as he blessed the bread and the wine he said "This is my body given for you. He also said "This is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins" No one can understand how this happens. Jesus said it, and we believe Him. That is what faith is about.

If you can accept what he said about him being here in a special way, then we would love to have you join us at this wonderful meal. If you are not sure but would still like to come up for a blessing with everyone else, please do. So, the helpers are not confused, please stand with your hands folded across your chest. Thank you for being understanding. If you would like to talk about this wonderful act of God's love, please feel free to see the Pastor or one of our leaders.

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.

Trent & Emily Mueller's baby daughter Caitlin Louise will be welcomed into God's Family through Baptism at next Sundays 10.45am service Dec 22nd. Everyone welcome. We pray for Caitlin and her family for this special day.



The Cave door was found wide open on Sunday!

Please ensure that when you leave any buildings that all doors are securely locked.
Many thanks

MISSING

1 big oven tray from JDH kitchen

Sharing the News

If you have any articles / photos etc for the next **Sharing the News** please get them to Janelle Traeger or the office by Sunday 15th Dec. Many thanks.

Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION"

22-Dec

Monarto	Service Time	9am	
	Wardens	Rob & Liz	
	Readers	H Hein	
	Tea Coffee	M Wegener	
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	I Kluge
		Wardens	B&L Doecke
		Readers	C Mattner
		Greeters	B&Y Lablack
		Organist	June
		Flowers	C Miegel
		Tea/coffee/milk	H Schubert L Penhall
		PA	A Hampel
		Data Projector	D Hampel
		Christ Church	10:45am
Wardens	P&V Jaensch		
Readers	L Zadow		
Greeters	D&H Pfeiffer		
Prayers	D Schiller		
PA	Lees		
Data Projector	J Martin		
Counter	G Korzeba		
Grounds Roster	A Nicolle		
Water & Care	P Hammond		

**Christmas Eve
24-Dec**

**Monarto
7pm**

**Warden
Barolo's**

**Music
Ministry
7pm
The
Steeple**

**Elder/Assist
D Pfeiffer
Warden
G&M
Schubert
Greeters
G&M
Schubert
Counter
D Schiller**

**Christ
Church
8:30pm**

**Elder/Assist
J Pohl
Warden
Pohl's
Greeters
Brodde's
Counter
J Brodde
Organist
Coralie**

**Christmas Day
25-Dec**

9am ♥

**Wardens
Haydn/Penne
Reader
P Hilton**

**Christ
Church
10:30am**

**Elder/Assist
J Pohl ♥
Wardens
J&G Pohl
I Kluge
Readers
J Pohl
Greeters
D&T Piltz
Prayers
G Schubert
PA
Lees
Data
Projector
??
Organist
Ron**

M Mueller

29-Dec

**Combined
service at
Christ
Church
10am**

**Elder/Assist
R Zanker
Wardens
A&D
Hampel
Tea &
Coffee**

**D Borchardt
Y Koch
Flowers
E Mueller
Organist
Joyce
Readers
H Courtney
Greeters
C Coulter
C Mattner
Prayers
Pastor Tim
PA
Lees
Data
Projector
Y Stiller**

V Jaensch

A Nicolle

J Schirmer

THANK YOU for all you do

Diary Dates: 15th Dec ~ 22 Dec

Sun, 15th	Christ Church Monarto 6pm	9am Communion 10:30am 3C CONNECT 10:30am Communion Youth Breakup ~ 9 Casuarina Walk	3C CONNECT SUNDAY
Mon, 16th	9:30am 7:30pm	Cards & Coffee ~ Ed Cen Leadership ~ Ed Cen	
Tues, 17th	9:30am	Organist meet ~ Ed Cen	
Thurs, 19th	10am 10am	Bulletin Notices Due Bible Study ~ Ed Cen	
Sun, 22nd 	Christ Church Monarto Holy Cross	9am Worship 10:30am Communion - Baptism Caitlin Mueller 10:30am Worship 7pm ~ Children's Christmas Service	

COMING EVENTS

- Dec 24th** Music Ministry Christmas Eve Service @ The Steeple 7pm
24th Monarto Christmas Eve Service 7pm
24th Carols Service at Christ Church 8:30pm
29th Combined Service 10am ~ at Christ Church with Monarto followed by shared lunch to celebrate the New Year
31st NYE's Ecumenical Service, 7pm ~ Holy Cross
- Jan 7-10th** SPIN Camp Kedron ~ Barmera
19th 3C CONNECT Service ~ 10:30am Christ Church
26th Australia Day Combined Service
- Feb 9th** Music Ministry ~ The Steeple
16th 3C CONNECT Service ~ 10:30am Christ Church
21st CHIIL ~ 5:30pm JDH
- Mar 15th** Christ Church AGM ~ 1:30pm JDH

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

For anybody experiencing domestic and/or family violence please call Centacare 8531 8888

LET'S DO LUNCH

Sunday 29th Dec
One combined service
from 10am

*Come and enjoy a shared lunch
after worship to*



Celebrate the New Year!

*Please bring a savoury
and a sweet to share.*



Please note: due to work on the footpath along Marchand Street there will be limited access to the carpark. Entry via Swanport Road will still be available - please take care using either Marchand or Swanport Road entry

From the Leadership Team...

- * **Christmas Office Hours** - The office is closed over Christmas from Wed 25th Dec to Fri 3rd Jan. There will be no bulletins for 29th Dec & 5th Jan
- * **2020 Office Hours** - The Church office will be closed on Wednesdays beginning in January 2020. If you have any questions please speak to Warren
- * **3C CONNECT 2020** - mark these dates in your diary : Jan 19th & Feb 16th
- * **AGM 2020** - Sunday 15th March, 1:30pm. Please prayerfully think where you can help. All Reports will be due in February - they can be sent to the office from now!
- * **JDH Hiring** - looking for someone to help with unlocking, & locking, PA etc when the hall is hired. Please contact the office if you can help
- * **Social Fundraising Activities 2020** - we are looking for some people to be involved with organising activities and events bringing members together and also raising funds.

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3C CONNECT SUNDAY ~ Christ Church Lutheran

Sunday 15th Dec - 10.30am for coffee

Christ Church connecting with the Community

We invite you to bring gifts, Christmas Treats or Toys (*please don't wrap*) to place under the Christmas Tree



New Year's Eve

Ecumenical Service

Tues 31st Dec 7pm

Holy Cross Church

followed by a supper in the hall, please bring a plate of food to share.

NYE

EDITABLE VERSION



Lutheran Community of Murray Bridge

2019 CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

<u>Children's Service 22nd</u>	Holy Cross, 31 Florence St	7pm
<u>Christmas Eve 24th</u>	The Steeple, Unity College, Owl Drv	7pm
	Zion Monarto, 427 Schenscher Rd	7pm
	Christ Church, 31 Swanport Rd	8.30pm
<u>Christmas Day 25th</u>	Zion Monarto	9am
	Holy Cross	9:30am
	Christ Church	10:30am
<u>Sunday 29th</u>	Holy Cross	9:30am
	Christ Church	10am Combined service with Monarto
<u>New Year's Eve 31st</u>	Holy Cross	7pm Ecumenical Service



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Youth Christmas Breakup
Tonight Sunday 15th Dec

6pm at the Ahrens,
9 Casuarina Walk, Pathways
Bring some tea to share.

All welcome

YOUTH

Available from the church of office: **ALWS Christmas Packs for Lutheran GRACE** project. The 2019 ALWS GRACE project was to support 40,000 refugee children go to school - there are only 1,945 children left to go!
Please support this year's Christmas Action to help the last 1,945 ~ \$26 per child!



Murray Bridge Lutheran Women's Guild
Committee Meeting
January 14th at 9.30am
Sunday School Rooms at Holy Cross

SPIN is a four-day, three-night, statewide camp in January for young people. The purpose of SPIN is to create an inclusive and encouraging community for young people, so that they grow in relationship with Christ and others.

When: 7 to 10 January 2020
Theme: 'Radical Adventure'

Where: Camp Kedron, Baramba
Age: Grades 4 to 6 (in 2019)

\$190 (closes 16 Dec 2019)**

Bus from Adelaide, Barossa: \$15 each way
T-shirts: \$20 each (close 17 Nov 2019)

<https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/spin/>



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Ecumenical Community Christmas Day Luncheon

Uniting Church Hall, Narooma Bvd.

December 25th 2019 ~ 12 noon for 12.30pm

If you are on your own and would like to celebrate with others,
please register by **18th Dec** for catering purposes

“Come and find the heart of Christmas in Community.”

RSVP by 18th December to:
Murray Bridge Catholic Parish 85311699
Margaret Daly 0413 800 721

Schools Ministry Group are seeking to fill 4 PCW positions in our schools for next year.

- * **Murray Bridge High School**
- * **MB South Primary School**
- * **Coomandook Area School**
- * **Meningie Area School**

Application details can be obtained from SMG at smg.asn.au



Congratulations to Lutheran songwriter and pastoral musician **Robin Mann** has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by the University of Divinity.

Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge will be closed over the Christmas break from Monday 23rd December to Friday 10th January. They wish to thank everyone for the donations they have received.



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Christmas Eve Roster ~ Unity College

Thursday 24th December at 7pm

Ushers/Greeters: Graham and Marlene Schubert
Joyleen Venning
Bruce and Joyleen Kuchel

*** Seeking 2 more people to assist**
If you can help please contact Carol Kruschel
0412 999 645 or email mbkruschels@gmail.com

PA Operator Ernie and Andrew Ahrens
MM Projector Tanya /Greg Herrmann
VC Operator Ron Jericho

Celebrate
JESUS' Birth
everyone welcome!

Christmas Eve
7pm Dec 24th
The Steeple, Unity College

by the Murray Bridge
Lutheran Community

Christmas Eve Transport

If you need transport to the service please ring the office asap so we can arrange a pickup.

**MUSIC
MINISTRY**
MURRAY BRIDGE.



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Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



Please Pray for...

Christ Church Members: Lores Frahn, Jasmine and Daniel Irvine, Darryl Klose, Noleen Kluge, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Julie Mueller, Peter Paech, David Pech, Murray Piltz, Sandra Thiele, June Walker & also for their Carers.

Holy Cross Members: Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Maxine Gogler, 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 Ahrns (CC), Ray Box (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Gordon Jenke (HC), 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)

Meningie Hosp Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC)

Estia Health Strathalbyn: Leon Klitscher (HC)

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

Also Pray...

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.**

✠ Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent natural disasters. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly with the Volcano eruption in New Zealand. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort.

✠ Pray for all school students & staff as they have finished school for the year — that they have safe & happy holidays, where they can be refreshed, relaxed & ready for next year.

✠ Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.



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Pray Continually

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

15th Adele Doecke (CC)

Lores Frahn (CC)

Sandra Gates (HC)

16th Alex Hein (CC)

Shirley Lutze (CC)

17th Bill Dunthorne (CC)

Cooper Hampel (CC)

Shirley Kramer (HC)

James Waltrovitz (HC)

18th Emily Mueller (CC)

Darcy Ahrns (CC)

Celina Klenke (CC)

Hayley Pohl (CC)

21st Liz Frahn (Mon)

Pat Kuss (CC)

Joan Martin (CC)

Dianne Paech (HC)



*Please pray for everyone celebrating their
Baptismal Birthday*

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

Christ Church Lutheran and Monarto's Pastor Tim Koch has announced his retirement, his last day will be 22nd November 2020.

Pastor Paul Calnan has accepted the position of Pastor at Holy Cross, he will be working part time. His installation is on Sunday 23rd February 2020 by Bishop David Altus.

Please pray for Pastor Tim as he prepares for his retirement and for Pastor Paul as he prepares for his new role.



**GUEST
PREACHER**



Guest Pastors at Holy Cross

Pastor Alwin Schirmer ~ 22nd Dec 9.30am

Pastor Vernon Kleinig ~ 29th Dec 9.30am