

## Coming Events *(please advise the office of any changes)*

Every **Monday** 9:30am Cards, Ed Cen

Every **Tuesday** 10am Bible Study Friendship Group, Ed Cen

Every **Wednesday Office Closed** & Confirmation 3:45pm, Holy Cross

Sun 21st	9:30am	Christ Church
	10:30am	Monarto
	12noon	Family Day, Swanport Reserve
Wed 24th	7pm	Lent Service, Holy Cross - <b>Please book in</b>
Fri 26th	6pm	Youth, Cave JDH
Sun 28th	9am	Monarto
	9:30am	Christ Church <i>(combined with Holy Cross)</i>
	<u>Pastoral Call Process meetings with Pastor Stephen Schultz:</u>	
	4:30pm	Christ Church <i>(2pm Holy Cross/7pm Monarto)</i>
Mon 29th	7pm	Worship Team meet, Ed Cen



### April

Thurs 1st **Maundy Thursday**  
 7pm Holy Cross *(combined with all three churches)*  
**Please book in**



Fri 2nd **Good Friday**  
 9am Monarto  
 10:30am Christ Church



### Monarto Congregation Contacts

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

### Christ Church Congregation Contacts

<b>Christ Church Elders</b>	Dawn Hampel	8532 4138
	Denise Lohmeyer	8531 0935
	David Pech	0420 849 344
	Janelle Traeger	8535 4290
	Ian Kluge	0427 313 537, 8531 3449
<b>Chairman</b>	Warren Doecke	0417 804 663, 8572 6019
<b>Cong. Secretary</b>	Cheryl Doecke	0427 804 663, 8572 6019
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cynthia Frahn	0419 826 707
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Yvonne Stiller	8532 3445
<b>Prop. &amp; Maint.</b>	Trent Mueller	0424 311 124

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



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

**Zion Lutheran**

427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



Fifth Sunday in Lent  
**21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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



**OFFICE HOURS** 9am-12noon Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri  
**CLOSED WEDNESDAYS**

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 email: christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au  
 Website: www.cclutheranmb.org.au

**After Hours please phone:** Chairperson, Warren Doecke - 0417 804 663

## Pastoral Call Process – Important Update –

The combined Leadership teams from Christ Church, Holy Cross & Monarto met on Tuesday evening, 16th March, facilitated by Pastor Stephen Schultz.

Feedback was discussed from the combined representative task group that had met several times during the proceeding weeks on how we could work together and what is needed for Pastoral requirements here in Murray Bridge/Monarto.

## Next Steps

1. Information meetings to be held, led by Pastor Stephen Schultz as follows:

Holy Cross Congregation: 2pm, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Christ Church Lutheran: 4.30pm, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Monarto Congregation: 7pm, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March

The combined Leaderships team thought it appropriate not to share any further information prior to these meetings to give due respect to the whole process & enable correct representation of the information to be discussed & answer any questions appropriately.

2. Call a separate special congregational meeting to formally vote on the recommendations put forward. (at least 2 weeks' notice will be given).
3. Begin the call committee setup process.

**Please pray for these meetings on the 28th March, that we may be led by God's will and not of our own.**

## Monarto Rosters

### 21st Mar 10.30am

Wardens: Rob & Liz Frahn  
Reader: Terry Franklin

### 28th Mar 9am

Wardens: Gordon/Raelene  
Reader: Barolo's  
Cuppa: Raelene & Gordon

### 2nd Apr 9am Good Friday

Wardens: Haydn, Penne  
Reader: Rob Thiele

### 4th Apr 7am Easter Sunday

Wardens: Colin/Raelene W  
Reader: Penne Lewis-Brown

## Christ Church Rosters

### Wednesday 17th Mar 7pm Church

COVID-Marshal Kathy Franklin, Carl Beauglehall  
Elder Assist David Pech  
Wardens David Lienert, Gloria Pohl  
Greeters Doreen Borchardt, Lynette Schiller  
PA Allan Hampel **Data Projector** Jasamine Irvine  
Counter Gary Beauglehall

### Sunday 21st Mar Hall 9.30am

COVID-Marshal Dawn Hampel, Ian Kluge  
Elder Assist Gary Beauglehall  
Wardens Ian Kluge \_\_\_\_\_, Margaret Warnest  
Greeters \_\_\_\_\_, Margaret Warnest  
Tea & Coffee Doreen Borchardt, Joyce Herrmann  
PA Allan Hampel **Video** Ron Jericho  
Data Projector Chris Beauglehall **Counter** Delton Schiller  
Water & Care \_\_\_\_\_ **Grounds** Harry & Inez Schulte

### Sunday 28th Mar 9.30am Church/Hall ♥

COVID-Marshal Bob Martin, Janelle Traeger  
Elder Assist \_\_\_\_\_, Ian Kluge  
Wardens Peter & Valerie Jaensch  
Greeters David & Ann Doecke, Coral Coulter  
Tea & Coffee Sabine Jericho, \_\_\_\_\_  
PA Gary Beauglehall **Video** Ron Jericho  
Data Projector Jasamine Irvine **Counter** Valerie Jaensch  
Water & Care John Schirmer **Grounds** Harry & Inez Schulte

### Good Friday 1st Apr 10:30am Church ♥

COVID-Marshal Chris Beauglehall, Dawn Hampel  
Elder Assist Denise Lohmeyer, John Pohl  
Wardens Ian Kluge, Yvonne Stiller  
Greeters Gordon & Marilyn Schultz, Chery Doecke  
PA Wes Taylor **Video** Ron Jericho  
Data Projector Bruno Lablack **Counter** Gerry Korzeba

**Urgent help required** with grounds roster. Get a group together and contact the office to advise when YOU can assist.



## Concordia Kindergarten

are inviting members of our Lutheran congregations to consider donating a bible to a child attending Concordia Kindergarten.

All of the Kindy children will be presented with a bible in March.



Bibles have been purchased for \$28 each. **Please note change in amount.** Any donations would be gratefully received. Donors will be invited to participate in giving out the bibles to the children.

## For Christ Church Service times please see Coming Events

Check our Facebook Page for the latest Take Away



Christ Church Lutheran Church YouTube channel (subscribe for easy access)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckuwYNguhb8UFafjU7bFtKA>

**Christ Church Web page:**  
<http://www.cclutheranmb.org.au/>

### Music Ministry Online

(second Sunday of the month)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDoA2JRIV7vHNT0oceDkibg>

Holy Cross hold a traditional service on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month

**Please book in** via their office 8532 4577

**For TV Options and Radio and Internet options please contact the office for details**



## Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

come worship together with us!

### Christ Church Murray Bridge

**Palm Sunday 28 March 9.30am** @ Christ Church, Traditional worship in the church. Pastor Paul Calnan with Holy Communion. *Combined with Holy Cross.*

**Maundy Thursday 1 April 7pm** @ Holy Cross. Pastor Paul Calnan with Holy Communion. *Combined with Holy Cross, Christ Church & Monarto.*  
**Please book in**

**Good Friday 2 April 10.30am** Worship in the Church, Guest Pastor (TBC) with Holy Communion.

### **Easter Sunday 4 April**

**6.30am** Ecumenical Easter Service @ Sturt Reserve (No Breakfast)

**7.30am** Easter Breakfast @ Christ Church.

*We invite you to bring along garden flowers to decorate the outside cross on the lawn during breakfast.*

**9.00am** Worship in the Church, Guest Pastor (TBC) with Holy Communion

### Zion Monarto

**Palm Sunday 28 March 9.00am.** Pastor David Buck with Holy Communion.

**Maundy Thursday 1 April 7pm** @ Holy Cross. Pastor Paul Calnan with Holy Communion. *Combined with Holy Cross, Christ Church & Monarto.*  
**Please book in**

**Good Friday 2 April 9.00am.** Guest Pastor (TBC) with Holy Communion.

**Easter Sunday 4 April 7.00am** Guest Pastor (TBC) with Holy Communion. With Easter Breakfast to follow. *We invite you to bring along garden flowers to decorate the outside cross before worship.*

**Christ Church Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church Inc.**

An employment opportunity exists for a part time book keeper, for 8 – 10 hours per week.

Qualifications – Proficient in MYOB and Excel Spreadsheets.

At least 3 - 4 years in the industry is preferable.

To undertake financial & accounting duties to maintain accurate financial records including paying accounts, data entry & reporting.

Pay package and conditions in line with current award rates.

A full position description is available on request.

Please forward your applications, including current resume by 9th April 2021 to:

[christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au](mailto:christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au)

or post to: Christ Church Lutheran Church, 5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge, SA 5253

**Lutheran Community Family Day**

**TODAY** 21st March - 12 noon—2.30pm

Swanport Reserve—Swanport Village Rd

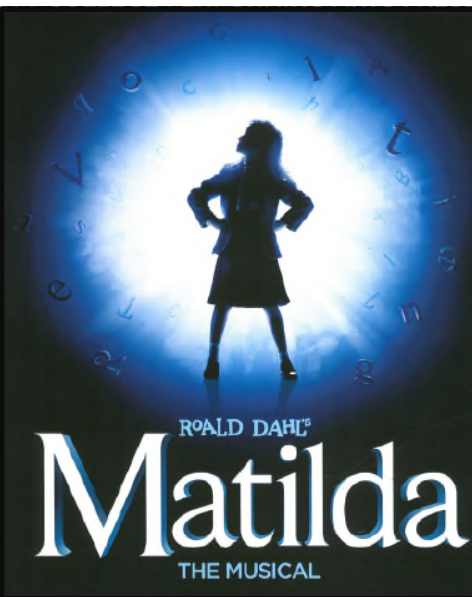
Sausage Sizzle, Fruit & drinks provided



**Take Away Church Video**

Bob Martin is looking for volunteers to be part of the Take Away Church Video each week. He would like to build up a team so that not everyone is appearing each week. You might want to only help out as a once off.

Please let Yvonne know in the office if you can be part of this great outreach project.



**UNITY COLLEGE  
PERFORMING ARTS  
PRESENTS**

**MATILDA**

The Steeple, Unity College

8,9,10 April - 7:30pm

Matinee Sat 10 April 1:30pm

Tickets Via

[www.unitycollege.sa.edu.au](http://www.unitycollege.sa.edu.au)

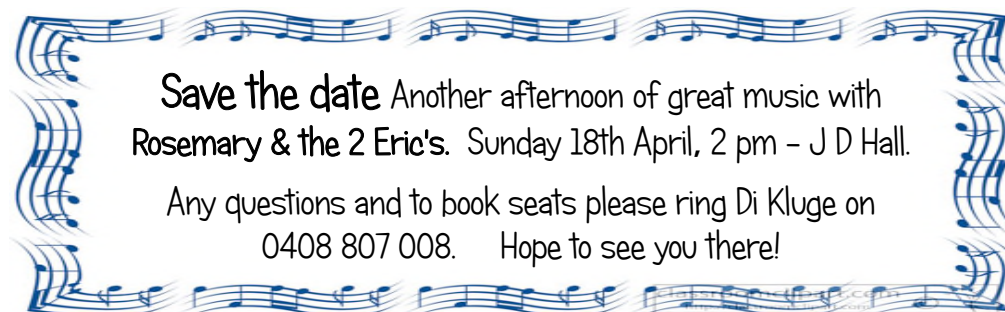
**NOVO 2021 19-22 APRIL**

Woodcroft College,  
Morphett Vale

**THE MOUNTAIN**

*NOVO is the SA-NT District camp for young people in Years 7-12, There are daily times of praise and worship, teaching, opportunities to unpack and discuss teaching in small groups, awesome games and activities, and plenty of time to forge and strengthen friendships with other young people.*

*Costs can be subsidised. Registration close 6th April Go to <http://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/novo/> for more info*



**Save the date** Another afternoon of great music with Rosemary & the 2 Eric's. Sunday 18th April, 2 pm - J D Hall.

Any questions and to book seats please ring Di Kluge on 0408 807 008. Hope to see you there!

**LCANZ PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

Reflecting God's Love ~ **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE**

If you think a child is at risk of harm ... In an emergency, call 000 - If it is not an emergency, call your local police and child protection authority.

## Pray Continually

### Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

21st	Joshua Doecke (CC) Samuel Doecke (CC)	25th	Madeleine Crook (CC) David Eckermann (HC)
22nd	Brandan Pahl (Mon) Bailey Rothe (HC) Roy Zerk (HC)	26th	Judy Brereton (HC) Karl Kruger (CC)
23rd	Sandra Hein (Mon) Kathy Pfeiffer (HC)	27th	Doreen Borchardt (CC) Daniel Doecke (CC)
		28th	Inez Schulte (CC)



Please pray for everyone celebrating their  
Baptismal Birthday

*If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your  
Birthday or Anniversary announced, please contact  
Yvonne in the office on 8532 6553 .*

## COVID Requirements

Please watch out for any updates . We are abiding by our number allowances. If we experience another lockdown our services will be cancelled, we will not be contacting everyone so it is important that you keep up to date!

The restrictions are 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup> at the moment so no bookings required.

**COVID SAFE CHECK-IN** The government requires all attending worship (including those involved with the running of worship) and other church-related activities to sign in with QR code on their phone or do a paper sign-in.


It is recommended everyone downloads the 'mySA GOV' app to their phone. For more info, please refer to <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/business-and-work/covid-safe-check-in>

We will be there to assist with this on the day.

*God Bless You All, Yvonne*

**COVID Safe  
Check-In**



 Download the mySA GOV app

## Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



*Please Pray for... (Please note, before visiting check with family  
for any visitation allowances and/or restrictions)*

**Christ Church:** Martha Aartsen, Lores Frahn, Audrey Jaensch, Noleen Kluge, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Lienert, **Andy & Colleen Nicholls**, Peter Paech, David Pech, Joyce Pope, Leo Schulz, Dirk Stegmeyer, Sandra Thiele, June Walker, Lesley Zadow, & also for their Carers. And for Oscar Noye and Amelia & Josh Noye.

**Holy Cross:** Ian & Fay Baxter, Norm Bensch, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lila Grocke, Bert & Nita Hyam, Pat Jenke, Elizabeth Klitscher, Leila Koehler, Glen Koop, Matt Kruschel, Joy Leighton, Jim & Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Clarita Venn, Felicity Woods & also for their Carers.

**Resthaven:** Joyce Ahrns (CC), Ray Box (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Dot Noller (CC), Helen Paech (Mon), Murray Piltz (CC)

**Lerwin:** Glad Hausler (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC)

**Aminya Village, Mannum:** Val Stevens (CC)

**Golden Grove Helping Hand:** Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC)  
(209 The Golden Way, Golden Grove 5125)

**Karoonda Hospital:** Margaret Pfeiffer (HC)

**Warner Close, Murray Bridge:** Colleen Fawcett (CC)

**Jallarah Homes Meningie:** Noleen Kluge (CC)

**Meningie Hosp Aged Care:** Kurt Unger (HC)

**Tailem Bend Hospital:** Pat Gogel, Bevan Schulz, Phyllis Koop (All HC)

### Prayer of the Day:

✠ Most merciful God, you saved humankind by the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith in him who suffered on the cross, so that we may triumph in the power of his victory. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever . **Amen.**

Also Pray...

✠ Continue to pray for the teachers, children and their families at Kindy including; Max, Gracie, Aisha, Jaguar & Celeste. Pray also for the Year 12 & Reception students at Unity and surrounding schools.

✠ Open the hearts and my minds of the nine Confirmation students as they continue with their Class that they build on their relationship with God

✠ Pray for all who have stepped out in faith to follow God's call. Ask God to give them courage, and pray that He will meet all their needs as they follow His will. Pray especially for Ian Kluge who has commenced a Lay Preaching Training Course.



## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### THE STUNTED BUD

There it lay on the footpath under a rose bush which grows the most beautiful flowers in our garden. Assuming it was a bit of "dried-up-something", I started to kick it off the path. For some reason, Picking it up, I recognised what it was; a dried-up rosebud.

A bud, which once was full of potential to be a thing of beauty. Something which would bring colour and joy to many. It now lay dead, dried up, and about to be kicked into uselessness. What a sad waste, simply because it was somehow broken off from its source of nourishment. It would not have removed itself!

No one wants to lead a life of unfulfilled potential. We come into this world and soon dream of "What I will be when I grow up!" We see our potential as someone grand, beautiful, incredible, bringing joy and colour to the world.

Observe the many toddling, aspiring astronauts. The would-be surgeons, kindergarten stethoscopes plugged into ears, seriously diagnosing armless dolls. Step aside for the selfless, one-metre tall firefighters racing toward imaginary flames. The flourishing buds are there, and then sadly, many never realise their potential.

What breaks these buds and causes them to lie, dried up, only recognised if we stop and look closely? Is it the times we live in? Is it a lack of care? Are we all too busy? Do our eyes too often focus internally?

The bud was way beyond saving. But for each of us and anyone else who feels cut off and broken, Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28, 29)

Jesus makes the offer to help and restore those broken and hurting. But that does not let the rest of us "off the hook". God also tells us through St. Paul, "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves". (Romans 15:1) When we have an opportunity, we are to help another grow, blossom and reach their full potential. When we do this, it is being like Jesus and gives glory to a loving God.

Watch for buds whom you can help blossom. Ask Jesus to show you who and how.

Let's fill the world with blossoms. God bless,

Kevin

# **From the Leadership Team**

## **AGM Update**

The updated Nomination list of positions held here at Christ Church for 2021 is included on the back.

Thank you to Gloria Pohl & Gary Beaglehall, as they step down from for their many years of dedicated service on the Leadership Team. We very much appreciated their wisdom & input into the Leadership Team.

also to all outgoing 2020 and incoming 2021 position holders. You are all a blessing from God!

## **Church Office Update**

Janelle Traeger has been engaged to work toward the collation & implementation of the Take Away Church outreach program. We welcome Janelle in this role.

## **Connect Groups**

Are you willing to be a Small Groups Leader or are you already a small groups leader, then please register your interest with Yvonne at the church office to attend Small Group Leading sessions with Pastor Peter Steicke. Small groups are often overlooked as an important part of our support network for each other & in growing our relationship with Jesus.

## **New Constitution**

The new Constitution has been adopted at the AGM on 14th March 2021. A review of the By-Laws will also be undertaken.

## **Resignation of Bookkeeper**

Cynthia Frahn has resigned from the Bookkeeper position from the end of April 2021. At this point in time, she will continue as Treasurer to support the new bookkeeper, as long her other work commitments allow.

We desperately need to find a new Treasurer as soon as possible. Please pray into this situation. We thank Cynthia for her most capable contributions to the financial activities here at Christ Church & wish her God's Blessing for the future.

## **Proposal to District Synod, May 2021**

St Stephens Adelaide have submitted a proposal to District Synod in regards to the Ordination of Women. We need to get a direction from Christ Church as to how our delegates should vote. The document will be available at services and from the office over the next few weeks, with any feedback to be given to Leadership Team members. The recommendation from Monday Nights Leadership Team is that we support the motion from St Stephens.

## **Lay Preaching Course**

Ian Kluge will be undertaking a Lay Preaching Training Course. We encouraged Ian in his involvement & pray that God be with him through this course.

## **Safe Church Webinar**

Will be held on Saturday 27th March 1.30-3 pm, for any Co-Ordinators & Leaders of groups.

Please speak to Yvonne or Ian Kluge.

## **Easter Tracts for Distribution**

We have arranged for some Easter track flyers to be printed with our Easter Worship times. We ask Church Members to please distribute in their street or nearby streets in our community.

**Property Committee Report** –Property committee are looking into works that may need to be done in the manse.

The manse guidelines from the LCA are being looked at as to what is required to upgrade the house as a manse. Due to this we won't be looking to rent out the manse at this stage.

Blinds are being purchase for the inside glass doors in the JD Hall.

Costings are being looked at for a commercial dishwasher in the JD Hall Kitchen.

The feasibility of extra solar panels & the electricity rates on the Church premises are being looked at.

The feasibility and legality for an electronic sign on Church premises, Swanport Road is also being looked at.

**Please Pray for Gods guidance for His Church here in Murray Bridge,  
as we give Him Praise & Glory for the love & Grace that He gives us.**

# Christ Church 2021 Nominations

**Leadership Team.** Chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, treasurer, pastor, office secretary, discipleship rep, prayer rep, elders rep, property com rep, worship rep, Evangelism.

**Pastor –**

**Below are 2-year appointments**

**Election to be held odd years (2021)**

Chairperson – Warren Doecke

Assistant Secretary – \_\_\_\_\_

**Assistant Treasurer -** \_\_\_\_\_

**Election to be held even years (2022)**

Vice Chairperson – David Miegel

Secretary – Cheryl Doecke

**Treasurer –** Cynthia Frahn

**Below are elected annually to Leadership.**

**Discipleship Rep –** Graham Schubert

**Worship Rep -** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer Rep -** Bob Martin

**Elders Rep –** Ian Kluge

**Property Committee Rep –** Kathy Franklin

**Office Secretary –** Yvonne Stiller

**Evangelism –** Trent Mueller

**Other Positions / Teams**

**Pastoral Care - Elders –** David Pech, Dawn Hampel, Janelle Traeger, Denise Lohmeyer, Ian Kluge, Graham Schubert.

**Property Committee –** Trevor Miegel, Darren Piltz, Kathy Franklin, Trent Mueller, Nathanael Mann, Michael Doecke, Phil Miegel

(Need more including females)

**Worship –** Jeanette Mann, Ben Traeger, Sabine Jericho, Delton Schiller, Joyce Hermann, Cheryl Miegel, Penne Lewis-Brown (Monarto).

**Lay Readers –** David Pech, David Doecke, Kevin Schrapel, John Pohl, Gary Beaglehall, Delton Schiller, Graham Schubert, Gerry Korzeba, Ian Kluge, Denise Lohmeyer, Damien Doecke, Sue Kuchel.

**PA Co-ordinators -** David Pech, Allan Hampel, Wes Taylor.

**IT (Information Technology)–** Involves Webpage, Facebook, Pastoral Care member program, DVD & video productions, Computer maintenance.  
Yvonne Stiller, Ron Jericho

**Sharing The News (Newsletter) –**Janelle and Ben Traeger

**Money Counters -** Basil Schubert, Delton Schiller, Valerie Jaensch, Gerry Korzeba, Marie Mueller, Greg Traeger, Belinda Joppich.

**Senior Care Team –** Dawn Hampel (co-ordinator), Val Spencer, Joyce Hermann, Graham Schubert, Marlene Schubert, Inez Schulte, Audrey Leske, Janelle Traeger, (Elder), Basil and Lyn Zadow, Jeanette Zanker, Rodney Zanker.

**Service Guild –** Joyce Stiller, Helen Schubert, Julie Mueller, Joy Lienert, Lyn Doecke, Joyce Pope.

**Sunday School Team –**Belinda Joppich and helpers.

**Bookshop –** Denise Lohmeyer.

**Synod Delegates (District) -** Delton Schiller, Cheryl Doecke.

**Synod Delegate (General Church) -** Delton Schiller

**Fundraising –** Dawn Schopp, Yolette Koch.

**Cradle Roll -** Heather Courtney

**Public Officer –** Basil Schubert

**Financial Review –** NV Accounting Pty Ltd

**O.H.S.W. –** Joan Martin.

**Professional Standards Co-ordinator (SP3) –** Tamra Lees—1 needed

**Nominations Committee -** Vice Chairperson, Janelle Traeger, 2 needed

**Representatives**

**Unity College Council –** Trent & Emily Mueller

**Unity College Association –**

**Kindergarten Management –** Emily Mueller

**Inter-Church Council –** Ian Kluge \_\_\_\_\_

**LLL Contact –** Gary Beaglehall.

**Bible Society Rep –** Graham Schubert.

**Periodicals –** Dennis Pfeiffer.

**Lutheran Homes Board –** Dawne Schmerl

**New positions**

**JD Hall hire facilitators –** to open and lock up, set up PA and data. \_\_\_\_\_

**Fundraising panel –** organize events (trivia nights, dances, trading table) \_\_\_\_\_

**COVID compliance officer** \_\_\_\_\_





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 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



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	Psalm 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing
S	Mark 15:1-39	The passion of Jesus

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

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

BLESSING

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.

