

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 2nd	9:30am	Christ Church Service Christ Church Bookshop open
	10:30am	Monarto Service
	12noon	Blessing & Soil, Monarto Sporting Complex
Mon 3rd		Roster Advice Due today!
	2pm	Barnabas Group @ Coralie Mattner's
Tues 4th	11am	Resthaven Ecumenical Service (by CC)
Wed 5th	9:30am	Senior Care, Ed Cen
	10am	Service Guild
Thurs 6th	10:30am	Lerwin Ecumenical Service (by CC) SA/NT Women's Convention at Mannum
Sun 9th	9am	Monarto Service
	9:30am	Christ Church Service
Mon 10th	7pm	Worship Team meets, Ed Cen
	7:30pm	Elders & Property, Ed cen
Fri 14th	6pm	Youth, Cave JDH

Monarto Congregation Contacts

Monarto Elders Haydn Hein 8532 3176 / Maurice Wegener 8531 1060

Monarto Chairman Trevor Hilton 0439 839 022

Monarto Treasurer Colin Wegener 8538 5444

Monarto Secretary Jan Brodde 8532 5050

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Christ Church Elders	Dawn Hampel	8532 4138
	Denise Lohmeyer	8531 0935
	David Pech	0420 849 344
	Janelle Traeger	8535 4290
	Ian Kluge	0427 313 537, 8531 3449
Chairman	Warren Doecke	0417 804 663, 8572 6019
Cong. Secretary	Cheryl Doecke	0427 804 663, 8572 6019
Treasurer	Cynthia Frahn	0419 826 707
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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



5th Sunday of Easter

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



**Christ Church
Worship Today**

Sunday 2nd May 2021

*Thank-you to Gary Beauglehall
for leading our
Worship Service today.*

Bible Readings: 1 John 4:17-21, John 15:1-8

Songs *Praise my soul the King of Heaven, One Body,
In your hand my Saviour, I am the Vine,
May the Lord bless you today.*

Have a Blessed week walking with Jesus this week!

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

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Welcome to all visitors, please feel free to fill in our Visitor information forms available from the sign in area. These can be placed in the offering basket, handed to one of the leaders/volunteers on the day or dropped into the letterbox on the Church office building behind the hall.

From the Leadership Team

Pastoral Call Process

Christ Church, Monarto & Holy Cross working together

Information meetings held, led by Pastor Stephen Schultz
Handout and DVD of the presentation available from the office

We are awaiting on advice from pastor Stephen Schultz on how to move forward together.

Please pray that we may be led by God's will and not of our own.



Christ Church Communion

We are now offering grape juice as an alternative for Communion, there will be individual cups on each tray, just let the server know.

Gluten Free wafers - please let an Elder or the office know if you would like access to gluten free wafers. If there is the need we will investigate in supplying them.

Proposal to District Synod, 15-16th 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 the Leadership Team is that we support the motion from St Stephens.

Christ Church Rosters

Sunday 2nd May 9:30am Hall

COVID Marshal	Dawn Hampel, Dawne Schmerl		
Elder Assist	David Pech		
Wardens	David Lienert, Ian Kluge		
Greeters	Bruno & Yvonne Lablack, Coral Coulter		
Tea & Coffee	Chris Beauglehall & Di Kluge		
PA	Allan Hampel	Video	Ron Jericho
Data Projector	Bruno Lablack	Counter	Gary Beauglehall
Water & Care	Harry/Inez Schulte	Grounds	Basil Zadow

Sunday 9th May 9:30am Hall ♥

COVID Marshal	Bob Martin, Janelle Traeger		
Elder Assist	Gerry Korzeba, Denise Lohmeyer		
Wardens	Peter & Valerie Jaensch		
Greeters	Graham & Marlene Schubert / Joan Bahr		
Tea & Coffee	Joyce Herrmann, David & Joy Lienert		
PA	Allan Hampel	Video	Ron Jericho
Data Projector	Joan Martin	Counter	Basil Schubert
Water & Care	Tim Koch	Grounds	Basil Zadow

GENTLENESS

Lutheran Women of South Australian and Northern Territory

44th Annual Convention
 Thursday 6th May 2021 at 9.30am
 St Martin's Lutheran Church 82 Cliff Street Mannum
 Theme: *The Strength of Gentleness*
 Meet at Concordia Hall on 6th May at 8.45am to travel to Mannum

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

Rosters

Its that time again. Rosters will be done up to the **end of July**. Please let Yvonne know in the office when you are not available or any special **requests by Monday 3rd May!**

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, 9:30am

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



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You can keep up with everything ACCTV has to offer through any internet-connected computer, smartphone, tablet, Smart TV, streaming box, & some paid channels.

Go to <https://acc.tv/> to start watching

YOUTH

Next Youth:

Friday 14th May

The Cave, JDH

From 6pm to 8:30pm

Please bring tea to share

All Welcome

Barnabas Group

Monday 3 May, 2pm

@ Coralie Mattner's

Monarto Rosters

2nd May 10:30am

Lay Reading

Wardens: Rob/Liz Frahn

Reader: Pam Hilton

9th May 9am

Led by Pastor Paul Calnan

Wardens: Gordon/Raelene

Reader: Raelene Wegener

Cuppa: Joy & Trevor Paech

16th May 10:30am

Lay Reading

Wardens: Haydn, Penne

Reader: Terry Franklin

**Blessing
of
Seed & Soil**

Sunday 2nd May 2021

12 noon for 12.30 BBQ lunch

followed by Seed & Soil Blessing by Pastor David Kuss

Venue: Monarto Sporting Complex
143 Schenscher Road, Monarto South

A place for fellowship and blessing!

BYO Chairs. BBQ Lunch & Drinks provided

Farmers, you are invited to bring a jar each of your soil and seed. Then you can bring God's blessing home to your farm!

EVERYONE WELCOME

Invite your Family Invite a Friend Invite a Farmer

Invite your Neighbour

a Christ Church Murray Bridge and Monarto Lutheran Congregations event for all farmers and producers to Bless their Seed and Soil for their farm properties in 2021

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.


BUDGET POSITION 1ST March – 31ST March, 2021

Offerings;

REG	\$ 5,901	Budget	\$ 6,666
Offering Plate	\$ 6,654	Budget	\$ 7,625
TOTAL	\$12,555	Budget	\$14,291

OTHER INCOME; \$3,578

EXPENSES; \$24,437

Thank you for your continued support towards our Community.
Thank you to all who continue to generously donate food to Teen Challenge.
Please look after each other and be sure to stay safe 



Donations for Bibles

Every year we like to give each of our 93 children a Bible, as you can imagine this is a costly exercise as they are \$28 each.

If you can possibly make a donation to cover either the full or partial cost of a Bible it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought to the kindergarten during school times or placed in an envelope in our letterbox.

Dear Families and friends,
As a staff team we have decided to tighten security for the children. Between 9:30am and 2:30pm the side gate and the front door will be locked. If you need to come to kindergarten between these hours, please ring the newly installed doorbell, (on the door frame to the left of the door handle). A staff member will come to your assistance in a minute or two.

Thank you for your co-operation with this but the children's safety is paramount. Concordia Kindergarten



LLL NEWS

Holy Cross LLL Congregation Contact Person Allen Wegener has been informed by LLL that they will no longer be providing hard copies of the LLL newsletter. Future LLL newsletters will be sent out electronically by email which will reduce the cost of printing, distribution and postage. If anyone would like to receive newsletters electronically please email your name, phone number and congregation name to promotions@lll.org.au if you do not have an email address please contact Andrew Waldhuter Promotions Manager LLL Australia on 8360 7200 to discuss an alternative method of delivering . LLL also have a Facebook page www.facebook.com/LLLAus the newsletter will be published on the Facebook page normally in March and September.



LCA 2021 Yearbooks are now available from the Church office \$22 each



PROMOTING MENTAL EMOTIONAL & SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

Saturday 5th June

10am-4pm | \$20/PP
Register by 30May
<https://cvent.me/a3ylnx>

More info: **The Ark**, Salisbury Lutheran Church
8281 2976 office@arkchurch.com.au

GUEST SPEAKERS: Michelle Bakjac | Stephen Abraham | Richard Fox

Music Ministry – go to

<https://youtu.be/p7ZOYRL5-wY>

to see this month's Music Ministry Online.

The band sings Great are You Lord, their fresh version of Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone).

Duncan Emmins talks about his role as Wellbeing and Engagement Mentor and explains how he aims to show God's light and love through his actions.

If you'd like to contact us please email us at

musicministrymb@gmail.com or find us on FaceBook at

<https://www.facebook.com/musicministrymb>

Teen Challenge

Thanks for your generous giving. They are always in need of main meals, also cans of fruit, vegetables, small or large and fresh produce. *Leave in box in church/office or take direct to Teen Challenge. Thank You*



GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

The Blood Service **Mobile Blood Donor Centre** will be visiting **JDH, Murray Bridge**

Make an appointment today **131495** or donateblood.com.au

Monday 17 May

12noon - 6pm

Tuesday 18 May

10am - 6:30pm

Wednesday 19 May

10am - -6:30pm

Thursday 20 May

8:30am - 3pm



Thank you all very much for your prayers, love and encouragement for Pam following her operation and her continued recovery at home. Your kindness and support is very much appreciated.

May God bless you all. Pam & Trevor Hilton

Christ Church Lutheran Book Shop

From today 2nd May Denise will open the bookshop in the JDH before service - mainly cards for sale. Due to COVID restrictions only two customers at a time.



Murray Bridge Church of Christ Bookshop, 32 Seventh St, is open

Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am-4pm

They sell a wide range of Bibles, inspirational books and DVDs, Christian literature on a wide range of topics, cards and a rage of gifts.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS



A Big Thank you to all who collected and cleaned stamps over the past year.

Ann Ratsch delivered a total of

148,045 stamps to Stamps for Missions from Murray Bridge.

Remember to bring in your **stamps** for Mission This is a fundraising project of LCA International Mission. *You can hand in at church or bring into the church office.*

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**, Oscar, Amelia & Josh Noye, Peter Paech, Joyce Pope, Leo Schulz, Dirk Stegmeyer, Sandra Thiele, June Walker, Lesley Zadow, **Rodney & Jeanette Zanker** & also for their Carers.

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

Resthaven: Joyce Ahrns (CC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Phyllis Koop (HC), 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)

Jallahar Homes Meningie: Noleen Kluge (CC)

Warner Close, Murray Bridge: Colleen Fawcett (CC)

Meningie Hosp Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC)

Strathalbyn Nursing Home: Margaret Pfeiffer (HC)

Tailem Bend Hospital: Pat Gogel, Bevan Schul (All HC)



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.

Also Pray...

✠ Continue to pray for the teachers, children and their families at Concordia Kindy. Pray also for the Year 7&8 students at Unity and surrounding schools.

✠ Risen Lord, you are the true vine and we are the branches. By your Spirit, produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, and patience in us for others to taste and enjoy. Keep us from hanging on to love for ourselves. Prune all selfishness from us and fill us with your love.

Pray Continually

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

2nd	Matthew Doecke (CC)	7th	Reg Biar (CC)
	Sonia Hein (CC)		Brayden Dalitz (CC)
	Allan Nicolle (CC)	8th	Dorothy Noller (CC)
4th	Leith Franklin (Mon)		Eric Zadow (CC)
	Margaret Warnest (CC)	9th	Allan Hampel (CC)
6th	Kate Frahn (CC)		David Pope (CC)
	Mia Paech (Mon)		



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.*

Retiring Offering for LCA NZ Local Mission starting next week for two weeks

LCA NZ LOCAL MISSION ANNUAL APPEAL

Your donation will support these ministries

- New and Renewing Churches
- Cross-Cultural Ministry
- Grow Ministries
- Ministry with the Ageing
- Lutheran Media

We're aiming to raise \$100,000
for this wonderful local mission work.



WILL YOU JOIN US?

COLLECT YOUR APPEAL LETTER TODAY



www.lca.org.au/local-mission

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



FAIRY VILLAGE OR GNOME'S GRAVEYARD

It is often said, "It's in the perception of...."

There they stood, "sort of white" emerging from the lawn of the magnificent Adelaide Road linear park. From a distance, the imagination of a very young granddaughter could say, "Look! A fairy village!". While another's not so fanciful musing might decide, "Graveyard for gnomes". Of course, as you walk closer, and with the benefit of age, experience and common sense, they are obviously, "Toadstools".

"Perception" plays a large part in understanding "a reality".

So what about Jesus?

When you think about Jesus, the man talked about in the Bible, what is your perception of Him? Was he only a good bloke who went around demonstrating love in action to those he met along his path of life?

Want to know the "reality" of Jesus? Read what those who knew Him and lived around the same time wrote about him, namely Matthew Mark, Luke and John. Their

writings are the first four books of The New Testament in the second half of the Bible.

Jesus once asked his close followers (disciples), "What are people saying about who I am? They replied, "Some say, "John the Baptizer, some say, Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 8:27-29)

Some thought (perceived) that because of the unique things (miracles) and things he said, he was one of the special men of God (prophets) who had come back to life.

Peter, through his special and close relationship with Jesus, knew the reality of Jesus. Peter knew because of what he had seen; lives changed for good, illness cured, storms calmed, sight restored, what he had heard, his talks with Jesus, all joined with the working of a God-given faith; Peter knew and could recognise the reality of Jesus, The Son of the living God".

The closer the reality of your life, through learning about Him, talking to Him (some call it prayer), listening to what He tells you, the more real Jesus will become in your life. You will know and enjoy the reality of His love, His care, His power, His forgiveness, all of which brings a newer reality to your life. Jesus is now saying, "Who do you say that I am?" What is your answer?

God bless you, *Kevin*



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

Devotions

Daily Bible Readings

S	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine
M	Acts 8:26-40	Phillip 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

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

Rituals and Traditions

PRAYER

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

BLESSING

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 you remain in me and I in him,"

-Hug your arms around your body.

"You 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 Phillip 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.

Caring Conversations

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?