

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 16th	Synod Sunday	
	9:30am	Christ Church Service
	10:30am	Monarto Service
Mon 17th	7pm	Worship Team, Ed Cen
	7:30pm	Leadership Team, Ed Cen
Mon 17th-Thurs 20th	Red Cross Blood Bank, JDH	
Thurs 20th	7:30pm	Ladies Fellowship, Ed Cen
Fri 21st	6:30pm	Men's Group, Ernie Ahrens
Sun 23rd	Pentecost	
	9am	Monarto Service
	9:30am	Christ Church Service <i>Followed by</i> <i>Congregational vote on Murray Bridge-Monarto Proposal</i>
Fri 28th	6pm	Youth, Cave JDH
Sat 29th	8am	Pray for your city, Frank Jackman Lookout
Sun 30th	9am	Monarto Service
	9:30am	Christ Church Service

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

Christ Church Congregation Contacts

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
Church Secretary	Yvonne Stiller	8532 3445
Prop. & Maint.	Nathanael Mann	0439 506 826

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



7th Sunday of Easter
SYNOD SUNDAY

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



Christ Church
Worship Today

Sunday 16th May 2021

Thank-you to Ian Kluge and Denise Lohmeyer for leading our Worship Service today.

Bible Readings: Acts 1:15-17,21-26, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

Songs *The Lord's My Shepherd, In Christ Alone, Abide, Peace in Christ, What a Friend we have in Jesus.*

Have a Blessed week walking with Jesus this week!

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

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

*** NEXT WEEK ***



*Pentecost, Sunday 23rd May
Wear something RED to church*

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

Congregational Meeting to vote on Proposal will be held **23rd May** straight after the service has finished, approximately 10:30am.

The proposal is included with the bulletin – extra copies available from the office or services on Sundays.

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

A big thankyou to Pastor Richard Fox for leading last week's service. Don't forget to read Acts Chapter 10! Lutheran Media is a great outreach ministry. Check out <https://www.lutheranmedia.org.au/> to see all that they offer.

**Lutheran
Worship**

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COMMUNICATING CHRIST

Christ Church Rosters

Sunday 16 May 9:30am Hall

COVID Marshal	Dawne Schmerl		
Elder Assist	Warren Doecke		
Wardens	David Doecke		
Greeters	Bob & Joan Martin		
Tea & Coffee	Sabine Jericho & Joyce Herrmann		
PA	Roger Hampel	Video	Ron Jericho
Data Projector	Cheryl Doecke	Counter	Basil Schubert
Water & Care	Ross Herrmann	Grounds	Basil Zadow

Sunday 23rd May 9:30am Church/Hall ♥

COVID Marshal	Chris Beaglehall, Allan Hampel		
Elder Assist	Dawn Hampel, Janelle Traeger		
Wardens	Kathy Franklin, Sue Kuchel		
Greeters	Coral Coulter, David Doecke, Joan Bahr		
Tea & Coffee	Ross & Merle Herrmann		
PA	Wes Taylor	Video	Ron Jericho
Data Projector	Bruno Lablack	Counter	Basil Schubert
Water & Care	Yolette Koch	Grounds	Basil Zadow

Sunday 30th May 9:30am Hall ♥

COVID Marshal	Janelle Traeger		
Elder Assist	David Doecke		
Wardens	David Lienert		
Greeters	Ross & Merle Herrmann		
Tea & Coffee	Doreen Borchardt, Lorna Penhall		
PA	Nathanael Mann	Video	Ron Jericho
Data Projector	Jasmine Irvine	Counter	Delton Schiller
Water & Care	John Schirmer	Grounds	Basil Zadow

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



Rosters

New rosters up to July 25th are out now

Pick up a copy from church or the office!

Christ Church Lutheran, Murray Bridge

✦ Check our Facebook Page



✦ YouTube channels

Take Away Church

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkuwYNguhb8UFafjU7bFtKA>

Christ Church Services

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGGccwtvzlvNOA302m1TjGw>

✦ 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 1st & 3rd Sun of the Month, 9:30am

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

Fri 21st May

6.30pm Shed Night at Ernie Ahrens Shed, 9 Casuarina Walk "The Pathways" Murray Bridge.

"We'll BBQ some-thing"

Guest speaker Gus Slotegraaf, local workplace Chaplain and member of Longriders Christian Motorcycle Club



I MUST NEVER FORGET that I am a
GOD-MAN.

I am **NOT JUST A MAN** !



Lutheran Men of Australia

May - July
NEWSLETTER
is available at
services or from
the office.

YOUTH

Next Youth:

Fri 28th May, The Cave

From 6pm to 8:30pm

Please bring tea to share

All Welcome

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, May 20th
at 7:30pm

Come and hear guest speaker,
Janet Emmins, share snippets of her
work at Salvation Army and Sunday
Mornings Market Place Ministry

Ed Centre

Welcome to all

Ladies'
FELLOWSHIP

Monarto Rosters

16th May 10:30am

Lay Reading

Wardens: Haydn, Penne

Reader: Terry Franklin

23rd May 9am

Leading: ???

Wardens: Colin & Raelene

Reader: Barolo's

Maurice Wegener

30th May No Service



Finance
with a
mission

Now is the time for your
LLL Passbooks to be
sent in for interest

Church is like
fudge... sweet,
with a few nuts!

Sharing the News

Any items for the next Sharing
the News please get them to
Janelle Traeger or the office by
Mon. 24th May. Many thanks.

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.

Packing Prayers And Love Into Shoeboxes

Have you started to get items ready
for your shoebox ?

This is a project to reach out to children with gift filled shoeboxes and also bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ run by Samaritans Purse.

Christ Church will be collecting shoe boxes this year. They need
to be returned in October to receive a blessing at a Service.

*If you need ideas please contact the church office
or information is available at church services.*



Are you a Gardener or Handyman? Can you help the Kindy?

The Kindy is looking for a garden enthusiast to prune the roses in their front garden. Also they have a couple of smallish carpentry jobs that they would appreciate some help with. If you can help please contact Toni Turci, Kindy Director, Ph. 85321840

Blueprint Ministries Dinner (Child, Family, Youth & Young Adult Ministries LCA SA-NT District)

Saturday, May 29th 6pm,

Mawson Lakes Hotel & Function Centre

Looking for an evening of entertainment and an opportunity to celebrate ministry to children, youth and young adults? Why not get some friends together and plan to attend the Blueprint Ministries Dinner. There will be a Wine Wall, a raffle, a mystery box, a Trivia quiz and table games - plus some young people sharing the impact of CLW camps on their lives. It promises to be an enjoyable evening! Book a table of 8 or individually. *Cost Adults:\$55 Students \$40*

Go to the Blueprint website to book your place. <https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/blueprintevents/blueprintdinner/>

Blueprint are also looking for donations (large or small) for the raffle and the wine wall, so if you can assist or have any questions, please email admin@blueprintministries.org.au



LUTHERAN
CARE

Lutheran Care Counselling
Lutheran care now provide **Family Violence Counselling** run by Abi Catchlove here in Murray Bridge at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Office.

Lutheran Care also provide a **general counsellor** (Martin), and a **financial counsellor** (Sharon).

For more info please see the JDH noticeboard.

49TH CONVENTION OF
SYNOD 2021

District Synod

15-16 May at

Faith Lutheran College,
Tanunda

THE HOPE WE HAVE
1 PETER 3:15

Faith 
*daring the soul to go
beyond what the eye can see*



**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



Kairos Prison Ministry

22nd - 25th June

Kairos is a community-based Christian ministry that reaches out to male and female inmates, saying "You have a choice." It operates in men's and women's correctional centres around Australia, and is based on a 3 to 5 day 'Short Course' run inside the centre by a team of highly trained volunteers. The inmates who take part in **Kairos** can choose whether they want to attend or not. The program is completely voluntary.

Pastor Tim Koch is still involved in this ministry and needs our help and support!

Please see the attached sheet on information on how you can help ~



Please contact Pastor Tim or the Christ Church office on 8532 6553.

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

Christ Church Lutheran Book Shop

Denise will open the bookshop in the JDH before service - mainly cards for sale.

Due to COVID restrictions only two customers at a time.

Barossa Farming in the Draught Horse Era Friends of Lutheran Archives (FoLA).

Mon 17th May, 7.30 pm at Bethlehem House, Sudholz Place in the City. Gold coin donation & hopefully supper! Everyone is welcome to attend. *More info see Notice Board*

Retiring Offering for LCA NZ Local Mission

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

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, **Rodney & Jeanette Zanker** & also for their Carers.

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

Resthaven: Joyce Ahrns (CC), Norm Bensch (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)

Jallarah 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, Phyllis Koop, Bevan Schulz (All HC)



Prayer of the Day:

✠ Holy Father, your Son prayed for his disciples that they would be one, as you and he are one. Keep your whole church harmoniously together in faith and love, united by the one Spirit. 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 & families at Kindy including; Toni, Ivy, Jock, Hunter, Charlotte J, Jordan & Isla C at Concordia Kindy. Pray also for the Year 9&10 students at Unity and surrounding schools.
- ✠ Lord, help me not to lean on my own understanding but in everything acknowledge You so that You can direct my words, thoughts and actions.
- ✠ Thank you for making your name known around the world. Extend your word through bible translation and literacy work, publishing and broadcasting. Bless our church's Media Ministry. Unite us in mission zeal, and open hearts and minds to hear your voice in faith.

Pray Continually

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

16th Brayden Martin (CC)

20th Marcus Konitzka (CC)

17th Skyler Sumner (HC)

Travis Roocke (CC)

18th Amy Martin (CC)

Lynette Schiller (CC)

19th Joyce Ahrns (CC)

23rd Kevin Schrapel (CC)

Donna Carroll (HC)

Samantha Lubcke (CC)

Stephanie Lubcke (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.

Thank you

Lesley and Ken Zadow sincerely like to thank you all for your prayers, visits, love and support during Lesley's illness and recovery. Your love and support have been much appreciated.



Pray for your city

Join other Christians to pray for

Murray Bridge

Saturday 29th May

8-9am

At Frank Jackman lookout
(turn off near Swanport Bridge)

Bring a chair if you need one.





16 May 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Jesus prays for his disciples.

verse for the week

"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

JOHN 17:11

Caring Conversations

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

1

What helps people become close to each other? What pulls them apart?

2

Jesus prayed that his followers would be 'one'. What do you think he meant by this?

3

Why is it important to stay connected to other Christians?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples
M	Acts 1:15-26	Matthias replaces Judas
T	1 John 5:9-13	Knowing about eternal life
W	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Be perfectly united
T	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for all believers
F	Ephesians 4:1-5	Keep the unity of the Spirit
S	Psalm 1	The way to happiness
S	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for praying for us and for all your followers. May we experience the unity of faith that you want for us. Amen.

BLESSING

May God protect you and keep you safe from all evil. May you live in peace.

Creative Response

Read Psalm 1.

People who are faithful to God's teachings (law) are "like trees planted by streams of water". God's teachings oppose the 'wicked' around us that represent the worst of the world's standards.

These trees do not wither but yield fruit and prosper. Similarly, the lives of the followers of Jesus do not wither as they are fed by God's word.

To remember the importance of God's word in your life, designate or add a "faith plant" in your home.

As you water it, recall the importance of the flowing waters of God's word that feed and nourish your life "day and night" (v. 2).

mealtime prayer

God bless this food, God bless this day, God keep us safe in every way. Amen.

Service



Talk together as a family about the ways you serve the Christian brothers and sisters that God has given you as your congregation. What gifts and resources has God given you for this purpose? How are you currently using these? Pray for your congregational family.



"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



HOW TO PEEL A BANANA

Many would say there is no right or wrong way to peel a banana. However, there may be a "planned way". The way it was designed to be peeled, complete with a handle. Ask a monkey. He hasn't been influenced by society. To quote Wikipedia, "upside-down". This way is also known as the "monkey method" since it is how monkeys are said to peel bananas. When the tip of a banana is pinched with two fingers, it will split, and the peel comes off in two clean sections.

Society often decides which is the "best" way to operate, Irrespective of the Designer / Creators plans. Society will often decree, "This or that is best"! But are they? Maybe we need personally to ask, "Are my goals the best?" "Are they "Right" for my family, my friends, my community?"

So quickly, we tend to believe there must always be a better way to live together in peace and harmony. We choose to ignore the "handles" God in love, worked into His great plan for peace and harmony; for us as individuals, as families, as "Community".

The designer and creator of families/communities also designed handles that, when used, makes things more effortless.

Family members who hold onto the "handles" of love for each other, support each other, learn to laugh and cry together and forgive each other find that life is more fulfilling, easier to achieve pleasing outcomes.

With the creation of individuals, there came the design for "families", and with families comes "Community". True "Community" will hold onto the "handles" brought by God and demonstrated by His son Jesus. "Handles" of care and respect for all who need it: the abused, the homeless, the bullied, the hungry, the lonely, the frail, the lost, the weak, the down-trodden.

The best handle to hold onto is Jesus, His love, His examples and the influences He can bring to a situation, and most importantly, His forgiveness, which brings the knowledge that God is a God love and care.

Jesus respected and cared for the outcast. He healed sickness and blindness. He encouraged when someone was down.

If we accept his forgiveness, know He cares, follow His example of "How to peel a banana", how to deal with life, He has promised life will be fuller, He will help us find our way through the trouble spots, and we will know His love personally.

Cheers and God bless,

Kevin.