



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd,
Murray Bridge



Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd,
Monarto



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
where love comes to life

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday 1st August 2021

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

All Services and Events subject to COVID restrictions

THE OFFICE MAY BE OPEN. If you come in you may have to wear a mask. – all pending on COVID restrictions.

Worship services 8th August:

Due to the COVID 19 situation, the rules, restrictions and guidelines for our safety are changing. Sometimes this is very quick and late, so there is not enough notice to let everyone know.

Please follow the directions of the people in charge at our services. *Through this we will all continue to stay safe.*

Christ Church 9:30am (Hall) Coffee before service (if allowed)
(see Roster insert for duties) - **Urgent help required** with grounds roster. Get a group together and contact the office to advise when YOU can assist.

Monarto 9am- Wardens: Maxine / Reader: Penne / Cuppa: Raelene & Colin

Call Committee:

Christ Church: Graham Schubert, Tamra Lees, Sabine Jericho & Trent Mueller.

Monarto: Colin Wegener and Raelene Barolo.

Holy Cross: Joanne Pfeiffer, Annette Pearce, Jeff Hentschke & Daniel Altmann.

General Synod 2021 - This year will be held in two parts – an online meeting in October 2021 and an in-person meeting in 2022. More info go to

<https://www.lca.org.au/change-in-format-for-general-synod/>

Next Youth: Friday 13th August, The Cave , From 6pm to 8:30pm, Please bring tea to share – All Welcome

Service Guild meet Wed 4th August, 10am – Devotion Joyce Stiller

A BIG Thank you to all who helped at the Working Bee on the weekend. Your help is really appreciated

Shoe Boxes of Love: 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.*

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES — Handing back land to families: Hermannsburg land titles 1972–1982. Pastor Paul Albrecht was in charge of Finke River Mission at the time government was granting Aborigines in Central Australia freehold titles to their traditional lands. Leaders of five clans around Hermannsburg each wanted their family group to have a separate title, instead of having one collective title that included all five groups. The government eventually agreed to this, and so the original Hermannsburg Mission Lease of almost 3,800 square kms was divided up, and the boundaries between the five clans researched and mapped. Ps Paul Albrecht, Superintendent Garry Stoll and Research Officer Rex Ziersch were three key figures in this unique and complex process. Paul and Garry will tell that story on Sunday 22 August at 2.30 pm at Bethlehem House (upstairs), Sudholz Pl, Adelaide. **Bookings essential.** Please book from Monday 16 to 3 pm on Sat 21 August so we can let you know if there have been any change in COVID restrictions. Phone or text (but no voicemail) to Helen Schubert 0447 740 711. Please bring a face mask in case it is required, and sign in by QR code or attendance sheet. Donations welcome.

Vision Christian Media – Murray Bridge Relay Station – Appeal

The MB Inter-Church Council are working with Vision Christian Media to establish a 24 hour repeater radio transmitter in the Murray Bridge area. Vision Christian Media operate 24 hours per day and broadcast from Queensland and via satellite through a low powered repeater we can receive the Christian content in Murray Bridge. This is an opportunity to bless people who for whatever reason are house bound or in care to receive a Christian message at anytime. To set up the radio transmitter a one off cost of \$5000 is needed.

Christ Church Leadership has supports this endeavour as it reaches out to all people in Murray Bridge. Retiring offerings will be taken on Sunday's 8th and 15th August for this very worthwhile project. A minimum of \$700 has been committed by the Leadership team to this appeal. God has blest us all so richly and so this enables us to bless others with what he has given us.

Ian Kluge, Chairperson MB Inter-Church Council/Elder

Lutheran Men of Australia - The August LMA newsletter as well as the LMV Men led by God Camp flyer and registration forms are available from services or the office.

A special thank you to **Rollo Hein** who came and pruned all our trees the day before lock down God Bless Bev and Peter Paech

Murray Bridge Christian Community Mens Group August to November 2021 program out now, pick up your copy at services or office

Concordia Kindergarten presentation of Bibles has been postponed until further notice

Elders & Elder Assistants: Elder Assistants are invited to join Elders at their next meeting on Mon Aug 9th at 7:30pm in the Ed Centre. We will start the meeting by going through the requirements for setting up the elements for a Communion Service. COVID has changed the way we go about this.

Red Cross Blood Bank: Got a bit of time this August? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people at in Murray Bridge will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town from 16th August to 19th August. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at donateblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.

Bargain Book Sale - Christ Church Bookshop: Grab a bargain book this week. We have great titles for 50c, \$1.00 and \$2.00. There is also a great variety of story books, colouring and activity books to keep kids of all ages busy for the school holidays. The bookshop will be open after the 9:30am service today.

Prayers:

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

- 1st Ivy Roennfeldt (CC), Bob Gerlach (HC)
- 2nd Flo Kerkham (CC), Gordon Schultz (CC)
- 3rd Kathleen Nicolle (CC), Bryant Steicke (HC)
- 4th Joel Eckermann (CC), Fran Henschke (HC)
- 5th Chace Fiegert (CC), Lesley Zadow (CC)
- 6th Dawn Hampel (CC)
- 7th Michelle Cafaro (CC), Hannah Jackson (CC), Marie Mueller (CC)
- 8th Bradley Kirpensteyn (CC), Robert Kirpensteyn (CC), Gil Latz (HC)

Prayer of the day: Lord God, you reveal your almighty power most of all in showing mercy. In your loving kindness let us run towards what you have promised, and share in your heavenly treasure. 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... (*Please note, before visiting check with family for any visitation allowances and/or restrictions*)

Christ Church: Martha Aartsen, Lores Frahn, Audrey Jaensch, 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 & 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 Woidt, Felicity Woods & also for their Carers.

Resthaven: Joyce Ahrns (CC), Norm Bensch (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Margaret Koop (CC), Dot Noller (CC), Murray Piltz (CC)

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

Aminya Village, Mannum: Val Stevens (CC)

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt (CC)

Golden Grove Helping Hand: Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC)

Jallarah Homes Meningie: Noleen Kluge (CC)

Warner Close, Murray Bridge: Colleen Fawcett (CC)

Meningie Hosp Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC)

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer (HC)

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

Eric Kuss is now permanently in Lerwin. He would enjoy your visits. Please check for any restrictions.

Condolence to Doris Hein, Trudy Gogel and families on the passing of their brother and brother-in-law, Clive Gogel, aged 92yrs. He is now resting peacefully with his Lord and Saviour. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

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Helen Paech, (Monarto), passed away peacefully on Wednesday 21st, July. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NIV)

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your
 Birthday or Anniversary announced, please email
 the office or when the office is open phone 8532 6553 .

Coming Events – Subject to COVID restrictions

(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

Mon 2nd	7:30pm	Worship/Property meet, Ed Cen
Tues 3rd		No Bible Study
Wed 4th	9:30am 10am	Senior Care meet, Ed Cen Service Guild, meet Ed Cen
Sun 8th	9:00am 9:30am	Monarto Service Christ Church Service
Mon 9th	7:30pm	Elders meet, Ed Cen
Wed 11th	1:15pm	Women's Guild, Concordia Hall
Fri 13th	6pm	Youth, The Cave
Sun 15th	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 11am	Christ Church service in JDH Coffee before/after services at Christ Church Monarto Service Christ Church Traditional service in the Church
Mon 16th-Thurs 19th		Red Cross Blood Bank, JDH
Mon 16th	7:30pm	Leadership Team, Ed Cen
Thurs 19th	3pm 7pm	Resthaven Communion (by HC) Ladies Fellowship Ed Centre
Fri 20 th	6:30pm	Mens Group, JDH
Sun 22nd	9am 9:30am	Monarto Service Christ Church Service in JDH
Thurs 26th	11am	Ecumenical Service Lerwin, Holy Cross
Fri 27th	6pm	Youth, The Cave
Sat 28th	6pm	TBC SMG Chaplaincy Dinner
Sun 29th	9:30am	Christ Church Service in JDH LMSE and Riverland CLW leaders No Service At Monarto
Tue 31st	11am	Ecumenical Service Resthaven, Christ Church
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Thurs 1st	11am	Ecumenical Service Lerwin, Christ Church
Sun 5th	9:30am 10:30am 11am 11am	Christ Church service in JDH Coffee before/after services at Christ Church Christ Church Traditional service in the Church Monarto Service

Due to the widespread lockdowns in many parts of Australia, the LCA has reactivated the Church@Home resources.



For Sunday 1st August Go to:

<https://www.lca.org.au/worship/wpp/service-order/?order-type=church-at-home&post-id=16819>

Each week, they will provide a printable service order for home-based worship, a supporting PPT for you to use on your TV or computer, and music suggestions with YouTube links for traditional and family-style music. You will also find printable sermons, Bible readings and a modified version of the Prayer of the Church, as well as a contemplative prayer sheet for personal devotions during the week. Where available, a link to a video sermon will be provided.

In addition, at the top of your screen, you will notice the Other Resources button. Clicking on that, you will see the Church@Home general resources, including the list of live-streaming congregations and prayer resources.

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1 August 2021

TENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Jesus is the bread of life.

verse for the week

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

JOHN 6:35

Caring Conversations

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

1

Talk about a time you were really hungry.

2

Jesus called himself the bread of life. He said that those who come to him will never go hungry. What do you think he meant?

3

Without food, hunger is something that can happen to us every day. How are you fed by Jesus, the bread of life, so you do not experience spiritual hunger?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 6:24-35	Jesus is the bread of life
M	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Bread from heaven
T	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the body of Christ
W	Matthew 6:9-13	The Lord's Prayer
T	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	You do not live by bread alone
F	Isaiah 55:1-11	The abundant life
S	Psalms 78:23-29	God feeds the people
S	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we come to you to be fed. Fill us that we may do the work of God by believing in you. Amen.

BLESSING

May Jesus, the bread of life, fill you with faith, hope, and love now and always.

Creative Response

Fasting is a tradition found in many religions.

For Christians, one reason for fasting is to be aware of how dependent we are on food and on God to stay alive. Fasting and prayer go together. There are many ways to fast, from avoiding all foods to restricting one's diet for a specific period of time.

Choose a fast that works for you. When you end your fast enjoy some food while reading John 6:24-35.

Reflect on the presence of your Lord Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

Conclude the time by praying the prayer from this week's Growing Faith at Home.

mealtime prayer

Jesus, bread of life, feed us, body and soul. Jesus, bread from heaven, come and make us whole. Amen.

Service



As Jesus feeds us spiritually and physically, he invites us to feed others.

Gather some grocery items to donate to a local food pantry that serves the needy in your community.

Pray for the people that will receive these gifts.

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



JUST ADD LOVE

"But that's mostly rocks!" I exclaimed as I was shown the building material a new friend was using to construct his family's new clay brick home, with pride and enthusiasm and love. With a knowing smile, he handed me a "rock". As it lay in my hand, I thought, "It feels like a rock; it looks like a rock"....you know the rest. He then instructed, "Add some water from that bucket and work it with your fingers." With a feeling of being "set up", I did as instructed. To my amazement, the "rock" became soft and malleable. Using just my fingers, I could shape and form what had once been hard and unyielding.

Aaah? If only the flintiness, the sharp edges of society could be so easily softened, remoulded into more gentleness, more care, forgiveness, concern? Remoulded, reshaped to build stronger, more lasting relationships that would withstand the disagreement's buffeting winds. Relationships could be gently but firmly fashioned into forms that shielded from the torrents of ridicule and scorn which wear away the features of who we are meant to be. What if I, who can be judgemental, critical, unloving, could be changed? What would it take? Probably a bulldozer and a trench digger.

Then from somewhere in my mind came, "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Words thousands of years ago, placed into the heart and mind of a man of God, from a God of love. (Ezekial 16:26)

This God of big love sees small acts which demonstrate a new, a remoulded attitude of love in action. A smile for the harassed parent of a toddler in a supermarket aisle. The pause, allowing a bent, older person to cross the road without feeling rushed. Your hand on the shoulder of someone feeling "down". A word that makes someone feel "special".

How do I get this "New Heart"? Look again at what God said. "I will **GIVE** you a new heart". It cannot be bought. It can not be earned. Just as the rock in my hand had to receive the water to be changed; It is only God's great love that can change You and me. It is only His love for us and our acceptance of His love that can mould us into someone whom God can use to bring more love, peace and joy to our friend, to our neighbour, to someone I may not like and who may not like me, and into our community. He also said through His Son Jesus, "*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" (John 15:12-13) Still not sure? Talk to Him about your questions.

God bless and look at rocks differently,

Kevin.