



*Christ Church Lutheran*  
31 Swanport Rd,  
Murray Bridge



*Zion Lutheran*  
427 Schenscher Rd,  
Monarto



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday 29th 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 need to  
**wear a mask.** – This depends on COVID restrictions on the day.

*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.**

**\*\*\*Masks are required until further notice\*\*\***

## **Christ Church Worship Today, 29th August:**

**9:30am:** *Thank you to Blueprint Ministries and the Christian Life Week Leaders for  
leading our Worship Service today*

## **Retiring Offering today to support**

## **Christian Life Week**

**Blueprint**  
ministries



## **Monarto Worship Service – 5<sup>th</sup> September**

11.00am: Pastor Paul Calnan  
Wardens – Rob & Liz Frahn; Reader – Pam Hilton

**Christ Church** **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL (UNTIL ADVISED)**  
**PLEASE CALL/EMAIL OFFICE WITH YOUR NAME & CONTACT NUMBER.**  
**OFFERINGS WILL BE COLLECTED AT SIGN IN**

*Join us for 9am cuppa (must be seated) and fellowship in the hall before Worship.*

## **Other Notices**

### **Call Committee Update:**

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.

The Call Committee continue to meet on a regular basis. Please continue to pray for the members of the Call Committee that they be guided by God as they continue the process of selecting a pastor to be called to the shared Ministry of Christ Church, Holy Cross and Monarto

**Next Youth:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September - The Cave, from 6pm to 8:30pm. Please bring tea to share – All Welcome

**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.*

### **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH MONARTO - 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Sunday 19th September 2021 - Thanksgiving Service 10.30am

Guest Preacher Bishop David Altus. Lunch provided. *RSVP by September 1st 2021.*

REGISTER by EMAIL to [janbrodde@outlook.com](mailto:janbrodde@outlook.com) or telephone (08) 8532 5050

**Blueprint Ministries: Young adults square dance** It has been exciting to see the numbers of young adults gathering together for camps and other events this year. Blueprint aims to hold an event for young adults each term.

**Term 3 the Young Adult event: Square Dance** - Saturday, 18th September, 7pm - 10.30pm, St Paul's Lutheran Church Hall, 44 Audrey Ave, Blair Athol

This event does not require any previous dance experience so invite your friends and come join us! To register your interest, check out the event on the

[Blueprint Young Adult Network Facebook page](#)

**NEW! "Why we do what we do"** Grow Ministries and the Commission on Worship have produced an excellent booklet explaining Lutheran Worship. In clear, simple language, each part of the worship service is explained, along with passages from scripture showing the Biblical basis for what we do. Perfect for family discussions, Confirmation classes and for every member of our congregations wanting to understand why we do what we do in worship.

Click here to download [Why we do what we do in Lutheran worship](#) (or get a copy from the office)

**Fullarton Lutheran Homes** is participating in the current Simultaneous Art Exhibition 2021 arranged by the LCA's Visual Arts Group on the theme, "Living Water".

Our display consists of items by our residents and staff, using paint, wood, photos and more.

The Homes' items can be viewed on its webpage ( [www.flh.asn.au](http://www.flh.asn.au) ) – click on the blue rectangle to be taken to the page to view individual photos of items displayed.

*"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" – Amos 5:24*

### **Barnabas Friendship Group**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 2.00pm. Meet at Coralie Mattner's home.

### **Myanmar Mission Update**

In recent conversations with Pastor Martin we are glad to report that all the Damadi children have recovered from Covid infections and are not suffering any side effects. The staff have also made a good recovery. Please continue to pray for them, especially Pastor Sanglura who works at Damadi as he is still suffering some effects of having Covid. The **Myanmar Covid Emergency Appeal 2021** through Asia Focus Australia has successfully raised much needed funds for medical supplies, basic food items and other needed essentials for the two Lutheran churches we are involved with. Donations can still be made to Asia Focus Australia Inc – BSB 124 047 Account No 2259 7127. EFT or cheques to Asia Focus Australia Inc. Bishop Andrew Mang Lone, head of the Myanmar Lutheran Church is making a strong recovery from Covid and we give thanks and praise to the Lord for his hand of mercy and healing. We need to continue to pray for Myanmar and remember Bishop Andrew, his family and the members of their church as they grieve the loss of Mrs Shalom (Mrs Bishop) who passed away from Covid related illness recently.

Ian & Dianne Kluge – Myanmar Mission – 0427 313537

### **Accommodation available in Adelaide**

A female has a townhouse in Norwood with a furnished spare room for rent. It would ideally suit a Lutheran female student or young professional, or at the very least, a practising Christian.

Please contact Pastor Peter Miller at:

- Email: peter.miller@lca.org.au
- Mob. 0409 725 573
- 08 8267 5211 (SA-NT District Office)

### **Bargain Book Sale - Christ Church Bookshop**

Grab a bargain book this week. We have great titles for 50c, \$1.00 and \$2.00. The bookshop will be open before and after the service today.

## **According to one account, there are 3573 promises in the Bible.**

The word promise itself occurs over **50 times** in the King James Version of the Bible. As you know, the Bible is full of God's promises to help us in every time of need.

### **List of promises in the Bible where the word "promise" is found:**

Romans 9:4	Hebrews 7:6
Romans 15:8	Hebrews 8:6
2 Corinthians 1:20	Hebrews 11:13
2 Corinthians 7:1	Hebrews 11:17
Galatians 3:16	Hebrews 11:33
Galatians 3:21	2 Peter 1:4
Hebrews 6:12	

### **First promise in the Bible:**

Genesis 3:15, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." This was fulfilled in Galatians 4:4; Luke 2:7; Revelation 12:5.

### **Last promise in the Bible:**

Revelation 22:20, "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming quickly.' Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." This one is the best yet to come! Maranatha, the Lord is coming!

## Prayers:

**Prayer of the day:** Watch over your church, Lord, with your constant mercy, because without your support we would fall. Keep us from what might hurt us, and lead us to what is good for us. 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....**

- ✠ Lord, you teach us what we should do and how we should live to please you. Father, you have commanded us to teach your word to our children and grandchildren. Bless all homes, Sunday schools and other places where children are taught law and gospel. Give your Spirit to all teachers and those who work with our youth and families.
- ✠ Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Give your healing to those who are sick in mind, body or spirit. Guide the surgeons, doctors, nurses and other medical practitioners who care for these people and help them make correct diagnoses and provide appropriate treatment.
- ✠ Lord, we recognise we are a well blessed nation – despite the financial and health challenges we face. Please keep us from complacency and apathy as we consider those who are most impacted by the COVID virus – at home and abroad. Open our hearts to those who struggle. Continue to prompt your love to overflow in us to them.

### **Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week**

- 30<sup>th</sup> Marjorie Haskell (CC), Breanna Kuchel (CC), Deegan White (CC), Hannah White (CC)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Pfeiffer (HC)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Everly Krueger (CC), Kay Pfeiffer (HC)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Yvonne Kuchel (CC), Lyn Zadow (CC)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kate Miegel (CC)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Adam Hampel (CC), Ross Herrmann (CC), Tracy Piltz (CC)

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

**Christ Church:** Martha Aartsen, Jasmine & Winston Dance, 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, Sandra Thiele, June Walker, Margaret Warnest & their Carers.

**Holy Cross:** Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lila Grocke, Bert & Nita Hyam, Leila Koehler, Glen Koop, Matt Kruschel, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper & Brady Lienert, Jim & Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Clarita Venn, Felicity Woods & 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:** Phylis Courtney (HC), Glad Hausler (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Eric Kuss (CC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC)

**Craigmore Resthaven:** Ivy Roennfeldt (CC)

**Golden Grove Helping Hand:** Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC)

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

**Murray Bridge Hospital:** Vena Shinnick (CC), Margaret Warnest (CC),

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

**Meningie Hosp Aged Care:** Kurt Unger (HC), Felicity Woods (HC)

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

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

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Val Stevens**, who passed away last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband, Bruce and brother and sister-in-law Wes and Glynniss Taylor and all family members.

Also to Avis and family on the recent passing of Dirk Stegmeyer. A private funeral was held earlier in the month.

*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)*

### **New Member – Margaret Koop**

We officially welcomed into the membership of the Christ Church family this month.

Margaret Koop is a resident at Resthaven Aged Care.

Margaret was living down in the Morphett Vale area of Adelaide and transferred to our congregation. We welcome you Margaret. May you be richly blessed and bring blessings to us as part of our church family.

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 .

## **CHRIST CHURCH ROSTERS**

	<i>JDH</i> 29-Aug	<i>JDH</i> 5-Sep	<i>CHURCH</i> 5-Sep	<i>JDH</i> 12-Sep
<b>COVID Marshal</b>	Dawne Schmerl	Kathy Franklin	Janelle Traeger	Yvonne Stiller
<b>Elder/Assist</b>	Ian Kluge	Warren Doecke	Dawn Hampel	David Doecke Graham Schubert
<b>Wardens</b>	Yvonne Stiller	Sue Kuchel	John and Gloria Pohl	
<b>Greeters</b>	Dawne Schmerl Doreen Borchardt	Shirley Lutze Dianne Kluge	Bruno Lablack Yvonne Lablack	Delton Schiller Lynette Schiller
<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	David Lienert Chris Beaglehall	Chris Beaglehall Joyce Hermann		Ross Hermann Merle Hermann
<b>PA</b>	Gary Beaglehall	Justin Hage	Wes Taylor	Allan Hampel
<b>Video</b>				
<b>Data Projector</b>	Dawn Hampel	Cheryl Doecke	Coralie Mattner	Jasmine Irvine
<b>Counter</b>	Gerry Korzeba	Delton Schiller	Greg Traeger	Valerie Jaensch
<b>Grounds Roster</b>				
<b>Water &amp; Care</b>	Tim Koch	Yolette Koch		Harry & Inez

## 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

Sun 29th 9:30am Christ Church Service in JDH  
LMSE and Riverland CLW leaders  
*Soup & Sausage sizzle lunch*  
No Service at Monarto

Tue 31st 11am Ecumenical Service Resthaven, Christ Church

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs 2nd 10.30am Ecumenical Service Lerwin, Christ Church

Sun 5th 9.00am Coffee before service at Christ Church  
9:30am Christ Church service in JDH  
11am Christ Church Traditional service in the Church  
11am Monarto Service

Mon 6th 7pm Worship Team meets, Ed Cen  
7:30pm Property meets, Ed Cen

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 1.15pm Women's Guild & Ladies Fellowship - Social afternoon

Due to the widespread lockdowns in many parts of Australia, the LCA has reactivated the [Church@Home](#) resources.

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**Elders** Haydn Hein 0428 898 639 / Maurice Wegener 8531 1060  
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**OFFICE HOURS 9am-12noon Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri CLOSED WEDNESDAYS**  
(Dependant on COVID restrictions) **MASKS REQUIRED TO BE WORN**

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



## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### THE LIGHTS HAVE NOT GONE OUT

We might be tempted to think and even feel, "The lights have gone out!"

The daily tv and radio news, focusing on Covid19, massive troubles and horrifying images coming out of Afghanistan, bush fires where we never expected them, floods and earthquakes which we are told are "unprecedented", causing damage, loss of life and trauma. Then there are the personal threats to life, peace of mind, bullying and racism, robbery and arson in our neighbourhoods and daily, the list continues to expand until we are tempted to give up and think, "What's the use of trying?".

Let's not give up, but instead, look around and consciously see, admire, and affirm the good and uplifting actions, thoughts, and words all around us every day. The kind and unexpected word, the smile from a stranger, the phone call from a friend you were not expecting, the phone call you made to a friend. People in our community, "going the extra mile", bringing comfort, peace and safety without being asked and without thought of reward.

We often see these "lights of goodness and compassion" and wonder "how?" and "why?"

I believe when Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12), he was offering us and showing us all a way to push back against the darkness. Even when facing death on a cross, He trusted that His loving Father had things in control.

He also made a statement, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5). He was referring to Himself as the light sent by God to change lives, but He also said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21)

Over the Millenium, people have believed those words and pushed back the darkness. Sure, mistakes have been made, but overall, the light of God's love demonstrated by Jesus and passed on for us to share pushes back the darkness and replaces it with love, care, support, and forgiveness.

Live, love, shine bright and push back the darkness!

God bless,

Kevin.

# "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



## WHEN GOD APPEARS NOT TO ANSWER

"I pray to God about.....but nothing seems to happen. Maybe my faith is not strong enough."

How often are we tempted to have those thoughts? If how and when God answers me depends on how strong my faith is, He would not be the "God of Love who only wants what is best for me". If I pray to him, then surely I believe all he says.

Otherwise, why bother praying.

He tells us in Jeremiah chapter twenty-nine verse eleven, *"I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

We don't always understand that someone who loves us, has more experience, knows more about our situation, will always act in our best interest. As a nine or ten-year-old boy growing up on a farm and with ready and approved access to a .22 rifle for hunting rabbits, you would think I would be happy.

But no! I craved to use the 12 gauge shotgun. Why? Because it was bigger, more powerful and made a louder BANG! Of course, Dad, who no doubt loved me and knew better, always said, "No! You'll knock your shoulder off!" Maybe we need to accept God, who loves us, knows what is best for us – always.

We can be tempted to think God has given up caring about me and my problems. In such times. Stop! Think about these words spoken by Jesus. *"Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."* Matthew 10:29-31

Add to the above words, these words from a well-known and strong follower of Jesus, St Paul the Apostle, writing to encourage Christians in Rome, which was not a good place to be as a Christian. *"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 8:38-39.

Remember, it is not about your faith but God's love for you.

And, never give up talking to him, no matter how trivial you or important you might think it is. He is always listening.

God bless,  
Kevin.