



*Christ Church Lutheran*  
31 Swanport Rd,  
Murray Bridge



*Zion Lutheran*  
427 Schenscher Rd,  
Monarto



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 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, 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**9:30am:** Thank you to Pastor Robert Weibusch for leading the service

**Reading:** Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5: 13-20; Gospel: Mark 9: 38-50

**Songs:** How Deep the Father's Love, Shepherd of My Soul, Saved my Soul, (*I am the Bread of Life, Behold the Lamb*), Lord of Glory

## **Worship Services: 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Monarto** 10:30am: Communion service – Pastor Peter Kriewaldt

Wardens – Jan & Klaus Brodde; Reader – Rob Thiele

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Delton, Lynette, Phil, Cheryl, Yolette, Dawn & Heather for their excellent catering at the Monarto Church 150 Anniversary on 19<sup>th</sup> September. God's blessings to you.

The Anniversary Offering for ALWS Haiti Earthquake, COVID & Afghanistan Crisis appeal was \$1230

## **Christ Church**

**9.30am** Worship in the Hall – Gerry Korzeba

**11am** Worship in the Church – Pastor Paul Calnan

**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**

### **Car Park**

On the Sundays where there are 2 services can we all be considerate and leave space for the older members of the congregations who may be coming to the later service, so they do not have to walk a long way.

### **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 Henschke & Daniel Altmann.

The Call Committee has with the guidance of Pastor Stephen Schultz, continued the process of selecting a Pastor to call to the full-time lead Pastor role in the Shared Ministry of Christ Church, Holy Cross and Monarto. The Pastor recommended to be called is Pastor David Kuss – members are asked not to contact Pastor David Kuss. **There will be a Combined Call meeting (Holy Cross, Christ Church and Monarto) chaired by Pastor Stephen Schultz on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm at The Steeple at Unity College.** A quorum from each congregation is required for the call process. Please remember to wear your mask (COVID requirement) and bring a pen for voting. The call committee will provide Pastor David Kuss' profile to the congregations after services on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September, by email or you can collect from either Church office during opening times.

**Next Youth:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October - 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 the October 24<sup>th</sup> Service. *If you need ideas please contact the church office or information is available at church services.*

### **Wheelchair**

Do you have a wheelchair that is not in use? The one in the Hall is in need of replacing. Please contact either the office or the Property committee.

### **Mission and Outreach**

A reminder to members and friends to keep collecting all your used stamps and bread tags. Bring to service or leave at the office. Also continue to support Teen Challenge – so many are doing it tough and we can support where we can.

### **Andre Rieu Afternoon of Music**



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 2:00pm in the Hall  
Neville and Marie Mueller will present the DVD of the concert they attended in the Netherlands. Proceeds will support Myanmar Mission.  
Contact Dianne Kluge 0408 807 008

### **Book of Reports for 2021-2022 LCA Convention of General Synod**

General synod will be held as online sessions on October 1-2 with a worship service on October 3. The Office has a copy of the reports but they are also available at [www.generalsynod.lca.org.au/agenda](http://www.generalsynod.lca.org.au/agenda)

### **Rescheduled Confirmation camp**

Application forms for the rescheduled Confirmation Camp to be held on Nov 5-7, 2021 are available from the Office. There is a Camper form as well as an application for leaders form.

We thank the generous sponsors who have contributed to the subsidized cost of camp – Blueprint Ministries, grants, congregational donations and private donations.

### **Employment Opportunity**

Property Maintenance and Co-ordinator at Murray Bridge Lutheran Villages. Please see noticeboard for details or contact the Office. Closes –Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Next Newsletter**

Now is the time to forward all articles for the next newsletter to Janelle or the Office. We want to know what has been happening in your life.

### **For Your Diary**

Reformation (October 31) and Confirmation (November 14) are to be held at The Steeple at Unity College. More details to follow.

**To Give Away:** 2 HP OfficeJet Ink Cartridges – 915XL. Ph Marie on 0419 838 163

**Domestic Violence Open Forum:** Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 6pm, Bridgeport Hotel. RSVP 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. More info see flyer in Hall or contact 0422 411 123

**Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance and Healing Service** St John's Unley is hosting a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance and Healing Service on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00pm, at St John's Lutheran Church, 15 Marlborough St Unley. All are welcome to remember their own grief or to remember others whose baby has died Supper provided

**Preparing for my funeral booklet** The LCA Ministry with the Ageing has produced this resource with the collaboration with the Commission on Worship, some Chaplains and Pastors and a solicitor. If you would like a copy please contact the office

## **Prayers:**

**Prayer of the day:** Holy God, take away any obstacles that cause us to stumble or fall in our faith, and keep us from causing others to stumble. 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.

### ***Also pray....***

- ✠ Continue to pray for the teachers, children & families at Concordia Kindy, Unity and surrounding schools. Bless any who are travelling and keep them safe. Pray that all are refreshed over the school holidays.
- ✠ Pray for the confirmation class, their parents and families and Pastor Paul as he prepares them to be confirmed later this year: Bethany Calnan, Holly Elliott, Layla Hearne, Cooper & Brady Lienert, Harry & Edward Rigney, Archer Stephens, & Marni Woidt

✠ Almighty God, You are the only source of health and healing. In you there is calm, and the only true peace in the universe. Grant to each one of us your children an awareness of your presence, and give us perfect confidence in you. In all pain and weariness and anxiety teach us to yield ourselves to your never-failing care, knowing that your love and power surround us, trusting in your wisdom and providence to give us health and strength and peace when your time is best; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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, Vena Shinnick, Sandra Thiele, June Walker & 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 Ahrens (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)

**Gumeracha Hospital:** Margaret Warnest (CC)

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

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

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

27<sup>th</sup> Carol Burgemeister (CC)

28<sup>th</sup> Darren Joppich (CC), Joy Paech (Mon), Tania Walding (CC)

29<sup>th</sup> Andrew Ahrens (HC)

30<sup>th</sup> Adam Eckermann (CC)

October

1<sup>st</sup> Colin Forbes (Mon), Carlien Hohls (CC), Renae Mueller (CC), Reg Schwartz (HC)

2<sup>nd</sup> Rowan Pfeiffer (CC), Anthony Pope (CC)

3<sup>rd</sup> Kenneth Graetz (CC)

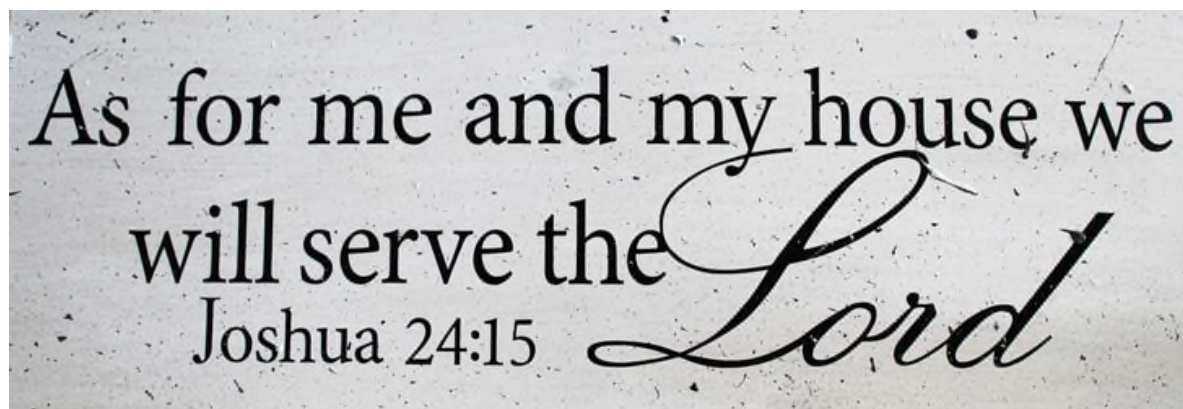
### **Member Update**

Margaret Warnest has been transferred to Gumeracha Hospital as part of a Care Program for approximately 3 months.

Margaret would like to thank everyone for their prayers, telephone calls and visits.

# CHRIST CHURCH ROSTERS

	<i>JDH</i> 26-Sep	<i>JDH</i> 3-Oct	<i>Church</i> 3-Oct	<i>JDH</i> 10-Oct
<b>COVID Marshal</b>	Yvonne Stiller	Dawne Schmerl	Gloria Pohl	Chris Beaglehall
<b>Elder/Assist</b>	Gerry Korzeba Dawn Hampel	Garry Beaglehall	Warren Doecke Dawn Hampel	Ian Kluge Gerry Korzeba
<b>Wardens</b>	Gloria Pohl	David Doecke	Allan Hampel Marie Mueller	Graham Schubert Yvonne Stiller
<b>Greeters</b>	Ruth Schrapel Shirley Lutze	Joan Martin Bob Martin	Doreen Borchardt Johan Bahr	Bruno Lablack Kathy Franklin
<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	Janelle Traeger David Lienert	Chris Beaglehall Joyce Herrmann		Ross & Merle Herrmann
<b>PA</b>	Tamra Lees	Allan Hampel	Wes Taylor	Tamra Lees
<b>Video</b>				
<b>Data Projector</b>	Chris Beaglehall	Justin Hage	Jasamine Irvine	Cheryl Doecke
<b>Counter</b>	Yvonne Stiller	Gerry Korzeba	Basil/Greg	
<b>Grounds Roster</b>		John & Gloria Pohl		
<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

### **SEPTEMBER**

Sun 26th 9am Monarto Service – Lay Reading  
 9:30am Christ Church Service in JDH  
 4pm Call Meeting, Unity College Steeple

27th Sept - 1st Oct LMSE CLW Camp, Walker Flat

## OCTOBER

Sun 3rd	9:30am	Christ Church Service in JDH
	10:30am	Monarto Service – Pastor Peter Kriewaldt
	11:00am	Christ Church Service in Church
	2pm	Andre Rieu Afternoon of Music
Mon 4th	7pm	Worship Team meets, Ed Cen
	7:30pm	Property meets, Ed Cen
Thurs 7th	11am	Ecumenical Service Lerwin, Holy Cross
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Youth, The Cave
Sun 10th	9:00am	Monarto Service – Lay Reading
	9.30am	Christ Church Service in JDH with Baptism
Mon 11th	7:30pm	Elders meet, Ed Cen
Wed 13th	1:15pm	Women's Guild, Concordia Hall
Fri 15th	6:30pm	Men's Group, 8 Schwerdt Rd
Sun 17th	9:30am	Christ Church Service in JDH
	10:30am	Monarto Service
	11:00am	Christ Church Service in Church
Mon 18th	7:30pm	Leadership Team, Ed Cen
Thurs 21st	3pm	Resthaven Communion (by HC)
	7:30pm	Ladies Fellowship Ed Centre
Fri 22nd	6pm	Youth, The Cave
Sun 24th	<i>Return Shoe</i>	<i>Boxes of Love</i>
	9:00am	Monarto Service
	9.30am	Christ Church Service in JDH

## Monarto Congregation Contacts

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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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# "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



## A FATHER'S HANDS

Often children who have had loving relationships with their fathers have memories of the strength of their father's hands. When asked about those memories, they will include, "I remember him throwing me in the air and catching me". "The hard callouses from the hard work he did with his hands." His hand would rest on my head as we walked along, and I would know he loved me". I remember my Dad sometimes wrote reminder notes on his hand with a biro.

In the book of [Isaiah, chapter forty-nine, verse sixteen](#), God says, "See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." "Engraved!" Never to be washed off or worn off. Not like Biro.

What does it mean that God has engraved you onto the palm of his hand? It means you are part of him, and his love for you can never be erased.

In [Psalm 139:14](#), King David wrote, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made". Part of being "fearfully and wonderfully made" is your handprint, which shows your uniqueness.

Look at the palm of your hand. Recognise the lines and give a name to a line to remind you of what our loving Heavenly Father offers to bring to your individual life.

**THE FORGIVENESS LINE:** Use this line to remember that our Heavenly Father is a "Forgiving Father". Anyone who truly trusts that God's Son, Jesus, died and came alive again to pay for anything that hurts God. He says, "You are forgiven. We are friends; now make sure you don't hold grudges against others." A king who had not always lived as God would want, said, "I finally admitted all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will confess them to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone." ([Psalm 32:5](#))

**THE LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP LINE:** This line should be a reminder that no matter what, God consistently and continually loves you and wants to be a caring friend to you. His Word tells us, "neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." ([Romans 8:39](#))

**A WISDOM LINE:** One of the things God promises to those who are happy to call him "Father" is wisdom. When we become confused, not sure what to do or handle situations in life, it is good to remember that He has promised, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him". ([James 1:5](#))

**A LINE FOR UNDERSTANDING:** Understanding the things of God's love can often be challenging. While "faith" is talked about concerning God, He also wants us to understand him and his ways. He tells us, "Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Anyone who seeks, finds. If only you will knock, the door will open." ([Matthew 7:7-8](#)). Don't be afraid to ask for "understanding".

**A hint:** take a photo of your hand, if possible, print it and write what lines you will use to remind yourself that you are "engraved on God's hand".

Most of us have two hands, so next week we will look at the other hand and more promises of God.

Have a great week,

Kevin.

Thanks to God and Pastor Greg Champion of Grace Church Port MacQuarrie for starting the thought process.

# "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



## THE OTHER HAND

Last week I wrote about the promise from a loving God written in His Word the Bible where it says, "See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands". I suggested looking at the lines of your hand and giving some of the lines names to help remember and think about the promises God has made: The Forgiveness Line; Love and Friendship Line; Wisdom Line; Line for understanding.

This week let's think about "The Other Hand" and more promises God makes to us.

**I AM YOUR STRENGTH:** Ever feel that life is beating you down (we all have those days), and you wonder if you will have the strength or interest to keep going? A follower of God who armies had chased wrote, "The LORD is my strong defender; he is the one who has saved me. He is my God, and I will praise him." (Exodus 15:2)

**I HEAR YOU WHEN YOU TALK TO ME:** God doesn't expect fancy words or flowery language. He loves us to tell him our problems, joys, what excites us. Surprisingly he is even interested when we might be bored. A Great King who trusted God once wrote, "(Psalm 66:19) Not sure how to talk to him? Tell him that too.

**I WILL FIGHT FOR YOU:** Feel like the world is "picking on you"? There is a song with the words, "When God is on my side, who can be against me?" These words come from "His Word", "Do not be afraid of them; the LORD, your God himself, will fight for you." (*Deuteronomy 3:22*) Sometimes it might feel as if He's not. With God, a promise is a promise, never to be broken. We need to believe him.

**I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU ALONE:** Despite all the multi-media, Twitter, texting, etc., there has never been more loneliness in the world. People we thought were friends let us down. Families we expected always to be there with support fall apart. Choose a line on your hand to constantly remind you. God says, "Be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world." (*Matthew 28:20*)

**I WILL GIVE YOU PEACE:** How often do we long for peace? The world, the media, peoples of all colours and creeds constantly talk about the need for peace. Sadly it is often made as a demand. "We must have peace!" and we go searching. But a caring God makes an offer, no demands, an offer! "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my special peace that I give you.." (*John 14:27*)

Look at your hands. God has two hands. Remember, you are carved into each one. He cannot forget you.

Kevin.





# Growing FAITH at home

26 September 2021  
EIGHTEENTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

## Living like Jesus

verse for the week  
Are any of you in trouble? Then you should pray. Are any of you happy? Then sing songs of praise.

JAMES 5:13

### Caring Conversations

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

1

In what ways is salt used?

2

Jesus says his followers must have the qualities of salt. What do you think he means?

3

Being part of a family or a congregation involves challenge and conflict as well as joy and gladness. In what ways do our lives 'flavour' the lives of others? How are you God's salt in your relationships?

### Devotions

#### Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin
M	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Moses and the 70 elders
T	James 5:13-20	The power of prayer
W	Luke 24:36-49	Repentance and forgiveness
T	Micah 7:18-20	God's steadfast love
F	Acts 3:17-26	Repent for times of refreshment
S	Psalms 19:7-14	The wonders of God
S	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children

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

### Rituals and Traditions

#### PRAYER

Lord, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be pleasing to you this day. You are our Rock and Redeemer. Amen

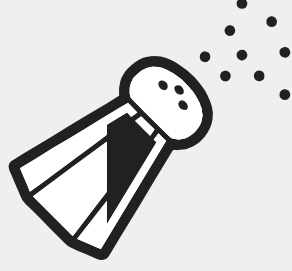
#### BLESSING

May God's word guide you and give you peace with others.

### Creative Response

In your home, make a sign that reads "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." (Mark 9:50).

Put the message next to a salt shaker and place the sign and the salt on a table in your home. Reflect on how your life in Christ has made you like salt and a powerful gift of peace to others.



#### mealtime prayer

Lord, thanks we say for night and day, food and shelter, rest and play. Be our guest and with us stay. Amen.

### Service

Caring for our life in community, whether it be a family, support group, or congregation is of vital importance to the integrity of the witness of the church.

Reach out to someone who may feel alone or estranged from their family, small group or congregation. Express your care for them and for their being a valued community member.

