

### Reformation Sunday Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Christ Church Lutheran Holy Cross Lutheran Zion Lutheran
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Murray Bridge Murray Bridge Monarto

We want everyone in the Murray Bridge regional communities to know the love of Jesus and be in a saving relationship with Him.

**WELCOME...** TO OUR BULLETIN. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND LEAVE YOU STRENGTHENED FOR THE CHALLENGES AND JOYS OF THE COMING WEEK!

### All Services and Events subject to COVID restrictions

Due to the COVID 19 situation, the rules, restrictions and guidelines for our safety are changing. Sometimes this is very quick and late, there may not be enough notice to let everyone know, we thank you for your understanding.

Please follow the directions of the people in charge at our services.

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

### 31<sup>st</sup> October – Reformation Sunday

10am Combined Worship @ The Steeple, Unity College inviting along all Holy Cross, Christ Church & Monarto Members Pastor Paul Calnan, Holy Communion.

Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Romans 3: 19-28; John 8: 31-36

Songs: A Mighty Fortress is our God, Your Word is a Lamp to My Feet, Nothing but the

Blood of Jesus, The Churches One Foundation, Now Thank We All Our God.

### Saturday 6th November - Music Ministry Live see notice in bulletin

### Next Sunday: 7th November - All Saints Day

9:00am Holy Cross Communion Service – Pastor Paul Calnan

Cuppa after service / Offerings collected at door

9:30am Christ Church (JDH) Christian Care Sunday – Pastor Peter Miller

Cuppa from 9am / Offerings collected at door

11am: Christ Church (Church) Traditional Service / Offerings collected at door

Monarto Communion service – Pastor Paul Calnan

Visitors most welcome to join us

Christ Church Office hours: 9am-12noon Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Closed Wednesday.

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Website: <a href="www.cclutheranmb.org.au">www.cclutheranmb.org.au</a> Add: 5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge After Hours please phone: Chairperson, Warren Doecke - 0417 804 663

**Holy Cross office hours**: 10am-1pm Tues, Wed; 9am-2pm Thurs, Fri **Closed Monday.** Ph 8532 4577 email: hcoffice@internode.on.net Add: 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge

Pastor Paul Calnan is available by phone Tuesday to Friday 9am to 6pm

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If you require pastoral care outside of these hours please contact

Ministry Team Chair: David Schirmer or Council Chairperson: Alan Packer

### **General Notices**

### **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Pastor David Kuss has requested an extension until the 7<sup>th</sup> November to make a decision regarding the call to the full time Lead Pastor for the combined shared ministry at Holy Cross, Christ Church and Zion Monarto. The next couple of Sundays are important Hills activities for all those congregations and he will be heavily involved. Be assured he is very encouraged by what he received for the Call. Please continue to keep Pastor David and his family in your prayers.

A Shared Ministry Task Group has been set up with representatives from all three congregations to undertake a governance-administrative review of operations across all three congregations and provide recommendations for working together. Their first task is for a name for the Shared Ministry venture, thank you for your entries of names.

Here are the three finalist names: Grace & Mercy - Open Arms - Bridge Trinity.

The group felt these three names effectively encompassed our community. Please give comments and feedback (and we are still open for more suggestions) to the Task Group, once the name has been accepted the winner will be announced.

We will not be losing the identity of each congregation but the name voted as the name for the Shared Ministry would precede the congregations title, for example Grace & Mercy Christ Church MB, Open Arms Holy Cross MB, Bridge Trinity Zion Monarto – (please note it will be the same name for all).

Shared Ministry Task Group members are **Holy Cross**: Greg Herrmann, Joanne Pfeiffer, Barry Stoddart; **Christ Church**: Warren Doecke, Yvonne Stiller, Trent Mueller; **Monarto**: Colin Wegener, Raelene Barolo.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

**Confirmation (November 14)** will be at Unity Steeple run by Holy Cross – we are invited to attend to see our young members declare their faith. More helpers are required at this services. If you can help please contact either office ASAP. Many thanks.

(There will still be a 9am Service at Monarto and 9:30 Service at Christ Church)

### MUSIC MINISTRY Join us! A relaxed night of

Christian music, prayer and paella! When: Saturday, 6th November 2021

Time: 6-7 PM (food served from 5.45pm)

Where: The Steeple, Unity College

An opportunity to gather to create and love community. We welcome Fahrenheit Catering who will be serving paella from the pan during the evening.

Come along. Invite a friend. Relax.



**ALL SAINTS DAY**: Christ Church - Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> - If you have lost a loved one this year and you would like them remembered on All Saints Day please forward a photo to the office

**NEXT YOUTH**: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November - The Cave, from 6pm to 8:30pm. Please bring tea to share – All Welcome

**CONFIRMATION ACTIVITIES DAY**: Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9am-3:30pm, Tailem Bend Lutheran Church Hall. Free event, registration is essential. For all Confirmation aged children. More information please contact either church office.

**MEN'S GROUP** Due to COVID restrictions the venue for the next Men's Group has been changed to John Dohler Hall, Christ Church Lutheran, 8am Sat 20th November.

Christmas Celebrations and come with ideas for next year.

Rodney Zanker will share his story. RSVP by Wed 17th November to Matt: 0419 033 859 or the Church offices.

**HOLY CROSS TRADING TABLE—**7th November, come and have cuppa and a chat after service and look at the goodies on offer, there are also Christian books available, these have been donated to the church and are free to take.

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2022**

Orders are due now. Christ Church/Monarto please contact Yvonne in the office to order. Holy Cross please add your name to the order list at the front of the church or contact the office to place an order. Last date for orders is 16th November. No Orders will be accepted after this date.

Please consider giving a donation towards the cost of your envelopes

CONCORDIA KINDERGARTEN Teddy Bear's picnic on 7th of Nov has been cancelled.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING and AGM When: Wednesday November 10th at 1.15pm Topic: Mystery parcel to the value of \$5. **Devotion**: H Heuppauff; **Gift Table**: R Packer; **Hostesses**: L Rosenzweig, V Zerk; Musician: J Stiller; Offering: Home of Parise in slums of Bangkok. Reminder to bring Honey Biscuits.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL (Town Hall) This will be held on November 19th, 20th & 21st. We are requesting donations of biscuits for the Gift Table. Also biscuits, scones, jam and cream for the Coffee Time and help in the kitchen. Please let us know the days you would be available. Contact either Janelle at Christ Church office (on Mon/Wed or Friday) or Coralie on 0473 371 361. Thank you.

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE GUILD AGM Wed 3rd Nov, 10am. Devotion Joyce Stiller

HOLY CROSS NOMINATIONS MEETING 21st November 2021, 11am immediately after Service. Followed by BBQ and salad lunch.

Elected Positions and nominations forms will available at back of church, the office and in the Hall, please put nomination forms in boxes provided. Nominations close 17th Nov.

Volunteer positions/committees/workers can also be viewed on the pin board at the back of the church, in the office and on the notice board in the Hall names can be added or taken off the current list.

**THRIFT SHOP** We are planning to hold a short Thrift Shop on Tues 30th Nov and Wed 1st Dec at JDHall. We need helpers for this to happen. If you can help on those days please contact Yvonne or Janelle in the Christ Church office. Many thanks

### **NEWSLETTERS**:

**Christ Church:** Next Newsletter is available today, copies available from Christ Church office or at future Christ Church/Monarto services.

Holy Cross: A monthly or bi-monthly newsletter is proposed, this will enable the bulletin to reduce in size, the monthly rosters, & meetings will be placed in the newsletters, if you have any pictures, future meetings dates, celebrations, events (i.e. social or Bible study groups, lunches at Swanport and Murray Heights) or something you have found of interest, maybe you wish to advertise something in the newsletter please provide to office by 1st Friday of each month. The first edition is hoped to be out in October. The newsletter may also include profiles on people within our congregation as a way of introduction. Please get behind this and assist where you can. It is envisaged the newsletter will be 4-6 pages similar to the bulletin.

**TANGARA 2021 MAGAZINE** Tangara 2021 (ALC magazine) is now available for order at \$10 per copy including postage to anywhere in Australia. You are encouraged to consider purchasing a copy to share with your family and friends. Jacob Fabich (Holy Cross) will have some books available for sale on Sunday. Order forms are available from the Holy Cross Office.

GIVE AWAY: Good News New Testament Bible on Cassettes. If you are interested please contact the Christ Church office or Yvonne Lablack.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP: No meeting in November! Next gathering is 9th Dec, 11:45am at Church of Christ Cafe.

RED CROSS - BLOOD DONOR CENTRE JDHall, 31 Swanport Rd, Murray Bridge

Don't forget to pre-book your spot at donateblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95 Mon 15 Nov, 12.00pm – 6.00pm Tues 16 Nov, 10.00am - 6.30pm Wed 17 Nov, 10.00am - 6.30pm Thurs 18 Nov, 8.30am - 3.00pm

TYNDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MB - BUS DRIVER POSITION A part-time Bus Driver

position is available at the school. Details of this position can be found at:

https://mb.tyndale.sa.edu.au/employment/ Applications close 9am Monday 8 November.

**PASTORAL CARE WORKER POSITION – MB South Primary** The PCW position at the school is available at the school. Details can be found at: <a href="https://smg.asn.au/">https://smg.asn.au/</a> Applications close 9am Mon 22 Nov.

CHRISTMAS TREES FROM HOLY CROSS, BIRDWOOD Holy Cross, Birdwood have Christmas trees available for purchase again this year. They are able to offer the high quality trees at \$50 each. Please note that delivery can only be arranged for orders of 10 or more trees. Trees will be delivered to Holy Cross Murray Bridge at 9am, Saturday 11th December 2021. Orders close on Friday 3rd December. The trees will need to be paid for at time of delivery. Please ring Sandra Gates 0438324150 (from Holy Cross Murray Bridge) to place your order.

**SHOEBOXES OF LOVE**: Christ Church collected 91 boxes, what a blessing! A Big Thank You to Basil Schubert and helpers for delivering all the boxes to the drop off point.

**REG** – **Regular Electronic Giving**: Have you considered using REG for your weekly offerings? Forms are available from either church office to set up with your LLL account or use the following details:

Christ Church: BSB 704942 Acc # 100311504 Holy Cross: BSB 704942 Acc # 51176

### Prayers:

<u>Prayer of the day</u>: Lord God, you have given all holy Scriptures for our learning. Lead us to hear them, read, note, learn, and inwardly digest them. Encourage and support us by your holy word, so that we may always hold onto the joyful hope of eternal life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **AMEN**

### Also pray....

- The Continue to pray for the teachers, children & families at Concordia Kindy, Unity and surrounding schools.
- Pray for the confirmation class, their parents and families and Pastor Paul as he prepares them for their confirmation next week: Bethany Calnan, Holly Elliott, Layla Hearne, Cooper & Brady Lienert, Harry & Edward Rigney, Archer Stephens, & Marni Woidt
- Pray for Pastor David Kuss, his wife Ilona and their family as they consider the Lead Pastor call to the combined shared ministry at Holy Cross, Christ Church and Zion Monarto.

<u>Please Pray for</u>... (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, Maxine Gogler & Vicki Gallasch and family, Trevor, Christabel and Kyle Hage, Bert & Nita Hyam, Elizabeth Klitscher, Leila Koehler, Glen Koop, Matt Kruschel, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Betty Nulty, Brenda O'Reilly, Stan & Lorna Peltz, Jim & Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Clarita Venn & 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) Meningie Hosp Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC), Felicity Woods (HC)

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer (HC) Warner Close, M/Bridge: Colleen Fawcett (CC) 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 or call your church office.

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

2nd Helen Carroll (HC) 7th Darren Piltz (CC) October 31st Karen Ahrens (HC) 3rd Susan Kuchel (CC) Wayne Rowland (CC) November 4th Lorraine Doecke (CC) 1st 5<sup>th</sup> Alec Burgemeister (CC) Lila Grocke (HC) Charelle Grocke (CC) Will Haeusler (HC)

### **COMING EVENTS – Subject to COVID restrictions**

(Please advise the officse of any changes)

Mon 1st 9:30am Cards. Ed Cen 10am Holy Cross Bible Study, Sunday School Rooms Christ Church Worship Team meets, Ed Cen 7pm 7:30pm Christ Church Property meets, Ed Cen Tues 2nd Christ Church Bible Study, Ed Cen 10am 4pm Holy Cross Ministry Team meet Senior Care Team. Ed Centre Wed 3rd 9:30am Christ Church Service Guild AGM 10am 4pm Confirmation, Holy Cross Sat 6th Music Ministry, The Steeple, Unity College 6pm Holy Cross - Trading Table after service Sun 7th 9am 9:30am Christ Church Service in JDH Monarto Service 10:30am Christ Church Service in Church 11:00am Christ Church Elders meet, Ed Cen Mon 8th 7:30pm Wed 10th 1:15pm Women's Guild, Concordia Hall Thurs 11th 7:15pm Holy Cross Church Council Fri 12th Youth, The Cave 6pm Sun 14th 9:00am Monarto Service 9.30am Christ Church Service JDH Confirmation Service, Unity Steeple 10am

### **OTHER WAYS TO WORSHIP:**

FACEBOOK: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge

Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge

Music Ministry Online

YOUTUBE Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge

Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge

Music Ministry Online

Christ Church Web Page: http://www.cclutheranmb.org.au/

Music Ministry email: musicministrymb@gmail.com

Other Livestreamed Services etc - Go to LCA Church@Home:

https://www.lca.org.au/worship/wpp/churchhome/

click on View@Home to see services online, Pray@Home for prayer resources and Faith@Home for other options.

Sermons4Kids- Stories of the Bible: https://sermons4kids.com/

### ROSTERS

### **Holy Cross**

	Sunday	Sunday
	7th November	14th Nov
SIGN IN	Trudy Gogel	Trudy Gogel
GREETER	Kathy Pfeiffer	R Waldhuter
		CC
LS SERVER	L Rosenzweig	P Welke CC,
		Monarto
LECTOR	Joyleen Kuchel	Joel Weincke
PA/MM	Amy Gates	E & A Ahrens
VC	Allen Wegener	Bob Eggers
MARSHALL	Sandra Gates	Annette Pearce
		CC/Monarto
USHERS	Bob & Myrna	J Sacco
	Gerlach	S Gates / CC
BELL	Bob Gerlach	N/A
ALTAR	Glenda	P & E Welke,
GUILD	Schirmer	CC
FLOWERS	Annette Pearce	F Henschke
MUSICIANS		Matthew Ahrens
MORNING	Y Patterson,	N/A
TEA	D Pfeiffer,	
	F&J Henschke	
MINISTRY	M Gerlach	M Gerlach
TEAM	H Hueppauff	H Hueppauff

### **Christ Church**

7-Nov	7-Nov	14-Nov
9:30am	11am	9:30am
JDH	Church	JDH

	7 1101	7-1404	14 1101
COVID Marshal	Kathy Franklin	Gloria Pohl	Dawn Schmerl
Elder/Assist	Dawn Hampel	David Pech	Warren Doecke Gerry Korzeba ♥
Wardens	David Lienert	John Pohl	Gloria Pohl
Greeters	Ross Hermann	Gordon Schultz	Shirley Lutze
Greeters	Merle Hermann	Merilyn Schultz	Coral Coulter
Tea/Coffee	Chris Bea	auglehall	Ross & Merle
Tea/Oonee	Dianne	Kluge	Hermann
PA	Nathanael Mann	Wes Taylor	Tamra Lees
Data Projector	Ellen Mann	Cheryl Doecke	Bruno Lablack
Video	Ron Jericho	Ron Jericho	Ron Jericho
Counter	Gary Beauglehall	Basil Schubert	
Grounds Roster		John & Gloria Pohl	
Water & Care	Harry & Inez	John Schirmer	Tim Koch

### Monarto

7<sup>th</sup> Nov Wardens: Rob & Liz F. Reader: Pam H

14th Nov Wardens: Gordon & Raelene B. Reader: Raelene W Cuppa: Pam & Trevor H

### **Monarto Congregation Contacts**

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0417 804 663, 8572 6019 **Chairman** Warren Doecke Cheryl Doecke Cong. Secretary 0427 804 663, 8572 6019

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### **Holy Cross Congregation Contacts**

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Greg Herrmann Property Chair 0438 785 040

### "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### JOY TO THE WORLD

"Joy to the world" is much more than a Christmas carol.

Along a walking path here in Murray Bridge, over the months, this fairy garden had grown. I assume small hands have lovingly and with care added small, what many would consider worthless trinkets, but they have been placed with care and love and have brought joy to others. How do I know? I have watched as hurrying footsteps have slowed, stopped, and smiles of joy change faces.

We live in a society and age when we tend to focus on the "grand". The grand plan. The grand gesture. The grand house, car, yacht. The grand business venture. The grand salary. And so often, in chasing the "grand", we forget the priceless blessing of "joy".

It is so easy to miss the "joys" that money and greatness cannot give. The joy brought with a partner's loving smile, an arm around the shoulders, the shared laughter of friends, the consoling look that says, I understand" in times of sadness, the warmth and trust of a small child's hand quietly sliding into yours. Joys that cannot be measured.

A "joy" that we seldom recognise or think about is the simple fact a loving God planned that "joy" should be one of the default emotions of people.

But His love for people is so great that even when we turn our back on Him, He does not remove our ability to experience joy. But sadly, without His involvement, the joy we might experience is fleeting and can fade away.

Complete and never-ending joy comes with believing God's love is unconditional and never-ending.

Paul was a follower of Jesus and a believer in our loving God. Paul spent time in a Roman prison, and it is believed he may have died by beheading. He was able to write, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." {1 Thessalonians 15:16-18)

God's will for you is to have heaps of joy in your life and share with others that joy.

Have a week of smiling from the heart.

Kevin 174 JOY TO THE WORLD 21-10-2021

REFORMATION

### Conversations

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



Think about God. Share your thoughts. Who is God to you?

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How do you see God in the world around you?



Humans have struggled throughout history to get a clear picture of God and how to please God. If God only saves sinners (Romans 3:20-24), how does that change the quest to please God?

## Devotions -

Daily Bible Readings

ഗ	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free.
Σ	Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenamt
<b>-</b>	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
>	Ephesians 2:1-10	Saved by grace through faith
<b>—</b>	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
ш	Hosea 2:10-15	God draws Israel close
ဟ	Psalm 46	God is our protection
တ	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus

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

# Rituals and Traditions

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you have set us free! May we use our freedom to live for you. Amen.

BLESSING

May the grace of God cover you, the love of God fill you, and the Spirit of God lead you. Amen.

God establishes a new relationship with vs.

### Creative Response

Luther wrote the small catechism to help people study and practise their Christian faith everyday in the home.

Faith, like learning a language, needs to be practised regularly.

Luther wrote a morning and evening prayer for individuals and families to begin and end the day in faith.

This week use his morning and evening prayers (Find them in Luther's Small Catechism or on the Internet.).

Add the Lord's Prayer and other prayers to your day and consider making these prayers part of your daily routine.

### mealtime prayer

Loving God, we praise your name for you are rich in grace. Bless this food and all who gather in this place. Amen.

verse for the week

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift."



**EPHESIANS 2:8** 

The Reformation emphasises the priesthood of all believers.

Not only do pastors have a calling from God, but all Christians have an important calling (vocation) in the world. Look at what you do with your gifts and passions to serve others and to give praise to God.

Whether at work or at school or at home, give thanks to God that you have a calling that pleases God and serves others.



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