



4th Sunday in Lent

Sunday 27 March 2022

Murray Valley Lutheran CommUnit^y

Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross Lutheran
31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd
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!

Density requirements at services and morning tea has been lifted.

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

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

Sunday: 27th March – 4th Sunday in Lent

9am Monarto
9am Holy Cross
9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall

Wednesday: 30th March – Mid Week Lenten Service

5:45-6:30pm Prayer Service at Christ Church
7pm Christ Church

Sunday: 3rd April – 5th Sunday in Lent

9am Holy Cross – Pastor Paul - Trading Table and morning tea to follow service
9:30am Christ Church – JD Hall
10.30am Monarto
11am Christ Church – Church



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: All services will be at 7pm alternating between Holy Cross and Christ Church: 30th March – Christ Church, 6th April – Holy Cross, Maundy Thursday 14th April – combined service at Holy Cross. Meal commencing at 5.30pm service at 7pm.

Lent Roster and Themes available at services or offices.

Lent offerings will go towards School Chaplains via Schools Ministry Group.

Visitors most welcome to join any of our services

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Website: www.cclutheranmb.org.au Add: 5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge

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

Holy Cross office hours: Tues, Wed, 9.30am-1.30pm; Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm – **Closed Monday.**

Ph 8532 4577. Email: hcoffice@internode.on.net Add: 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge. After hours please contact Council Chairperson: Jeff Henschke 0428 519 252 or Ministry Team Chair: David Schirmer 0459 943 682

MURRAY VALLEY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY TASK GROUP MEMBERS:

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

The next meeting of the MVLC Task Group will be held on 22nd March @ 7.30pm

27th MARCH READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:

- ✠ **Holy Cross:** *Readings:* Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 15:1-3,11b-32; *Songs:* How deep is the Father's love for us; Grace; Reckless Love; Amazing Grace (My Chains are gone); Lord we lift Your name on high.
- ✠ **Christ Church:** – *Readings:* Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,11b-32. *Songs:* Here we are to worship; We are family; 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord); How great is our God.
- ✠ **Monarto:** *Readings:* Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,11b-32. *Songs:* Lord Jesus, we give thanks to thee; How deep the Father's love for us; Today your mercy calls us; Happiness.

GENERAL NOTICES

ROSTERS:

Holy Cross: Roster for March/April is ready to be picked up – Please let the office know of any dates you are unavailable for March, April and May ASAP.

Christ Church: Rosters to Easter are out now – please pick up your copy, if you are unavailable on any of your times please swap with someone and advice the office. Thank you

RETIRING OFFERING: for LCA Disaster & Welfare Fund for Queensland and New South Wales Floods and LWS Appeal for Ukraine

A retiring offering will be held after Sunday Services until Easter. Please put your money in an envelope marked with who it is for. Any lose money will be divided equally between the two. Please continue to pray for churches impacted by floods in QLD and NSW LCA NZ Bishop Paul Smith and his Queensland District. Members can also invite to donate to help Lutherans and their communities (tax-deductible) via the [LCA Disaster & Welfare Fund](#)

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

If you are attending service at another site and still wish to place your offering in the collection please put it in an envelope and put name of site on it ie: Holy Cross, Christ Church, Monarto. The treasurers will forward the collection to the appropriate site.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Meal and combined service at Holy Cross – If you are intending to partake of the meal prior to service please let either office know by 3rd April for catering purposes.

BARNABAS Friendship Group – change of Date; meeting this week, Wednesday 30th March, 2pm @ Allan & Dawn Hampel's.

CONCORDIA KINDERGARTEN Due to unforeseen circumstances (COVID) the Kindy has to reschedule their AGM to April 4th, 7pm. All welcome

Diary Dates:

- 26th Mar 1-2:30pm **Child Safety Standards webinar** for all Congregation Leaders
- 27th Mar 2-4pm **Youth**, Christ Church cave, just bring yourselves! Hope to see you there!
- 29th Mar 2pm **Holy Cross Service Guild – AGM** Holy Cross meeting room – all welcome
7pm **Christ Church Leadership Team** @ Ed Cen
- 30th Mar 2pm **Barnabas Friendship Group** – Hampel's
- 1st Apr 6-8:30pm **Youth**, Christ Church Cave, bring tea to share.
- 4th Apr 7pm **Concordia Kindergarten AGM** – All Welcome
- 5th April 4pm **Holy Cross Ministry Team** meeting
7.30pm **Holy Cross Church Council** meeting

13 th April	1.15pm Women's Guild – Concordia Hall
14 th April	5.30-6.30pm meal prior to Combined Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Cross
24 th April	11am Blessing of the Seed and Soil – Monarto Sporting Complex
12-13 th May	Pastor's Conference
14 th May	Synod

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING: If you need to complete Level 1 Refresher, Level 1 or Level 2 training please check the LCA website for dates online training is also available.

MEN'S CAMPS: Made for More Men's Camp 19th-22nd May 2022 at Yankalilla. For more information go to: <https://www.thegoalislife.com/product/made-for-more/>

NOVO CAMP: 20 - 23 April 2022, Cornerstone College, Mt Barker. A Christian camp for high school aged young people. Join us for a week of fun, fellowship and faith. People of all backgrounds are welcome. Members of all denominational backgrounds are very welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. Please contact Blueprint Ministries at admin@blueprintministries.org.au or on 8267 5211 for more information or visit <https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/novo/>. Registrations close 3 April.

HOLY CROSS BUS TRIP – FRIDAY 27TH MAY 2022 – bus to depart Holy Cross at 8.30am
Itinerary: First stop - Aussie Anzac at Mypolonga; then onto Thornby Trust Feed Lot and new Shearing Shed at Goolwa. Lunch in the shearing shed- sausages, patties, ice-cream, tea & coffee. Ferry on the ferry and travel to Bowhill Engineering- tour factory and look at the new bridge. Home to Murray Bridge – Ladies and Men welcome. Cost \$50 Sponsored by Holy Cross Bus Tour Group and Miegel Engineering. For more information, contact Alan Packer 8532 2876 or Terry Little 8532 4029



PCW VACANCIES WITH SMG: There are several vacancies in the hills and also at Urrbrae Agriculture High School for Pastoral Care Workers. For more information and/or to apply, check out: <https://smgadelaide.squarespace.com/chaplaincy-vacancies>

BUS DRIVER VACANCY – TINDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:
 Tindale Christian School are in need of a number of people to drive their buses due to some difficulties caused by COVID restrictions. A Job Description is available from the school.

GIVE AWAY: Waldman Piano – contact Christ Church office (will need to collect)

PRAYERS:

Prayer of the day Loving Father, when we were captive in the darkness of sin and death, your Son rescued us and brought us back to you. Teach us to trust in him and to live as your people. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Also pray....

- ✠ Dear Jesus, Thank You for knowing what we need, even before we do. Help us to release control of our agendas, our wants, and the “needs” we think we need, to You. We pray that You would give us, our family and friends and people of our community what we need, whatever that may be, to see You and feel Your presence more clearly in our lives. Help us to be men and women after Your own heart.
- ✠ Lord, you are our comfort and strength in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos. Surround the people of this world now with your grace and peace through storm or earthquake, fire or flood or war. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation.

Please Pray for the following people and their carers: *(Please note, before visiting check with family for any visitation allowances and/or restrictions)*

Christ Church: Martha Aartsen, Lores Frahn, Audrey Jaensch, Flo Kerkham, Joan Kluge, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Lienert, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Oscar, Amelia & Josh Noye, Joyce Pope, Leo Schulz, Vena Shinnick, Sandra Thiele, June Walker.

Holy Cross: Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lila Grocke, Maxine Gogler (Daws Road Rehab) & daughters Marie Pica & Vicki Gollasch and their families, Trevor & Kyle Hage, Bert & Nita Hyam, Pat Jenke, Glen Koop, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Brenda O'Reilly, Jim Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Barbara Taylor, Clarita Venn, Rosa Waltrovitz

Murray Valley Lutheran Community Members:

Resthaven: Joyce Ahrns, Norm Bensch, Lorna Burrett, Leila Koehler, Dot Noller, Murray Piltz

Lerwin: Glad Hausler, Stewart Jaensch, Eric Kuss, Alice Kowald, Betty Paech

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt / **Golden Grove Helping Hand:** Joyleen Rosenzweig

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Kurt Unger , Felicity Woods

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer / **T/Bend Hospital:** Pat Gogel, Bevan Schulz

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.

MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

27 th	Doreen Borchardt Daniel Doecke	APRIL	2 nd	Debra Colley Monique Colley
28 th	Inez Schulte	1 st	Jan Brodde Janise Fournier	Zoe Koch
29 th	Lilly Pfeiffer		Miriam McLean	3 rd Carlene Schache
30 th	Margaret Zwar			

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 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1o3Cy-fGMCsEoTtn9kwkqQ>

Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGGccwtvzlvNOA302m1TjGw>
Music Ministry Online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDoA2JRIV7vHNT0oceDkibg>

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

Music Ministry email: musicministrymb@gmail.com

Christian radio now live! – Murray Bridge 87.6 FM SA

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/>

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thurs: 5:30-6.30pm meal prior to service at 7pm.

Please let either office know if you intend coming to the meal.

Good Friday: 9:30am Christ Church
11am Monarto
2pm Holy Cross

Easter Sunday: 6am Ecumenical Service at Sturts Reserve
7am Monarto Service followed by Breakfast
8am Christ Church breakfast followed by service at 9:30am
11am Holy Cross



ROSTERS

Monarto Rosters 27th Mar: **Wardens:** Maxine P. **Reader:** Raelene W.
3rd Apr: **Wardens:** Robert T. **Reader:** Terry F.
10th Apr: **Wardens:** Trevor, Joy, Tyson P. **Reader:** Jan B.

Holy Cross

	<i>Sunday 27th March 9am Lay Reading</i>	<i>Sunday 3rd April 9am</i>	<i>Wednesday 6th April 7pm Lent 5</i>
SIGN IN: GREETERS	R Packer R Waldhuter	T Gogel K Lienert	A Pearce L Rosenzweig
LS SERVERS:	N/A	M Gerlach	N/A
LECTOR:	J Wiencke	P Welke	A Pearce
PA MM	E Ahrens A Ahrens	B Kuchel	T Hanckel
VC:	N/A	J Kuchel	N/A
MARSHAL	A Pearce	T Budarick	G Herrmann
USHERS:	B Kuchel A Pearce	B & M Gerlach	C Schache M Woitd
BELL RING'R:	B Kuchel	B Gerlach	B Kuchel
ALTAR GUILD:	N/A	L Rosenzweig	N/A
MUSICIANS:	M Ahrens	Rhonda Packer Ellen Paech	R Packer
FLOWERS:	Kathy Pfeiffer	Jan Richards	
MORNING TEA:	C Schache S Kramer L Rosenzweig	D Pfeiffer V Zerk Y Patterson	N/A
MINISTRY TEAM	E & P Welke	E & P Welke	

Christ Church

	9:30am JDH 27-Mar	7pm Lent 4 Wed 30-Mar	9:30am JDH 3-Apr	11AM Church 3-Apr
COVID Marshal	L Schiller	G Pohl	D Schmerl	G Pohl
Elder Assist	David D W Doecke	I Kluge	G Schubert G Korzeba	J Traeger J Pohl
Wardens	K Franklin	G Pohl	A&D Hampel	G Pohl M Mueller
Greeters	B&J Martin	D&L Schiller	J Herrmann R Schrapel	J Bahr D Borchardt
Tea/Coffee	J Traeger D Borchart		C Beauglehall D Kluge	
PA	N Mann	G Beauglehall	A Hampel	W Taylor
Data Projector	C Doecke	Chris B	J Martin	C Mattner
Reader	G Beauglehall	J Pohl	A Korzeba	J Pohl
Organist		C Mattner		G Taylor
Video	R Jericho	R Jericho	R Jericho	
Counter	V Jaensch	M Mueller	G Beauglehall	B Schubert
Grounds Roster	H&I Schulte		?????	
Water & Care	Y Koch		H&I Schulte	

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Christ Church Congregation Contacts

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<u>Treasurer</u>	Carlien Hohls	0415 919 043		
<u>Church Secretary</u>	Yvonne Stiller	8532 3445		
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Holy Cross Congregation Contacts

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	Edna Welke	Pastor Peter Welke
	Dennis Steinborner	Lesley Rosenzweig
	Helen Heuppaufl	Coral Eggers
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<u>Property Chair</u>	Greg Herrmann	0438 785 040

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



BEING STILL

In **Psalm 46:10**, God says through King David, "Be still and know that I am God".

"Knowing" someone implies a relationship from interacting with that person. While initially, we may need to take time and "be still" to begin a connection, To develop a fuller understanding of "being still" in that person's presence, we need to join with him in joint activities and not spend our time in stillness.

When I "Know" God and his love for me, I can (and should) stop worrying and "be still" – "relax" as I talk to him and plan today. Knowing God has made so many promises of support, care, and love that never stop, I can "be still" and not become agitated. Once these two things come together, the knowing God loves me, and I no longer need to worry (being still in heart and mind), I can get on with the day and enjoy it the way God had planned for me. I can use the day to show my gratitude for his caring and supporting me.

Whatever the "project" for the day, I can enjoy it the way God intended.

Relax, be still and trust his promises of "I am with you always, even to the ends of time" (**Matthew 28:20**) and "I will never leave you or forsake you ". (**Joshua 1:5.**)

What does this mean in the daily whirlwinds of life?

There is something you feel you should do, but you are not sure how to go about it. Be still, trust God, talk to him, trust He has the answer.

You want to thank God for some good you feel he has worked in your life, but you are unsure how? Be still and simply thank him.

Are family pressures building? Relax. Be still. Ask God for his advice, his strength. Accept what He places in your heart; what you feel is His answer, and go forward confident He is leading. We don't always understand where He is leading, but if we trust, we will follow and get to know him and rely on him more and more. It will become easier to "be still".

We all have our list of fears and anxieties. Many things happen in a day that quickly leads to agitated worry; waiting for a medical report, a reply to a job application, news from a child or grandchild, concerns about a spouse. The list could fill pages.

These are all genuine and legitimate concerns that impact our lives, but with daily talking to God and practising "being still" and "knowing" God personally, life can be enjoyed the way He planned. "Be still", relax in His love. You might be surprised and discover true and lasting joy.

God bless you,
Kevin.



27th March 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Lost and found

SHARE

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

1

Share about a time when someone forgave you. How did you feel?

2

Jesus told a parable about a prodigal son. How do you think the son felt when his father welcomed him back?

3

In what ways is God like the forgiving father?

Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father
M	Joshua 5: 9-12	Roll away the shame of slavery
T	2 Cor 5: 16-21	We are God's ambassadors
W	Genesis 45:25 - 46:30	Jacob sees his son Joseph again
T	Luke 15:1-7	The parable of the lost sheep
F	Romans 5:6-11	Reconciled to God
S	Psalms 32	I confess all my sins
S	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany

TALK Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us and forgiving us. We rejoice because of you. Amen.

BLESS

(Name)
celebrate your
new life in
Jesus.

Lent

Lent is a time when we re-orientate our lives towards God. We follow Jesus in his journey towards the cross. PURPLE is the colour for Lent and represents the royalty of Jesus and the call to turn back to God.

Creative Response

As part of your home devotion times this week, read the *Parable of the Prodigal Son* (or the *Forgiving Father*) from a Bible or Bible storybook (if you have younger children you may wish to act it out using finger puppets and simple props).

Discuss the feelings and responses of each of the main characters (younger son, father, older son) in the parable.

Ask:

"What is Jesus trying to say to us through this character?"

mealtime prayer

Father in heaven, you give us so much that we don't deserve. Please give us one more thing: thankful hearts! Amen.

verse for the week

"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

LUKE 15: 24

Service

When the younger son returned home his father held a feast to welcome him back.

Do you have a tradition of offering hospitality to others in your home? Is it something you can think about trying?

Has your street ever done a street party and shared a meal?

Is it something you could try?