

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

LCA Young Adults National Retreat

The LCA Young Adults National Retreat is being held in the iconic seaside town of Victor Harbor 6-12th January 2018.

The central theme for the retreat is (Mark 16:16). Baptism and Salvation Further details can be found at: youngadultsnational.wixsite.com/retreat or on

Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/892964560806539

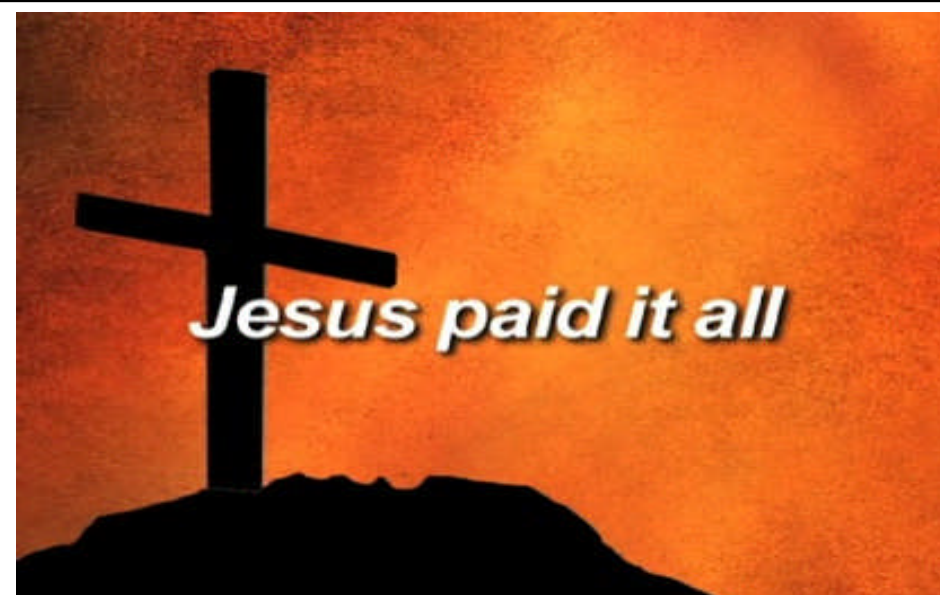


Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



5th Sunday in Lent
2nd April 2017



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

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WELCOME

“Communion Invitation” - Dear Friends in Christ, if you are a visitor who is a baptised believer and not a member of the Lutheran Church but believe that you will be receiving the body and blood of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, then an open invitation is extended to you.

Non-communing adults & children are encouraged to come for a blessing and are asked to keep their hands by their sides.

Please join us for a cuppa and a biscuit between services.

Visitors Cards You will find these cards on the ends of the pews.

We would like you to fill in the details and place in the offering bag or give to an usher or the pastor as you leave the church.

Welcome

We welcome all visitors &
pray you are made to feel at
home here in our
congregation.

Easter Tracts are
available from the church,
JDH or office. Please feel
free to take and hand out



Easter Holy Text

Follow the conversation by texting ‘Holy’ to [0488 222 777](tel:0488222777)

Hear from the people who Jesus changed – in the week that changed the world.

As Jesus heads to Jerusalem for Passover, it’s clear nothing is going to be the same again. *Easter Holy Text* lets you hear from four people in Jesus’ inner circle. You’ll receive texts from Mary Magdalene; Simon Peter; John Ben Zebedee; and Mark from Palm Sunday 9 April through to Easter Sunday 16 April.

Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION"

		9-Apr	12/13-Apr	14th Apr	
Monarto		Service Time	9 am	12th 7pm	10.30a.m.
		Wardens	C & R Wegener		Max & Maxine
		Readers	Nathan W	Trevor H	Haydn Hein
		Tea Coffee	J& N Wegener		
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	G Beauglehall	D Doecke ♥	Warren & Gerry ♥
		Wardens	B&L Doecke I Pampa	J&G Pohl	M&D Schopp
		Readers	A Grieger	A.Grieger	C.Mattner
		Greeters		S.Kuchel R Schrapel	C.Coulter J Herrmann
		Organist	Coralie	Joyce	June
		Flowers	H Courtney		
		Tea/coffee/milk	M. Warnest J. Pope		
		PA	David	David	David
		Data Projector	B. Frahn	C.Doecke	L.Schiller
	10:45am	Elder/Assist	D Pfeiffer ♥	Christ Church 13th 7pm	
		Wardens			
		Readers	L Zadow		
		Greeters	Audrey/Yolette		
		Music	Band		
		Prayers	D Pfeiffer		
		PA	Tamra		
		Data Projector	K Rance		
		Counter	J.Brodde	G Korzeba	D Schiller
		Sunday School			
		Leader	Belinda J		
		Helper	Belinda S		
		Grounds Roster	B. Schubert	Basil	Basil
		Water & Care	Yolette	Yolette	Yolette

Coming Week ...

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

Mon	3rd April	9.30am 7:30pm	Cards and Coffee Leadership Team Ed Cen
Tues	4th April	4pm 6pm 7:30pm	English lessons Ed Cen Barnabas Group - Zanker's (7 Hume Ave) Worship Team Ed Cen
Wed	5th April	7pm 7pm 9:30am	Lent Mid-week Service - Holy Cross Confirmation - Lent Service Holy Cross Senior Care Team Meeting – Ed Cen
Thurs	6th April	10am 10am	Bible Study Bulletin notices due
Sun	9th Apr - Palm Sunday	12:30pm	Singles Luncheon
	Christ Church	9am 10.45am	Morning Praise Communion
	Monarto	9am	Morning Praise

COMING EVENTS

April	12th	(Wed) Maundy Thursday service at Monarto
	13th	Maundy Thursday service at Christ Church
	14th	Good Friday
	16th	Easter Sunday
	21/24th	Nova Camp Mt Barker
May	20th	LCA SA/NT District One Day Synod, Golden Grove
	20th	2017 LWSA/NT Convention, Hahndorf
	20th	10am Organists Meet & Swap, Mannum
	25-28th	Men's Bootcamp, Normanville
July	1st	School Chaplaincy Trivia Night



Thankyou to everyone for their kind and caring thoughts phone calls, cards and flowers during the last three months. Each day there is improvement. Warmest thoughts
Audrey & Laurie Leske


Barnabas Friendship Group
Tues 4th April-6pm @Zanker's
7 Hume Ave
Study: Taking Faith Home Mar 26
Jesus the Light of the World

Singles Luncheon
Sunday 9th April 12:30pm
Murray Bridge Community Club

BEAUTIFUL

Outlaw

**GET
YOUR
DVD
NOW**



The Theme for our services are being based on the Bible studies 'Beautiful Outlaw'. The Participant guides have been included with the bulletin weekly.

All groups, families, couples, friends, individuals are encouraged to use this bible study.

DVD's of the 'Beautiful Outlaw' by John Eldredge are available from the office along with the Leaders and participant guides. Denise will also have the book available to purchase.



FOOD DONATIONS

Teen Challenge Thanks you for your generous giving. They are always in need of main meals eg: cans meat & veg, spag, baked beans etc. and plastic shopping bags. *Please check your items, they can't give out any food that is past the expiry date or is in rusty cans.*



Their clients also enjoy fresh fruit and Vegies too!
Food Collection
Leave in box in church or bring into the office or to Teen Challenge direct

Christian Greetings to Pastor Tim, Gary Beauglehall (Treasurer) and Christ Church Lutheran donors:

My family and I are thankful to your positive responses by donating \$3042.85 to help my family back home. I'm speechless to describe your care, what came into my mind are the words that said, Good Christians are kind and decent, compassionate, generous, resourceful, mostly optimistic and positive people. According to the Bible for example,

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. My family and I love you all, God bless you all. **If possible please, pass this message to Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge Administration and believers/ Congregations.**

Kind Regards: **Kuany Chol Anyieth**

~ Prayer Corner ~

For use by friendship groups, study groups, other groups, & individuals.

"Always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ.

This is what God wants you to do" -1 Thess. 5:16-18

- Pray for all the Kindy children and their families including Macy, Regan, Bella, Madison, Charly and Cohen.
- Marriage is a gift—an amazing blessing from God! Pray that this gift is cherished by all. Pray that our Father guards the relationships between husband and wife and protect them against elements that tempt to taunt them or ruin what they have.
- Pray for the residents of **Lerwin** – Betty Rowland, Stewart Jaensch, Lil Fiegert and of **Resthaven** – Kevin Thiele, Barbara Noble, Dot Noller, Val Harrington and of **Aminya, Mannum** – Rita Schiller, Dawn Jaensch & Laurel Geisler and also for Lorraine Jacobs and Evelyn Kuchel at **Oakfield Lodge, Mt Barker**.
- Lord God, We ask for God's blessings for Rita (Jallarah Homes) & Keith (Hospital) Faehrmann both at Meningie, Audrey Leske, Sandra Thiele, Shirley Lutze, Bruno Lablack, Henk Visser, Dawn Jaensch, Joyleen Stiller, Roy Traeger & also for their carers.

If you have any prayer requests or would like to be included in this list please contact Yvonne in the office

Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

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| 2/4 | Robert Grieger, Zoe Koch |
| 4/4 | Ann Ratsch |
| 5/4 | Doris Hein, Basil Schubert, Janelle Traeger |
| 6/4 | Robert Thiele, Leo Schulz |
| 7/4 | Chloe Jones |



Easter Celebrations

Lenten Services

5th April Mid-week 5 Holy Cross 7pm

Once again the Confirmation class will be involved, come along worship Christ with them.

The Ash Wednesday and the 5 mid-week Lenten Offerings will be going to the work of **LCA International Mission**

Palm Sunday — 9th April
Christ Church 9am & 10:45am
Monarto 9am



Maundy Thursday
Monarto (Wed 12th April) – 7pm
Christ Church (Thurs 13th) – 7pm

Good Friday 14th April
Monarto 10:30am
Christ Church 9am



Easter Sunday 16th April
Monarto 7am followed by breakfast
Christ Church 7:30am breakfast in JDHall followed by service at 9am



You are invited to the book launch of
Dr Mark Worthing's latest book,
Martin Luther. A Wild Boar in the Lord's Vineyard.

Friday 5 May, 6.30pm for 7pm start
at North Adelaide Lutheran Church
139 Archer St, North Adelaide
Refreshments provided.

Launch speakers: Rev Dr Lynn Arnold, former
premier of South Australia, and Rev James
Winderlich, principal of ALC.

RSVP to Mark: marks@acresources.com.au

Sudanese Appeal

March total
\$1,043.00

Everybody thinks I'm crazy.
They say, "You take the Jesus
thing too seriously."
Well I don't know, but Christ
took me pretty seriously when
he died for me on the cross.

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ROSTERS

There are some errors
with the Rosters.

The April roster will
stay the same but some
changes will be made
to the other 3 months.

Please let the office
know of any changes
you know of.

Thank you for your
patience

Women's Guild Meeting

April 12th 1.15pm

Easter Hymns

Devotion: C Schache

Musician: J Walker

Hostesses: L Frahn, M Paech

Gift Table: J Stiller

Offering: Australian Lutheran
College, Lutheran Media Ministry

Bring Seeds and Gardening Tools
For 2017 Zone Projects

Maundy Thursday Celebration

You are invited to have a celebration based around the Passover, enclosed with the bulletin is a handout explaining the details. Get your neighbours, friends and families together and celebrate the love Jesus has lavished on us.

5th ORGANISTS MEET AND SWAP

Mark **Saturday MAY 20th 2017** in your diary !

*Mannum Lutheran Church,
Cliff St., Mannum*



Program will include

Keynote address : Luther, composer and arranger of hymns, chorales with instruments and singers, 500 years on, has he anything inspiring to say to organists and worship musicians today?

Putting into practice : Today's techniques for arranging hymns for organ with instruments and singers

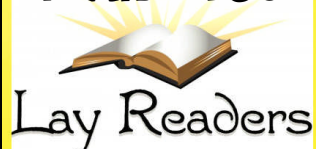
Demonstration: various techniques, examples of worship music for organists etc using the Mannum Lutheran Church's Pogson pipe organ



Detailed Program, and Registration available from the office.

In the meantime you are welcome to contact Joy Mildren, coordinator, ORGANISTS MEET AND SWAP, joymildren@hotmail.com, 0458 650 135, 8367 9969.

THANK YOU



Thank you to all our Lay Readers for the great job you do. A big thankyou to Kevin Schrapel for stepping up last week at late notice and leading the first service at Christ Church

Men's Retreat

Men growing to be the man Jesus gave up His life for.

Made for More is a men's event designed to help men discover the true treasure of the Gospel in the hope to transform their lives.

Date: Thursday 25th May 4.30pm to Sunday 28th May 12noon.

Venue: Dzintari Camp, Normanville, South Australia

For further information and pre-registration go to:

<http://www.thegoalislife.com/product/made-for-more-may-2017/>

Unity College presents
Disney HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ON STAGE!
6, 7, 8 April at 7.30pm and 8 April at 1.30pm.
Tickets now available online at
www.unitycollege.sa.edu.au & at the Middle and Senior School SSO.
Reserved seating is now being offered.

NOVO (Camp - yrs 7-12)

21st-24th April at
Cornerstone College,
Mt Barker,

Theme: **ONE**

"One God One Problem One
Solution One Life"

Register online

www.novocamp.com

Saturday 20th May

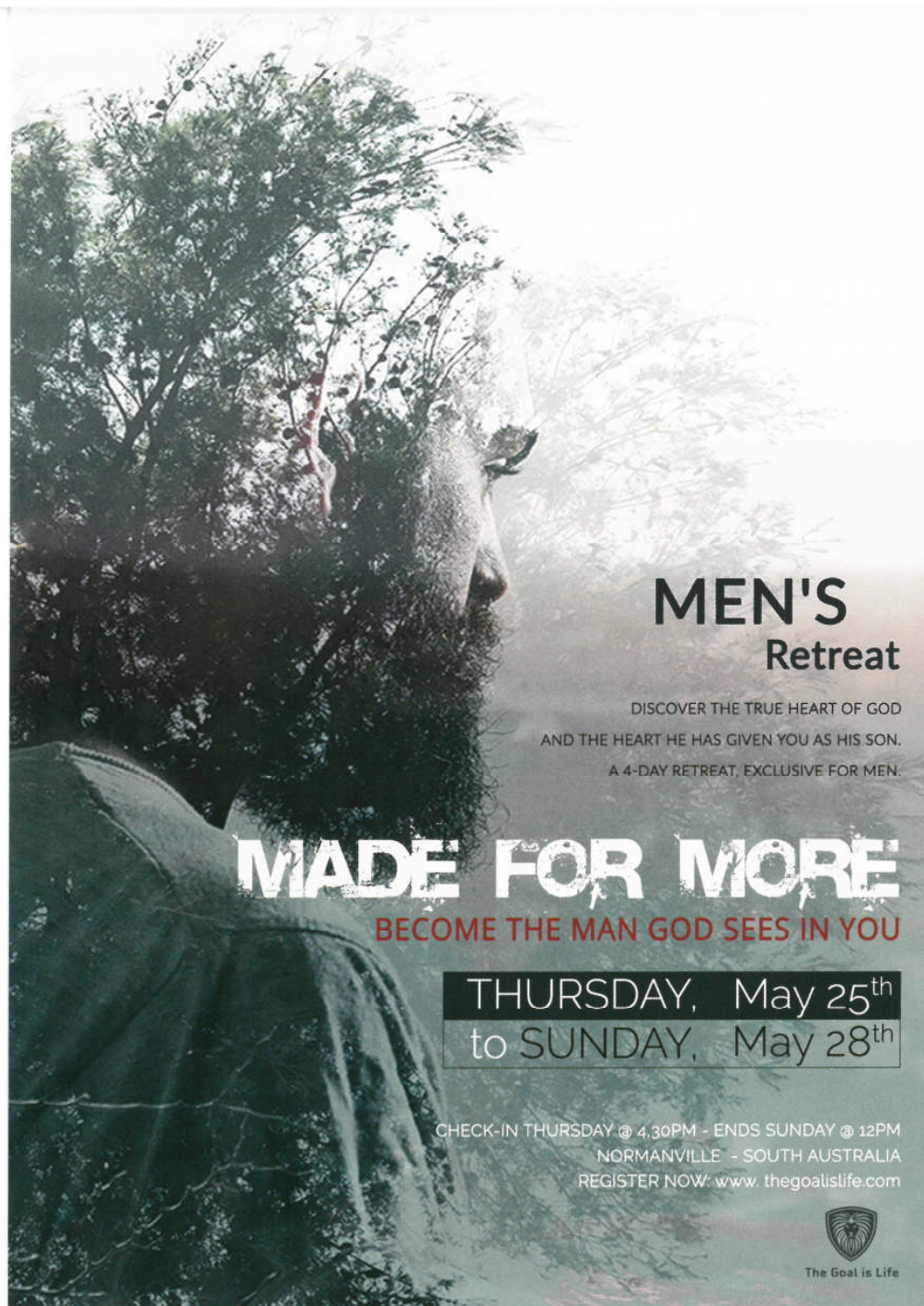
- ⇒ LCA SA/NT District one Day Synod, Golden Grove
- ⇒ 2017 LWSA/NT Convention, Hahndorf
- ⇒ Organist Meet & Swap, Mannum

LCA SA/NT District One Day Synod

Saturday 20th May

Golden Grove
Lutheran Church

All members are invited to
attend - see notice in JDH



MEN'S Retreat


DISCOVER THE TRUE HEART OF GOD
AND THE HEART HE HAS GIVEN YOU AS HIS SON.
A 4-DAY RETREAT, EXCLUSIVE FOR MEN.

MADE FOR MORE

BECOME THE MAN GOD SEES IN YOU

THURSDAY, May 25th
to SUNDAY, May 28th


CHECK-IN THURSDAY @ 4.30PM - ENDS SUNDAY @ 12PM
NORMANVILLE - SOUTH AUSTRALIA
REGISTER NOW: www.thegoalislife.com



The Goal is Life

Hymns & Classics

Presented by St Paul's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf



A community event featuring the **Hahndorf Town Band**,
vocalists **Imala Konyn & Macintyre Howie-Reeves**
and Organist **Andrew Ampt**

Join in the community hymn singing with the classic sounds of brass and
experience the ambiance of the historic St Paul's Lutheran Church!

Admission \$10

2:00pm SUNDAY APRIL 9th 2017
St Paul's Lutheran Church, 10 Main Street, Hahndorf

Leadership Team Reminder

Meeting tomorrow night
Monday
3rd April
7:30pm
Ed Centre

Australian Lutheran College is hosting a public lecture presented by visiting German theologian, Pastor Christian Wolff on Wednesday, 5 April 2017 at 4.30pm.

His lecture is entitled, '**The Church in a multi-cultural and a multi-religious society – Germany's experience.**' The lecture should go for no more than an hour and will be held downstairs in Hebart Hall in Lecture Room 1. All are welcome to attend.

For further information or to notify of your attendance, please phone the college on (08) 7120 8200. If attending the lecture, please park off campus and enter the grounds via the entrance at 200 Ward Street, North Adelaide.



Lutheran Church of Australia



Brochures
available
from the
church office

... tend the flock
1 Peter 5:2

LCA Standards of Ethical Behaviour

SA-NT eNews – Online Together

Did you know the South Australia-Northern Territory District has its own monthly eNews now?



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OF AUSTRALIA
SOUTH AUSTRALIA - NORTHERN TERRITORY

To stay up-to-date with all the news and events,
sign up to Online Together at the LCA website:
lca.org.au/lca-eneews-archive.html



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18 May**

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Presentation 6.30pm

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ALL WELCOME!

Confirmation

Wednesday,
5th April 7pm

Involved
with
Lent
Service at
Holy Cross



Can you Help?

We need volunteers to help
to run the monthly sausage
sizzles.

If you can help please contact
Yvonne in the office on 8532
6553.

Looking forward to
hearing from you!

ENROL for 2018 UNITY TOUR & INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday 4 April 2017, 7pm

Please meet at the Unity College Middle/Senior Campus, beginning at 7pm sharp.



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- University and further study pathways
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- Specialist facilities
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2 April 2017
Jesus is the
resurrection
and the life.



Growing FAITH at home

Fifth Sunday in Lent
VIOLET (or Purple) is the color of royalty, repentance, and self-discipline.

FAITH 5

creative response

When Jesus was confronted with Mary and Martha's grief, he also wept (John 11:35).

In your home devotion times this week, make a point of praying for people who are experiencing times of sadness e.g. those who are sick or who have recently had a friend or loved one die. Decorate cards to send to these people.

wilderness box

Jesus said that he was the "resurrection and the life", and illustrated that by raising Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus came out of his tomb, still wrapped in his grave clothes. As this week's symbol, place a rolled-up strip of white cloth or gauze into your wilderness box.

Say this prayer together:

Lord Jesus, thank you for coming into our world as the resurrection and the life. Thank you for the wonderful hope we have because of you. Amen.

VIOLET (or Purple) is the traditional color for the season of Lent. This deep rich color represents a time of somberness, penitence, and prayer. It is a time when we re-orientate our lives towards God, both as individuals and as a community, we look inward and reflect on our readiness to follow Jesus in his journey towards the cross.

verse for the week

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will have life even if they die. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

JOHN 11:25-26

Lent

meatime prayer

Lord God, through this food you give us life for today, and through your Son you give us life forever. Amen.



share

Your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following question:
How were you drawn to God today? Through a friend, an event, a book, the beauty of nature?



read

Daily Bible Readings

S	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus
M	1 Kings 17:17-24	Elijah raised the widow's son
T	2 Kings 4:18-37	Elisha raises a dead child
W	Acts 20:7-12	Paul raises a young man
T	Matthew 9:18-19,23-25	Jesus raises a dead girl
F	Ephesians 2:1-10	Made alive with Christ
S	Psalms 6	Deliver me, O Lord
S	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem



talk

- Share about a time when you felt sad.
- Mary and Martha were very sad because their brother Lazarus had died. What did Jesus say to comfort them? (Read John 11:23-25).
- How do Jesus' words make you feel? Why?



pray

The prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, we believe you are the Christ, the Son of God. Thank you for the promise of life forever with you. Amen. (John 11:25-27)

And for your highs and lows, for your family and for the world.



bless

Share this week's blessing (below) or make up your own.

May the Spirit of God live in you and fill you with new life. Amen.

the wine could be used as a normal communion (not four cups) but as an additional thought provoker a slight change to the above underlined could be used as follows - I will bring you out from under the burdens of Satan, and I will make you free, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with

great judgments. And I will take you to me for a people . . .”

Many say the last cup was when Jesus celebrated communion. Take time to reflect on this meal and communion. What similarities are there? What's new?

An Outline for Your Meal

Welcome your guests.

Light a candle and pray for Jesus to light the way.

The first toast—celebrate Jesus loving presence with you.

Invite someone to tell the Passover Story.

Share out the Matzah (Unleavened Bread) Reflect on why the bread is unleavened. Why did Jesus pick this to symbolise his body. Each take three pieces.

Take some of the greens and dip them in the salt water. Green is the symbol of life. The salt water reminds us of the tears of life. What cause the children of Israel tears, what causes you tears.

Charoset/Haroset Put some of this between two pieces of Matzah (unleavened Bread). This symbolised the children of Israel having to make bricks as slaves. But they always had the hope of a Saviour. Reflect on how our hope in Jesus affects life.

Eat the egg, a symbol of life. The first born of Israel were spared. Jesus has given us New Life lived with him. Share your joys and hopes in Jesus.

What do you thank Jesus for?

A second toast—raise your glasses in thanks to Jesus. Invite someone to make a toast.

Now for the lamb. Jesus is the ‘Lamb of God’ who has taken away our sin and given us life through his death. So eat and be joyful. The meal symbolises that Jesus has come to give us life, life lived to the full. And fullness of life is lived out in a loving relationship with God as Father. That is what Jesus has created for us. Jesus has breathed the Spirit into us that we now have begun this wonderful new life. Eat and be joyful.

Finish the meal remembering Jesus words of institution: On the night when Jesus was betrayed he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. (Each eat a piece of bread)

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. (Each drink)

Finish with prayer.

Maundy Thursday Celebration

Each Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' command (mandate, hence Maundy) to love one another as he loves us. This love is expressed through Jesus giving himself to us in the bread and wine of Communion. Jesus began communion as he was celebrating the Passover with his disciples. The Passover was a time where God's actions of freeing the people from slavery and creating them into a nation, his nation, was remembered. This nation existed because of what God had done, and was doing. The Passover reminded them of who they were.

This year I'd like to invite you to have a celebration based around the Passover that we remember who we are. That we remember that we exist because of what Jesus has done, is doing and will do. I invite you to gather your home group, your family or some friends and share a meal together sometime over this Easter season. As you eat remember all that Jesus has done for us through his death and resurrection. As you eat bring to mind the slavery from sin that Jesus has rescued us from and the new life he now invites us to share with him.

Included is an explanation of the different foods and a possible outline to follow as you share your meal.

So I invite you to eat, to talk, to share life and celebrate the love Jesus has lavished upon us, upon you, that we might live true to who we are; Father's loved children.

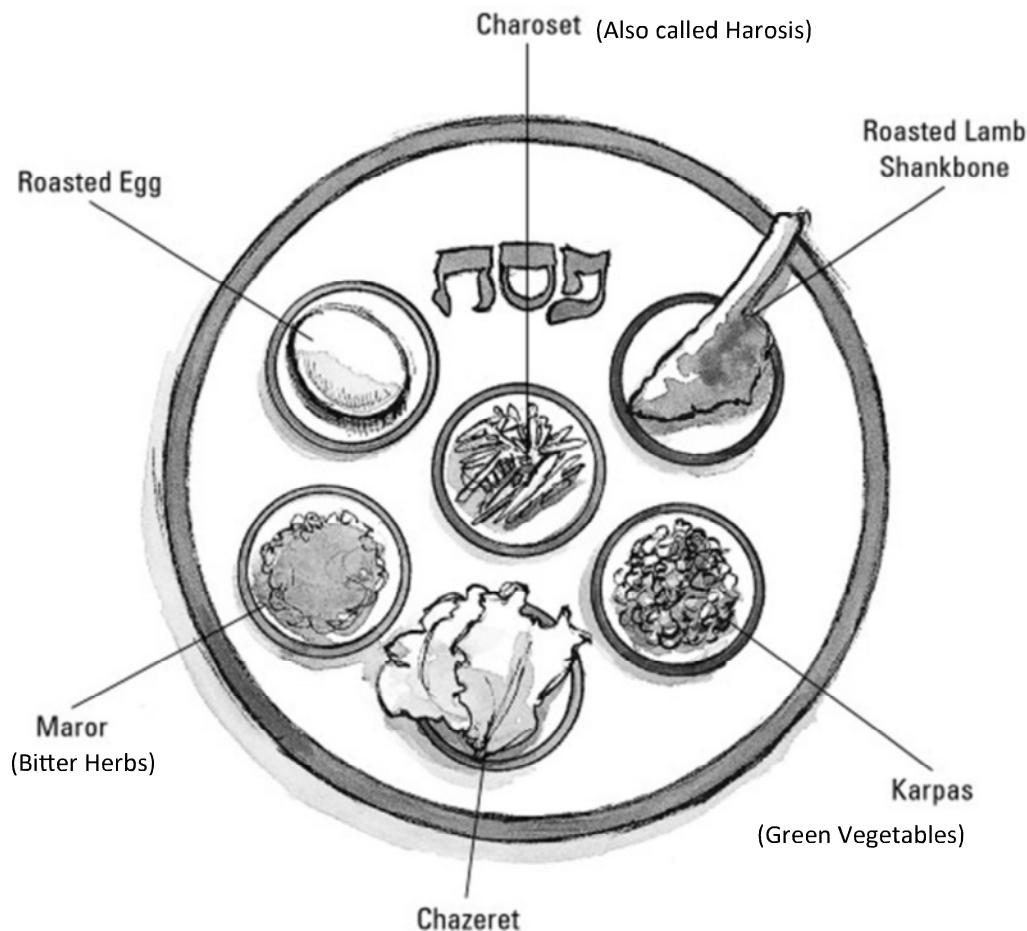
THE SYMBOLIC FOODS AT A PASSOVER SEDER

Almost every Passover seder (ritual dinner) includes various ritual foods and other items. Nothing on the seder table is selected randomly; each item has its purpose and often its specific place on the table or seder plate.

Remember that as with all symbols, each item has a traditional symbolism, but that shouldn't stop you from coming up with new ideas that are meaningful for you and the people at your seder.

In the red are some ideas on what these various items might mean for us today as Jesus' disciples. Begin your time with prayer inviting Jesus to lead your time together by the Spirit, bringing to your mind thoughts and ideas from these symbols.

At a Passover seder, the following traditional items are on the table:
Seder plate: The seder plate (there's usually one per table) holds at least six of the ritual items that are talked about during the seder: the shankbone, karpas, chazeret, charoset, maror, and egg. While the booming seder plate industry would like you to buy a beautiful, ornate, and expensive plate, you can use any plate. If you have kids, get them involved by decorating a paper plate with pictures of the events or things the seder foods symbolize.



The ritual seder plate.

●**Roasted lamb shankbone:** One of the most striking symbols of Passover is the roasted lamb shankbone (called *zeroah*), which commemorates the paschal (lamb) sacrifice made the night the ancient Hebrews fled Egypt. Some people say it symbolizes the outstretched arm of God (the Hebrew word *zeroah* can mean “arm”).

●**Possible Christian analogy:** The outstretched arm of God Still covers, cares for, protects, lifts up, followers today. Small pieces of roasted lamb placed around shank bone

If you don't like the idea of a bone sitting on your table, you may consider using a roasted beet instead. (That's what vegetarians usually do.) This isn't a new idea; the great Biblical and Talmudic commentator Rashi suggested it back in the eleventh century.

●**Roasted egg:** The roasted egg (*baytsah*) is a symbol in many different cultures, usually signifying springtime and renewal. Here it stands in place of one of the sacrificial offerings which was performed in the days of the Second Temple. Another popular interpretation is that the egg is like the Jewish people: the

hotter you make it for them, the tougher they get. This egg isn't even eaten during the meal; the shell just needs to look really roasted.

●**Possible Christian analogy:** The egg has for many years been seen as representing the new life, but in this context it could be used to illustrate that as Christians we still come under stress and pressure which Jesus understands – His love as the for-runner of love and support Christians are meant to show to each other when under pressure – heat.

●**Maror (“bitter herb”):** Any bitter herb will work, though horseradish is the most common. Bitter herbs bring tears to the eyes and recall the bitterness of slavery. The seder refers to the slavery in Egypt, but people are called to look at their own bitter enslavements, whether addiction or habit.

●**Possible Christian analogy:** We all suffer from enslavement of Satan.

●**Charoset:** There's nothing further from maror than charoset (“kha-ROH-set”), that sweet salad of apples, nuts, wine, and cinnamon that represents the mortar used by the Hebrew slaves to make bricks.

●**Possible Christian analogy:** The Christian faith has many parts to it in order to cement it together – forgiveness, love, reading and study of God's Word, Fruits of the Spirit.

●**Karpas:** Karpas is a green vegetable, usually parsley (though any spring green will do). While karpas may symbolize the freshness of spring, others say people eat it to make them feel like nobility or aristocracy. Some families still use boiled potatoes for karpas, continuing a tradition from Eastern Europe where it was difficult to obtain fresh green vegetables.

●**Possible Christian analogy:** Jesus brings the freshness to life – which in the eyes of God as His sons and daughters makes us aristocrats – As aristocrats we have a duty to those less fortunate than ourselves.

●**Chazeret:** The chazeret (“khah-ZER-et”) is a second bitter herb, most often romaine lettuce, but people also use the leafy greens of a horseradish or carrot plant. The symbolism is the same as that of maror.

●**Possible Christian analogy:** More enslavement – maybe this enslavement could be focused on how we tend to try to enslave others to our own will – bullying, “You owe me” and many others – often come as result of the first enslavement by Satan.

●**Salt water:** Salt water symbolizes the tears and sweat of enslavement, though paradoxically, it's also a symbol for purity, springtime, and the sea, the mother of all life. Often a single bowl of salt water sits on the table into which each person dips their karpas during the seder. Then, it's traditional to begin the actual seder meal with each person eating a hardboiled egg (not the roasted egg!) dipped in the bowl of salt water.

●**Possible Christian analogy:** See above.

Matzah: Perhaps the most important symbol on the seder table is a plate that has a stack of three pieces of *matzah* (unleavened bread) on it. The *matzot* (that's plural for *matzah*) are typically covered with a cloth. **Possible Christian analogy:** Bread of Life is possibly the most relevant.

●**Wine cups and wine (or grape juice):** Everyone at the seder has a (usually very small) cup or glass from which they drink four cups of wine. Traditionally, the four cups represent the four biblical promises of redemption: “**I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you from their slavery, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments. And I will take you to me for a people . . .**” Others say the four cups represent the four letters in the unspeakable Name of God. **Possible Christian analogy:** The use of