

FREEWILL OFFERINGS

Offerings you have made for the months of January, 2017.

REG	\$4,085	Budget	\$4,232
Offering Plate	\$7,020	Budget	\$7,696
TOTAL	\$11,105	Budget	\$11,928

Average Church attendance for January: 1st service 84, 2nd Service 74, CHIL not held in January

In response to God's love, members have also generously donated to the following.

Lutheran World Service - \$64.50

Thank you to all those who have generously donated food to Teen Challenge over the month, Especially after the TFI fire. Teen Challenge have appreciated the extra donations.

There will be a retiring offering over the next two weeks, 4th & 11th March, in aid of those affected by the Thomas Foods Fire for the **MURRAY BRIDGE FIRE COMMUNITY FUND**

Christ Church & Monarto Congregation Contacts

<u>Monarto Elders</u>	Haydn Hein	8532 3176
	Maurice Wegener	8531 1060
<u>Monarto Chairman</u>	Trevor Hilton	0439 839 022
<u>Monarto Secretary</u>	Raelene Wegener	8538 5444

<u>Christ Church Elders</u>	Dawn Hampel	8532 4138
	Denise Lohmeyer	8531 0935
	David Pech	0420 849 344
	Janelle Traeger	8535 4290
	Ian Kluge	8531 3449

<u>Chairman</u>	Warren Doecke	0417 804 663, 8572 6019
<u>Cong. Secretary</u>	Cheryl Doecke	0427 804 663, 8572 6019
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Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran

427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



2nd Sunday in Lent
25th February 2018

³⁴ Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.
Matthew 8:34

**ANYBODY
CAN WEAR
ONE**

**BUT CAN YOU
BEAR ONE?**



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

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WELCOME

Dear friends in Christ, thank you for joining us! We welcome all visitors and pray you are made to feel at home here in our congregations. If you are at a service with **Holy Communion** and 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.

Pastoral Care Slips - You will find these slips on the ends of the pews. We would like you to fill in any details/comments and place in the offering bag or give to an usher or the pastor as you leave the church.

♥ "COMMUNION" Wed Lenten

Rosters

4-Mar

7-Mar

11-Mar

		4-Mar	7-Mar	11-Mar	
Monarto	Service Time	10:30 ♥	Christ Church 7pm	9am	
	Wardens	Barolo Family		Haydn & Penne	
	Readers	P Lewis-Brown		R Hein	
	Tea Coffee			P&T Hilton	
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	J Pohl ♥	R Hampel	W Doecke
		Wardens	M&D Schopp	G M Schubert	B&L Doecke I Pumpa
		Readers	B Traeger		C Coulter
		Greeters	J Bahr H Visser	C Mattner	M Warnest J Pope
		Organist	Joyce	J Walker	Coralie
		Flowers	C Doecke		J Kluge
		Tea/coffee/milk	D Borchardt B Zadow		L Penhall H Schubert
		PA	Wes	Wes	Wes
		Data Projector	B Frahn	B Lablack	C Beauglehall
		Christ Church	10:45am	Elder/Assist	D, Pfeiffer
Wardens	J&D Lienert				P&V Jaensch
Readers	D Pfeiffer				C Miegel
Greeters	G/M Schubert				C&P Miegel
Music					
Prayers	G Schubert				Pastor Tim
PA	Nathaniel				Nathaniel
Data Projector	Piltz				J Hage
Counter	V Jaensch			B Joppich	G Korzeba
Sunday School					
	Leader	Belinda J		Adrian	
	Helper	Sophie		Jemima	
	Grounds Roster				
	Water & Care	R Herrmann		P Hammond	

Celebrating Monarto February Baptisms

Alison Toft
Rollo Hein
Luke Frahn

Raelene Barolo
Craig Paech
Todd Frahn

READINGS FOR TODAY

Genesis 17:1-7,15,16
Romans 4:13.25
Mark 8:31.38

Myanmar / Damadi Newsletter

available from the JDH noticeboard or the office

Congratulations to Colin & Raelene Wegener

(Paech), who celebrated their

Golden Wedding Anniversary

on Sat 24th Feb



Sausage Sizzles

Thank you for everyone who has helped with the BBQ' over the years. Due to the lack of helpers to run the sausage sizzles they will be in recess for now.

There is a time for everything

If you would like to run any sausage sizzles etc on the third Sunday please contact the office.



Diary Dates: 11th - 18th February

Sun, 25th	Christ Church Monarto 1pm	9am ~ Worship 10:45am ~ Communion Baptismal Birthday Celebrations 9am ~ Worship Lutheran Village, Owl Dr Open Day
Mon, 26th	9.30am 7pm	Cards & Coffee ~ Ed Cen Waterford Home Group ~ Function Centre
Tues, 27th	4pm	English Lessons ~ Ed Cen
Wed, 28th	7pm	Mid Week Lenten Service, Holy Cross
Thurs, 1st March	10am 10am 10:30am	Bulletin notices due Bible Study ~ Christ Church Ed Cen Lerwin Service ~ by Christ Church
Fri, 2nd	10am	World Day of Prayer ~ Uniting Church
Sat, 3rd	6pm	Ladies Night ~ see notice for more details
Sun, 4th	Christ Church Monarto	9am ~ Communion 10:45am ~ Worship 10:30am ~ Communion

COMING EVENTS

- Mar 18th 1:30pm Christ Church **AGM**, JDH
19&20th 1 & 7pm Cameo Cinema - I Can only Imagine
- Apr 1st **Easter Sunday**
10-13th Kairos Prison Ministry, Mobilong Prison
- May 4-6th **SANT District Synod**, Tatachilla, McLaren Vale
- Sept 30-Oct 2 **LWA Convention**, Rosehill Gardens, NSW

FUTURE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: Please note that from today onwards, birthday and Anniversary notices will **only** be put in the bulletin if requested by the individual/s involved.

The next **rosters** for March to end June are out. A big thankyou to Coralie for putting these together and to Yolette for typing them up. If you have any dates that you are not available please arrange your own swap. Rosters will be available on our Website: www.cclutheranmb.org.au
Thank you for help!

AGM
Annual General Meeting
SUNDAY 18TH March
1:30pm JDH

Shed & Hose Box Keys

If you haven't exchanged your old shed key with the new come into the office to pick a new one up.



The lock on the hose box has now been replaced and uses the same key as the Sheds. If you had a hose box key and don't have a new shed key come into the office to get one!

Christ Church is hosting the
Lerwin Service 10:30am
Thurs 1st March

All welcome to come along!

Nominations Committee wants your help

There are still several positions to be filled in this year's nominations. If you feel that you would like to take on one of these roles then please talk to Janelle Traeger, Allan Hampel, Ron Jericho or Pastor Tim. At this stage we need a Vice-Chairperson, Assistant Treasurer or Social Media person. Please consider joining in some way.

A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL - Toll Free Number 1800 644 628

Combined Lutheran Churches News

Mid-Week, Lenten and Easter Services

Mid Week Lenten Combined Service 2
~ 28th February
7.00pm ~ Holy Cross

Third Sunday of Lent ~ 4th March
9.00am ~ Christ Church
9.30am ~ Holy Cross
10.30am ~ Monarto
10.45am ~ Christ Church

Mid Week Lenten Combined Service 3
~ 7th March
7.00pm ~ Christ Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ 11th March
9.00am ~ Christ Church
9.00am ~ Monarto
9.30am ~ Holy Cross
10.45am ~ Christ Church

Mid Week Lenten Combined Service 4
~ 14th March
7.00pm ~ Holy Cross

Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ 18th March
9.00am ~ Christ Church
9.30am ~ Holy Cross
10.30am ~ Monarto
10.45am ~ Christ Church

Mid Week Lenten Combined Service 5
~ 21st March
7.00pm ~ Christ Church

**Mid Week Lenten Offerings
are going towards
School Chaplains**

Palm Sunday ~ 25th March
9.00am ~ Christ Church
9.00am ~ Monarto
9.30am ~ Holy Cross
10.45am ~ Christ Church

Maundy Thursday ~ 29th March
7.00pm ~ Holy Cross
7.00pm ~ Christ Church

Good Friday ~ 30th March
9.00am ~ Christ Church
9.30am ~ Holy Cross
10.30am ~ Monarto

Easter Sunday ~ 1st April
6.30am ~ Ecumenical Dawn Service
Sturt Reserve
7.00am ~ Monarto
9.00am ~ Christ Church
9.30am ~ Holy Cross



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Our deepest condolences to Les Stone on the passing of his wife, Erica, on Sunday 18th February. Our prayers are with Des, their children Jenni and Rob, Mary-Ann and Lance (deceased) and grandchildren Lexi, Zoe, Issy and Will.

Erica's funeral service was held at Holy Cross on Saturday 24th February.

*Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
(1 Peter 1:3 NJB)*

Christ Church
'80 years ~ Lay-
ing of the Founda-
tion Stone
1938'

Please note this has now been deferred to later in the year so it does not clash with the Unity College 40years anniversary



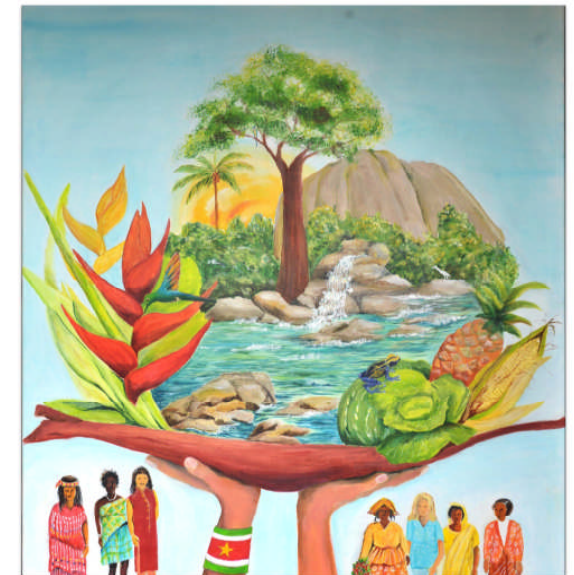
Waterford Home Group

Mon 26th Feb
7pm
Function Centre

World Day of Prayer—March 2018

SURINAME

All God's Creation is Very Good!



Date Friday, March 2nd
Time 10.00am
Place Uniting Church, Murray Bridge
Resthaven Service - March 6th at 11.00am

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News from the Murray Bridge Inter Church Council Inc

We have resolved, by faith, to initiate the following action plan for workers and associated contractors who have been affected with the Thomas Foods Int. fire.

- ◆ BANKSA of Murray Bridge will accept donations ~ the fund is called:
Murray Bridge Fire Community Fund
Account details are: BSB is 105-012 Account # 078945940
- ◆ We will, with the help of Rural City of MB, establish a website to facilitate donations for the Fund.
- ◆ Paper work is being investigated to enable Tax deduction status of donations to be claimed.

For the longer term, plans are in hand to establish a large event for the Community of MB to get involved with, probably at the Sturt Reserve, to raise funds for the unemployed workers from Thomas Foods.



Kairos Prison Ministry Can you help?

A Kairos short course is being held in Murray Bridge
10-13th April.

Can you help with preparing **Breakfast or Supper** for the Church based support team at the Church of Christ premises. 2 people would be required each morning and evening.

Billets - Can you provide a bed for team members? If you can billet 1, 2 or 3 people from Tues 10th to Fri 13th or from Mon to until Sat morning?

If you can assist with either please contact Yvonne at Christ Church office 8532 6553



Concordia Kindergarten are inviting members of our Lutheran congregations to consider donating a bible to a child at Concordia Kindergarten.

All of the Kindy children will be presented with a bible in March. Bibles have been purchased for \$15 each. Any donations would be gratefully received. Donors will be invited to participate in giving out the bibles to the children.

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Events outside of Murray Bridge *see noticeboards for more details*

- ◆ **Friends of Lutheran Archives** next meet: February 26th, 7.30 pm at Bethlehem House.
- ◆ **Australian Lutheran College**, 26 Feb, worship &/or Opening Lecture
- ◆ **Club Solo**, Christian singles ministry in Adelaide ~ Retreat 9-12th March for single or single again, any age is welcome.
- ◆ **Women of Worth Retreat**, 4-6th May, Adare House Victor Harbor

Upcoming Blueprint Ministries Events **Blueprint** *ministries*

Novo Camp 'Stand' for years 7-12, 20-23rd April, Cornerstone College
Registrations are open, early bird closes March 4th.

To Register for either visit: www.blueprintministries.org.au

HOLY CROSS & CHRIST CHURCH

Ladies only Pool Party

Sat 3rd March

10 Charles Street M/Bridge
6-9pm

SAVE THE DATE!

**LADIES
NIGHT**

BBQ tea

*please bring a
salad or sweet*
BYO drinks

RSVP: February 25th

Sandra: Mobile: 0438 324 150

Cynthia: Mobile: 0400 046 052

Need more info? Please call us

Perseverance. Character. Hope.

Registrations open now!

EARLY BIRD: \$100	(closed March 4)
STANDARD: \$150	(closed April 1)
LATE: \$180	(closed April 15)

Booking Discount: \$30 per booking

20-23 April 2018
CORNERSTONE COLLEGE | Mt Barker

for more details and to register head to:
www.blueprintministries.org.au

NOVO Blueprint LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

A statewide camp for years 7-12

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Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week



25th Damien Doecke
David Miegel
26th Jetta Harradine
Craig Jaensch
Levi Asher
28th Todd Frahn
Ashley Konitzka



1st Emma Bratkovic
Alexandra Pfeiffer
2nd Colin Wegener
Nikita Hein
Layla Hearn
Holly Elliott
3rd Heath Oud-Short



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

LWA Convention 30 Sept - 2 Oct 2018

The LWSA-NT Executive have organised group travel arrangements for the upcoming LWA Convention at Rosehill Gardens, NSW. Itinerary and booking form available from Tracy Smith 0419 810 408 or smiths4.mail@gmail.com or visit www.sant.lca.org/departments/ministry-partners/

Women's Guild

Meeting

March 14th at 1.15pm

More details next week

Murray Bridge Lutheran Retirement Village

51 Owl Drive Open Day

Murray Bridge
(right next door to
Unity College)

Sunday 25th February
1pm to 3pm

*Please see noticeboard for
more details*

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Prayer of the Day

Lord God, you know that by ourselves we have no strength. Defend us from all calamities that may happen to the body, and cleanse us from all evil thoughts that may attack the soul. 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.**

Please Pray for...

Christ Church Members:

- ✠ Darryl Klose, (FMC), Shirley Fiegert, Jeanette Zanker, Murray Piltz, Noelene Kluge, Henk Visser, Lores Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Sandra Healey, Joyleen Stiller Bruce Kuchel, Jane Hill and also for their carers.
- ✠ **Resthaven:** Barbara Noble, Dot Noller.
- ✠ **Lerwin:** Colleen Fawcett, Lil Fiegert, Stewart Jaensch, Betty Paech
- ✠ **Aminya Village Hostel**, Mannum: Laurel Geisler, Dawn Jaensch, Rita & Keith Faehrmann.
- ✠ **Oakfield Lodge**, Mt Barker - Lorraine Jacobs, Evelyn Kuchel.

Holy Cross Members:

- ✠ Fay Baxter (Ian), Olga Burgemeister (Colin), Lorna Burrett, Paul Fiegert, Karyn Gerlach (Bob & Myrna), Lila Grocke, Gordon Jenke (Pat), Leila Koehler, Marion Poole (Jim), Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert (May), Reg Schwartz, Bob Steele, Doreen Steinborner, Felicity Woods.
- ✠ **Resthaven:** Ray Box, Melva Kowald.
- ✠ **Lerwin:** Dorothy Klitscher (Elizabeth & Leon), Alice Kowald (Lou), Betty Paech, Mal Schenscher.
- ✠ **Tailem Bend Hospital:** Bevan Schulz (Bev).
- ✠ Ruth Neindorf - Bupa Aged Care, 104 Woodville Rd, Woodville 5011. Ph: 8211 1200. Ruth's mobile: 0438 724 412
- ✠ For parents, Josh Buckley & Laine Wilson & sponsors, Rhiannan Wilson & Benjamin Wagnitz, on the baptism and welcoming into God's family of Mackenzie Buckley.

If you would like to be included in the Prayer list, please contact David Schirmer on 8531 2372 or 0459 943 682 for Holy Cross and Yvonne Stiller on 8532 6553 for Christ Church.

Also pray ...

Thank you God for the miracle of children and the blessing of making them part of your family through baptism. Help us all to increase our understanding of Jesus and to develop a close and intimate relationship with You

- ✠ Almighty God, we commit to you the State election to be held on 17th March. We pray that the people of South Australia will vote wisely - so we may be quietly and Godly governed.
- ✠ Pray for all the Kindy children and their families including Halen, Lily, Audrey, Harriet, Oscar, Tilly, Rhythm and Austin



25 February 2018

SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT

Lent is a time to follow
Jesus.

verse for the week

If any of you wants
to be my follower,
you must give up
your own way, take
up your cross, and
follow me.

MARK 8:34

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

If you had all
the power to do
what you want,
what would you
want to do?

2

What does it
mean to pick
up your cross?
How is it difficult
to pick up your
cross and follow
Jesus?

3

How do other
people know that
you are a follower
of Jesus?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death
M	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Sign of the covenant
T	Romans 4:13-25	God's promise realised through faith
W	Mark 9:30-37	The Son of Man betrayed
T	Matthew 16:21-26	Taking up the cross
F	Mark 10:32-45	Jesus again predicts his death
S	Psalms 22:23-31	Suffering and praise
S	John 2:13-22	Jesus clears the temple



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord Jesus, help
us to follow you
today, putting
your will ahead
of what we want
and others think.
Amen.



BLESS

May God give
you a strong
faith, so that
you trust in his
promises and
live to please
him.

Creative Response

Jesus tells us that following him will mean
TAKING UP A CROSS - that is, saying no
to ourselves and sometimes even suffering
for him.

Design crosses from wood, card or other craft materials.

Attach your crosses to a wall in your home.

Print out the Verse for the Week and place it underneath
your crosses.

Throughout the week share ways in which you have
denied yourself for Jesus' sake.



mealtime prayer

Thank you, God, for you are good - you call, you
guide, you feed. Help us to share from all we have
with those who are in need. Amen.

Service



Making pretzels is a
Lenten tradition.

Pretzels are shaped like arms
folded in prayer, and can remind
us to pray to God for our needs
and the needs of others. Use the
following recipe to make pretzels
(the recipe lists the amount of
ingredients per person):

Have each person sprinkle
½ teaspoon of yeast into 3
tablespoons of warm water.
Stir to dissolve. Add ½ teaspoon
of sugar, ½ cup of flour and 2
tablespoons of grated cheese.
Stir, then knead until smooth.
Cut the dough into 4 pieces and
roll into a snake shape. Shape
the 4 pieces like pretzels, then
brush them with a beaten egg.
Sprinkle with coarse ground salt.
Bake on a baking sheet at
220 degrees Celsius for
15 minutes.