

FREEWILL OFFERINGS

Offerings you have made for the month of February, 2018

REG	\$4,585	Budget	\$4,232
Offering Plate	\$8,046	Budget	\$7,692
TOTAL	\$12,631	Budget	\$11,924

OFFERINGS JANUARY – FEBRUARY:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>
REG	\$8,670	\$8,464
Offering Plate	\$15,066	\$15,388
TOTALS	\$23,736	\$23,852

Average Church attendance for February: 1st service 87, 2nd Service 81: CHIL – 53

In response to God's love, members have also generously donated to the following. (Jan +Feb)

Lenten Service Offerings -	\$337
Lutheran World Service -	\$132
Teen Challenge -	\$342
TFI employees -	\$155

Thank you to all those who have generously donated food to Teen Challenge over the 2 months.



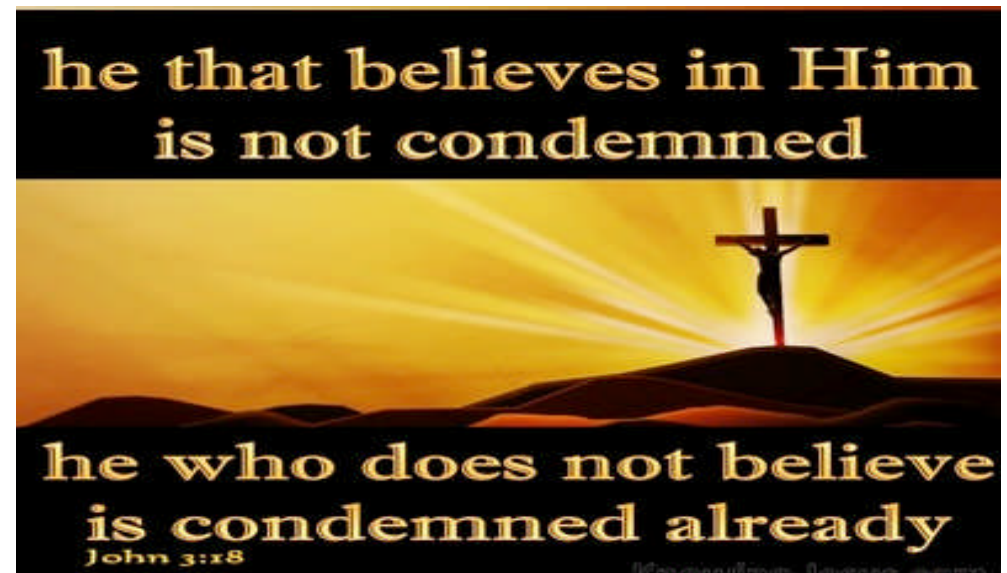
Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran

427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



4th Sunday in Lent
11th March 2018



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

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

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	Denise Lohmeyer	8531 0935
	David Pech	0420 849 344
	Janelle Traeger	8535 4290
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<u>Chairman</u>	Warren Doecke	0417 804 663, 8572 6019
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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-communicating 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.

There is a retiring offering today, 11th March, in aid of those affected by the Thomas Foods Fire for the MURRAY BRIDGE FIRE COMMUNITY FUND

Singles Luncheon
Today 11th March 12:15pm
Murray Bridge Hotel, Sixth St

Elders, please note
NO meeting this Monday
12th March

READINGS FOR TODAY
Numbers 21:4-9
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Trading Table
Next Sunday 18th March
There will be **NO** sausage sizzle

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.



♥ "COMMUNION"

Wed Lenten

Rosters

		18-Mar	21-Mar	25-Mar	
Monarto	Service Time	10:30 ♥	Christ Church 7pm	9am	
	Wardens	Colin & Raelene		Max & Maxine	
	Readers	T Hilton		H Hein	
	Tea Coffee			M&M Paech	
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	D Hampel ♥	R Zanker	G Beauglehall
		Wardens	J&G Pohl	P & V Jaensch	A&D Hampel
		Readers	H Courtney	H Courtney	M Herrmann
		Greeters	R&M Herrmann	C Coulter J Herrmann	J Rosenzweig C Mattner
		Organist	J Walker	Glynniss	Glynniss
		Flowers	T Klemm		C Miegel
		Tea/coffee/milk	J&J Stiller		R&M Herrmann
		PA	Wes	David	David
		Data Projector	C Mattner	C Mattner	B Lablack
	10:45am	Elder/Assist	G Korzeba		M Jaensch ♥
		Wardens	J Brodde		D Doecke P O'Connor
		Readers	A Korzeba		M Schultz
		Greeters	S Kuchel R Schrapel		G&M Schultz
Music					
Prayers		G Korzeba		D Schiller	
PA		Roger		Roger	
Data Projector		J Martin		J Brodde	
Counter		D Schiller	J Brodde	V Jaensch	
Sunday School					
	Leader	Annette		Belinda J	
	Helper	Belinda S		Liam	
	Grounds Roster	J Pohl	J Pohl	J Pohl	
	Water & Care	Y Koch		J Schirmer	

Diary Dates: 11th - 18th March

Sun, 11th	Christ Church Monarto 12:15pm	9am ~ Worship 10:45am ~ Communion 9am ~ Worship Singles Luncheon ~ M/Bridge Hotel, Sixth St
Mon, 12th	9:30am 7pm 7:30pm	Public Holiday - office closed Cards & Coffee ~ Ed Cen Waterford Home Group, Function Cen Property meet ~ Ed Cen
Tues, 13th	4pm	English Lessons ~ Ed Cen
Wed, 14th	1:15pm 7pm	Women's Guild, Concordia Hall Mid Week Lenten Service, Holy Cross
Thurs, 15th	9am 10am 10am 7:30pm	Bible presentation to Children, Concordia Kindy Bulletin notices due Bible Study ~ Christ Church Ed Cen Ladies Fellowship, Ed Cen
Fri, 16th	9am 5:30pm	Bible presentation to Children, Concordia Kindy C.H.I.L. Worship ~ JDH
Sun, 18th	Christ Church Monarto 1:30pm	Baptism Birthdays Celebration 9am ~ Communion TRADNG TABLE 10:45am ~ Worship 9am ~ Communion Christ Church AGM ~ JDH

COMING EVENTS

- Mar 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 23rd** **80th Anniversary of first service**, Christ Church
- 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.



HELP WANTED

We need some more people for the **grounds roster** for 2018. This involves keeping the church grounds clean and tidy. There is a blower available to use. Please prayerfully consider if you can assist. We have no one down for **April** so if you can help please contact the office.



Congratulations to Flo Kerkham who celebrates her 90th Birthday on Thursday 15th March

AGM
Annual General Meeting

SUNDAY 18TH March
1:30pm JDH

Book of Reports available from the church or office.
Please bring to the AGM!

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

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Mid-Week, Lenten and Easter Services

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

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 at Sturt Reserve, In front of the 'Bunyip'

7.00am ~ Monarto

7.30am ~ Christ Church Easter Breakfast

9.00am ~ Christ Church

9.30am ~ Holy Cross

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



Concordia Kindergarten Children's Bibles

Thank you to everyone who donated bibles for the kindy children. They are being presented this Thursday, 15th and Friday, 16th at 9.00am at Concordia Kindy.

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IMPORTANT: INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 GENERAL SYNOD

Nominations are now open for interested people to apply for positions on the LCA's boards, councils, commissions and committees for the next synodical term.

Please refer to the LCA Nominations page: www.lca.org.au/nominations for further information about the nominations process and to download the nominations form. Please note the following:

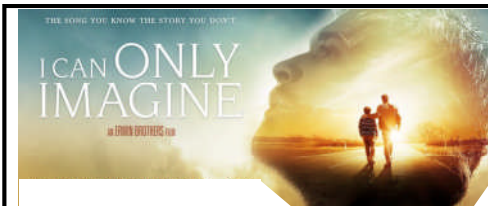
1. Although individuals can self-nominate, nominations, with the consent of the nominee, may also be submitted by congregations to the LCA Standing Committee on Nominations.
2. As resolved at the 2015 General Convention of Synod no nominations can be moved from the floor. It is therefore essential that if your congregation wants to nominate someone, the nomination form must be submitted to the LCA Standing Committee on Nominations by the **closing date of 15 May 2018.**



I am the new Holy Cross rep. for the Schools Ministry Group, which provides pastoral care workers for local government schools. There are 2 issues facing us at present.

1. The government is deciding whether to refund this program. Would you like to support this ministry by writing a letter?
2. A Schools Ministry Group position is available at North School, beginning term 2. Applications close 21 March.

More information regarding both of these is available from the church office or myself, Karen Ahrens, 8532 5450 or eahrens@internode.on.net



I Can Only Imagine

at the
CAMEO CINEMA, Murray Bridge

**SPECIAL SCREENINGS
ONLY TWO DAYS**

Monday 19TH MARCH

1pm & 7pm

Tuesday 20TH MARCH

1pm & 7pm

ALL TICKETS \$8.00

**BOOK ON LINE cameocinema.com.au
OR AT THE CINEMA**

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Women's Guild Meeting

March 14th at 1.15pm

Topic: Bible stories you enjoyed or feared as a child
Devotion: Y Lablack
Musician: J Walker
Hostesses: M Paech, M Zwar
Gift Table: D Borchardt
Offering: Convention
 Aboriginal Missions
 NG Medical Solar panels

Kairos Prison Ministry

Can you help?

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

*Can you help with preparing **Break-fast 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



Pastoral Care Worker Vacancy

Murray Bridge
 North Primary School

18-21 hrs/wk

Applications close
 Wednesday, 21st March at 5pm

Contact church office for more info

MURRAY BRIDGE BENEFIT CONCERT

CELTIC SONGS

by the

Metropolitan Men's Choir

at the

Uniting Church
 Narooma Blvd

Sunday 25th March - 2pm

Tickets \$20.00

(includes afternoon tea)
 can be ordered online at

www.mmcsa.org

or purchased at the door on
 the day

All proceeds raised will be given to the MB Fire Community Fund to assist people affected by the Thomas Food Fire

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see noticeboards for more details

- ◆ **Friends of Lutheran Archives**, next meeting Monday 19th March
- ◆ **Novo Camp 'Stand'** for years 7-12, 20-23rd April, Cornerstone College
- ◆ **Women of Worth Retreat**, 4-6th May, Adare House Victor Harbor
- ◇ **How you can donate to the Murray Bridge Fire Community Fund to support those affected by the Thomas Foods fire.**



Condolences to the families of **Lil Fiegert** who passed away on Saturday 3rd March and **Laurie Leske** who passed away on Sunday 4th March. Our prayers are with all families and friends.

Lil's funeral was on Friday 9th March and Laurie's funeral will be held at Christ Church on Tuesday 13th March at 11am.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:4

Murray Bridge Ladies Fellowship

Thursday 15th March
 7.30pm

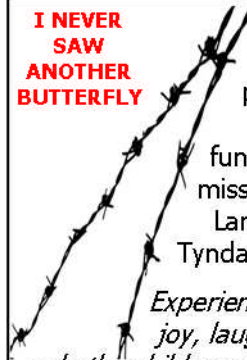
Ed Centre, Christ Church

Your Lent or Easter memories (can be family traditions or holiday memories)

Devotion: Heather Courtney
 Contact Heather on 0400 333 422 if you need transport.

ALL LADIES OF THE 3 congregations most welcome to join us.

I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY



This is a thought provoking performance and is being used as a fundraiser to support a mission outreach to Sri Lanka by a student at Tyndale Christian School.

Experience stories of sorrow, joy, laughter and tears that only the children of the Terezin ghetto (in a Jewish concentration camp) can share. Please note this production contains historical imagery that may be disturbing.

John Dohler Hall
 Thurs 22nd & Fri 23rd March **7pm**
 Tickets \$20

Our next CHIL on Friday 16th March we will be looking at what Jesus has done and still doing for us.

We start at about **5:30 pm** at **John Dohler Hall Swanport Rd**
 We include a meal and activities and aim to be finished by 7:30pm.
 All children are required to bring your parent/s.
 Adults don't need to bring a child although some do bring grandchildren.



Everyone Welcome
 Bring your friends and their family

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Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week



11th Peter Jaensch
Helen Pfeiffer
Matilda Schwarzer
12th Bradley Klenke
13th Nathan Kuchel
15th Cameron Eckermann
Adrian Miegel



15th Lorna Penhall
16th Vern Graetz
Keynan Harradine
17th Philip Hammond
Trevor Hilton
Lyndon Pfeiffer
Chris Thomson



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

Our first **Unity Tour** for 2018 will be held on **Wednesday 14 March** with sessions at 10am and 7pm. If you know anyone who may be interested in seeing what Unity College is all about invite them to visit! Contact Mr Wayne Gehling, Director of Development for more information on 8532 0100.

Waterford Home Group

Mon 12th March 7pm
Function Centre

Christ Church

'80th Anniversary of the first Church Service, 1938'

Please note this has now been changed to celebrating the **first church service** and the date has changed to Sunday September 23rd

so it did not clash with the Unity College 40years anniversary



Women of Worth Retreat

4-6 MAY 2018

ADARE HOUSE - VICTOR HARBOR

A weekend of encouragement, worship, teaching and fun, as we connect and journey together into the fullness of who we are created to be in Jesus Christ.

More info and registrations via
www.trybooking.com/UPED
www.facebook.com/WOWAdelaideHills

HOSTED BY ST MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
BASED ON MATERIAL FROM 'CAPTIVATING'
BY JOHN & STASI ELDRIDGE

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we justly suffer for our evil deeds, but we ask you to relieve us by the comfort of your kindness. 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, Jayne Hill and also for their carers.
- ✠ **Resthaven:** Barbara Noble, Dot Noller.
- ✠ **Lerwin:** Colleen Fawcett, 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 (Louis), 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

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 ...

- ✠ Pray for all the Kindy children and their families including Damon, Oscar, Alivia, Takoda, Felisa, Taite and Jameson.
- ✠ That we use this time of Lent to prepare ourselves for Christ's passion and death and his glorious resurrection.
- ✠ Give thanks for God's generous gifts to all.
- ✠ Our Father, be with the staff of the Electoral Commission of South Australia, led by Mick Sherry, as they facilitate elections that are fair and free.



Lent is a time to reflect on
God's saving love.

verse for the week

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through him.

JOHN 3:16-17

Caring Conversations

SHARE

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

1

Share about a time when you felt really loved. What happened to make you feel that way?

2

The Bible tells us that God is love. How has God shown his love for the world?

3

In what ways do you experience and express God's love for you?



Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 3:14-21	God's love for the world
M	Numbers 21:4-9	The serpent of bronze
T	Ephesians 2:1-10	Faith is a gift from God
W	1 John 4:7-21	God is love
T	Isaiah 12:1-6	Thanks to God, our Saviour
F	Galatians 2:15-21	Saved through faith in Christ
S	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Thanksgiving for deliverance
S	John 12:20-33	The grain of wheat that dies

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

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

Lord God, thank you for loving us and giving us your Son. Help us to place our faith in him. Amen.

BLESS

May you always know how much God loves you, and have life with him forever.

Creative Response

To help you think about God's love this week, draw and cut out a large heart shape from a sheet of poster paper.

Attach a piece of ribbon or string so that the heart can be strung up on a wall of your home.

As you go through the week spend time answering this question: **"Today God showed me his love by ..."**.

Write all your household responses on the heart and watch as it fills up with signs of God's care for you!



mealtime prayer

For all we eat and all we wear, for daily bread and loving care, we thank you, God. Amen.

Service

Make this "SHMILY" week in your home.

SHMILY stands for "See-How-Much-I-Love-You".

Make 10 smiley-face paper "buttons" for each family member. Challenge each household member to give away their SHMILYs through performing ten acts of loving service to others in your household during the week e.g. giving a special hug or back rub, doing a chore without being asked, giving a special compliment.