

Part 3. Deep & Wide Book Review – (see prev. bulletins for earlier parts)

In the midst of the explosive, unexplainable growth and expansion of the early church, the *ekklesia* of Jesus would find itself wrestling with a question we continue to wrestle with today. Namely, who is the *ekklesia* for? Who gets to participate? What are the requirements for membership? How good do people have to be? How good must they continue to be once they're in?

Is the church for church people? If so, what exactly does that mean?

Andy grew up attending churches designed for church people. No one said it, but the assumption was that church was for church people. The unspoken message to the outside world was, "once you start believing and behaving like us, you are welcome to join us."

Churches are for broken, sinful people. Period.

Andy Says, "Surely among the most controversial questions I've encountered in my time in ministry is "Who is the church for? Christians or non-Christians." The answer seems obvious to me: both! The church is made up of Christians and, thus, exists to build them up. But the church, made up of Christians, also exists to reach those who are far from God."

What do you think?

More to come in future weeks...



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



11th Sunday after Pentecost
5th August 2018

*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.

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READINGS FOR TODAY

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

Thank you to **Pastor Kevin Bell** who is leading the first service at Christ Church and at Monarto and to **Kevin Schrapel** who is leading the second service at Christ church

Pastor Tim is on leave until Monday 13th August



Thankyou to everyone in the congregation for your spiritual support and prayers,

Colleen and Andy

Sunday 19th August

Trading Table - **YES!**

Stay for Soup & Sandwiches

after the second service

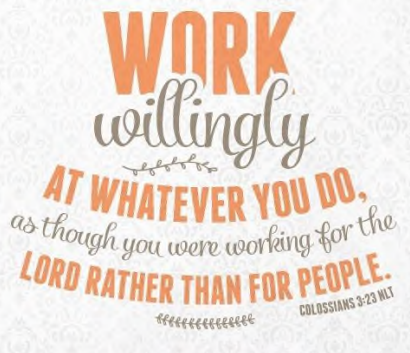
Pastor Tim will be there!

Can you help?

In the office: 3 or 4 people who are willing to be in the office and do office duties when Yvonne is away, not well or whatever. When performing these duties they would be paid for their time at the current wage rate. They would also need to fill in the necessary paperwork to go onto the LCA's HRS Payroll system. Recent Government regulations do not allow us to pay employees directly any more. If you would like to help in this way and have some previous office experience please see Yvonne in the office.

We are looking for Assistant Treasurers now and also for someone to take on Treasurer next year. If you are interested please contact Gary Beauglehall for more information.

Grounds roster: We need someone for the grounds roster for the months of Nov and Dec this year. If you can assist please let us know.



Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION"

12-Aug

19-Aug

26-Aug

		Service Time	9am	10:30 ♥	9am	
Monarto		Wardens	Trevor, Joy, Tyson	Rob & Liz	Barolo Family	
		Readers	M Paech	R Wegener	T Franklin	
		Tea Coffee	Penne & Haydn		R&C Wegener	
		Elder/Assist	D Hampel	J Pohl ♥	G Beauglehall	
Christ Church	9am	Wardens	J&G Pohl	A&D Hampel	B&L Doecke I Pumpa	
		Readers	V Spencer	B Lablack	J Pohl	
		Greeters	F Kerkham J Ahrns	C Coulter J Herrmann	J Rosenzweig C Mattner	
		Organist	Joyce	Coralie	Ron	
		Flowers	L Doecke	C Mattner	J Ahrns	
		Tea/coffee/milk	M Warnest J Pope	D Borchardt B Zadow	L Penhall H Schubert	
		PA	David	David	David	
		Data Projector	J Irvine	C Doecke	C Beauglehall	
		10:45am	Elder/Assist	D Schiller ♥		
			Wardens	J&D Lienert	J Brodde	
Readers	C Miegel		M Schubert	M Schultz		
Greeters	P&C Miegel		Piltz family	G&M Schultz		
Prayers						
PA	Lees		Lees	Lees		
Data Projector	J Hage		J Brodde	Y Stiller		
Counter	G Korzeba		D Schiller	J Brodde		
	Sunday School					
	Leader					
	Helper					
	Grounds Roster	M Schopp	M Schopp	M Schopp		
	Water & Care	R Herrmann	P Hammond	Y Koch		

Diary Dates: 5th August—12th August

Sun, 5th	Christ Church Monarto	9am ~ Communion 10:45am ~ Worship 10:30am ~ Communion
<i>Pastor Tim on holidays</i>		
Mon, 6th	9:30am 7pm	Cards & Coffee ~ Ed Cen Waterford Home Group ~ Function Cen
Tues, 7th	11am 7pm	English Lessons Shalom Group ~ 1 Rivergum Close
Wed, 8th	11am	Joy Gierus Funeral ~ Christ Church
Thurs, 9th	10am	Bulletin notices due NO Bible Study
Fri, 10th	7pm	Holy Cross Movie Night ~ Concordia Hall
Sat, 11th	9am	Professional Standards ~ JDH
Sun, 12th	Christ Church Monarto	9am ~ Worship 10:45am ~ Communion 9am ~ Worship

COMING EVENTS

Aug	15th	Confirmation first get together 6:30 Ed Cen
	18th	Variety Concert ~ JDH
	19th	Trading Table & Soup/Sandwiches
	20-23rd	Red Cross Blood Bank JDH
	25th	Men's Breakfast 8am JDH Abundance workshop ~ 9am JDH
Sept	23rd	80th Anniversary of first service, Christ Church (one service)
	26th	Communion cuppa & Chat 2pm Owl Drv
	30-Oct	2 LWA Convention, Rosehill Gardens, NSW
Oct	8-12th	CLW Camp Robe
	21st	Reformation, combined service
Nov	15th	Christmas Lunch (organised by Senior Care Team)

Shalom Friendship Group
Tuesday 7th August - 7pm
1 Rivergum Close

Ink Cartridges

don't forget to bring in your
Used ink cartridges so they can
be recycled!



**RECYCLE
INK CARTRIDGES**

TEEN CHALLENGE Please
continue to support Teen
Challenge by bringing in an item
of non-perishable food to
donate each week. Keep them
in your prayers.

Thank you.



"Working as One"
Ephesians 4:1-16

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 25th August

JDH, Swanport Rd

8am

RSVP by 21st August

8532 6553

*If you can help with cooking
please contact the office ASAP*



Christ Church Lutheran **Sunday 23rd Sept 10am**

80th Anniversary Celebration

If anyone has any photos or stories about the history of the Church please contact
Ron Jericho, Janelle Traeger or Delton Schiller.

We would like to set up a display of history for visitors to look at.

Notices advising of the celebrations are now available for members to send
out to family members and any previous members etc that they are aware of.

These can be picked up from the office, Janelle Traeger or Ron Jericho.

We will have quite a few people attending so if you have a spare bed we would
like a list because we are encouraging people to extend their stay.

Thank you all - THE MORE THE MERRIER!

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Professional Standards Workshop

Hosted by Holy Cross in John Dohler Hall

Saturday 11th August

8.45am for sign-in
9am - 3pm

Standards of Ethical Behaviour 4½hrs
Working with children 1½hrs

Morning tea and lunch will be provided for a minimal cost.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<https://www.regonline.com/murraybridgeholycross11082018>

or

Contact Carla at Holy Cross on 8532 4577 or Janise Fournier

**Register by
Tues 7th
August**

Before the workshop, join in with the **Men's breakfast at 8am!**

Abundance
A TEACHING AND EQUIPPING DAY

Count me in.

Abundance workshop with Peter Steicke
August 25th ~ 9am

John Dohler Hall, Christ Church

Email: christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au

RSVP by Tues 21st August to Christ Church - 8532 6553

Women's Guild

Women's Guild Invitation
St John's Lutheran Women's Guild Cambrai

**Wednesday 8th August
At Cambrai Town hall**

Admission \$15
Commencing at 10.30am
Leave from Holy Cross at 9.15am

Please note:

Our Own guild meeting has been postponed until the following week
August 15th at 1.15pm

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lower murray south east

LMSE CLW
2018

is going to be held at the

Tarooki Campsite
in Robe from

Mon 8th to Fri 12th Oct

Save the Date

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Come and sing the Hymns of Faith of Martin Luther.

Singing led by the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Choir, a brass quartet and organist Mark Whitfield (Bishop of the Lutheran Church of New Zealand).

**Sunday 19th August 2018
at 2.30pm
at Bethlehem Lutheran Church,
170 Flinders St Adelaide**

Free Entry with a retiring offering to support the work of Lutheran Media sharing Messages of Hope across Australia and New Zealand.

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messagesofhope.org.au & nz



Holy Cross Movie Night

Love Comes Softly



**Friday 10th August
7pm in Concordia Hall
(cnr Florence & Charles Sts)
Entry gold coin donation**

A young woman on her way to a new life in the 1800's suddenly finds herself a widow. Now she must live with a recently widowed young man and his daughter. Can any of them find love again?

All Welcome



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Our deepest condolences to Pastor Andy Gierus on the passing of his wife Joy on Tuesday July 31st. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pastor Andy and his family, extended family and friends.

Joy's funeral will be held at Christ Church on Wednesday 8th August at 11.00am.

Pastor Andy and family wish to say many thanks to everyone for their thoughts, wishes, prayers and support through this difficult time.

Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11: 25, 26)

Celebrate
His [God's]
Infinite
Love

Friday 17th August
5.30pm - 7.30pm
John Dohler Hall



Please come along and join in with worship and communion with our family at Resthaven and Lerwin.

Led by Holy Cross.

Communion

Resthaven-Thurs 9th 3pm
Lerwin-Fri 10th 10:30am

German-Australian History and Heritage Conference 18-19 August 2018

Fascinating talks by local, interstate and international speakers on a range of topics about Germans and Lutherans in Australia, and German family history research. One day \$130, both days \$225 held at the University of Adelaide. Live-streaming option also available. See <http://conference2018.germanheritage.org.au> for details and booking.



Sunday 19th August
Music Ministry at Holy Cross
9:30am Service



Murray Bridge Fire Community Group

Donations are still desperately needed would be greatly appreciated. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Bank details – BSB 105-012, Account No: 126016140.

Ref: Email your name to mbfcgroup@gmail.com for a receipt.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Our deepest condolences to Barbara Taylor on the passing of her husband Ivan Taylor who passed away on Sunday 29th July.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Barbara, family and friends.

Ivan's funeral service will be held in Minge Chapel, 63 Swanport Road, Murray Bridge on Monday 6th August at 11.00am.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God. (Job 19:25,26 NRSV)

~~Confirmation—Commencing in August 15th~~

Christ Church and Holy Cross will be commencing the next Confirmation course on **Wed 15th August 6.30 - 8pm** with a casual pizza dinner in the office meeting room at Christ Church. This will be a time to get to know each other and to flesh out our hopes for this journey together. If you would like to be involved (*or even if you'd like just to come along to the first session to find out more*) please contact the church offices.

GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

The Blood Service Mobile
Blood Donor Centre will be
visiting:

Mon 20 Aug 12pm-7pm
Tue 21 Aug 11am-7:30pm
Wed 22 Aug 12pm-7:30pm
Thurs 23 Aug 7:30am-3pm

Make an appointment today
131495 or donateblood.com.au

Waterford Home Group
Monday 6th August - 7 pm
in the Function Centre.

REFORMATION DAY COMBINED PICNIC SUNDAY 21st OCTOBER

Planning meeting Tues 28th Aug 7pm
Ed Centre, Christ Church.
Come along with your ideas
and enthusiasm.

Let's make this a great family event!

For more information contact
Cynthia Dutschke
Mob: 0400 046 052
Email: cynsie@internode.on.net

I am with you always

Matthew 28:20

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Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week



5th Lesley Zadow

6th Caitlin Crase

Dawn Hampel

7th Michelle Cafaro

Hannah Jackson

Marie Mueller

Graham Smith

8th Bradley Kirpensteyn

Robert Kirpensteyn

Gil Latz



9th Trudy Gogel

10th Jeremy Hein

Jacqueline Altmann

Halen Lienert

Luke Wiencke

Barb Kretschmer

11th Colleen Biar

Karl Doecke

Pat Gogel

Dianne Kluge



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

MURRAY BRIDGE LUTHERAN LADIES FELLOWSHIP

VARIETY CONCERT

SATURDAY 18th of AUGUST at 7pm in JOHN DOHLER HALL

ADMISSION \$10.00 SUPPER INCLUDED
Children under 13 FREE

Funds raised for the Christmas Tree Festival

Tickets available from the Christ church office 8532 6553,
Coralie 8532 3064; Jan 8532 5050 and Sabine 8532 1041

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Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



Prayer of the Day

God, our source and our goal, you have made us to hunger and thirst for you. Satisfy our hunger with the bread that gives real life, your Son Jesus Christ. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
Amen.

Please Pray for...

Christ Church Members:

✠ Colleen (Rehab Care) & Andy Nicholls, Darryl Klose, Shirley Fiegert, Murray Piltz, Noelene Kluge, Loes Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Joyleen Stiller, Bob Traeger (Home), Allan Hampel (Home), and also for their carers.

✠ **Resthaven:** Barbara Noble, Dot Noller.

✠ **Lerwin:** Colleen Fawcett, Stewart Jaensch, Chris Herbig

✠ **Aminya Village Hostel, Mannum:** Laurel Geisler, Dawn Jaensch, Rita & Keith Faehrmann.

✠ **Oakfield Lodge, Mt Barker -** Lorraine Jacobs, Evelyn Kuchel.

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.

Holy Cross Members:

✠ Fay Baxter (Ian), Olga Burgemeister (Colin), Paul Fiegert, Lila Grocke, Trevor Hueppauff (Helen), Leila Koehler, Ray & Rhonda Paech, Marion Poole (Jim), Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert (May), Reg Schwartz, Bob Steele, Doreen Steinborner, Kurt Unger (Walter), Colin Wandel (Mary), Felicity Woods.

✠ **Resthaven:** Ray Box, Lorna Burrett.

✠ **Lerwin:** Dorothy Klitscher (Elizabeth & Leon), Alice Kowald (Louis), Betty Paech, Mal Schenscher.

✠ **Tailem Bend Hospital:** Gordon Jenke (Pat), Bevan Schulz (Bev).

✠ **Bupa Aged Care - Ruth Neindorf -**, 104 Woodville Rd, Woodville 5011.
Ph: 8211 1200.
Ruth's mobile: 0438 724 412



Also pray ...

✠ Pray for all the Kindy children and their families including Neeve, Felix, Annabelle, Sophie, Macy and Ted and also for the Year 9 children and families at Unity.

✠ Dear Lord, grant to all who mourn a confidence in Your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. We especially pray for Pastor Andy Gierus and his family and friends on the passing of his wife Joy on the 1st August.

✠ Thank You, Lord, for the assurance that this world is not all we have but that a blessed eternity awaits all who trust in You.



5 August 2018

ELEVENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Jesus is the bread of life.

verse for the week

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

JOHN 6:35

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Talk about a time you were really hungry.

2

Jesus called himself the bread of life. He said that those who come to him will never go hungry. What do you think he meant?

3

Without food, hunger is something that can happen to us every day. How are you fed by Jesus, the bread of life, so you do not experience spiritual hunger?

Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 6:24-35	Jesus is the bread of life
M	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Bread from heaven
T	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the body of Christ
W	Matthew 6:9-13	The Lord's Prayer
T	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	You do not live by bread alone
F	Isaiah 55:1-11	The abundant life
S	Psalms 78:23-29	God feeds the people
S	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven



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, we come to you to be fed. Fill us that we may do the work of God by believing in you. Amen.



BLESS

May Jesus, the bread of life, fill you with faith, hope, and love now and always.

Creative Response

Fasting is a tradition found in many religions.

For Christians, one reason for fasting is to be aware of how dependent we are on food and on God to stay alive. Fasting and prayer go together. There are many ways to fast, from avoiding all foods to restricting one's diet for a specific period of time.

Choose a fast that works for you. When you end your fast enjoy some food while reading John 6:24-35.

Reflect on the presence of your Lord Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

Conclude the time by praying the prayer from this week's Growing Faith at Home.

mealtime prayer

Jesus, bread of life, feed us, body and soul. Jesus, bread from heaven, come and make us whole. Amen.

Service



As Jesus feeds us spiritually and physically, he invites us to feed others.

Gather some grocery items to donate to a local food pantry that serves the needy in your community.

Pray for the people that will receive these gifts.