

**Teen Challenge** - Christmas Hamper program as well as their usual emergency food handouts. Can you help with any of the following: Christmas puddings/ cakes/lollies, custard, short bread biscuits, soft drinks & juices, cans of fruit salad, jellies, cans of ham or turkey, cans of peas/corn/ beetroot and also fresh carrots & potatoes. They are also looking for clean plastic bags to deliver the food in.

**HELP WANTED for 2020  
Grounds Roster**

We still require people for **January, February, April, June, July, August & December.**

Please contact the office if you can assist with these months. Thank you

**RSL Dinner**

20th Dec 5:45pm (for 6pm)  
Featuring The Kneebones  
Bookings essential by 6th Dec  
Ph: Yolette 8532 2130  
for more details

**Shalom Home Group**

Tues 10th Dec 6pm  
Owl Drive Village Cen  


**Monarto Congregation Contacts**

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

**Christ Church Congregation Contacts**

<b>Christ Church Elders</b>	Dawn Hampel	8532 4138
	Denise Lohmeyer	8531 0935
	David Pech	0420 849 344
	Janelle Traeger	8535 4290
	Ian Kluge	8531 3449
<b>Chairman</b>	Warren Doecke	0417 804 663, 8572 6019
<b>Cong. Secretary</b>	Cheryl Doecke	0427 804 663, 8572 6019
<b>Treasurer (Acting)</b>	Gary Beauglehall	0407 049 900
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Yvonne Stiller	8532 3445
<b>Prop. &amp; Maint.</b>	Trent Mueller	0424 311 124

**Holy Cross Office Phone: 8532 4577**



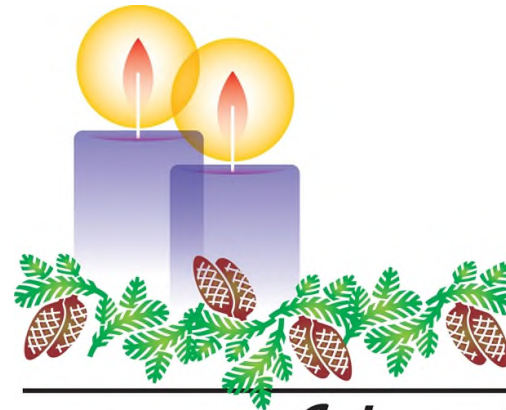
**Christ Church Lutheran**  
31 Swanport Rd, Murray Bridge

**Zion Lutheran**

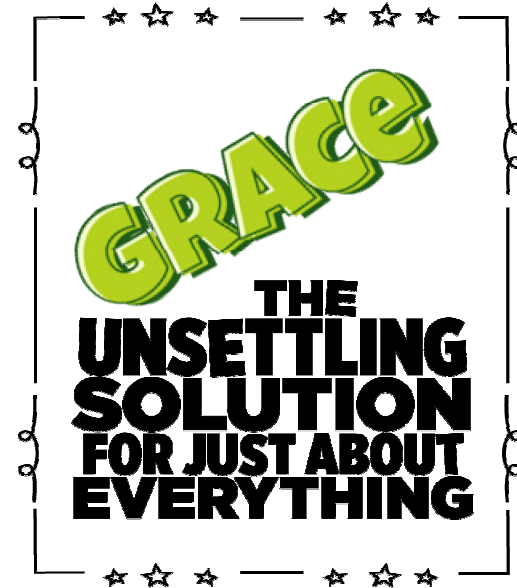
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**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**8th December 2019**



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



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

**OFFICE HOURS** 9am – 12 noon: Mon-Fri Ph 8532 6553  
5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge SA 5253  
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**Pastor Tim Koch**

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**Jesus is here  
to serve you!**



# WELCOME

Dear visitor, It is great that you are worshipping with us today, and we pray that it will be uplifting to you and I am sure we will all be blessed by your being here.

Once a fortnight at our services we celebrate "Holy Communion", or as some people call it "The Lord's Supper". Jesus had this special time with his disciples just before he suffered and died for all who believe in him. At this time, as he blessed the bread and the wine he said "This is my body given for you. He also said "This is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins" No one can understand how this happens. Jesus said it, and we believe Him. That is what faith is about.

If you can accept what he said about him being here in a special way, then we would love to have you join us at this wonderful meal. If you are not sure but would still like to come up for a blessing with everyone else, please do. So, the helpers are not confused, please stand with your hands folded across your chest. Thank you for being understanding. If you would like to talk about this wonderful act of God's love, please feel free to see the Pastor or one of our leaders.

**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.



## Prayer Ministry

We will be meeting this Wednesday, 11th Dec, 7:30pm in the office for prayer. We will be seeking the Spirit's guiding, bringing our community of faith before God.

Looking at how we might grow in prayer: around Sunday services, during the week, for individuals, as we ask Jesus to speak into our lives.

Come and join us as we begin this adventure. *Pastor Tim*

## GIFT TABLE

Today 8th Dec  
**JD Hall**

Between Services

To offer the remaining Christmas Tree Festival gifts for sale

**Please note:** there will be no trading table on Sun 15th Dec



If you have any articles / photos etc for the next **Sharing the News** please get them to Janelle Traeger or the office by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Many thanks.

# Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION"

		15-Dec	22-Dec		
<b>Monarto</b>	<b>Service Time</b>	10:30 ♥	9am		
	<b>Wardens</b>	Trevor, Joy, Tyson	Rob & Liz		
	<b>Readers</b>	T Hilton	H Hein		
	<b>Tea Coffee</b>		M Wegener		
<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Elder/Assist</b>	D Hampel ♥	I Kluge	
		<b>Wardens</b>	J&G Pohl	B&L Doecke	
		<b>Readers</b>	J Pohl	C Mattner	
		<b>Greeters</b>	R&M Herrmann	B&Y Lablack	
		<b>Organist</b>	Coralie	June	
		<b>Flowers</b>	Coralie	C Miegel	
		<b>Tea/coffee/milk</b>	B&L Doecke	H Schubert L Penhall	
		<b>PA</b>	Wes	A Hampel	
		<b>Data Projector</b>	J Irvine	D Hampel	
	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Elder/Assist</b>	<b>3C CONNECT 10:30am</b>	D Schiller	D Doecke ♥
		<b>Wardens</b>		J Brodde	P&V Jaensch
		<b>Readers</b>			L Zadow
		<b>Greeters</b>		P&C Miegel	D&H Pfeiffer
		<b>Prayers</b>			D Schiller
<b>PA</b>		Roger		Lees	
<b>Data Projector</b>		J Hage		J Martin	
<b>Counter</b>		B Joppich		G Korzeba	
<b>Grounds Roster</b>	A Nicolle	A Nicolle			
<b>Water &amp; Care</b>	Y Koch	P Hammond			

**Christmas  
Eve  
24-Dec**

**Monarto  
7pm**

**Warden  
Barolo's**

**Music  
Ministry  
7pm**

**The Steeple**

**Elder/Assist  
D Pfeiffer  
Warden**

**G&M Schubert  
Greeters**

**G&M Schubert  
Counter  
D Schiller**

**Christ  
Church  
8:30pm**

**Elder/Assist  
J Pohl  
Warden  
Pohl's**

**Greeters  
Brodde's  
Counter  
J Brodde  
Organist  
Coralie**

THANK YOU for all you do

## Diary Dates: 8th Dec ~ 15th Dec

Sun, 8th	Christ Church  Monarto 5:45pm	9am Worship Gift Table between services 10:45am Communion 9am Worship MB Carols ~ Wharf Precinct, Sturt Reserve
Mon, 9th	9:30am 7:30pm	Cards & Coffee ~ Ed Cen Elders & Property ~ Ed Cen
Tues, 10th	6pm	Shalom Home Group ~ Owl Drv Village Cen
Wed, 11th	9:30am 1pm 7:30pm	Senior Care Team ~ Ed Cen Icing Honey Biscuits ~ JDH Prayer Ministry ~ Ed Cen
Thurs, 12th	10am 10am 7:30pm	<b>Bulletin Notices Due</b> Bible Study ~ Ed Cen Ladies Fellowship AGM ~ Ed Cen
Sun, 15th	Christ Church  Monarto	9am Communion 10:30am 3C CONNECT 10:30am Communion



### COMING EVENTS

- Dec 22nd** Holy Cross Children's Christmas Service 7pm  
**24th** Music Ministry Christmas Eve Service @ The Steeple 7pm  
**24th** Monarto Christmas Eve Service 7pm  
**24th** Carols Service at Christ Church 8:30pm  
**29th** Combined Service 10am ~ at Christ Church with Monarto  
**31st** NYE's Ecumenical Service, 7pm ~ Holy Cross
- Jan 19th** 3C CONNECT Service ~ 10:30am Christ Church  
**26th** Australia Day Combined Service
- Feb 16th** 3C CONNECT Service ~ 10:30am Christ Church  
**21st** CHIIL ~ 5:30pm JDH

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

For anybody experiencing domestic and/or family violence please call Centacare 8531 8888

**Please note:** due to work on the footpath along Marchand Street there will be limited access to the carpark. Entry via Swanport Road will still be available - please take care using either Marchand or Swanport Road entry

### From the Leadership Team...

- \* **Bulletin survey** - please fill in the bulletin survey (Surveys available from the church or office) by Monday, 9th Dec
- \* **Christmas Office Hours** - The office is closed over Christmas from Wed 25th Dec to Fri 3rd Jan. There will be no bulletins for 29th Dec & 5th Jan
- \* **2020 Office Hours** - The Church office will be closed on Wednesdays beginning in January 2020. If you have any questions please speak to Warren
- \* **29th December (5th Sunday)** - Combined service with Monarto commencing 10am with morning tea. New Year Theme. Combined Lunch. Come along and join in!
- \* **3C CONNECT 2020** - mark these dates in your diary : Jan 19th & Feb 16th
- \* **AGM 2020** - Sunday 15th March, 1:30pm. Please prayerfully think where you can help. All Reports will be due in February - they can be sent to the office from now!
- \* **JDH Hiring** - looking for someone to help with unlocking, & locking, PA etc when the hall is hired. Please contact the office if you can help
- \* **Social Fundraising Activities 2020** - we are looking for some people to be involved with organising activities and events bringing members together and also raising funds.
- \* **Church Planting** - We are a supporting Congregation along with Holy Cross - please pray for all involved in the process. Three training days have been set during 2020 for the Key Leaders and Influencers.

## Combined Lutheran Churches News

**3C CONNECT SUNDAY ~ Christ Church Lutheran**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - 10.30am for coffee**

*Christ Church connecting with the Community*

We invite you to bring gifts, Christmas Treats  
or Toys (*please don't wrap*)  
to place under the Christmas Tree



## New Year's Eve

Ecumenical Service

Tues 31st Dec 7pm

**Holy Cross Church**

*followed by a supper in the hall,  
please bring a plate of food to share.*

# NYE



### No need to be alone

Discover new friendships through Lutheran Singles Connect (LSC). Open to singles of all ages and currently \$30 per year membership. There's never been a better time to join. The more LSC members, the better chance everyone has of finding that special someone. So why not give LSC a go? Email [lsc@lca.org.au](mailto:lsc@lca.org.au) or call Sharon on 0438 049 572 for further information.

**97**  
**HAPPY**  
**BIRTHDAY**

Happy Brthday to  
Erwin Rohrlach who  
turned 97th on the  
2nd December.  
Congratulations!

## Combined Lutheran Churches News

### Administration Officer

Murray Bridge Lutheran Homes are seeking to employ an Admin Officer to support the CEO in operation and management of our 2 residential villages, where residents enjoy independent living in a community with a Christian focus.

To be successful in this role you will need to demonstrate sound office administration and finance skills delivery with a strong customer service focus. You will be the 1<sup>st</sup> level of Public and Resident contact and provide multi-faceted business support including payroll. Currently the role is permanent part-time at 30 hrs per week with the potential for additional time if skillset covers all desirable requirements.

Request the Admin Officer information package for application & Job detail:  
[retire@mblh.com.au](mailto:retire@mblh.com.au)

**Applications close at midnight Friday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
**MURRAY BRIDGE LUTHERAN HOMES INC.**

Available today: **ALWS Christmas Packs for Lutheran GRACE** project to. 2019 ALWS GRACE project was to support 40,000 refugee children go to school - there are only 1,945 children left to go! **Please support this year's Christmas Action to help the last 1,945 ~ \$26 per child!**

### Murray Bride Lutheran Women's Guild Meeting

December 11th 10am

Devotion: M Haskell

Musician: J Stiller

Offering: Australian Lutheran World Service

Followed by Christmas Luncheon at Church of Christ Coffee Shop at 12noon

Cost of Luncheon \$25 - RSVP 3rd Dec to Eleanor 8531 0445

Women's  
**Guild**

SPIN is a four-day, three-night, statewide camp in January for young people. The purpose of SPIN is to create an inclusive and encouraging community for young people, so that they grow in relationship with Christ and others.

**When: 7 to 10 January 2020**

**Theme: 'Radical Adventure'**

**Where: Camp Kedron, Baramba**

**Age: Grades 4 to 6 (in 2019)**

**\$190 (closes 16 Dec 2019)\*\***

Bus from Adelaide, Barossa: \$15 each way

T-shirts: \$20 each (close 17 Nov 2019)

<https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/spin/>



# Combined Lutheran Churches News

**JESUS** is still the **best** gift of all!

**Lutheran Community of Murray Bridge**

## 2019 CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

<u>Children's Service 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	Holy Cross, 31 Florence St	7pm
<u>Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup></u>	The Steeple, Unity College, Owl Drv	7pm
	Zion Monarto, 427 Schenscher Rd	7pm
	Christ Church, 31 Swanport Rd	8.30pm
<u>Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup></u>	Zion Monarto	9am
	Holy Cross	9:30am
	Christ Church	10:30am
<u>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></u>	Holy Cross	9:30am
	Christ Church	10am <i>Combined service with Monarto</i>
<u>New Year's Eve 31<sup>st</sup></u>	Holy Cross	7pm <i>Ecumenical Service</i>

## Murray Bridge Christmas Carols at the Wharf Precinct, Sturt Reserve From 5pm, **Main event at 6:45pm** Sunday 8th Dec

Local Performers, food stalls, disabled parking available near event. Marketplace carpark open until 10pm. Please bring your own rug or chair



## Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge will be closed over the Christmas break from Monday 23rd December to Friday 10th January. They wish to thank everyone for the donations they have received.



# Combined Lutheran Churches News

## Celebrate JESUS' Birth

Christmas Eve  
7pm Dec 24th  
The Steeple, Unity College

everyone welcome!

by the Murray Bridge  
Lutheran Community



### Do you have a photograph worth sharing?

We are seeking photos from our church family (Murray Bridge & Monarto) taken in 2019 that has great meaning to you. Perhaps a family photo, a beautiful sunset or sunrise, a photo of our town or region, farm photo, a flower in bloom, a photo from one of our church activities throughout the year etc.

The photo will be shared at the Christmas Eve Celebration. Giving thanks to God for our people and region through photos taken by you!

Photos will need to be in digital format and can be emailed through to Alex Westlake [alexandrawestlake@hotmail.com](mailto:alexandrawestlake@hotmail.com) by Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Please note: We value your privacy therefore it is assumed permission to use your photo and the content on the photograph publicly at the Christmas Eve Service only.

### Christmas Eve Transport

If you need transport to the service please ring the office asap so we can arrange a pickup.

**MUSIC  
MINISTRY**  
MURRAY BRIDGE.



**Schools Ministry Group** are seeking to fill 4 PCW positions in our schools for next year.

- \* Murray Bridge High School
- \* Coomandook Area School

- \* MB South Primary School
- \* Meningie Area School

Application details can be obtained from SMG at [smg.asn.au](http://smg.asn.au)

## Combined Lutheran Churches News

### Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



Please Pray for...

**Christ Church Members:** Jasamine and Daniel Irvine, Julie Mueller, David Pech, Margaret Kuchel, Sandra Thiele, June Walker, Darryl Klose, Murray Piltz, Loes Frahn, Irene Kuchel, Noleen Kluge, & also for their Carers.

**Holy Cross Members:** Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Maxine Gogler, Lila Grocke, Trevor Hueppauff, Bert & Nita Hyam, Pat Jenke, Leila Koehler, Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Felicity Woods & also for their Carers.

**Resthaven:** Joyce Ahrns (CC), Ray Box (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Gordon Jenke (HC), Dot Noller (CC), Helen Paech (Mon)

**Lerwin:** Colleen Fawcett (CC), Glad Hausler (CC), Enid Heidrich (CC), Chris Herbig (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC), Lorna Schulz (CC)

**Aminya Village, Mannum:** Val Stevens (CC)

**Bupa Aged Care:** Ruth Neindorf (HC)

**Meningie Hosp Aged Care:** Kurt Unger(HC)

**Estia Health Strathalbyn:** Leon Klitscher (HC)

**Tailem Bend Hosp:** Paul Fiegert (HC), Pat Gogel (HC), Bevan Schulz (HC).



Also Pray...

**Prayer of the Day:** Stir up our hearts, Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. Help us by his coming to serve you with pure hearts and minds. 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.**

✠ Pray for all the children and students and their families, all the teachers, volunteers and workers and their families as they finish the school year and head off for their Christmas break.

✠ Lord of all, you are a God of plenty, a Lord who provides for us in our need. As we continue through Advent help us to believe that you know what we need. Give us the courage to listen to your voice and the freedom to open our heart to the graces you are offering us to place our trust in you. Amen.

## Combined Lutheran Churches News

### Pray Continually

### Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

9th Irene Kuchel (CC)

Noah Patritti (CC)

10th Simone Mann (CC)

Trevor Paech (Mon)

11th Carlien Bissett (CC)

Alice Kowald (HC)

11th Annette Pearce (HC)

12th Pat Jenke (HC)

Charlotte Pahl (Mon)

Ashley Roocke (CC)

13th Stephen Jaensch (CC)

Martin Lees (CC)



Please pray for everyone celebrating their  
Baptismal Birthday

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

Christ Church Lutheran and Monarto's Pastor Tim Koch has announced his retirement, his last day will be 22nd November 2020.

Holy Cross will receive graduate Paul Calnan as their pastor early in 2020 in a part time role. His ordination will be on this Sunday at Concordia Chapel.

Please pray for Pastor Tim as he prepares for his retirement and for Paul as he is ordained on Sunday and prepares himself for his new role.



GUEST  
PREACHER



### Guest Pastors at Holy Cross

**Pastor Wayne Kerber ~ 15th Dec 9.30am**  
**Pastor Alwin Schirmer ~ 22nd Dec 9.30am**



Jasamine and Daniel Irvine wish to thank everyone for their prayers and expressions of sympathy over the last few weeks on the loss of their son Sean. They have been greatly appreciated.