

FREEWILL OFFERINGS and BUDGET POSITION AT END OF FEBRUARY:

Offerings you have made for the month of FEBRUARY, 2020.

REG	\$4,159	Budget	\$4,167
Offering Plate	\$7,669	Budget	\$7,385
TOTAL	\$11,828	Budget	\$11,552

OFFERINGS Jan - Feb :

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>
REG	\$8,464	Budget \$8,330
Offering Plate	\$15,392	Budget \$14,690
TOTAL	\$23,856	Budget \$23,020

Average Sunday Church attendance for February: 1st service 77, 2nd Service 67, CHIL – 36.

Thank you to all those who have generously donated food to Teen Challenge over the month,

INCOME at end of February: \$30,042

EXPENSES @ end of February: \$39,080 (approx. \$9,000 deficit)

A very special thankyou to those who contributed to the special appeals such as the cracks in the manse.

Kindy Bible Donations - \$117.50

Bushfire Appeal - \$20.00

We had a deficit of \$14,000 in 2019. We could have avoided a deficit quite easily by each person putting in \$2 each, every week, for the whole year.

2020 we have a budgeted deficit of over \$30,000. This could easily be reduced, if again, every one gave an extra \$2-3 each per week for the year. Maybe \$5 per week extra if a couple.

Monarto Congregation Contacts

<u>Monarto Elders</u>	Haydn Hein	8532 3176
	Maurice Wegener	8531 1060
<u>Monarto Chairman</u>	Trevor Hilton	0439 839 022
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Christ Church Congregation Contacts

<u>Christ Church Elders</u>	Dawn Hampel	8532 4138
	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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For anybody experiencing domestic and/or family violence please call Centacare 8531 8888



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Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
where love comes to life

Fourth Sunday in Lent
22nd March 2020



Celebrating Graham's 80th are former members of the YPS (Young People's Society)

Back (L-R): Yvonne & Dennis Kuchel, Lyn & Basil Zadow, Joyce Pope, Ron & Sabine Jericho, Keven Pfeiffer, Marlene and Graham Schubert
Front: Mavis Schubert & Basil Schubert

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

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WELCOME to worship today! May we all be encouraged and strengthened in our faith through the Word of God.
Morning tea is available following morning service.
Please feel welcome to join one another. ALL WELCOME



Holy Communion ~ Jesus says: "My flesh is real food; my blood is real drink, whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him": John 6: 55-56

We welcome all who come seeking healing through forgiveness, and strength for daily living, God comes to us in the Lord's Supper in a personal and intimate way offering these through His Son's body and blood.

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.

We celebrated God's presence through the baptism of **Kinley Harlyn Archer** On Tuesday 17th Mar. at Murray Heights Village Cen. Please pray for her parents **Elisha Schopp & Joshua Archer** thank God for His gift of Baptism.

PASTORAL CARE WORKER (Previously known as "School Chaplain")
Coomandook Area School / Meningie Area School (each position is 10-12 hours/week) (Re-advertised)
Closing date: 9am, Monday 23rd March, 2020 See notice board

Monarto & Christ Church members Please advise the office ASAP if you have a different postal address to residential address and you would like to include it in the next **"Our Care Directory"** Please contact the office or write the details in the folders provided in church. Please include any other updates to your contact details. *Thank you, Yvonne*
 (Please give the office a call to request a copy of the updated directory once it is finalised, cost is \$2 ~ colour with photos.)



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 later this term. Bibles have been purchased for \$15 each. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION"

		22-Mar	29-Mar	1-Apr			
Monarto		Service Time	9am	Combined Service starting with coffee at 10am Elder/Assist Wardens J Brodde Tea & Coffee L Penhall H Schubert Flowers J Mann Organist June Readers C Coulter R Thiele Greeters R&M Herrmann Prayers Pastor Tim PA Wes Data Projector B Lablack	Lent 5 Christ Church 7pm Elder/Assist R Zanker Wardens M&D Schopp Greeters G&M Schubert PA Lees Data Projector J Irvine		
		Wardens	Rob & Liz				
		Readers	Barolo				
		Tea Coffee	R&C Wegener				
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	J Pohl				
		Wardens	P Hammond M Schopp				
		Readers	L Pohl				
		Greeters	C Coulter C Mattner				
		Organist	Joyce				
		Flowers	I Kuchel				
		Tea/coffee/milk	M Warnest J Pope				
		PA	Wes				
		Data Projector	C Mattner				
	10:45am	Elder/Assist	D Pfeiffer				
		Wardens	D Doecke				
		Readers	S Kuchel				
		Greeters	S Kuchel R Schrapel				
		Prayers	D Pfeiffer				
		PA	Roger				
		Data Projector	J Martin				
		Counter	J Brodde				
		Grounds Roster	H Schulte			H Schulte	
		Water & Care	J Schirmer			R Herrmann	

THANK YOU for all you do

Diary Dates: 22nd March ~ 29th March

Sun, 22nd	Christ Church Monarto	9am Worship 10:45am Communion 9am Worship
Mon, 23rd	9:30am	Cards & Coffee ~ Ed Cen
Wed, 25th	7pm	OFFICE CLOSED Lenten Service ~ Holy Cross
Thurs, 26th	10am 10am	Bulletin Notices Due Bible Study
Sun, 29th	Christ Church & Monarto 8am	One Service only at Christ Church 10am coffee ~ 10:30am service Or join in with the 4 for 4 Pilgrimage to Birdwood ~ Leaving 8am

COMING EVENTS

- Apr 1st** Mid week Lenten Service ~ 7pm Christ Church
4th Men's Breakfast
5th Music Ministry ~ Palm Sunday ~ 10am, Wharf Precinct
 Combined service - no services at Christ Church or Monarto
8th Maundy Thursday Service ~ (on Wed) 7pm
9th Maundy Thursday Service ~ 7pm Christ Church
10th **Good Friday** ~ Christ Church 9am / Monarto 10:30am
11th **Easter Sunday** ~ Christ Church 9am / Monarto 7am
18th Working Bee ~ Christ Church
19th 3C CONNECT Service ~ 10:30am Christ Church
May 2nd Leadership/Elders./Worship Teams retreat ~ Monarto

LCANZ PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Reflecting God's Love ~ **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE**

If you think a child is at risk of harm ... In an emergency, call 000 - If it is not an emergency, call your local police and child protection authority.



**FOR YOUR
INFORMATION**

Holy Cross have initiated changes to their bulletin. Holy Cross Council have decided to temperately suspend the combined bulletin section with Christ Church.

From the Leadership Team

- ✦ **Donations:** Recently some of our members catered for a 'Ski for Life' function raising \$2001.77. We have moved to donate \$1,000 back to Ski for Life and another \$1,000 to the Interchurch Council to go towards creating a Foodbank in Murray Bridge
- ✦ **Palm Sunday** - 5th April - will be a combined service held at the Wharf Precinct, Sturt Reserve and run by Music Ministry. There will be no services at Christ Church, Monarto or Holy Cross
- ✦ **Sunday School:** anyone wishing to be involved please contact the office

The **Friends of Lutheran Archives** meeting planned for Monday March 30th has been cancelled. Congregations will be advised when meetings will resume.

Sunday 29th March - One Combined Service only with Monarto at Christ Church 10am start in JDH for morning tea followed by the service at 10:30am No 10:45am service

******* OR *******

4 for 4 Pilgrimage To Birdwood. Sun 29th March
 We'll meet at the church at **8am** and go in groups of four.
 Service is at 9:30am at Birdwood Lutheran Church.
 Then you're invited for a BBQ after the service.
 and let's check out the Motor Museum in the arvo.

*Birdwood Members are
excited to me us!*

RSVP by 23 March



Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



Please Pray for...

Christ Church Members: Martha Aartsen, Lores Frahn, Audrey & Marcus Jaensch, Noleen Kluge, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bob Martin, Peter Paech, David Pech, Murray Piltz, Sandra Thiele, June Walker & also for their Carers.

Holy Cross Members: Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, John Fournier, 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), 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)

Estia Health Strathalbyn: Leon Klitscher (HC)

Infin8 Care, Harndorf: Geoff Pfeiffer (HC)

Meningie Hosp Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC)

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



Prayer of the Day: Loving Father, when we were captive in the darkness of sin and death, your Son rescued us and brought us back to you. Teach us to trust in him and to live as your people. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Also Pray...

Continue to pray for the teachers, children and their families at Kindy including Mandy, Tanya, Maya, Jonathon, Arkin, Spencer B & Levi C and also for Year 9 classes at Unity and surrounding schools.

Heavenly Father, bring healing and comfort for people around the world suffering from Coronavirus COVID-19. Speed their recovery and slow the spread of the virus. We thank you for the efforts of all those involved in treating, testing and caring for patients, and ask your protection over them as they go about their work. Give wisdom to governments around the world as they manage this outbreak. We ask for your peace when we are tempted to panic or become anxious about this disease. Help us to place our trust in you, knowing that our life is safely hidden in you and that you are the Lord of all creation. Enable us to show your love to others, sharing the hope we have in you, praying and caring for the sick and needy as best we can in the name of Christ.

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your Birthdays or Anniversary announced, please contact Yvonne in the office on 8532 6553.

Pray Continually

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

22nd	Brandan Pahl (Mon)	25th	Daisy Eckermann (HC)
	Bailey Rothe (HC)		David Miegel (CC)
	Roy Zerk (HC)	26th	Judy Brereton (HC)
23rd	Sandra Hein (Mon)		Karl Krueger (CC)
	Kathy Pfeiffer (HC)	27th	Doreen Borchardt (CC)
25th	Aiden Cole (CC)		Daniel Doecke (CC)
	Madeleine Crook (CC)	28th	Inez Schulte (CC)



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday



Deepest condolences to family and friends of Betty Zadow who passed away on the 10th March. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Due to the restrictions imposed in relation to public gatherings, Betty's funeral will be private. If you wish you can send condolences to the family to 26 Edwards St, Murray Bridge

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)

Mid Week Combined Lenten Services @ 7.00pm

25th Mar **Lent 4** Holy Cross / 1st April **Lent 5** Christ Church
Mid week Lenten services offerings going towards Schools Ministry
Palm Sunday Service ~ 5th April Only ONE Lutheran service in Murray Bridge and Monarto on Palm Sunday! @ the Wharf Precinct 10am - Bring your own chair or picnic rug.
If you need help please contact the church office. We will provide a sausage sizzle, or you might like to bring your own picnic lunch.

Maundy Thursday Service ~ 9th April (No meal), Combined in Christ Church 7.00pm or Monarto Wed 8th 7pm

Please note that we do not intend ceasing worship at this time. The government guidelines allow for meetings of 100 people. Where this is exceeded we have the hall which can hold another 100.

If you are unwell, cough etc, please remain at home.

We will follow the LCA guidelines for the distribution of Holy Communion.

If you are unable to come to worship we have our regular DVD available, please contact the office.

I encourage everyone to pray; inviting Jesus' wisdom and direction as we face this challenge. Be assured that no matter what happens your heavenly Father holds you in his arms; Jesus is interceding for you; the Spirit is with you.

LCA—Guidelines on Hygiene in Worship (with reference to possible infection from Coronavirus COVID-19)

Gathering as a worship community

At present, there is no need to cancel regular worship services.

If the situation deteriorates and mass gatherings are being discouraged by government authorities, congregations will need to make provisions for the spiritual support of their members.

Congregations may wish to consider online worship alternatives, such as having the pastor write and/or record a sermon to place on the church website, directing people to livestreamed services/Worship DVDs.

Good Hygiene Practices in Churches

It is recommended that handshaking and hugging at church be discouraged during the outbreak to minimise the possibility of infection. People should be reassured that it is alright to refuse this kind of contact, and that a smile and nod and a friendly greeting are sufficient.

LCA—Guidelines for the Distribution of Holy Communion (with reference to possible infection from Coronavirus COVID-19)

- **Research indicates that good communion hygiene is the best protector against infection.**

It is recommended that:

Pastors, communion attendants and any people preparing the elements exercise excellent hand hygiene, .

Any pastor or communion attendant displaying symptoms of respiratory illness should not be involved in preparation or distribution.

Prior to distribution, an announcement should be made explicitly asking that people with any kind of respiratory illness (coughing, sneezing etc) or open wounds on their lips or tongues (eg herpes), should refrain from using the common cup.

During distribution, the communion cup should be wiped both inside and outside the rim between each communicant, and the communion cup should be rotated a quarter turn after wiping.

- **Whilst there is a limited risk of infection from the common cup, excellent hygiene must be followed and those who are unwell encouraged not to drink from the common cup.**
- **It is recommended that intinction be discontinued during times of public health emergencies.**
- **Receiving under One Kind:** That is, consuming only the wine or only the bread. The pastor should state that ideally both bread and wine should be consumed, emphasising that this change is temporary and intended for the protection of the people.

22 March 2020

Jesus is the
light of the
world.



Growing
FAITH
at home

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

FAITH 5

creative response



share

Your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following question:

Have I been a sign of God's presence and love to the people I met today?



read

Daily Bible Readings

S	John 9:1-41	The man born blind.
M	Isaiah 42:10-17	God will heal the blind
T	Matthew 9:27-31	Jesus heals the blind
W	Matthew 20:29-34	Two blind men receive sight
T	1 John 2:3-11	A warning against spiritual blindness
F	2 Peter 1:3-9	Avoiding spiritual blindness
S	Psalms 146	The Lord gives sight to the blind
S	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus



talk

- Share about a time when you were in a very dark place. How did you feel? What did you do?
- Jesus said "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). In what ways is he like a light in your life?



pray

The prayer for the week

Jesus, light of the world, please take away our blindness. Help us to see and follow you. Amen. (John 9:5-6)

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 Holy Spirit fill you with what is good, right and true. Amen.

Select a candle to serve as your "Christ Candle", and gather an additional candle for each person in your household.

Begin your home devotional times this week by saying **"Jesus, you are the light of the world."** As you do, light the Christ Candle. Then have household members take turns lighting their candles from the Christ Candle. As each one does, say together: **"You are a child of the light. Make your light shine before others."**

wilderness box

Before healing a man who had been blind from birth, Jesus said that he was the "light of the world". As this week's symbol, insert a candle into your wilderness box.

Say this prayer together:

Lord Jesus, thank you for bringing the light of God's saving love into our world and into our lives. Help us to always stay in your light. 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

"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

JOHN 9:5

Lent

mealt ime prayer

Lord Jesus, you give sight to the blind and food to the hungry. We thank you for your kindness and praise you for your goodness. Amen.