

STAMPS FOR MISSION

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Are you looking for something to do in Social Isolation?

Ann Ratsch has had an unusual delivery of stamps for missions. A huge amount of 5^d stamps. They are easy to clean and no peel and stick stamps.

Come into the office to collect a bag to clean. It will pass away many afternoons for you.

Many thanks



Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd, Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd, Monarto



Palm Sunday
5th April 2020

DIARY DATES AND COMING EVENTS

**Because of the COVID-19 all events cancelled.
We will advise when the situation changes**

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

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Take Away Church

Welcome to our brave new world!

That's right, for the time being there is no gathering in the church building for worship, but that doesn't mean we don't worship or pray to God.

I'm encouraging everyone to use this opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus, spending time with him; reading his word, praying, listening, inviting him to send the Spirit. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Jesus, after all you won't be busy, sitting at home. What an opportunity to spend time with family, talking about life, faith, Jesus, hope, praying together over the kitchen table.

I pray we all grab this opportunity that God has orchestrated and make the most of it. How, you might ask. Good question. Ask Jesus, and listen for his response, his prompt, his idea, his picture and then do it. To me that is living by faith; listening to Jesus and then doing it.

To help we'll be running a 'Take Away' church, where we'll provide some resources for you to use. I'm putting out a talk which I'm hoping will create discussion and prayer. We'll provide a regular bulletin; as well as notices on the stone notice board in front of the building to keep you updated.

God used a persecution (Acts 8:1) to scatter the early community of faith, I believe he's using this time to scatter us, far and wide, so that many more people might come to know him and believe in him. When meeting a person take the opportunity to invite God to bless them. Offer to pray for them. We still can meet where there are two or three. Look up Matthew 18:20 to refresh your memory on what Jesus says.

Please call by, grab your take away meal, and share it with Jesus. Invite him to speak with you about who you might share him with this week.

God Bless; Pastor Tim

While we are not having services we still have expenses that need to be met. Please continue your weekly giving via- REG (Forms available from the office)

- Direct bank transfer
BSB: 704-942 Account No: 4885651
- Leave your weekly envelope in the letter box at the Ed centre.

Weekly DVD's and other information will be available after **11.00am Fridays** from the pigeon holes outside the office door (the pigeon holes will be brought outside every day).

We encourage you, if you are able, to pick up and deliver to others who can't get out.

Please share your thoughts with Tim, and our leadership group as we work together to serve God at this challenging time.

Pastor Tim Koch and Warren Doecke, Chairperson

The BSB for Christ Church that was advertised was incorrect.

Please use BSB 704 942 Acc # 100311504

From the Leadership Team

✠ ***Please note All meetings etc have been cancelled***

Other News

✠ **Men's Breakfast** ~ Not happening this month

✠ **NATURAL READER 16**

This is a free program which will read out any PDF file; such as the sermon.

I invite you to have a try. Download the program and have the sermon read out to you as you read along.

This week there will be two versions of the sermon, one the regular style and the other a plain PDF file. Enjoy. Pastor Tim.

Christ Church Update - Take Away Church

Our first week without public worship has passed and Federal Government regulations have tightened further with the recommended number of only two people allowed to get together at a distance and we are told to stay home unless it's urgent.

Pastor Tim has put together his first meditation to share and discuss. Just because we can't physically get together we can still share and discuss with our friends by phone encouraging each other in our faith.

Everyone that I have contacted in the last week shared how important they feel it is for us to stay in contact with others in our church family. We aim between leadership and elders to call everyone at least fortnightly, preferably weekly.

Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*

TV, Radio and Internet options include:

- Lutheran Media live streaming at <https://livestream.com/luthworship>
- Joyce Myer channel 44 weekday 9am
- In Touch Ministries, Charles Stanley channel 92 Sundays 7.30am
- Radio -Power FM – 107.9 - Sundays 7.00am and 8.00am
- Andy Stanley podcasts <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/your-move-with-andy-stanley-podcast/id211872550>

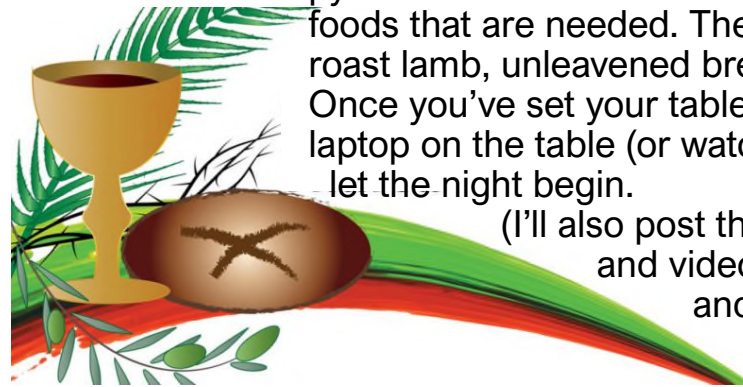
If you know of something else let us know and we will share it with everyone.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

You're invited to join Pastor Tim, via DVD/Internet in a Passover meal as together we celebrate Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper.

I've included a copy of the outline we'll be following with the foods that are needed. The basics being roast lamb, unleavened bread and wine. Once you've set your table, place your laptop on the table (or watch the TV) and let the night begin.

(I'll also post the meal outline and video on Facebook and YouTube.)



EASTER SUNDAY

This Easter Sunday you are invited to come and place a flower on the cross in the church yard. Bring your own, there will be some provided. So as not to have a mass of people all at once you are invited to come from 8pm Saturday through to 11am Sunday morning. Come, place a flower, and thank God for his love, for the life he gives, for the hope we have.

Easter Sunday



Come and give a resurrection shout as you place flowers on the cross.

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 Ahrens (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, Hahndorf: Geoff Pfeiffer (CC)

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 of all, your only Son came as a servant and was obedient all the way to his death on the cross. Make us humble like Christ, and bring us to be with him in his glory. For he 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 Faye, Jessica A, Quade, Spencer P, Luke & Abraham and also for Year 11 & 12 classes at Unity and surrounding schools.
- ✚ Pray for doctors, nurses and health care workers and ask God to protect them from the coronavirus
- ✚ Pray for governments around the world making vital decisions for their countries
- ✚ Ask God to bless the work of online ministries that people might come to faith through the message of God's love and forgiveness
- ✚ Pray for parents who are working from home and also overseeing their children's schooling
- ✚ Ask God to give healing to those who are sick and to give comfort & strength to those in isolation

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

5th	Doris Hein (Mon)	7th	Mason Constable (CC)
	Basil Schubert (CC)		Noah Hein (CC)
	Janelle Traeger (CC)		Chloe Jones (Mon)
6th	Kara Lienert (HC)		Penne Lewis-Brown (Mon)
	Leo Schulz (CC)	8th	Kyle Dalitz (CC)
	Kathy Stoddart (HC)	9th	Brianna Thomson (CC)
	Robert Thiele (Mon)	10th	Sheridan Piltz (CC)
7th	Amelia Constable (CC)	11th	Shana Krueger (CC)



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

Sharing The News: If you have any photos and stories – birthdays etc. please pass on to the Office or Janelle for the next newsletter. Let's all keep in touch – take a photo of what you are doing in lieu of attending church services. We can still care for each other but in different ways.

Our Care Directory - An updated directory is now available. Please be aware that this is not a full membership list! Cost is \$2 and they are available from the office.



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.

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



Growing
FAITH
at home

5 April 2020

PALM SUNDAY

Jesus is our humble,
gentle King.

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
M	Matthew 21:42-46	The stone the builders rejected
T	Matthew 26:6-13	Jesus anointed at Bethany
W	Matthew 26:14-16	Judas agrees to betray Jesus
T	Matthew 26:17-30	The Last Supper
F	Matthew 27:1,33-50	Jesus dies on the cross
S	Matthew 27:57-60	The burial of Jesus
S	Matthew 28:1-10	He has risen!

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our King, please come and rule in our lives so that we are humble and gentle like you.
Amen.

BLESSING

May Jesus rule as King in your life.

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

1

Have you ever attended a parade? What do you remember?

2

Why do you think Jesus chose to ride on a donkey? What does this say to you about him?



Caring Conversations



Lent

VIOLET (or Purple) is the colour of royalty, repentance, and self-discipline and is the traditional colour for the season of Lent. This deep rich colour represents a time of penitence and prayer.

Creative Response

Find a bare branch and place it in a pot. Each day of Holy Week, attach a different symbol to the branch and read the associated scripture passage.

Palm Sunday: Read Matthew 21:1-9. Place twigs and strips of cloth at the foot of the branch to symbolise the cloaks and branches spread on the road as Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Monday: Read Matthew 21:42-46. Place a stone at the foot of the branch to symbolise Jesus, the stone that was rejected.

Tuesday: Read Matthew 26:6-13. Hang a small bottle of perfume from the branch.

Wednesday: Read Matthew 26:14-16. Hang a bag of coins on the branch.

Maundy Thursday: Read Matthew 26:17-30. Place a small plate and cup at the foot of the cross as a reminder of the Last Supper.

Good Friday: Read Matthew 27:1, 33-50. Hammer small nails into the branch and attach a sign reading "This is Jesus, King of the Jews".

Saturday: Read Matthew 27:57-60. Place a black cloth over the branch.

Easter Sunday: Read Matthew 28:1-10. Remove the black cloth and decorate the branch with flowers, paper butterflies or paper streamers.

mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, as we gather this week may we remember all that you have done for us, and all that you call us to do for others. Bless this food to strengthen us in your service. Amen.

verse for the week
Hosanna to the son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

MATTHEW 21:9

Service



Complete an act of service as a household e.g. contact an elderly neighbour to offer your help with household cleaning or gardening, or prepare food to donate to a food pantry supporting the needy.

