

FREEWILL OFFERINGS and BUDGET POSITION AT END OF MARCH:

Offerings you have made for the month of MARCH, 2020

REG	\$6,502	Budget	\$4,167
Offering Plate	\$6,256	Budget	\$7,385
TOTAL	\$12,758	Budget	\$11,552

OFFERINGS Jan - Mar :

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>
REG	\$14,966	Budget \$12,497
Offering Plate	\$21,648	Budget \$22,155
TOTAL	\$36,614	Budget \$34,652

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

INCOME at end of March: \$47,524

EXPENSES @ end of March: \$53,204 (approx. \$5,680 deficit)

Kindy Bible Donations - \$287.50

Lenten Offerings - \$391.00

It has been an overwhelming response from our members and we express a **HUGE** heartfelt **THANK YOU** to you all who have increased their Giving over the past Month.

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Third Sunday of Easter
26th April 2020



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

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Update From Leadership

A very successful leadership meeting was held on Monday 20th April, online via Zoom.

Some of the key discussions were:

- ✦ All future **events & Worship Services** will be dependent on the progress of COVID-19 isolation restrictions & reviewed as the situation progresses.
- ✦ **Access to the Church Office** For everyone's safety during the COVID-19 self-isolation & social distancing restrictions, the Church office will be closed to all non-essential access. Yvonne is still at the Church Office to take phone calls & will communicate through the door from 9am–12noon Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday. Pastor Tim of course, is still contactable via phone & is happy to talk to anyone who needs to speak to him.
- ✦ **Take Away Church**
 - ✦ Pastor Tim has ensured that the weekly Message has been available each week either in print form or via the Christ Church website, on YouTube or via DVD each week.
 - ✦ Yvonne has been doing a great job in collating the printed "Take Away Packs" for collection at the Ed Centre each Friday. Thanks also to anyone else who has been involved in helping this happen.
 - ✦ Children's "Take Away Packs" are also available.
 - ✦ We do however encourage everyone to access the information on line if possible, to save paper & printing costs.
- ✦ **Church Plant** We will investigate how we can proceed under COVID-19 isolation restrictions for the planned workshops during 2020 with Dr Noel Due.
- ✦ **Combined Leadership Meeting with Holy Cross** Next combined meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19th May – Pending arrangements that can be made to conform with COVID-19 isolation restrictions.
- ✦ **4x4 Groups** Everyone is encouraged to continue making contact with their 4x4 group during 2020. If not already

PLEASE NOTE

Please Note: Bulletin notices are now due by **10am on Wednesdays**

OFFERINGS

If you can't drop your offerings in please contact the office for assistance.

A big thank you to everyone who has been adapting to continue their giving, at this stage offerings are keeping on track with our budget.

BSB and Account Number for Christ Church:

BSB 704 942 Acc # 100311504

Other News:


LLL Interest Rate: Please note LLL interest rate has been reduced to 1% from May 1st, 2020.

LLL Interest: May is interest month, send off your LLL passbook to the LLL now so that your book can be updated and interest added.

Red Cross: Red Cross Blood Bank will be coming in May.

Year Books: LCA Year Books are available, \$22 ea.

Kevin Schrapel's weekly 'Life thru the Lens' write up is available on our webpage.



CONCORDIA KINDERGARTEN

CAN YOU HELP?

Concordia Kindergarten are inviting members of our Lutheran congregations to consider donating a bible to a child at Concordia Kindergarten. The distribution has been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions, but the Kindy will contact donors in due course. They are still 24 bibles short. If you can help the cost for a bible is \$15 each. Any donations would be gratefully received.

I can't get to church, how can I worship with others online?

YouTube channels: (subscribe for easy access)

Christ Church Lutheran Church

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkuwYNGuuhb8UFafjU7bFtKA>

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1o3Cy-fGMCsEoTtn9kwkgQ>

Music Ministry Online

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDoA2JRIV7vHNT0oceDkibg>

TV Options :

- Bethlehem Lutheran Church Channel 44 Saturdays 12noon
- Joyce Myer channel 44 weekday 9am
- In Touch Ministries, Charles Stanley channel 92 Sundays 7.30am

Radio and Internet options include

- 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>
- Toowoomba Good Shepherd Lutheran Church [Watch Online - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba, Qld](#)
- Worship with St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf <https://livestream.com/luthworship/events/2472486>

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

Update From Leadership cont...

part of a 4x4 group maybe you would like to consider forming a group. New & different ways to link-in could be explored. Internet savvy groups could use zoom.

- † **Bethany Mann** is doing a 1-year course at ALC that requires a level of Church Life Participation. May God Bless her in her studies & with her involvement here at Christ Church, we look forward to seeing more input & involvement by her during 2020.
- † **District Synod** that was to be held in the Barossa Valley in May 2020, has been cancelled as has Pastors Conference and the Women's Convention.
- † **Pastor Tim's Retirement & Call process.** Warren has been in contact with Pastor Stephen Schulz and at this stage the Call process is on hold as the current COVID-19 restrictions do not allow us to hold any Congregational Meetings. This may of course change by the time we need to be instigating the process.
- † **LCA recommendations for Holy Communion during COVID-19 Isolation & Social Distancing.** We are not to have Holy Communion until we can meet again together in a worship service. We will still continue to do Home Communion as we have previously done.
- † **Myanmar Mission Proposal.** May is Myanmar month – at our AGM we moved to once again donate to Myanmar Mission. During May you can donate money via the office in marked envelopes. At the end of May we will round up the amount donated to \$5000 and send to Asia Focus Australia, specifically marked for Myanmar.
- † At the Leadership meeting it was also decided to donate the following now to assist with COVID-19 aid to regions that do not have a social security system as we do.
 - † \$2,000 to Asia Focus Australia, marked for Myanmar. , in view of dire need by their local Church Community during COVID-19.
 - † \$5,000 to Australian Lutheran World Service (using the 10:1 Australian Government Grant for ALWS action making it **\$50,000!**)

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, 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, 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: Almighty and merciful God, you made the disciples glad by the sight of the risen Lord. Remind us that he is always with us, and that we now share in his resurrection. 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 Lynette, Kaitlyn A, Evie K, Miyah S, Laightien F & Ava S and also for Reception & Year 1 classes at Unity and surrounding schools.

✚ For those who are feeling afraid or anxious with the current Coronavirus outbreak and those suffering from the illness and also those suffering the economic effects

✚ For all who are worshipping and meeting through media outreach and for those putting it all together

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

Pray Continually

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

April

26th Sandra Thiele (CC)
27th Matilda Crook (CC)
Valerie Jaensch (CC)
28th Audrey Leske (CC)
29th Sarah Bailey (HC)
Charli Hampel (CC)
Julie Pfeiffer (HC)
Katrina Schubert (HC)
30th Georgia Lienert (HC)

May

1st Olivia Anderson (CC)
Yvonne Lablack (CC)
Hudson Stephens (HC)
2nd Matthew Doecke (CC)
Sonia Hein (CC)
Allan Nicolle (CC)



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

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 .

Many thanks for greetings, well wishes, phone calls, cards and flowers on my 90th Birthday.

It was a great day.

God Bless, Mona Gerhardy

Canon Ink

The office has the following Canon ink cartridges that are no longer required:
650 651 671
Please contact the office if you are interested

BREAD TAGS
 **FOR** 
WHEELCHAIRS

Collecting bread tags, even broken ones, makes a difference to our environment as they are recycled into seedling trays, picture frames, coat hangers and other items.

It takes 200 bread bags full of tags that are packed into 10 black bags

or 200 kg of tags to bring in enough money to buy one wheelchair. **Please bring in your bread tags!**



Growing
FAITH
at home

26 April 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The risen Lord Jesus comes alongside us in our journeys of faith.

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 24:13-35	On the road to Emmaus
M	Genesis 18:1-14	Abraham & Sarah eat with God
T	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Repent and be baptised
W	John 21:1-14	Jesus eats with his disciples
T	1 Corinthians 11:23-29	Recognising the Lord's body
F	1 Peter 1:17-23	Love one another
S	Psalms 116: 1-4, 12-19	Love the Lord
S	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you are the living word of God, speak to us and make us new. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord walk with you today and always.

Caring Conversations

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

1

The two men walking to Emmaus were feeling sad. What turned their sadness into joy?

2

Have you experienced Jesus alongside you when times have been difficult? How has he supported you?



Easter

In the season of Easter we celebrate how Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. **WHITE** or **GOLD** are the colours of Easter and represent victory, resurrection and eternal life.

Creative Response

Go for a walk together as a household. As you walk, invite each person to share how and where they 'see' Jesus in their lives.



mealtime prayer

Come and stay with us, Lord Jesus. Be with us as we eat, share and serve. Amen.

verse for the week

What can I give to the Lord for all the good things he has given to me? I will give you an offering to show thanks to you, and I will pray to the Lord.

PSALM 116:12, 17

Service



Jesus came alongside two of his followers in their sorrow and brought them joy.

Make a phone call to someone in your congregation or community who would appreciate someone to talk to.