



*Christ Church Lutheran*  
31 Swanport Rd,  
Murray Bridge



*Zion Lutheran*  
427 Schenscher Rd,  
Monarto



**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

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

**All Services and Events subject to COVID restrictions**

**THE OFFICE MAY BE OPEN.** If you come in you will need to wear a mask. – This depends on COVID restrictions on the day.

*Due to the COVID 19 situation, the rules, restrictions and guidelines for our safety are changing. Sometimes this is very quick and late, so there is not enough notice to let everyone know.*

**Please follow the directions of the people in charge at our services.**

**\*\*\*Masks are required until further notice\*\*\***

## **Christ Church Worship Today, 15th August:**

**9:30am:** *Thank you to Jeanette Mann for leading our Worship Service today*

**Bible Readings** John 6:35, 41-51 Jesus the bread of life

**Songs** In Christ Alone, Good Morning – Peace, I am the Bread of Life, My Lighthouse

**11am:** *Thank you to Pastor Paul Calnan for leading our Worship Service today*

**Bible Readings** Psalm 34, Proverbs 9:1-6, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

**Songs** Lord of Creation, Glory be to God, Come Follow Me, Sing to the Lord.  
How Blessed

## **Worship services 22<sup>nd</sup> August:**

**Monarto** 9am – Pastor David Buck – Wardens: Trevor, Joy & Tyson /  
Reader: Trevor H, Cuppa: Raelene & Gordon

**Christ Church** **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL (UNTIL ADVISED)**  
**PLEASE CALL/EMAIL OFFICE WITH YOUR NAME & CONTACT NUMBER.**  
**OFFERINGS WILL BE COLLECTED AT SIGN IN**

*Join us for 9am cuppa (must be seated) and fellowship in the hall before Worship.*

**9.30am** Worship Service in the Hall (TBC)

## **Upcoming Worship Services**

On **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August** in the Hall the Blueprint Ministries Team (the LCA SA-NT children, Family, Youth & Young Adults Ministries Team) will be leading the 9:30am service. A Christian Life Week band will be leading the music and young leaders involved with the Riverland & Lower Murray / South East Christian Life Weeks will be attending. (They will be holding the Leaders Training event over the weekend at Christ Church). Come along to support and encourage them in their ministry to other young people in South-Eastern SA.

**A Soup & Sausage sizzle lunch will be held and open to all on that day.**

## **Other Notices**

### **Call Committee:**

Christ Church: Graham Schubert, Tamra Lees, Sabine Jericho & Trent Mueller.

Monarto: Colin Wegener and Raelene Barolo.

Holy Cross: Joanne Pfeiffer, Annette Pearce, Jeff Hentschke & Daniel Altmann.

**Resthaven Communion Service:** 3pm, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August, run by Holy Cross

**Murray Bridge Christian Community Mens Group** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 6:30pm

Pizza Tea and Popcorn – JDH. Comedy Movie Night – by Ray ‘Walt Disney’

Emmins. BYO snacks and drinks **RSVP: 18<sup>th</sup> Aug - Matt Woidt 0419 033 859**

**Next Youth:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August, The Cave , From 6pm to 8:30pm, Please bring tea to share – All Welcome

**Shoe Boxes of Love:** Have you started to get items ready for your shoebox ? This is a project to reach out to children with gift filled shoeboxes and also bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ run by Samaritans Purse. Christ Church will be collecting shoe boxes this year. They need **to be returned in October** to receive a blessing at a Service. *If you need ideas please contact the church office or information is available at church services.*

### **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH MONARTO - 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Sunday 19th September 2021 - Thanksgiving Service 10.30am

Guest Preacher Bishop David Altus. Lunch provided. *RSVP by September 1st 2021.*

REGISTER by EMAIL to [janbrodde@outlook.com](mailto:janbrodde@outlook.com) or telephone (08) 8532 5050

**SMG – Chaplaincy Dinner:** Supporting Ministry in Schools, Proceeds to support young people in our school community. Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Aug, 6:30pm, Church of Christ, Seventh St Murray Bridge. Guest Speaker: Mr David Bland, Regional Coordinator of the Schools Ministry Group. Tickets: \$25 - Available from Christ Church Lutheran Church Office. Includes a three course meal

### **FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES — Handing back land to families:**

Hermannsburg land titles 1972–1982, the government was granting Aborigines in Central Australia freehold titles to their traditional lands. Leaders each wanted their family group to have a separate title, instead of having one collective title. The government eventually agreed to this, and so the original Hermannsburg Mission Lease of almost 3,800 square kms was divided up. Ps Paul Albrecht, Superintendent Garry Stoll and Research Officer Rex Ziersch will tell that story on Sun 22 Aug, 2.30pm at Bethlehem House (upstairs), Sudholz PI, Adelaide. **Bookings essential.** Please book from Mon 16 to 3pm on Sat 21 Aug so you can be advised of any change in COVID restrictions. Ph or text (no voicemail) to Helen Schubert 0447 740 711. Please bring a face mask in case it is required, and sign in by QR code or attendance sheet. Donations welcome.

### **Vision Christian Media – Murray Bridge Relay Station – Appeal**

The MB Inter-Church Council are working with Vision Christian Media to establish a 24 hour repeater radio transmitter in the Murray Bridge area. Vision Christian Media operate 24 hours per day and broadcast from Queensland and via satellite through a low powered repeater we can receive the Christian content in Murray Bridge. This is an opportunity to bless people who for whatever reason are house bound or in care to receive a Christian message at anytime. To set up the radio transmitter a one off cost of \$5000 is needed.

Christ Church Leadership has supports this endeavour as it reaches out to all people in Murray Bridge. Retiring offerings will be taken on Sunday's 8th and 15th August for this very worthwhile project. A minimum of \$700 has been committed by the Leadership team to this appeal. God has blest us all so richly and so this enables us to bless others with what he has given us.

Ian Kluge, Chairperson MB Inter-Church Council/Elder

**Ladies Fellowship** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm, Ed Centre

Come and share your INSPIRATIONAL EXPERIENCES – read, heard, seen or done!  
Offering: Lutheran Church Cambodia & LWA Convention. ALL ladies welcome

**Thrift Shop** – please note the thrift shop has been cancelled for September

**Concordia Kindergarten presentation of Bibles** has been postponed until further notice

**Red Cross Blood Bank:** Don't forget to pre-book your spot at [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au), on our app or on 13 14 95. 16th August to 19th August

Monday 16th August- 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday 17th August- 10:00am - 6:30pm

Wednesday 18th August- 10:00am - 6:30pm

Thursday 19th August 8:30am – 3:00pm

### **National Day of Prayer, 22 August 2021**

The National Council of Churches Australia encourage everyone to join in a National Prayer Day for our local, national and global communities experiencing great need and distress caused by COVID-19.

You may also like to register for daily devotions in the lead up to this day of prayer, to daily prayer calls each evening or to participate in a Zoom Prayer call featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders all day on 22 August.

For more information or to register, please go to

<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy>

**Blueprint Ministries: Young adults square dance** It has been exciting to see the numbers of young adults gathering together for camps and other events this year. Blueprint aims to hold an event for young adults each term.

**Term 3 the Young Adult event: Square Dance** - Saturday, 18th September, 7pm - 10.30pm, St Paul's Lutheran Church Hall, 44 Audrey Ave, Blair Athol

This event does not require any previous dance experience so invite your friends and come join us! To register your interest, check out the event on the

[Blueprint Young Adult Network Facebook page](#)

**NEW! "Why we do what we do"** Grow Ministries and the Commission on Worship have produced an excellent booklet explaining Lutheran Worship. In clear, simple language, each part of the worship service is explained, along with passages from scripture showing the Biblical basis for what we do. Perfect for family discussions, Confirmation classes and for every member of our congregations wanting to understand why we do what we do in worship.

Click here to download [Why we do what we do in Lutheran worship](#) (or get a copy from the office)

## Prayers:

**Prayer of the day:** Almighty and merciful God, you have fulfilled our human longing for justice and peace in the coming of your Son as a human being. May he shine in our lives, so that all who see us are drawn to him as their only Saviour. 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 & families at Concordia Kindy and also for the Yrs 12 students at Unity and surrounding schools.
- ✠ Pray for the confirmation class, their parents and families and Pastor Paul as he prepares them to be confirmed later this year: Bethany Calnan, Holly Elliott, Layla Hearne, Cooper & Brady Lienert, Harry & Edward Rigney, Archer Stephens, & Marni Woidt
- ✠ Lord, we recognise we are a well blessed nation – despite the financial and health challenges we face. Please keep us from complacency and apathy as we consider those who are most impacted by the COVID virus – at home and abroad. Open our hearts to those who struggle. Continue to prompt your love to overflow in us to them. For you live and reign over all things.

### **Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week**

- 17<sup>th</sup> Brenton Doecke (CC)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Lance Andriske (CC)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Elsie Andriske (CC), Jamie Andriske (CC), Peyton Friebe, (HC),  
Darryl Klose (CC), Colin Lancaster (HC), Marion Poole (HC)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Coralie Mattner (CC)

**Please Pray for...** *(Please note, before visiting check with family for any visitation allowances and/or restrictions)*

**Christ Church:** Martha Aartsen, Jasmine & Winston Dance, Lores Frahn, Audrey Jaensch, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Lienert, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Oscar, Amelia & Josh Noye, Peter Paech, Joyce Pope, Leo Schulz, Vera Shinnick, Sandra Thiele, June Walker & also for their Carers.

**Holy Cross:** Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lila Grocke, Bert & Nita Hyam, Leila Koehler, Glen Koop, Matt Kruschel, Joy Leighton, Jim & Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Clarita Venn, Matt Woidt, Felicity Woods & also for their Carers.

**Resthaven:** Joyce Ahrns (CC), Norm Bensch (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Margaret Koop (CC), Dot Noller (CC), Murray Piltz (CC)

**Lerwin:** Glad Hausler (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Eric Kuss (CC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC)

**Mannum:** Val Stevens (CC)

**Craigmore Resthaven:** Ivy Roennfeldt (CC)

**Golden Grove Helping Hand:** Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC)

**Jallarah Homes Meningie:** Noleen Kluge (CC)

**Warner Close, Murray Bridge:** Colleen Fawcett (CC)

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

**St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf:** Margaret Pfeiffer (HC)

**Tailem Bend Hospital:** Pat Gogel, Phyllis Koop, Bevan Schulz (All HC)

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your Birthday or Anniversary announced, please email the office or when the office is open phone 8532 6553 .

# CHRIST CHURCH ROSTERS

	<i>JDH</i> 15-Aug	<i>CHURCH</i> 15_Aug	<i>JDH</i> 22-Aug	<i>JDH</i> 29_Aug
<b>COVID Marshal</b>	Dawn Hampel	Gary & Chris Beaughlehall	Carl Beaughlehall	Dawne Schmerl
<b>Elder/Assist</b>	Delton Schiller	Janelle Traeger Ian Kluge	Delton Schiller Dawn Hampel	Graham Schubert
<b>Wardens</b>	Yvonne Stiller	Gordon &Meryl Schulz	Kathy Franklin	Yvonne Stiller
<b>Greeters</b>	Graham Schubert Marlene Schubert	Dawne Schmerl Doreen Borchardt	Lynette Schiller	Ross & Merle Herrmann
<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	Sabine Jericho Joyce Hermann		Janelle Traeger Dawne Schmerl	David Lienert Chris Beaughlehall
<b>PA</b>	Nathanael Mann	Tamra Lees	Allan Hampel	Gary Beaughlehall
<b>Video</b>	Ron Jericho	Ron Jericho	Ron Jericho	
<b>Data Projector</b>	Chris Beaughlehall	Bruno Lablack	Jasamine Irvine	Dawn Hampel
<b>Counter</b>	Gerry Korzeba	Basil Schubert Greg Traeger	Gary Beaughlehall	Gerry Korzeba
<b>Grounds Roster</b>				
<b>Water &amp; Care</b>	Harry & Inez		John Schirmer	Tim Koch

## **COMING EVENTS – Subject to COVID restrictions**

(please advise the office of any changes)

Every Monday 9:30am Cards, Ed Cen

Every Tuesday 10am Bible Study Friendship Group, Ed Cen

Every Wednesday Office Closed & Confirmation 3:45pm, Holy Cross

### **Mon 16th-Thurs 19th Red Cross Blood Bank, JDH**

Mon 16th 7:30pm Leadership Team, Ed Cen

Thurs 19th 3pm Resthaven Communion (by HC)  
7pm Ladies Fellowship Ed Centre

Fri 20th 6:30pm Men's Group, Comedy Movie Night, JDH

Sun 22nd 9am Monarto Service  
9:30am Christ Church Service in JDH

Thurs 26th 11am Ecumenical Service Lerwin, Holy Cross

Fri 27th 6pm Youth, The Cave

Sat 28th 6pm SMG Chaplaincy Dinner, Church of Christ

## Coming Events – Subject to COVID restrictions cont.....

Sun 29th 9:30am Christ Church Service in JDH  
LMSE and Riverland CLW leaders  
*Soup & Sausage sizzle lunch*  
No Service At Monarto

Tue 31st 11am Ecumenical Service Resthaven, Christ Church

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs 1st 11am Ecumenical Service Lerwin, Christ Church

Sun 5th 9:30am Christ Church service in JDH  
10:30am Coffee before/after services at Christ Church  
11am Christ Church Traditional service in the Church  
11am Monarto Service

Mon 6th 7pm Worship Team meets, Ed Cen  
7:30pm Property meets, Ed Cen

Due to the widespread lockdowns in many parts of Australia, the LCA has reactivated the [Church@Home](#) resources. For Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August Go to:

<https://www.lca.org.au/worship/wpp/service-order/?order-type=church-at-home&post-id=16822>

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**Church Secretary** Yvonne Stiller 8532 3445  
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**OFFICE HOURS 9am-12noon Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri CLOSED WEDNESDAYS**  
(Dependant on COVID restrictions) **MASKS REQUIRED TO BE WORN**

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# Why I am a Christian

August 12, 2021 by Nick Hawkes

Truth is important. None of us want to believe things that are untrue. I certainly don't. So, you might wonder what I say when I'm asked why I am a Christian. When this occurs, I usually say something like this:

Christianity makes sense scientifically (with the fine-tuning of the cosmos to the level of multi-trillionth's).

Christianity makes sense morally. (Jesus' teaching on morality has never been improved on.)

Christianity makes sense sociologically. (Wherever *authentic* Christianity has been adopted, it has brought civility and transformed societies for their good.)

Christianity makes sense historically. (Christianity is not a philosophy. It arose fully formed as a result of historical events surrounding Jesus' life — events that can be forensically examined.)

Christianity makes sense personally, for I know God to be living and active within my life.

Scientists have discovered that scientific truth exists, but it takes a bit of work to uncover it. Similarly, theological truth exists, but it too takes a bit of work to uncover it. Those who are lazy or proud will never discover it. Jesus taught the importance of having a posture of humility towards God when he taught that God's revelation is best understood by children (see: [Matthew 11:25.](#)) In saying this, Jesus was not advocating childish, immature faith, he was pointing to the need for a soft heart rather than a soft head! Certainly, those who want to 'not believe', will never discover God's truth.

So, I invite you to be open in your quest for truth. If you are, Jesus gives you this promise: "If you honestly seek, you will find" ([Matthew 7:7.](#))

And here's a poem:

*I am content with my position, please be quiet.  
I am content, except sometimes, when I look at the night sky.  
I am content with my morality, except when I know I've sinned...  
which I do not accept is real, until I see the hurt in others, and I ache inside.*

*I am content with my position, don't bother me.  
I have reviewed the clichés and convictions I've chosen to wrap around myself...  
and they are sound, except that they are mine, and not God's...  
who I don't accept is real – except in those moments when I ache for hope.*

## About Nick Hawkes

Dr Nick Hawkes has two degrees in science and two in theology. He has been a research scientist, theologian, educationalist, apologist, pastor, author and radio broadcaster. He blogs and records Podcasts at [nickhawkes.net](http://nickhawkes.net)



There is a lot of action taking place out the back of my home.

Men and machinery are working all over the block. Although appearing to each be doing their own thing, they are obviously following a master plan.

Just imagine what our lives would be like for us, for our community, if we all followed the plans for the life of love, joy and peace as planned for us by the God of love himself.

Let's look at some of those plans.

To start – "Completely love the Lord God with all your heart, spirit and mind." ( Mark 12:30) Perhaps we should pause here, as this is where the Plan comes "off the rails". None of us manages to get the foundation down before the cracks of self-interest and disobedience sets in as we try to redraw the plans to suit ourselves.

Well, that's a bit hard. Let's look at another part of the master plan.

"Love your neighbour as much as you love yourself." (Mark 12:31) Oh, dear! This part of the plan will be virtually impossible. I don't know my neighbour, never talk to him. And anyway, who is "my neighbour"? Also, there are times when I don't always love myself too much. Maybe I can redraw the plan.

Fortunately for all humanity, the Planner didn't change the plan. Just imagine if there was no love, care, help, concern, support, getting close to others, and no forgiveness. Fortunately for all humanity, the Planner didn't change the plan. Just imagine if there was no love, care, help, concern, support, getting close to others, and no forgiveness. Instead, He sent His Son, born like one of us (although I don't know anyone born in a stable) who fully understood the Plan and to show all who would listen and learn how it should all come together. And to show that anyone who needs my help is "my neighbour" Even then, we will never get the job done to the satisfaction of "the Planner".

So Jesus steps in (which He knew right from the start was part of the Plan) and repairs all that needs to be repaired. The Planner can then look at you and me and all who accept what His Son did and say, "Well, it is finished! I accept what my Son did in your place. I forgive you for not getting the job done the way I wanted. Come on and be part of my family also".

Enjoy knowing and acknowledging even though you fell short of what was expected, you can still be a loved child of a loving God who planned for you to share in His forgiving love. *Kevin.*