



Third Sunday after Christmas Sunday 9th January 2022

Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross Lutheran
31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto

We want everyone in the Murray Bridge regional communities to know the love of Jesus and be in a saving relationship with Him.

WELCOME... TO OUR FIRST BULLETIN FOR 2022.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND LEAVE YOU STRENGTHENED FOR THE CHALLENGES AND JOYS OF THE COMING WEEK!

All Services and Events subject to COVID restrictions. *Due to the COVID 19 situation, the rules, restrictions and guidelines for our safety are changing. Sometimes this is very quick and late, there may not be enough notice to let everyone know, we thank you for your understanding.*

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

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

Currently with the COVID situation there is increasing numbers of infection in SA, the Government is advising anyone who may be vulnerable to stay home. We fully understand and respect anyone who wishes to worship at home. If you do decide to stay home and are rostered for any duties, please let us know. We pray everyone continues to keep safe and well, God's love and care is always with us no matter where we are.

Sunday: 9th January - 1st Sunday after Epiphany

9am Monarto – Lay Reading

9:30am Christ Church - JD Hall, Holy Communion, led by Pastor Graham Jenke
9am Cuppa and fellowship before Worship.

NO service at Holy Cross

Sunday: 16th January – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9am Holy Cross – Holy Communion – Pastor Peter Welke
Trading Table and morning tea following service

9:30am Christ Church - JD Hall, Family Service led by Jeanette Mann
9am Cuppa and fellowship before Worship

10.30am Monarto – Lay Reading

11am Christ Church – Holy Communion in Church, led by David Pech

Sunday: 23rd January - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Installation of Pastor David Kuss

2.30pm The Steeple Unity College

NO Service at Holy Cross

Services at Christ Church and Monarto to be confirmed if they will be held

Sunday: 30th January – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

9am Holy Cross – Holy Communion – Pastor Richard Fox – retiring offering for Lutheran Media

9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall

NO Service at Monarto

Visitors most welcome to join any of our services

PASTOR PAUL ON LEAVE until 31st January if Holy Cross members require pastoral assistance please contact David Schirmer 0459 943 682 Ministry Team or Jeff Henschke Church Council chairperson 0428 519 252

Christ Church Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-12noon – **Closed Wednesday.**
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Website: www.cclutheranmb.org.au Add: 5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge
After Hours please phone: Chairperson, Warren Doecke - 0417 804 663

Holy Cross office hours: Tues, Wed 10am-1pm; Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm – **Closed Monday.**
Ph 8532 4577 email: hcoffice@internode.on.net Add: 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge
Pastor Paul Calnan is available by phone Tues to Fri 9am to 6pm Mobile: 0417 466 611 or email: paul.calnan@lca.org.au *If you require pastoral care outside of these hours please contact Ministry Team Chair: David Schirmer or Council Chairperson: Jeff Henschke*

RECOMMENCEMENTS:

Holy Cross Monday Morning Bible Study: recommences 31st Jan'22

Christ Church Tuesday morning Bible Study: recommences 1st Feb'22

Crafty Capers: recommences 2nd Feb'22

9th JAN READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:

- ✠ **Monarto:** *Readings:* Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-22. *Songs:* Nothing can separate us from the love of God; Jesus went down to the water; Come, gracious Spirit; How firm a foundation
- ✠ **Christ Church:** *Readings:* Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-22. *Songs:* Stepping stones to the rock; Shine Jesus Shine; I was there to hear your boding cry; As we take this bread; Prayer of Peace

Shared Ministry Task Group Members:

Holy Cross: Greg Herrmann, Joanne Pfeiffer, Barry Stoddart;

Christ Church: Warren Doecke, Yvonne Stiller, Trent Mueller;

Monarto: Colin Wegener, Raelene Barolo.

Pastor David Kuss will be installed as lead pastor for the shared ministry of Christ Church, Holy Cross and Zion Monarto at 2.30pm on Sunday 23rd January at The Steeple Unity College. Congregation members will be advised asap regarding numbers and any COVID 19 changes as they happen. At present we are allowed 250 people at The Steeple, bearing in mind Pastor David will have invited guests for the installation which will reduce how many other seats are available.

General Notices

SHARED MINISTRY PRAYER GROUP: A new Shared Ministry Prayer Group is being established. If you are interested in attending and/or being involved please leave your name, phone number, and preference for a day/time to meet at Christ Church office.
Thank you, Bob Martin Shared Ministry Prayer Group Coordinator

RENEW Young Adults Camp

4 - 7 February 2022, Ankara Campsite, Walker Flat. \$190 Full Camp | \$160 Two Nights - \$130 One Night.

50% off for 2021 School Leavers. Registrations close 23 January 2022

ROSTERS:

Holy Cross: Rosters for next year are being drawn up – please let the office or Trudy Gogel know if there are dates you are unavailable. Many thanks.

REG – Regular Electronic Giving: Have you considered using REG for your weekly offerings? Forms are available from either church office to set up with your LLL account or use the following details:

Christ Church: BSB 704942 Acc # 100311504

Holy Cross: BSB 704942 Acc # 51176

CHURCH LIFE SURVEY: ends on 16 January; we encourage all members to participate in this survey. Paper copies are available from both offices or at services, please speak to either Yvonne or Annette if you require a paper based survey. Return to the office ASAP.

To complete online go to: attendersurvey.ncls.org.au (remember to click finish when done)

Church Codes: Christ Church LA413401

Holy Cross LA404202

Monarto LA413402

PRINTED SERVICE ORDERS: Holy Cross members who have vision impairment and are having trouble seeing the service on the screen please let Annette at the office know if you would like a printed order of service.

ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

We are finding it more convenient to communicate up-to-date congregation information to members and friends via email. Please help us by advising either Office if your email address/server has changed in the past 12 months by notifying the Office by phone or emailing hcoffice@internode.on.net or christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au

RETIRING OFFERING: at Holy Cross for Lutheran Media on Sunday 31st January, Pastor Richard Fox will be leading service.

HOLY CROSS AGM: Sunday 20th February after service: Please have your reports to the office by 9th February so that the book of reports can be collated ready for distribution the following week.

COMING EVENTS – Subject to COVID restrictions (*Please advise the offices of any changes*)

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| Sun 9 th Jan | NO Service at Holy Cross 9am Monarto 9.30am Christ Church Worship in JDH |
| Mon 10 th Jan | 9.30am Ladies Guild Committee Meeting – Holy Cross Meeting Room Emerge Counselling re-opens |
| Wed 13 th Jan | 10am Teen Challenge re-opens |
| Mom 17 th Jan | 7.30pm Christ Church Leadership Meeting – Ed Centre |
| Sun 23 rd Jan | 2.30pm Installation of Pastor David Kuss – The Steeple Unity College 2-5pm Concordia Hall hired – Blue Wren Yoga |

PRAYERS:

Prayer of the day Father in heaven, you proclaimed Jesus as your dear Son at his baptism, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. May all who are baptised into Christ remain faithful in their calling to be your children and inherit eternal life with him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Also pray....

- ✠ Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank you for all your gifts of body and mind, for health and strength to work, for sunshine and rain, for life itself, and for all that exists to your praise. Open our eyes to recognise your undeserved goodness, and fill our hearts with joyful obedience, so that we thank and praise you in word and deed
- ✠ Pray for Pastor David Kuss and family as they move to Murray Bridge to take up the position of full time lead pastor and for Pastor David's installation on 23rd January. Give him and his family guidance and wisdom as he settles into his new role early in February after his leave .

✠ Pray for Pastor Paul and Pastor David as they take leave that they return refreshed in body and mind for the year ahead.

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, Flo Kerkham, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Lienert, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Oscar, Amelia & Josh Noye, Joyce Pope, Leo Schulz, Vena Shinnick, Sandra Thiele, June Walker & their Carers.

Holy Cross: Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lila Grocke, Maxine Gogler & Vicki Gollasch and family, Trevor, Christabel and Kyle Hage, Bert & Nita Hyam, Elizabeth Klitscher (RAH), Leila Koehler, Glen Koop, Matt Kruschel, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Brenda O'Reilly, Stephanie Pietsch, Jim & Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Barb Taylor, Clarita Venn & their Carers.

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

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

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt (CC) **Golden Grove Helping Hand:** Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC)

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC), Felicity Woods (HC)

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer (HC) **Warner Close, M/Bridge:** Colleen Fawcett (CC)

Tailem Bend Hospital: Pat Gogel, Bevan Schulz (both HC)

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your Birthday, Anniversary or any other special occasion announced, please email or call your church office.

Condolences:



Our Deepest condolences to family and friends of Margaret Koop who passed away on December 26th. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life.
Romans 6:4

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Ross and Sandra Thiele on celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary today, 9th January, God's blessing to them.



Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

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|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 9 th | Greg Herrmann (HC) | 11 th | Kurt Unger (HC) |
| 10 th | Tyson Beitz (CC) | 12 th | Maurice Wegener (Mon) |
| | Colin Schenscher (CC) | 14 th | Bev Peach (CC) |

OTHER WAYS TO WORSHIP:

FACEBOOK: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge / Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge / Music Ministry Online

YOUTUBE Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge / Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge / Music Ministry Online

Christ Church Web Page: <http://www.cclutheranmb.org.au/>

Music Ministry email: musicministrymb@gmail.com

Christian radio now live! – Murray Bridge 87.6 FM SA

Other Livestreamed Services etc – Go to LCA Church@Home:

<https://www.lca.org.au/worship/wpp/churchhome/>

click on View@Home to see services online, Pray@Home for prayer resources and Faith@Home for other options.

Sermons4Kids- Stories of the Bible: <https://sermons4kids.com/>

ROSTERS

Holy Cross

| | 16 JAN 9AM Pastor Peter Welke | 23 JAN 2.30PM The Steeple | 30 JAN 9AM Pastor Richard Fox |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sign In/ Greeters | T Gogel R Packer | | V Zerk K Stoddart |
| LS Server | Wendy Hein | | Rick Peach |
| Lector | Wendy Hein | | A Pearce |
| PA/MM | B Kuchel | | T Hanckel |
| Video | Bob Eggers | | G Hermann |
| Marshal | A Pearce | | B Stoddart |
| Ushers | B & M Gerlach | | R & D Paech M Woitdt |
| Bell Ringer | B Gerlach | | R Paech |
| Altar Guild | D Pfeiffer | | J Sacco |
| Flowers | R Packer | | F Henschke |
| Musicians | E Paech M Gogler | Music Ministry | E Paech R Packer |
| Morning Tea | V Zerk F & J Henschke | | H Heuppauff D Pfeiffer A Pearce |
| Ministry Team | D Schirmer | D Schirmer | M Gerlach H Heuppauff |

Christ Church

| | 9:30am JDH 9-Jan | 9:30am JDH 16-Jan | 11am Church 16-Jan |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| COVID Marshal | L Schiller | K Franklin | G Pohl |
| Elder Assist | D Shiller ♥ I Kluge | G Schubert | I Kluge ♥ G Korzeba |
| Wardens | P&V Jaensch | D Doecke | J Pohl M Mueller |
| Greeters | L Schiller L Penhall | R Schrapel D Kluge | D Borchardt L Penhall |
| Tea/Coffee | Y&T Koch | R&M Herrmann | |
| PA | T Lees | N Mann | A Hampel |
| Data Projector | C Doecke | E Mann | C Mattner |
| Reader | | | J Pohl |
| Flowers | G Taylor | C Mattner | C Mattner |
| Video | R Jericho | R Jericho | |
| Counter | G Korzeba | D Schiller | V Jaensch |
| Grounds Roster | | | |
| Water & Care | Harry & Inez | J Schirmer | J Schirmer |

Monarto Rosters

9th Jan: **Wardens:** Colin & Raelene W. **Reader:** Haydn H

16th Jan: **Wardens:** Jan & Klaus B. **Reader:** Pam H

Monarto Congregation Contacts

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| <u>Secretary</u> | Jan Brodde | 8532 5050 | | |


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| | Dennis Steinborner | Lesley Rosenzweig |
| | Helen Heuppaufl | Coral Eggers |
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EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD - 6th January



**They set out;
and there,
ahead of them,
went the star
that they had seen
at its rising,
until it stopped
over the place
where the child was.**

Matthew 2.9



"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



STOP AND SEE

A New Holland Honeyeater has worked out that under our back pergola is a veritable feast of little critters about entree size for Honey Eaters for the snapping up if one is sufficiently speedy of wing. I have been aware of him going about his "snack-time" business for weeks, possibly months. The other day I took the time to sit and watch with growing fascination his helicopter-like movement. Zip right, spin and zoom left, then straight up like an express lift to the top floor, a quick hover, a booster thrust forward, snap – one bug less under the pergola. How often would we be amazed if we took the time to "stop and see" and discover something wondrous right before our eyes? Let's leave the honey-eater to his zipping and turn our attention to the people with whom we have contact.

Maybe as we start this new year and look forward to what will hopefully be a better year, we need to change our focus. Spend less time looking to the distant and hazy horizon to a closer and more timely focus on the people we see daily, weekly and recognise with wonder the uniqueness of each one.

Of course, we need to take the time to stop, genuinely inquire, and share some actual time for that to happen.

A famous king (David) who trusted God but sometimes messed up was able to say to God, "Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvellous—how well I know it." (Psalm 139:14)

I wonder what would happen if when we meet someone, in our minds, we changed those words to, "Thank you God for making (Fred, Mary, This person) so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvellous—how well I know it." And then went on through caring conversation discovered just how wonderfully God had made that person.

OK, so maybe you don't believe God made the person you see before you. Would it hurt to treat them with the care, concern and dignity they are due as a fellow person? Who knows what might happen? What friendships will grow? What consideration will be given? How much fuller and gently and livable our community could become? And maybe God would chuckle and think, "Yeah! I knew Fred was a good person, worth knowing; now you do too. Enjoy your new friendship."

Enjoy a happy and blessed New Year,

Kevin.

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Growing
FAITH
at home

2nd January 2022
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Jesus became human

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Share about a time when you were amongst people speaking a different language. How did you communicate?

2

John 1:1-2 calls Jesus 'the Word'. What do you think this means?

3

How does God communicate with us? How do you communicate with him?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

| | | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| S | John 1:1-18 | The Word became flesh |
| M | 1 John 1:1-4 | The Word of life |
| T | Philippians 2:6-11 | Jesus became our servant |
| W | Matthew 2:1-12 | Wise men worship Christ the King |
| T | Isaiah 60:1-6 | Nations will come to the light |
| F | John 8:12-20 | Jesus, the light of the world |
| S | Psalms 72 | Kings will present him with gifts |
| S | Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 | The baptism of Jesus |



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord Jesus,
light of the world,
shine through me
this day. Amen.



BLESS

Child of God,
may the light of
Jesus shine in
your heart, today
and forever.
Amen.

Christmas

WHITE is the colour of purity, light and completeness.
It is used at Christmas to celebrate Jesus' purity and glory
as the Son of God and the joy we find in him.

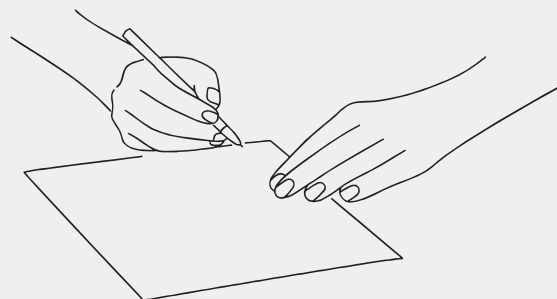
Creative Response

Jesus has been called 'God's love letter' to the world.

As part of your home devotion times this week, have each household member compose a short letter to God (if you have young children in your home, help by writing down their words).

Share your letters with one another.

Say a prayer of thanks for God's communication with us in and through Jesus.



mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, make our home your home.
Bless our food and our sharing, so that we
may bless others. Amen.

verse for the week

The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us.

JOHN 1:14

Service



Sometimes people use the phrase 'we are Jesus' hands and feet'. How can you show someone the love of Jesus this week? Think of something you could do for someone else, and let them know Jesus loves them.

