



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Sunday 30th 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 BULLETIN. 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 are 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: 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 – Led by Delton Schiller
NO Service at Monarto

Sunday: 6th February – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

9am Holy Cross – Holy Communion – Pastor Paul Calnan Installation of Church Council and Ministry Team
9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall – Led by Pastor Tim
11am Christ Church – JD Hall – Led by Pastor Tim
11am Monarto led by Pastor Paul

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.**
Ph 8532 6553 email: christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au
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*

Pastor David Kuss Installation service:

<https://youtu.be/BAXP7NI0IRs>

RECOMMENCEMENTS:

Holy Cross Monday Morning Bible Study: recommences 7th Feb'22 (note change of date)

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

Crafty Capers: recommences 2nd Feb'22

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 was installed as lead pastor for the shared ministry of Christ Church, Holy Cross and Zion Monarto last Sunday, 23rd January at The Steeple Unity College

The retiring offering from the Installation Service has been sent to Teen Challenge \$281.65 and Lutheran Care \$281.65

*****SHARED MINISTRY NAME*****

The Task Group are recommending to the congregations that our Shared Ministry Name be "**Murray Valley Lutheran CommUnity**".

30th JANUARY READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:

- ✠ **Holy Cross:** *Readings:* Psalm 71: 1-6; Jeremiah 1: 4-10; 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13; Luke 4: 21-30; *Songs:* May we be one; Where love comes to life; Love is patient and kind; Here I am Lord, These I lay down, You call me to Love.
- ✠ **Christ Church:** *Reading:* Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30; *Songs:* Speak, O Lord; The Power of the Cross; You are my King (Amazing Love); What Love, My God; Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me; Build Your Kingdom Here.

GENERAL NOTICES

SHARED MINISTRY PRAYER GROUP: Bob Martin, as coordinator of the Shared Ministry Prayer group, has asked that any Home / Bible / Study Groups (or individuals) please put aside some time to pray for the amalgamation of the Lutheran Community in Murray Bridge and Monarto.

Jeremiah 29:12; "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

If you are interested in attending and/or being involved with the Shared Ministry Prayer Group please leave your name, phone number, and preference for a day/time to meet at Christ Church office.

ROSTERS:

Holy Cross: Rosters are ready to be picked up – Please let the office know of any dates you are unavailable for February and March ASAP.

Christ Church: Please let the office know of any dates you are unavailable for February and March ASAP

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

CAN YOU HELP? Maxine Gogler, member of Holy Cross, is looking for help with transport to the RAH for a pre-op appointment, date to be confirmed. If you can help please contact the Holy Cross office.

CHRIST CHURCH: Could the Christ Church Auxiliary bodies who supply a financial statement for the Book of reports for the AGM please do so as soon as possible as I would like to start on the book of reports soon. Thanking you all so much in advance, Gary Beauglehall, Finance Advisor.

RENEW Young Adults Camp *UPDATE*****

Due to the current COVID-19 outbreak in SA, which is expected to peak in late January-early February, our RENEW camp team has made the difficult decision to **move our camp program online** – **RENEW 4th-7th February 2022 - Online Program Only**

This online program will be an exciting opportunity to access the resources which had been produced for the RENEW Camp, and to still gather as God's people in an online setting. Keep an eye out for more details regarding our online program coming soon!

This online program will be provided by the Blueprint Ministries and RENEW Teams **for free to all participants.**

To register your interest to participate, head to:

<https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/renew/>

Blessings, Ian Crambrook, On behalf of the RENEW Camp Directors

DID YOU FINISH YEAR 12 IN 2021? Are you a young adult in your Lutheran congregation that would like to connect with other young Lutherans? The Blueprint Ministries' Young Adult Network may be just the thing you are looking for!

See the flyer available from notice boards or church offices that gives details about this group and also a link to their Facebook page. In particular, please note the Welcome Event scheduled for Saturday 5th March where you will have an opportunity to connect with other young Lutherans and make connections and friendships.

If you have any questions you are welcome to contact the Blueprint Ministries staff at admin@blueprintministries.org.au or on 8267 5211.

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.

CHRIST CHURCH AGM: **Sunday 20th March, 1:30pm, JDHall:** Please start thinking on your reports, they will need to be in the office and collated for the book of reports by the end of February.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES:

Holy Cross, Monarto and Christ Church

Do you have something you are grateful for? How blessed have you been this past year? We will be celebrating Thanksgiving Services at **Christ Church** on Sunday 13th February @ 9.30am in the Hall by Pastor David Kuss with Holy Communion,

Holy Cross Sunday 20th February @ 9am and **Monarto** Sunday 27th February, time TBC AGM to follow service.

Food items will be distributed between Teen Challenge and Foodbank Murray Bridge.

We encourage you to bring along an item for the displays that you are blessed with or grateful for; it could be an item of craft, a hobby, something in your life that you are grateful for or an item of food (fruit, vegetable, tin or packet of food) or some flowers, a toy or a pastime, or maybe a photo. Everyone has something they can be grateful for. What will you bring along for the display to express and show your thanks to God?

Holy Cross set up on Saturday 19th evening, items can be left at the Holy Cross office on Friday 19th Feb between 9am-1pm.

Christ Church Setup on Saturday 12th February @ 3pm in the JDH, please bring items on Saturday or Sunday morning for the display. Helpers are needed and will be appreciated for setting up and packing away. Thanking you, from The Worship Team

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE GUILD meet Wednesday, 2nd February, 10am at the Ed Cen.
Devotion – Joyce Stiller

HOLY CROSS MINISTRY TEAM meeting Tuesday, 1st February, 4pm in the Holy Cross meeting room

HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL meeting Tuesday 1st February 7.15pm in meeting room

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY recommences 7th February 10am in Holy Cross Sunday School rooms – all welcome

MURRAY BRIDGE WOMENS GUILD MEETING: Wednesday 9th February 1.15pm in Concordia Hall. Topic: Quiz; Devotion: M Haskell; Hostesses: V Zerk, B Kretschmer; Musician: R Packer; Gift Table: L Rosenzweig.

CHRIST CHURCH SENIOR CARE TEAM meet this coming Wednesday, 2nd February, 9:30am in the Ed Centre.

RED CROSS BLOOD BANK: Got a bit of time this February? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Murray Bridge will need blood and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town from the 14th of February until the 17th of February. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at donateblood.com.au or CALL 13 14 95. *Monday 14th February 12pm – 6pm*
| *Tuesday 15th February 10am – 6:30pm*
Wednesday 16th February 10am – 6:30pm | *Thursday 17th February 8:30am – 3pm*

CHRIST CHURCH SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING: A special meeting will be held between services on Sunday 6th Feb at 10:30am in the JDH to vote on the following:
a) Christ Church employ the services of the LCA's 'By The Book' Business to carry out our bookkeeping duties. *Since the resignation of our bookkeeper last year the Leadership have investigated this and believe it to be the most reliable and cost effective option going forward.*
b) We ratify the name of Murray Valley Lutheran Community as the name for the Shared Ministry between Christ Church Lutheran & Holy Cross Lutheran, Murray Bridge and Zion Monarto Churches.

HOLY CROSS NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – FEB 6th 2022

Church Council / Shared Ministry REQUIRE a congregational Meeting to legally and formally endorse the name "Murray Valley Lutheran Community" immediately following service.
All inquiries – Greg Herrmann (HC Task Group Rep)

Men's Breakfast: 19th Feb, 8am @ JDH. Guest speaker Bruno Lablack. Please RSVP to either Church Office by 16th Feb. Program to follow.

PRAYERS:

Prayer of the day Everloving God, we thank you that you sent your own Son to bring us life, and that through him you give us many gifts. Teach us to desire your greatest gift, the gift of love, so that we love others as you have loved us. 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....

- ✠ God grant us the patience to work together, bring us all together as a family. Let us work together with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Let us not be rude or arrogant towards one another, as we light the way to your heavenly kingdom.
- ✠ Thank you, God, for the body of believers who are called to serve you, who are proclaiming the Good News to all who will hear. From those who minister across the country to the men, women, and youth here at home, send us out to be a light in the dark. Send us out to speak life. Send us out to extend grace and mercy. Send us out to feed the hungry, to befriend the lonely, to find the lost. Open the doors of this church and fill it with the broken, the angry, the hurting. Let them find forgiveness and comfort here in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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 & Kyle Hage & families, Bert & Nita Hyam, Elizabeth Klitscher (RAH), Leila Koehler, Glen Koop, Carol Kruschel, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Brenda O'Reilly, Stephanie Pietsch, Jim & Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Barbara 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: Glad Hausler (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Phyllis Koop (HC), Eric Kuss (CC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC). **Pray for all residents and staff while Lerwin is in lockdown.**

Murray Bridge Hospital: Joan Kluge (CC)

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 John Courtney, family and friends on the passing of Phyllis Courtney on 25th January. Funeral Service details to be advised

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

30 th	Trent Frahn (CC)	2 nd	Betty Paech (HC)	4 th	M Haeusler (HC)
31 st	Warren Doecke (CC)		Shane Thomson (CC)		Michelle Lohmeyer (CC)
	Theo Garland (HC)		Michelle Waltrovitz (HC)		Margaret Paterson (CC)
	February	3 rd	Emily Klenke (CC)	5 th	Ian Mueller (CC)
1 st	Mikayla Joppich (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/>

Holy Cross Video

Christabel Hage funeral service:- <https://youtu.be/JHC5ruYsVh0>

Links:

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

Monarto Rosters

6th Feb: **Wardens:** Robert T. **Reader:** Heather C

Holy Cross

	30 JAN 9AM Pastor Richard Fox	6 FEB 9AM Pastor Paul Calnan
Sign In/ Greeters	T Gogel V Zerk	T Gogel K Pfeiffer
LS Server	J Sacco	L Rosenzweig
Lector	A Pearce	Peter Welke
PA/MM	B Kuchel	Amy Gates
Video	G Herrmann	A Wegener
Marshal	M Woidt	A Pearce
Ushers	M Woidt J Kuchel	B Gerlach K Lienert
Bell Ringer	R Waldhuter	B Gerlach
Altar Guild	J Sacco	S Gates
Flowers	F Henschke	P Jenke
Musicians	E Peach R Packer	H Carrol K Ahrens
Morning Tea	H Heuppauff F&J Henschke A Pearce	A Wiencke P & E Welke J Wiencke
Ministry Team	M Gerlach H Hueppauff	M Gerlach H Hueppauff

Christ Church

	9:30am JDH 30-Jan	9:30am JDH 6-Feb	11am Church 6-Feb
COVID Marshal	B Martin	Carl B'hall	I Kluge
Elder Assist	G B'hall	G Korzeba	D Pech
Wardens	G Pohl	G Schubert	A&D Hampel
Greeters	D&A Doecke	J Herrmann K Franklin	R&M Herrmann
Tea/Coffee	J Herrmann D Borchardt	C Beauglejall D Kluge	
PA	B Martin	T Lees	W Taylor
Data Projector	J Martin	C Doecke	J Irvine
Reader			M Herrmann
Flowers	J Hermann	Y Koch	
Video	R Jericho	R Jericho	
Counter	B Schubert	V Jaensch	B Schubert
Grounds Roster		Tim & Yolette Koch	
Water & Care	Y Koch	Harry & Inez	

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<u>Treasurer</u>	Colin Wegener	0407 030 241	
<u>Secretary</u>	Jan Brodde	8532 5050	

Christ Church Congregation Contacts

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	David Pech	0420 849 344	Janelle Traeger 8535 4290
	Graham Schubert	0408 848 920	Ian Kluge 0427 313 537, 8531 3449
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Holy Cross Congregation Contacts

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<u>Ministry Team</u>	David Schirmer (chair)	0459 943 682
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	Edna Welke	Pastor Peter Welke
	Dennis Steinborner	Lesley Rosenzweig
	Helen Heuppauff	Coral Eggers
<u>Treasurer</u>	Barry Stoddart	0459 590 302
<u>Property Chair</u>	Greg Herrmann	0438 785 040

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



Everything was normal.

For years the floor tiles had sat quietly and (so everyone supposed) comfortably next to each other. No complaining. No shuffling or wriggling. Their reason "for being" was to be in "this" place, to be a part of a whole, a "whole" that provided an eye-pleasing, level, trip-free area of water-proof flooring. It appeared that all tiles were in agreement.

Then came that morning.

With a twitch, the 'Centre Left-hand Tile' muttered, "I am over this! I am the most stepped on tile in this area! Being over here on the side, no one admires me! Everyone just stands on me!" Then giving the tile on the left, a shove demanded, "Here! You get over here! We are changing places!"

'Centre Tile', checking that the glue of some fifteen years was still intact, replied, "I have been here for fifteen years. This position is where I started, and this is where I am staying! I am not moving for anyone! Just get over it!"

So which tile are you? Come on – you can be honest; there are no mind readers in the room.

If we are honest, we can very easily find ourselves being 'Centre Left-hand Tile'. Feeling "stood on", "underappreciated", and feeling like yelling at the world, "Enough is enough! I want a better spot! Someone had better move over!" I know; I felt like screaming it this morning – then I realised there was no one to listen anyway

Then there are those days when we take on the nature of 'Centre Tile'. We stick out our chin and declare (even if only in the mind), "I'm not changing for anyone – so there!"

It is incredibly easy to forget that there is a loving God who says, "You most likely don't understand why you are where you are right now. Regardless of how you feel, how you think others see you, try to use you, make you feel worthless, to me, you are a precious person, just so precious". Don't forget He also says, "The person you might want to push around, treat as worthless, is also precious to me." Check out loving your neighbour. (Matthew 22:37-40)

He tells us in His Word the Bible, "What marvellous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are." (1 John 3:1a)

God bless,

Kevin.



Growing FAITH at home

30th January 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

God Has Chosen You

SHARE



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

1

Jesus was rejected by the people who were in his hometown. Share about a time that you felt rejected or left out.

2

How do you react to the news that Jesus will never reject or turn his back on you?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 4:21-30	The prophet Jesus is rejected
M	Jeremiah 1:4-10	The call of Jeremiah
T	1 Cor 13:1-13	Love is patient, love is kind.
W	Matthew 13:53-58	Jesus rejected at Nazareth
T	Luke 6:20-26	Rejected disciples are blessed
F	1 Peter 2:4-11	Rejected by people but chosen by God
S	Psalms 71:1-6	In you, Lord, I have taken refuge
S	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus calls the first disciples

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, make us strong when we are rejected because of you. Keep us trusting and following you. Amen.



BLESS

(Name) You are God's special possession, live in his light.

Sundays After Epiphany

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

In your household devotion times this week use 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a to reflect on the love shown in your home.

Ask household members to recall and name ways in which others in your home have loved them.

For example:

- 'You showed me love by being kind when....'
- 'You showed me love by being patient when....'
- 'You showed me love by forgiving me when....'

Think of people outside your household who show love to you.

Make up heart-shaped cards and write (for example) 'Love is Kind' on the front and 'Thank you for being so kind to me' on the back.

Then on the inside write a personal note thanking them for their love.

Plan a way to deliver your cards.

mealtime prayer

Lord, give us hearts that are grateful for all your kindness. As you love us, lead us to love others. Amen.

Service



Invite someone you haven't invited before to your house for a meal.

Decorate your house in a way that welcomes them and makes them feel special.



verse for the week
But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 PETER 2:9