



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Sunday 13 February 2022

Murray Valley Lutheran Community

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: 13th February – 6th Sunday after Epiphany

NO Service at Holy Cross

9am Monarto – Lay reading

9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall – Harvest Thanksgiving led by Pastor David Kuss

Sunday: 20th February – 7th Sunday after Epiphany

9am Holy Cross – Holy Communion – Harvest thanksgiving - Pastor Paul Calnan
AGM straight after service

9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall – Led by Pastor David Kuss

10:30am Monarto – Lay reading

11am Christ Church – Church – Lay reading

Visitors most welcome to join any of our services

Pastor David Kuss contact details: Mobile: 0474 229 959 or email david.kuss@lca.org.au

Pastor Paul Calnan is available by phone Mon to Thurs 9am to 6pm Mobile: 0417 466 611 or email: paul.calnan@lca.org.au - Pastor Paul days Off NOW Friday & Saturday

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, 9.30am-1.30pm; Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm – **Closed**

Monday. Ph 8532 4577 email: hcoffice@internode.on.net Add: 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge

After hours please contact Council Chairperson: Jeff Henschke 0428 519 252 or Ministry

Team Chair: David Schirmer 0459 943 682

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.

Shared Ministry Task Group Meeting: Tuesday 22nd February 7.30pm Holy Cross Meeting Room.

GET TO KNOW YOU" SUNDAY 27th at 2.30pm @ JDHall. A get together with Pastor David & Pastor Paul for all current Leaders and would be leaders of any committees/groups of Christ Church, Holy Cross and Monarto.

*****SHARED MINISTRY NAME***** The Christ Church, Holy Cross and Monarto congregations have voted unanimously to endorse

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as the name for the Shared Ministry, this will be the name used for the new website.

13th FEBRUARY READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:

- ✠ **Christ Church: 9:30am** *Reading:* Psalm 126; Jeremiah 29:10-14; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33. *Songs:* We plough the fields and scatter; Hallelujah; These Good Gifts; In Christ Alone; let the Flame Burn Brighter.
- ✠ **Monarto:** *Reading:* Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26. *Songs:* Holy, holy; Jesus, lover of my soul; Sing a new song; Let us ever walk with Jesus.

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.

MONARTO LLL ANNIVERSARY GRANT: Monarto Congregation has been awarded a \$2500 LLL 100 Year Anniversary Grant. The grant will be used to replace the Data Projector system with a 75" TV and new computer!

ROSTERS:

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

Christ Church: Roster is out for Feb. Please pick up a copy from services or Christ Church office. If you have not been listed and wish to help either fill in the roster advice form at services or advice the office. Please advise of any dates you are unavailable up to May. Thank you!

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

HOLY CROSS OFFERING ENVELOPES: there are spare offering envelopes available from the office.

CHRIST CHURCH ELDERS: Please note that this month's meeting has been changed to Wednesday 16th Feb, 7:30pm in the Ed Cen.

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE: Lesley Rosenzweig is planning a trip to Lutheran Community Care on 21st February providing there are no COVID restrictions. Donations can be left at Holy Cross office by 18th Feb or arrange with Lesley drop off time.

HOLY CROSS WORSHIP COMMITTEE: meeting Tuesday 15th February 4.30pm in the meeting room.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES: Christ Church 13th February at 9.30am JDHall; Holy Cross 20th February at 9am followed by AGM; Monarto TBC followed by AGM

Do you have something you are grateful for? How blessed have you been this past year?

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?

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

Holy Cross set up on Saturday 19th evening, items can be left at the Holy Cross office on Friday 18th Feb between 9am-1pm.

HOLY CROSS AGM: Sunday 20th February in church straight after service: AGM books will be ready for collection from the office on Wednesday 16th February

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.

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.

YOUTH: FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY 6:00 to 8:00: Youth group will be following the same format we used last year: every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at the Christ Church cave/ hall from 6:00 to 8:30, and the occasional Sunday arvo for something extra (keep a lookout for that!). As usual, please bring a plate of food to share. Hope to see you there! Next Youth Fri 25th Feb.

MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST MEETING:

Saturday 19th Feb, 8am @ JDHall. Guest speaker Bruno Lablack. Please RSVP to either Church Office by 16th Feb or Matt Woidt 0419 033 859. Program will be available soon.

MURRAY BRIDGE LADIES FELLOWSHIP MEETING: COVID restrictions permitting---

5 pm Thursday 24th February at Ron and Sabine's, Unit 78 Murray Heights Lutheran Village. Please bring savoury finger food to share for tea. Sabine will provide goodies to construct your own dessert around supper time. Collection towards Lutheran World Service. All ladies of the Murray Valley Lutheran Community and their lady friends welcome.

EMMAUS friendship group meet on **Thursday 17th February 2:00pm** at the home of Carlene Schache, Unit 11 Swanport Village, Owl Drive

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING: If you need to complete Level 1 Refresher, Level 1 or Level 2 training please check the LCA website for dates online training is also available. Level 1 face to face training is available at St Pauls Lutheran Church Blair Athol 6th March and Victor Harbour Lutheran Church 20th March, Level 1 Refresher course at St Pauls Hahndorf 20th February, St Martins Mannum 6th March please contact either office for registration details. Congregation Leaders are invited to join an Online Webinar 1.30pm AEDT 26th March 2022 that will concentrate on implementing the NEW Child Safety Standards for Congregations.

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 SERVICE GUILD will be doing their JDH kitchen count on **Tuesday 22nd Feb**. Any helpers would be very much appreciated.

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP PAUL SMITH: Due to a change in COVID restrictions in SA there are now some additional seats available for people to attend the installation of Bishop Paul Smith. The Installation is scheduled for **Sunday 20th Feb** at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Flinders Street Adelaide**. The service will commence at **3.00 pm**. The capacity is still limited so registrations are essential via: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/224343997937>

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES (FoLA): Next meeting Thursday 24th Feb, 7.30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 139 Archer Street, North Adel. (Please note change of day/venue). Samuel Doering, a young historian from Neale Flat near Eudunda, talks about 'The Diary of Emilie Appelt.' The diary covers 10 years – personal, political, cultural, social, religious, accidents & more. To comply with COVID regulations please Ph: or TXT Helen Schubert on 0447 740 711 (but no voicemails) from Thurs 17 to Wed 24 Feb. Donations of \$4 gratefully received.

40 DAYS: A LENTEN DEVOTION & PRAYER GUIDE: LCA International Mission has compiled devotions for the Lenten season, through this Lenten season explore the psalms and share the comfort and hope they bring. An electronic copy of the booklet is available to download from the [LCA International Mission website](https://lca.org.au/lca-international-mission-website). If you would like hard copies of the guide to share with others, please contact [Erin](mailto:Erin@lca.org.au) at the LCA International Mission office or phone (08) 8267 7317.

LMSE CLW '22 Camp Director Applications Open: Do you love serving God through camping ministry? Do you love working with young people? We'd love to hear from you! Blueprint Ministries is looking for passionate people interested in serving as a Camp Director for our 5 day long Lower Murray South East Christian Life Week camp for young people in year 7-12, held in July 2022. In this role you will be working closely with the Blueprint Ministries Team and other directors and coordinators to administer and oversee the planning and running of the camp program. Interested? Applications close 27 February 2022. Download the application form here: <https://lca.box.com/shared/static/ox0lpjikqpwtxalfuxmwtsv4lnojs7w.pdf>

BLUEPRINT NOTICES:

Sat 5th March Amplify Conference (For Children / Youth Ministry workers – paid or voluntary).

To register to attend at Murray Bridge go to: <https://amplifyconference.com.au/hubs/hubs-sa/>

Sat 5th March 6pm Young Adults Welcome Event. If you have any questions you are welcome to contact the Blueprint Ministries staff at admin@blueprintministries.org.au or on 8267 5211.

Mainly Music groups – Blueprint has set up a Facebook page for Mainly Music groups to share ideas/ ask questions and encourage each other (email jeanette.mann@lca.org.au)

PRAYERS:

Prayer of the day Most Loving Father; it is your will that we should leave all our worries with you. Keep us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no cloud may hide from us the light of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Also pray....

- ✠ We pray for all in the community of Murray Bridge/Monarto and surrounding areas, for those with whom we share our lives, for our families our friends and for ourselves. Help us to be honest, caring people to all who we come in contact with, so that the Christ leads us in all that we do and say and help us to walk in your way of love.
- ✠ Thank you God, for the leaders in our churches, equip them for the work they undertake. We pray for your church, that it may be a community renewed by your grace, help us to entrust our lives to you; to set aside division and discord, and with common purpose proclaim to others the good news of your grace.

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 (RAH) & Vicki Gollasch and families, Trevor & Kyle Hage & families, Bert & Nita Hyam, Elizabeth Klitscher (Memorial Hospital), Glen Koop, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Brenda O'Reilly, Jim Poole & families, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Barbara Taylor, Clarita Venn & their carers.

Resthaven: Joyce Ahrns (CC), Norm Bensch (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Leila Koehler(HC) Dot Noller (CC), Murray Piltz (CC)

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

Murray Bridge Hospital: Joan Kluge (CC) Jim Poole (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 Elizabeth Klitscher on the passing her sister Dorothy Klitscher and to Dorothy's husband Jeff, children, Mark & Faye, Natalie, Cyndi & Shane & 7 grandchildren, her extended family and friends. Dorothy passed away on Friday 28th January; her funeral service was held at Coonalpyn on Friday 11th February.

Our deepest condolences to Jim Poole, family and friends on the passing of Marion on 30th January. Marion's funeral will be held on Friday 25th February at 2pm at Holy Cross.



Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Doris Hein who passed away on Wednesday 9th February. Doris's funeral service is on Tuesday February 15th, 11am at Zion Lutheran Church Monarto. *Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.* (1 Peter 1:3 NJB)

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

14 th Audrey Jaensch (CC)	Luke Frahn (Mon)	19 th Steven Herbig (CC)
Benjamin Traeger (CC)	16 th Kym Richards (CC)	Heather Schirmer (CC)
15 th Kirralie Burgess (CC)	Matthew Richards (CC)	
Claire Richards (CC)	Raelene Barolo (Mon)	

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 Links:

Service on Sunday 30th January led by Pastor Richard Fox (Lutheran Media & Messages of Hope):- <https://youtu.be/g746bXcR7AE>

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

<u>Monarto Rosters</u>	13 th Feb:	Wardens: Trevor, Joy, Tyson P. Reader: Barolo
	20 th Feb:	Wardens: Rob & Liz F. Reader: Robert T.
	27 th Feb:	Wardens: Gordon & Raelene W. Reader: Rollo H.

Holy Cross

	20 FEB 9am Harvest Thanksgiving	27 FEB 9AM Lay Reading
Sign In/ Greeters	R Packer D Steinborner	V Zerk E Waldhuter
LS Server	C Paech	N/A
Lector	C Paech	Joel Wiencke
PA/MM	T Hanckel	Peter Welke
Video	G Herrmann	N/A
Marshal	M Woitdt	Sandra Gates
Ushers	A Pearce B Kuchel	M Woitdt J Sacco
Bell Ringer	B Kuchel	R Waldhuter
Altar Guild	L Rosenzweig	N/A
Flowers	Service Guild	Rhonda Packer
Musicians	J Kuchel E Paech	J Kuchel
Morning Tea		C Schache S Kramer L Rosenzweig
Ministry Team	L Rosenzweig	M Woitdt

Christ Church

	9:30am JDH 13-Feb	9:30am JDH 20-Feb	11AM Church 20-Feb	9:30am JDH 27-Feb
COVID Marshal	B Martin	G Beauglehall	D Schmerl	D Hampel
Elder	I Kluge ♥	D Hampel ♥	D Doecke ♥	W Doecke
Assist	D Schiller	G Schubert	G Korzeba	
Wardens	Y Stiller	P&V Jaensch	M Mueller D Doecke	A&D Hampel
Greeters	B&J Martin	S Kuchel K Franklin	D Borchardt C Coulter	J Herrmann B&Y Lablack
Tea/Coffee	J Traeger D Lienert	S Jericho J Herrmann		D Borchardt L Penhall
PA	N Mann	A Hampel	T Lees	B Martin
Data Projector	E Mann	S Kuchel	J Traeger	Y Stiller
Reader			C Coulter	
Flowers	D Kluge	L Schiller		Y Kuchel
Organist			Coralie	
Video	R Jericho	R Jericho		R Jericho
Counter	G Beauglehall	D Schiller	M Mueller	G Korzeba
Grounds Roster	Tim & Yvette Koch			
Water & Care	T Koch	J Schirmer		Y Koch

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Edna Welke Pastor Peter Welke
Dennis Steinborner Lesley Rosenzweig
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Treasurer Barry Stoddart 0459 590 302
Property Chair Greg Herrmann 0438 785 040

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



We hardly notice the "clickity-clack" or the sibilant "swoosh" of the garden sprinkler as it dispenses its life-giving water to the plants that rely on it.

We stroll or jog through the light while it quietly turns chlorophyll into glucose and all work together with the water and carbon-di-oxide to give us green plants, green lawns, green trees, and green veggies. All these "greens" and water and sunlight provide us with life.

With its abundance of high-tech gadgetry, even the space station needs light and water to grow plants.

We appear to be living in a world where life so quickly and unexpectedly can change from a river of joy to a dry creek bed of worry and discontent. And there appears that nothing can be done to bring back that once wonderful feeling of happiness.

Now is the time to truly soak up these words: words from the only one who can bring the change needed to turn your life from becoming a dry, barren shell to a new you. A new you again bubbling with joy. And the words from Jesus are; "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." **(John 7:37)** This "living water" is not something we can produce within ourselves. It is something that Jesus supplies because he wants you to have it in your life. A spirit of joy and thanksgiving which grows change. A new attitude. A new way of living.

Just as plants need light to reach their full potential, we need light. Not only sunlight but a light that shines into the darker parts of our lives and starts developing a new, fuller person, which will shine joy, light, friendship, forgiveness into our lives and the lives of others.

Guess what? Again Jesus speaks, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **(John 8: 12)** What is this "light of life"? The sure knowledge that God loves you and wants your life to be all that it can possibly be, no matter the past.

How to receive this life-changing "living water", the "light of life"? Quite simply, talk to God from the heart like you would a best friend. Even if you're not sure, don't know much if anything about the Bible, about God, tell him, "Hey God, I really need you and all you offer as part of my life!"

God bless, Kevin.



Growing FAITH at home

20th February 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Do to others as you would like them to do to you



SHARE

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

1

Talk about a time someone showed kindness and forgiveness toward you.

2

Tell about a time you showed kindness and forgiveness toward someone.

3

What makes it easy or difficult to show forgiveness to someone else?



Caring Conversations



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 6:27-38	The golden rule
M	Gen 45:3-11, 15	Joseph reveals himself
T	1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50	The resurrection body
W	Genesis 43: 16-34	Joseph is kind to his brothers
T	Romans 8: 1-11	Life in the Spirit
F	1 John 2: 7-17	A new commandment
S	Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40	Trust in the Lord and do good
S	Luke 9: 28-43	Jesus is transfigured



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

God of mercy, let us follow the way of Jesus and do to others as we would want others to do to us. Amen.



BLESS

May the Lord rescue you from all your enemies and be your hiding place in time of trouble.

Sundays After Epiphany

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

Creative Response

Make a coupon book for someone in your family or for your household.

Have coupons for the day to day jobs that no one really likes to do. For example –

THIS COUPON IS FOR ONE FREE VACUUM OF THE HOUSE.

THIS COUPON IS FOR ONE DAY OF DISHES TO BE DONE BY ME.

Then think of some other ideas for coupons of things you could do for someone else in your family or for a friend or neighbour. For example –

THIS COUPON IS FOR A FREE WEEEDING OF YOUR GARDEN.

THIS COUPON IS FOR ONE FREE CAR WASH.



mealtime prayer

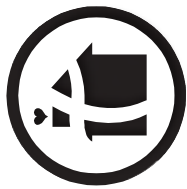
May this food give us strength and fill our physical bodies. May your spirit fill our hearts so we can be forgiving to others. Amen.

Service



Sometimes it is difficult to love everyone. Jesus tells us to love our enemies and pray for them. Think of someone who it is hard for you to like. Take time to pray for that person and to ask Jesus to help you love that person.





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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Being thankful.

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

1

What does it
mean to be
thankful?

2

What are you
thankful for?

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Devotions

Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 17:11-19	The thankful leper
M	Acts 2:42-47	Care given to the needy
T	Romans 12:13-21	Share with the needy
W	Proverbs 11:16-30	The fruit of the righteous
T	Colossians 3:12-17	Made alive in Christ
F	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Thanks be to God
S	Psalms 65	We are filled with good things
S	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	Do not forget the Lord

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

Rituals and Traditions

PRAYER

Lord, thank you
for all you have
given to us and
done for us. You
are great and
mighty. Amen.

BLESSING

May God the
Father give you
his Holy Spirit so
that you grow to
know him better.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

We don't all live on a farm and have an annual harvest or have a garden with produce. God provides us with so many wonderful things that we can be grateful for.

Find objects or pictures of things you are thankful for and create a visual reminder of your 'harvest' through the past year.

Some churches do this as a congregation. Perhaps your household could suggest you have this display for a Harvest Sunday and focus the theme on being thankful for all God has provided.

mealtime prayer

Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat, thank you for the birds that sing, thank you God for everything. Amen.

Service

Think of some people you know who are always helping others.

They are the ones who don't have to be asked and just see the need and take care of anything that has to be done.

Brainstorm some ways you could thank them for all they do.