



## Seventh Sunday after Epiphany Sunday 20 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: 20<sup>th</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

9am Holy Cross – Holy Communion – Harvest thanksgiving - Pastor Paul Calnan  
AGM straight after service ~ NO morning Tea  
9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall – Led by Pastor David Kuss  
10:30am Monarto – Lay reading  
11am Christ Church – Church – Lay reading

#### **Sunday: 27<sup>th</sup> February – 8<sup>th</sup> Transfiguration**

9am Holy Cross – Lay Reading  
9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall – Lay Reading  
9am Monarto – Holy Communion – Harvest Thanksgiving – Pastor's David Kuss  
AGM following service

#### ***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](mailto: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](mailto:paul.calnan@lca.org.au)

**Christ Church Office hours:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-12noon – **Closed Wednesday.**

Ph 8532 6553 email: [christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au](mailto:christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au)

Website: [www.cclutheranmb.org.au](http://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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7.30pm Holy Cross Meeting Room.

**GET TO KNOW YOU" SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup>** 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

**Murray Valley Lutheran CommUnit<sup>y</sup>**

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

## **20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:**

- ✠ **Holy Cross: 9:30am** *Reading:* Psalm 100; Genesis 45:3-11; 1 Corinthians 15:33-38, 15: 42-50; Luke 6:27-38. *Songs:* Come ye thankful people, come; For all your goodness Lord; Now thank we all our God; We plough the fields and scatter; Holy, holy, holy; Lamb of God; How great Thou art.
- ✠ **Christ Church: 9:30am** *Reading:* Luke 6:27-38; 1 John 4:7-11; 1 Corinthians 12:4-8. *Songs:* How deep the Father's love for us; Love your enemies; Jesus loves me; My Lighthouse.
- ✠ **Christ Church: 11am** *Reading:* Psalm 37:1-11,39,40; Genesis 45:3-11,15 1 Corinthians 15:33-38,42-50; Luke 6:27-38. *Songs:* Come you people, rise and sing; Whatever God ordains is good; Because we bear your name; Filled with the Spirit's power.
- ✠ **Monarto:** *Reading:* Psalm 37:1-11,39,40; Genesis 45:3-11,15 1 Corinthians 15:33-38,42-50; Luke 6:27-38. *Songs:* The steadfast love of the Lord; Lord of glory, who has bought us; Wake us, O Lord, to human need; Because we bear your name.

## **GENERAL NOTICES**



**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Will be held at Christ Church this year, with pancakes from 5:30pm, the mid-week Lenten Services will alternate between Holy Cross and Christ Church and the Combined Maundy Thursday Service will be at Holy Cross. All Mid-Week services at 7pm.

**COMBINED NEWSLETTER:** We are looking at putting out a combined Newsletter in March. Please get any info/items/photos etc that you could be included to either office by Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### **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 advise 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:** spare offering envelopes available from the office.

**HOLY CROSS AGM: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February** in church straight after service: AGM books available at the service

**CHRIST CHURCH AGM: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**YOUTH: FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 6:00 to 8:30:** 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!

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES:** *Holy Cross 20<sup>th</sup> February at 9am followed by AGM; Monarto 27<sup>th</sup> February, 9am 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.

**Christ Church Congregation:** A BIG THANKYOU to everyone who provided items for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service display last Sunday, produce and grocery items were donated to Teen Challenge and FoodBank. Thank you to everyone for your input and help it was gratefully appreciated. God has indeed richly blessed us!

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

**5 pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 I face to face training is available at St Pauls Lutheran Church Blair Athol 6<sup>th</sup> March and Victor Harbour Lutheran Church 20<sup>th</sup> March, Level 1 Refresher course at St Pauls Hahndorf 20<sup>th</sup> February, St Martins Mannum 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE GUILD** will be doing their JDH kitchen count on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. at 10am**. Any helpers would be very much appreciated.

**BARNABAS FRIENDSHIP** resumes on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb with a luncheon at Zanker's. 12noon.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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> or view via livestream: <https://www.lca.org.au/livestreams/>

**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://www.lca.org.au/livestreams/). If you would like hard copies of the guide to share with others, please contact [Erin](#) 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>

**SMG SCHOOL CHAPLIN – MENINGIE: Pastoral Care Worker** less than an hour's drive from Murray Bridge. Meningie Area School. (10.7hrs/week) - Closing date Monday 28 February 2022 at 9am. To request more information or to apply, head to:  
<https://smgadelaide.squarespace.com/chaplaincy-vacancies>

**MEN'S CAMPS:** Victorian Lutheran Men's Camp on 18th-20th March 2022 at Tandara Camp at beautiful Hall's Gap. Come and join in a weekend of fellowship and study with a wonderful group of Christians. Wives and partners welcome. Camp registration forms are available from Church Offices or at Church.

Made for More Men's Camp 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 at Yankalilla. For more information go to:

<https://www.thegoalislife.com/product/made-for-more/>

### **BLUEPRINT NOTICES:**

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:jeanette.mann@lca.org.au))

**PHOTO COMPETITION FOR 2023 LUTHERAN MEDIA CALENDAR:** The popular Lutheran Media Calendar Photo Competition is happening again this year. There are 3 categories so you can enter up to 1 photo in each category. Enter your best original and inspiring nature, animal or landscape photo for the opportunity to share your photo to thousands of people – oh, and prize money. Go to [www.lutheranmedia.org.au/image](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au/image) for more details. Entries close 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### **MOVIE AFTERNOON -SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 1 PM:**

Cameo Theatre - Movie "Queen Bees". *A comedy about the young at heart. While her house undergoes repairs, fiercely independent senior Helen moves into a nearby retirement community — just temporarily. Once behind the doors of Pine Grove Senior Community, she encounters lusty widows, cutthroat bridge tournaments and a hotbed of bullying "mean girls", all of which leaves her yearning for the solitude of home. But Helen discovers that it's never too late to make new friends and perhaps even find a new love.* Meet in foyer at 12.50pm. More details ph Yolette 0478 218 769 or see notice in JD Hall. All Welcome!

### **PRAYERS:**

**Prayer of the day** Loving Heavenly Father, thank you that your Son loved us even when we were enemies, and that he prayed for those who killed him. Teach us to be merciful like you, and do good to all people, even to those who do us harm. 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....**

- ✠ Lord Jesus, following Your example and command, we pray for our enemies. We ask first that You would saturate our lives with the Holy Spirit's power and might. Send Your love flowing through us and forgive us for holding on to anything that could hinder our prayers. We release any un-forgiveness, thoughts of revenge, or hateful emotions that can quench Your Spirit in our hearts. Then give us wisdom as we seek how to bless, to love, and to pray for our enemies.
- ✠ Loving God, we lift all children up to You. They have also seen disruption in their lives. Show us how to best minister to them – to provide their basic needs as well as keep them safe and give them hope. Help their parents to support them well and not be overwhelmed with all the challenges our community is going through. Bless all children everywhere.

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

**Christ Church:** Martha Aartsen, 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) & daughters Marie Pica & Vicki Gollasch and their families, Trevor & Kyle Hage & families, Bert & Nita Hyam, 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, Malcolm & Margaret Zwar & 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)

**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.

## **Birthday Congratulations**

Brenda O'Reilly celebrated her 70th birthday on 14th February

## **Condolences:**



Our deepest condolences to Steven and Sheryl, and Michelle Klitscher, their families and friends, on the passing of their mother Elizabeth Klitscher on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Elizabeth's funeral will be held at 10.30am on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February at Holy Cross followed by a light luncheon.

The memorial service for Marion Poole will be held at 2pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February at Holy Cross

## **Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week**

21 <sup>st</sup> Maria Cook (CC)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Lucy Hampel (CC)	Damien Doecke (CC)
Grantley Klenke (CC)	Cheryl Miegel (CC)	Mackenzie Buckley (HC)
Murray Nitschke (HC)	Ryan Mueller (CC)	26 <sup>th</sup> Levi Horn (CC)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Heather Courtney (CC)	25 <sup>th</sup> Aiden Cole (CC)	Craig Peach (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/>

**Music Ministry email:** [musicministrymb@gmail.com](mailto: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**

<b><u>Monarto Rosters</u></b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	<b>Wardens:</b> Rob & Liz F. <b>Reader:</b> Robert T.
	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	<b>Wardens:</b> Gordon & Raelene W. <b>Reader:</b> Rollo H.

## Holy Cross

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

## Christ Church

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

## **Monarto Congregation Contacts**

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<b>Treasurer</b>	Colin Wegener	0407 030 241	
<b>Secretary</b>	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
<b>Chairman</b>	Warren Doecke	0417 804 663, 8572 6019	
<b>Cong. Secretary</b>	Cheryl Doecke	0427 804 663, 8572 6019	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Carlien Hohls	0415 919 043	
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Yvonne Stiller	8532 3445	
<b>Prop. &amp; Maintenance:</b>	Nathanael Mann	0439 506 826	

## **Holy Cross Congregation Contacts**

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	Myrna Gerlach	Matthew Woidt
	Edna Welke	Pastor Peter Welke
	Dennis Steinborner	Lesley Rosenzweig
	Helen Heuppauff	Coral Eggers
<b>Treasurer</b>	Barry Stoddart	0459 590 302
<b>Property Chair</b>	Greg Herrmann	0438 785 040

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



"Wow! That was delicious! Sweet and watery, like a waterfall of sugary dew. The shade of red that only God could invent. And a crispness that crackled as I bit into it. The taste-bud enhancing climax to a Sunday lunch. Thanks Ivan.

Half a watermelon had been delivered by a neighbour, an ex-farmer who still grows watermelons in a large open area and shares them with his neighbours. Tended with love and care and surrounded by its hard rind, the flesh within had been kept safe from pests and matured into what God had planned it to be; sweet and pleasing.

That rind, skin, is a lot like the love of God. It surrounds us. You may not want to recognise it, but I believe what is written in His Word. A king who had a genuine friendship with the God of the Bible wrote. "You have surrounded me *on every side*, behind me and before me, and You have placed Your hand *gently* on my *shoulder*. It is the most fantastic feeling to know *how deeply* You know me, *inside and out*; the realization of it is so great that I cannot comprehend it. Can I go anywhere apart from Your Spirit? Is there anywhere I can go to escape Your *watchful* presence? (**Psalm 139:5-7**)

King David said that God's amazing love, care, and protection are all around you. You don't have to feel anxious afraid. When someone makes fun of you, trust God is there saying, "What that person says is irrelevant. To me, you are precious."

God and his love is much stronger and surrounds you completely. His plan is that your life should not be turned to a pulp by worry and fear. When anxious for what life might be throwing at you, remember his promises to protect you. Remember, the firm skin of the watermelon kept the soft inside from being turned to pulp in a thunderstorm.

God doesn't surround us with his love solely for our personal benefit. The melons being was to bring pleasure and nourishment. If the melon had just laid in the garden, it would have eventually turned rotten and been of no use to anyone. God has a reason for our being. He plans that we will bring enjoyment, nourishment and growth to the lives of those we daily touch. A kind word of encouragement, a friendly smile, and sharing a story of God's love in your life. There are many ways can help another to feel the all-encompassing love and care we all need to experience from time to time.

Don't be afraid to talk to God about these things.

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

## Caring Conversations



### 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?



## Devotions



### READ Daily Bible Readings

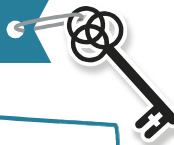
S	Luke 6:27-38	The golden rule
M	Gen 45:3-11, 15	Joseph reveals himself
T	1 Cor 15:35-38,42-50	The resurrection body
W	Genesis 43: 16-34	Joseph is kind to his brothers
T	Romans 8: 1-11	Life in the Spirit
F	1 John 2: 7-17	A new commandment
S	Psalm 37:1-11,39-40	Trust in the Lord and do good
S	Luke 9: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

verse for the week

Bless those who  
curse you. Pray  
for those who  
hurt you.

LUKE 6: 28

## 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.

