

Murray Valley Lutheran CommUnit^y

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: 6th March – 1st Sunday in Lent

9am Holy Cross – Pastor Paul Calnan
9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall – Pastor David Kuss
11am Monarto – Pastor Paul Calnan
11am Christ Church – Church – Pastor David Kuss

Wednesday: 9th March – Mid Week Lenten Service

7pm Holy Cross

Sunday: 13th March – 2nd Sunday in Lent

9am Monarto
9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall
10:45am Holy Cross

Visitors most welcome to join any of our services

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Pastor Paul Calnan is available by phone Mon to Thurs 9am to 6pm Mobile: 0417 466 611 or email: 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
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.

NOTICE OF CALL MEETING TO COMBINED LUTHERAN CHURCHES MURRAY

BRIDGE (MVLC): for Associate Pastor, March 13th 2022, 1.30pm at JDH. Quorum(s) Required. *The Shared Ministry Task Group has recommended to all 3 Congregation Leaderships that the previous Call Meeting be reconvened on Sunday 13th March at 1.30pm in JDH for the purpose of Calling Pastor Paul Calnan to the 0.6 (Associate) Position. This bulletin notice is providing the necessary 2 weeks' notice for such a meeting in line with all Congregation constitutions.*

*****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.

FROM HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL:

Council Recommendation to the Congregation: **THAT We the Holy Cross Church Council recommend the worship program* agreed by the Pastors, as the best possible scenario proposed for Murray Valley Lutheran Community as a trial period and be revised after 6 months. –All in Favour. CRD**

***HC & MZ alternating regular services with x1Pastor 8.30am & 11am Services 1st & 3rd and 2nd & 4th Sundays, Christ Church remains at 9.45am.**

NB. Please note special and combined services times & locations will be advertised so please continue to check Bulletin/website/newsletter.

Council Snippets:

1. Council encourages shared ministry and worship teams to combine.
2. New worship schedule proposed and endorsed- to be trailed 3-6months
3. Council & Pastors encourages one A4 sized weekly bulletin with Bi-Monthly/Monthly Newsletter MVLC.

Property -New Air conditioner for Hall/ Vandalism reported and addressed/ renovations of Sunday school rooms in progress.

6th MARCH READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:

- † **Holy Cross:** *Readings:* Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1,2,9-16, Romans 10:8b-13. Luke 4:1-13;
Songs/Hymns: I give you My joys and sorrows; Take us now we are yours; The way is low; We give Thee but Thine own; O bring to the Lord.
- † **Christ Church:** *Readings:* Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1,2,9-16, Romans 10:8b-13. Luke 4:1-13.
Songs: **9:30am:** In Christ Alone; Lord I lift your name on high; Rock of Ages; Cornerstone; Majesty.
11am: Inspire my lips; Abide with me; Dearest Saviour, Hear my Promise; Just as I am; What a friend we have in Jesus.
- † **Monarto:** *Reading:* Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1,2,9-16, Romans 10:8b-13. Luke 4:1-13,
Songs/Hymns: I give you My joys and sorrows; Take us now we are yours; The way is low; We give Thee but Thine own; O bring to the Lord.



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: All services will be at 7pm alternating between Holy Cross and Christ Church: 8th March – Holy Cross, 16th March – Christ Church, 23rd March – Holy Cross, 30th March – Christ Church 6th April – Holy Cross, Maundy Thursday 14th April – combined service at Holy Cross. Lent Roster and Themes available at services or offices. Lent offerings will go towards School Chaplains via Schools Ministry Group.

GENERAL NOTICES

COMBINED NEWSLETTER: Last chance to get something in the newsletter is by Wednesday. Please drop into or send to Christ Church office.

ROSTERS:

Holy Cross: Roster for March/April 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: 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.

LUTHERAN MEN OF AUSTRALIA: March Newsletter is available at church or offices.

Diary Dates:

8th Mar: 7pm Christ Church / Holy Cross / Monarto Worship Teams meet, Ed Cen

9th Mar: 1:15pm **Women's Guild:** 1.15pm Concordia Hall. Topic – HOY /
Devotion: R Packer / Musician: J Stiller / Hostesses: E Wegener,
L Penhall / Gift Table: C Schache / Offering: ALC Pastoral Ministry
Support Assistance Fund.

12th Mar: 6pm **Youth:** 6:00 to 8:30: at the Christ Church cave. As usual, please bring a plate of food to share. Hope to see you there!

15th Mar: 4:30pm Christ Church Elders meet, Ed Cen

17th Mar: 3pm Resthaven Lutheran Communion Service

18th Mar: 6:30pm Men's Group at Miegel Engineering

20th Mar: 1:30pm **Christ Church AGM:** JDHall. Book of reports available today

21ST Mar: 7pm Concordia Kindergarten AGM

22nd Mar: 7:30pm **MVLC Task Group,** Ed Cen

COMING UP:

April: 14th 7pm Combined Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Cross

April: 24th Blessing of the Seed and Soil – Monarto Sporting Complex

May: 12-13th Pastor's Conference / 14th May Synod

2022 YEAR BOOK – Holy Cross members if you have ordered a year book they can be collected from Trudy Gogel cost is \$22 please either pay the office or Trudy. There are some also available on Sundays from the Christ Church bookshop. *Contact Christ Church office.*

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 6th March and Victor Harbour Lutheran Church 20th March, 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.

CONCORDIA KINDERGARTEN AGM: Concordia Kindergarten will be holding its Annual General Meeting on March 21st at 7pm at the kindergarten. All welcome

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](#). 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.

MEN'S CAMPS: Victorian Lutheran Men's Camp on 18th-20th March 2022 at Tandara Camp at beautiful Hall's Gap. Wives and partners welcome. Camp registration forms are available from Church Offices or at Church.

Made for More Men's Camp 19th-22nd May 2022 at Yankalilla. For more information go to: <https://www.thegoalislife.com/product/made-for-more/>

NOVO CAMP: 20 - 23 April 2022, Cornerstone College, Mt Barker. A Christian camp for high school aged young people. Join us for a week of fun, fellowship and faith. People of all backgrounds are welcome. Members of all denominational backgrounds are very welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. Please contact Blueprint Ministries at admin@blueprintministries.org.au or on 8267 5211 for more information or visit <https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/novo/>. Registrations close 3 April.

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 for more details. Entries close 29th May 2022.

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES (FoLA). The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th March at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide, 7.30 pm. **Exploration & Contact in the Morobe Region of Papua New Guinea.** Guest speaker will be Philip Holzknecht who was born in Finschhafen - PNG. Both his father & grandfather were missionaries in PNG. Philip studied Political Science and History at University of PNG. Supper, \$4.00 donation suggested, all welcome. Bookings essential: phone or text Helen on 0447 740 711 (sorry, no voicemail).

Live-streaming operators needed – Friends of Lutheran Archives (FoLA)

FoLA meets 9 times per year to tell the stories of God at work in our Lutheran church. We are looking for a small team of people who could operate the live-streaming equipment – in pairs - on a voluntary and rotation basis. Meetings are held once a month on Thursday evenings at Immanuel Lutheran Church, North Adelaide, from February to October. Full training will be provided. Please contact Helen Schubert 0447 740 711 or email FOLA@lca.org.au

QUEENSLAND AND NEW SOUTH WALES FLOODS

LCANZ Bishop Paul Smith and his Queensland District counterpart Bishop Mark Vainikka are calling on members of the church to pray for those impacted by the tragic unfolding flood crisis in southern Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Bishop Mark said the LCAQD's Queensland Lutheran Giving, and its Australian Disaster Relief Project could 'assist with financial support, from grief counselling to costs of debris removal to grants for primary producers'.

Members of the church are invited to donate to help Lutherans and their communities (tax-deductible) via the [LCA Disaster & Welfare Fund](#).

PCW VACANCIES WITH SMG: There are several vacancies in the hills and also at Urrbrae Agriculture High School for Pastoral Care Workers. For more information and/or to apply, check out: <https://smgadelaide.squarespace.com/chaplaincy-vacancies>

PRAYERS:

Prayer of the day O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch out your mighty hand to defend us from those who rise up against us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Also pray....

- ✠ Almighty and merciful God, your Son Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days and was tempted like we are, yet He was without sin. Protect us when we are tempted, and help us to resist the devil by trusting in your word.
- ✠ Merciful God we pray for all those with whom we share our lives, those we work with and learn from, those who we live with and the community that we live in, for our families, our friends and ourselves. When we hurt others by our pride, our selfishness, our prejudice, intolerance and our hardness of heart, when we are tempted by sin, we ask that you strengthen us to do your will and fill us with your grace.

Please Pray for the following people and their carers: *(Please note, before visiting check with family for any visitation allowances and/or restrictions)*

Christ Church: Martha Aartsen, Lores Frahn, Audrey Jaensch, Flo Kerkham, Joan Kluge (CC), 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.

Holy Cross: Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lila Grocke, Maxine Gogler (Daws Road Rehab) & daughters Marie Pica & Vicki Gollasch and their families, Trevor & Kyle Hage & families, Bert & Nita Hyam, Glen Koop & family, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Brenda O'Reilly, Jim Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Barbara Taylor, Clarita Venn, Malcolm & Margaret Zwar.

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), 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.

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

6th	Tristan Ahrns (CC)	8th	Merle Herrmann (CC)	12th	Bradley Klenke (CC)
7th	Judith Chandler (Mon)	9th	Anne Doecke (CC)	13th	Scott Graham (HC)
	Henry Low (Mon)	11th	Peter Jaensch (CC)		
			Helen Pfeiffer (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 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1o3Cy-fGMCsEoTtn9kwkqQ>

Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGGccwtvzlvNOA302m1TjGw>

Music Ministry Online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDoA2JRIV7vHNT0oceDkibg>

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

Monarto Rosters

6th Mar:

13th Mar:

Wardens: Haydn & Penne. **Reader:** Trevor H.

Wardens: Colin & Raelene W. **Reader:** Haydn H.

Holy Cross

	<i>Sunday 6th March 9am Pastor Paul</i>	<i>Wed 9th March 7pm</i>	<i>Sunday 13th March 10.45am Pastor David</i>
SIGN IN: GREETERS	T Gogel K Pfeiffer	T Gogel A Pearce	D Steinborner E Welke
LS SERVERS:	L Rosenzweig	N/A	W Hein
LECTOR:	A Pearce	A Pearce	W Hein
PA OPERATOR: MM PROJECTOR	L Wiencke	T Hanckel	P Welke L Wiencke
VC OPERATOR:	A Wegener	N/A	B Eggers
MARSHAL	T Budarick	G Herrmann	J Pfeiffer
USHERS:	B Gerlach A Pearce	B & M Gerlach	B & J Kuchel
BELL RINGER:	B Gerlach	B Gerlach	B Kuchel
ALTAR GUILD:	D Pfeiffer	N/A	L Rosenzweig
MUSICIANS:	JFabich	Ellen Paech	R Packer K Ahrens
FLOWERS:	R Packer		Y Patterson
MORNING TEA:	V Zerk R Packer	N/A	H Heuppauff F & J Henschke A Pearce
MINISTRY TEAM	M Woidt		D Steinborner

Christ Church

	9:30am JDH 6-Mar	11AM Church 6-Mar	9:30am JDH 13-Mar
COVID Marshal	A Hampel	G Pohl	K Franklin
Elder Assist	G Schubert G Korzeba	J Traeger ♥ I Kluge	D Doecke G Schubert
Wardens	Y Stiller	G Pohl I Kluge	P&V Jaensch
Greeters	B&J Martin	I Schulte J Bahr	S Kuchel D Borchardt
Tea/Coffee	C Beauglejall D Kluge		S Jericho J Herrmann
PA	N Mann	W Taylor	Roger
Data Projector	E Mann	C Mattner	Chris B
Reader		C Mattner	L Zadow
Flowers			
Organist		Glynniss	
Video	R Jericho		R Jericho
Counter	V Jaensch	M Mueller	B Schubert
Grounds Roster			
Water & Care	Harry & Inez		T Koch

Monarto Congregation Contacts

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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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	Edna Welke	Pastor Peter Welke
	Dennis Steinborner	Lesley Rosenzweig
	Helen Heuppauff	Coral Eggers
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<u>Property Chair</u>	Greg Herrmann	0438 785 040

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



They used to be up and down every street. Standing bright, shiny red, with polished brass fittings proudly stating, "I am here to serve this community and keep it safe."

Today they have gone underground. Streets are marked with a "blue Catseye" on the road, but their purpose is still the same, "I am here to serve this community and keep it safe."

Many years ago, I witnessed the Coober Pedy Pub burn down due to the lack of a pressurised fire service. But we did get most of the beer out by a "hand to hand chain gang". Also, the very community-minded "Coro Family" re-built "bigger and better".

When the Firies attend to an emergency, there are a couple of things they need to know and believe. The location of the fireplug in relation to the "Catseye" on the road. How to access the under-road fireplug. Believe there will be pressurised water available and how to tap into it.

Why would you try to put a fire out with a bucket if the qualified "Firie" is there with his hose connected to the hydrant and with access to an unlimited supply of pressurised water? Sounds daft?

Yet we do it every day.

We let worries, fears, self-doubt, broken relationships, financial troubles, busted friendships, worries about the world situation, wars, floods, anxieties about all manner of things which we feel we have no control over. It can be like watching and feeling your life burn and collapse around you. You are not alone in these feelings and fears. Everyone goes through these things to lesser or greater degrees during their life.

One of the greatest comforts is to know someone is standing by you with the knowledge, the power and the desire to help.

You may not see him, but the God of the Bible has promised, "I want you to trust me in your times of trouble so that I can rescue you and you can honour me" (**Psalm 50:15**)

Jesus, God's Son, gives the same promise with the words, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (**Matthew 28:20**)

I don't have room to list all the life-changing and supporting (miracles) Jesus did, but you can check them out on this link. You might even find someone like yourself there.

<https://bibilium.com/miracles-of-jesus-37-chronological-order/>

Cheers and have a great week,

Kevin.

PS How many blue cats' eyes on your street?



Growing
FAITH
at home

6th March 2022

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

overcoming Temptation

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Share about a time when you felt tempted. What happened?

2

How did the devil tempt Jesus? How did Jesus respond?

3

What can we learn from the way Jesus responded?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus
M	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	First fruits and tithes
T	Romans 10:8b-13	Jesus is Lord
W	Luke 22:39-46	Jesus on the Mount of Olives
T	James 1:2-18	Trials and temptations
F	Genesis 39	Joseph resists temptation
S	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16	He is my refuge and my fortress
S	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord, make us strong when we are tempted to do wrong. Help us to do what is right and good. Amen.



BLESS

May God bless you with his love and may God rescue and protect you.

Lent

Lent is a time when we re-orientate our lives towards God. We follow Jesus in his journey towards the cross. **PURPLE** is the colour for Lent and represents the royalty of Jesus and the call to turn back to God.

Creative Response

Lent is a season of the church year when we give particular focus to prayer.

As a household, pray for specific things each day of the week over Lent.

Here are some ideas:

Sunday – for pastors and other church workers, and for the ministry of your congregation. (Ask them if they have needs you could specifically pray for.)

Monday – for missions and missionaries.

Tuesday – for friends and neighbours, and for those who don't know Christ.

Wednesday – for political leaders and world peace.

Thursday – for colleagues at work or school.

Friday – for your relatives.

Saturday – for personal needs or concerns.

You may want to print or write up your chosen schedule and post it where all household members can see.

mealtime prayer

Thank you God for our bread that feeds us and for your word that fills our hearts. Amen.

verse for the week

Jesus replied, "The scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'"

LUKE 4:8

Service



As a household, consider giving up a treat food or activity for Lent.

Each week put into a tin the amount of money saved through this sacrifice. Decide on a charitable cause to donate the money to at the end of Lent.

