

5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday 3 April 2022

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!

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

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

Sunday: 3rd April – 5th Sunday in Lent

9am Holy Cross – Pastor Paul - Holy Communion *Trading Table and morning tea to follow*
9:30am Christ Church (hall) – Pastor David – Holy Communion
10.30am Monarto – Lay Reading with Pastor Andy leading Holy Communion
11am Christ Church (church) – Pastor David - Holy Communion - Baptism of Lainie Footner

Wednesday: 6th April – Mid Week Lenten Service

7pm Holy Cross – Pastor David



Sunday: 10th April – Palm Sunday

9am Monarto – Pastor David - Holy Communion
9.30am Christ Church (church) – TBC - Holy Communion *Tea/coffee from 9am in the hall*
10.30am Holy Cross – Holy Communion and Baptisms of Josie Ruth Flemmer & Stephanie Jayne Hill



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: All services will be at 7pm alternating between Holy Cross and Christ Church: 6th April – Holy Cross, Maundy Thursday 14th April – combined service at Holy Cross. Meal commencing at 6pm service at 7pm.

Lent Roster and Themes available at services or offices.

Lent offerings will go towards School Chaplains via Schools Ministry Group.

Visitors most welcome to join any of our services

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

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Website: www.cclutheranmb.org.au Add: 5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge

After Hours please phone: Chairperson, Warren Doecke - 0417 804 663

Holy Cross office hours: Tues, Wed, 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*

MURRAY VALLEY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY TASK GROUP MEMBERS:

Holy Cross: Greg Herrmann, Joanne Pfeiffer, Barry Stoddart; **Christ Church:** Warren Doecke, Yvonne Stiller, Trent Mueller; **Monarto:** Colin Wegener, Raelene Barolo.

3rd APRIL READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:

- ✠ **Holy Cross:** *Readings:* Isaiah 43:16-29; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-; *Hymns/Songs:* You were in this place; The Servant King; Above all powers above all kings; O bring to the Lord your tribute of praise; Jesus your blood and righteousness.
- ✠ **Christ Church:** **9:30am** – *Readings:* Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8. **11am** – *Readings:* Isaiah 43:16-21; 1 Corinthians 10:1-5; John 12:1-8. *Songs:* contact Christ Church Office for the songs.
- ✠ **Monarto:** *Readings:* Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8. *Songs:* Come to Calvary's holy mountain; As the deer pants; Take my life; Into Your death; When I survey the wondrous cross.

GENERAL NOTICES

ROSTERS:

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

Christ Church: Rosters to Easter are out now – please pick up your copy, if you are unavailable on any of your times please swap with someone and advice the office. Thank you

RETIRING OFFERING: for LCA Disaster & Welfare Fund for Queensland and New South Wales Floods and LWS Appeal for Ukraine

A retiring offering will be held after Sunday Services until Easter. Please put your money in an envelope marked with who it is for. Any lose money will be divided equally between the two. Please continue to pray for churches impacted by floods in QLD and NSW LCA NZ Bishop Paul Smith and his Queensland District. Members can also invite to donate to help Lutherans and their communities (tax-deductible) via the [LCA Disaster & Welfare Fund](#)

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

If you are attending service at another site and still wish to place your offering in the collection please put it in an envelope and put name of site on it ie: Holy Cross, Christ Church, Monarto. The treasurers will forward the collection to the appropriate site.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 5.30pm for 6pm Meal and 7pm combined service at Holy Cross – If you are intending to partake of the meal prior to service please put your name on sheets at services or let either office know by 10th April for catering purposes.

CONCORDIA KINDERGARTEN Due to unforeseen circumstances (COVID) the Kindy has rescheduled their AGM to April 4th, 7pm. All welcome

CHRIST CHURCH LUTHERAN BOOK SHOP: New stock in the bookshop.

Now available are a number of new items including a giant print bible, resources for talking to non-Christians about God, books for youth and devotions for women. I have also picked up a couple titles by well-known Christian author C.S. Lewis as well as new birthday and anniversary greeting cards. – Carolyn Mc.

Name badges with LCA logo are now available for \$15.00 engraved with magnet back.

Book shop will be closed over Easter and on April 30th

Diary Dates:

4 th April	6pm	Christ Church Worship Team, Ed Centre
	7pm	Concordia Kindergarten AGM – All Welcome
5 th April	4pm	Holy Cross Ministry Team meeting
	7.30pm	Holy Cross Church Council meeting
8 th April	9am	Working Bee at Holy Cross

13th April **1.15pm Women's Guild** – Concordia Hall
 14th April **Meal 5.45 for 6pm meal start** prior to **Combined Maundy Thursday** Service at Holy Cross
 24th April **11am Blessing of the Seed and Soil** – Monarto Sporting Complex
 12-13th May **Pastor's Conference - Nuriootpa**
 14th May **Synod @ Nuriootpa**

Weekly:

Mondays: 9:30am Cards and Coffee, Ed Cen, Christ Church
 Bible Study, Holy Cross Sunday School rooms
 Tuesdays: 10am Bible Study, Ed Cen, Christ Church
 Wednesdays 9:30am Craft Capers, Holy Cross Sunday School rooms
 Saturdays 1pm Cards in Concordia Hall

All Welcome – come along and join in the fellowship of these groups

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.

MEN'S CAMPS: 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 **TODAY** 3rd April

HOLY CROSS BUS TRIP – FRIDAY 27TH MAY 2022 – bus to depart Holy Cross at 8.30am

Itinerary: First stop - Aussie Anzac at Mypolonga; then onto Thornby Trust Feed Lot and new Shearing Shed at G... lunch in the shearing shed- sausages, patties, ice-cream, tea & coffee. R... over on the ferry and travel to Bowhill Engineering- tour factory and look... come to Murray Bridge – Ladies and Men welcome. Cost \$50 Sponsor... Cross Bus Tour Group and Miegel Engineering. For more information, contact Alan Packer 8532 2876 or Terry Little 8532 4029

Bus now full

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>

WORKING BEE: Holy Cross will be holding a Working Bee on Saturday 8th April commencing at 9am. Come along and spruce up the church and grounds prior to Easter, bring cobweb brooms, rakes, shovels etc, morning tea provided. For any queries contact Jeff or Greg.



WOODEN CROSSES FOR SALE: Bruno Lablack wants to sell some crosses that he made with the monies go to Flood appeal. They are priced at \$10 a cross. These are some crosses that he has made, the crosses for sale may vary from these

TIPS FOR CONGREGATIONAL VISITING WEBINAR: **Saturday 8th April 2-3pm**

Presented by Pastor Peter Miller, facilitated by Dr Tania Nelson. Happy to visit but don't know how to start? Been a long-term visitor and want to improve your skills? Then this is the webinar for you. Pastor Peter Miller has a wealth of experience (and stories) and he'll put your mind at ease for sharing the love of Jesus with others. To register go to www.lca.org.au/care-ministries/events-training-resources or contact the offices.

GIVE AWAY: Waldman Piano – contact Christ Church office (will need to collect)
 Wheel Chair and Walker in excellent condition – contact Holy Cross office for more details

HELPERS WANTED: Afternoon Tea and Transport

If you are able to help set up and serve afternoon tea once a month to those attending Thursday Communion Service at Concordia Hall (4th Thursday in Month) and in the future John Dohler Hall (2nd Thursday in month commencing in May) please let either office know. 2 people per month would be sufficient.

Drivers wanted to pick up members who are unable to drive but wish to attend services or Thursday Communion. If you are able to assist; please let the office staff know.

PALM SUNDAY PEACE & JUSTICE WALK: Sunday 10 April 2022 2pm - 4pm

Churches Together for Peace & Justice Walking in Unity Nth West Triangle - Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) loop walk. More into at: <https://churchestogethersa.org.au/events/palm-sunday-peace-justice-walk/>

PRAYERS:

Prayer of the day Most merciful God, you saved humankind by the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith in him who suffered on the cross, so that we may triumph in the power of his victory who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Also pray....

✠ Loving God, you know our needs and desires before we ask, you have made us your own through your death and resurrection. Help us to show compassion to our family, friends and our community so that all are welcomed, respected, and find safety here. Help us to bring your message of love and forgiveness to all people.

✠ We pray for justice, peace and reconciliation for the people of Ukraine, Myanmar, Somalia Syria Sudan and other areas of conflict in the world today. When the challenges seem too many, remind us of Your resurrection power, and the miracles of Your love that happen whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace. Help us to hope that the impossible can happen and live as if it might do so today.

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, 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, Bert & Nita Hyam, Pat Jenke, Glen Koop, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Brenda O'Reilly, Jim Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Barbara Taylor, Clarita Venn, Rosa Waltrovitz

Murray Valley Lutheran Community Members:

Resthaven: Joyce Ahrens, Norm Bensch, Lorna Burrett, Leila Koehler, Dot Noller, Murray Piltz

Lerwin: Glad Hausler, Stewart Jaensch, Eric Kuss, Alice Kowald, Betty Paech

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt / **Golden Grove Helping Hand:** Joyleen Rosenzweig

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Kurt Unger, Felicity Woods

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer / **T/Bend Hospital:** Pat Gogel, Bevan Schulz

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.

MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

4 th	Ann Ratsch	6 th	Kathy Stoddart	8 th	Kyle Dalitz
5 th	Basil Schubert	7 th	Amelia Constable	9 th	Brianna Thomson
	Janelle Traeger		Mason Constable	10 th	Sheridan Piltz
6 th	Leo Schulz		Chloe Jones	12 th	Olivia Paech
	Robert Thiele		Penne Lewis-Brown		

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/>

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday 9am Monarto
 9.30am Christ Church
 10.30am Holy Cross

Maundy Thurs: 5:30- for 6pm meal prior to service at 7pm.
 Please let either office know if you intend coming to the meal.

Good Friday: 9:30am Christ Church
 11am Monarto
 2pm Holy Cross

Easter Sunday: 6am Ecumenical Service at Sturts Reserve
 7am Monarto Service followed by Breakfast
 8am Christ Church breakfast followed by service at 9:30am
 11am Holy Cross



ROSTERS

3 rd Apr:	Wardens: Robert T.	Reader: Terry F.
10 th Apr:	Wardens: Trevor, Joy, Tyson.	Reader: Jan Brodde.
15 th Apr:	Wardens: Rob & Liz F	Reader: Barolo
17 th Apr:	Wardens: Gordon & Raelene B	Reader: Rob Thiele

Holy Cross

	<i>Sunday 3rd April 9am</i>	<i>Wed 6th April 7pm Lent 5</i>	<i>Sunday 10th April 10.30am Palm Sunday</i>
SIGN IN: GREETERS	T Gogel A Pearce	A Pearce L Rosenzweig	T Gogel V Zerk
LS SERVERS:	M Gerlach	N/A	Wendy Hein
LECTOR:	P Welke	A Pearce	Wendy Hein
PA / MM	B Kuchel	T Hanckel	A Gates
VC:	J Kuchel	N/A	B Eggers
MARSHAL	T Budarick	G Herrmann	S Gates
USHERS:	B & M Gerlach	C Schache M Woidt	B Kuchel A Pearce
BELL	B Gerlach	B Kuchel	B Kuchel
ALTAR GUILD:	L Rosenzweig	N/A	D Pfeiffer
MUSICIAN	R Packer E Paech	R Packer	J Kuchel
FLOWERS:	Jan Richards	N/A	A Pearce
MORNING TEA:	D Pfeiffer V Zerk Y Patterson	N/A	H Heuppauff F J Henschke
MINISTRY TEAM	E & P Welke		D Schirmer

Christ Church

	9:30am JDH 3-Apr	11AM Church 3-Apr	9:30am Palm Sunday 10-Apr
COVID Marshal	D Schmerl	G Pohl	G Beauglehall
Elder Assist	G Schubert G Korzeba	J Traeger J Pohl	J Traeger G Schubert
Wardens	A&D Hampel	G Pohl M Mueller	M Mueller
Greeters	J Herrmann R Schrapel	J Bahr D Borchardt	D&L Schiller
Tea/Coffee	C Beauglehall D Kluge		R&M Herrmann
PA	A Hampel	W Taylor	???
Data Projector	J Martin	???	C Beauglehall
Reader	A Korzeba	J Pohl	S Kuchel
Organist		G Taylor	
Video	R Jericho		R Jericho
Counter	G Beauglehall	B Schubert	D Schiller
Grounds Roster	?????		
Water & Care	H&I Schulte		T Koch

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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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	John Pohl			
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<u>Cong. Secretary</u>	Carolyn McLaughlin			
<u>Treasurer</u>	Carlien Hohls	0415 919 043		
<u>Church Secretary</u>	Yvonne Stiller			
<u>Prop. & Maintenance:</u>	Nathanael Mann	0439 506 826		

Holy Cross Congregation Contacts

<u>Chairperson:</u>	Jeff Henschke	0428 519 252
<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"



LOVE IN A FISH TIN

The rose resplendent in the crystal vase, over-looking the nondescript little succulent in the used fish tin, gave a condescending "Humph" and in rather a snide way commented, "Planted into a fish-tin, and a "used one" at that! Poor thing! Not much future, I'm afraid!"

The little succulent wiggled his roots in the potting mix as the veins in his leaves pulsed with an extra flush of chlorophyll. He thought to himself, "Used fish-tin indeed! You may look down on me, but I know something you don't. I AM LOVED"

"SHE specially blended this potting mix. I was carefully chosen and plucked from my parent plant. She knows that as I grow, I will reproduce more of myself. She carefully made a hole in the mix with a special stick, just the correct size for my delicate tiny roots. Every day I get sprayed with the right amount of misted water, so the mix is not washed away from my roots. I start the day off outside in the cool fresh air, and if the weather starts to get too hot, I'm moved inside onto the window sill where I can still soak up the sunshine. Oh! And about the "used fish tin" is exactly the right size for now, plus I get some growing nutrients from the tin, AND you should see the fancy, colourful pot that is ready for me as I grow bigger. I will be put in that pot, wrapped with a gold ribbon, and given to a friend as a special gift. As I said, "I AM LOVED!"

Sadly, many in our community are like the little plant in the "used fish tin". They can't afford, or maybe not interested in "designer clothes", don't have the right friends, are not part of the "in" crowd, or for many other reasons are told, "you are useless!" They are looked down on and ridiculed because they may not come up to standards set by others.

If you ever feel "looked down on", Remember the little succulent in the "used fish tin" that was loved and held a special place in the heart of one who cared.

But more importantly, remember the God of the Bible tells us He loves us. He loves you and me, not because we might wear designer clothes, drive a fancy car, hold an important job, be great at sport, are clever intellectually, or have lots of friends – real or online (He doesn't count how many "likes you have") He says, "Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly, God's compassion isn't through! They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness." (**Lamentations 3:22 – 23**) What does this mean for you and me? God's heart is brimful of love, and we can depend on Him to love us just as much every day.

Enjoy His love today, this week and forever.

Cheers, and God bless,

Kevin.



Growing
FAITH
at home

3rd April 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
The greatest gift

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

What is the best gift you have ever received?

2

Mary anointed Jesus' feet with very expensive perfume (read John 12:1-8). Why do you think she did this?

3

What gift would you like to give to Jesus today?



Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany
M	Isaiah 43: 16-21	The Lord's promise of victory
T	Philippians 3: 4b-14	Priceless value of knowing Christ
W	2 Corinthians 2:14-17	The fragrance of life
T	Ephesians 1:15-18	Knowing Christ better
F	2 Peter 1:3-11	Knowledge of Christ
S	Psalms 126	The Lord has done amazing things
S	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the King who comes



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord, help us to let go of all that stands in the way of knowing and following you. Amen.



BLESS

May the Lord Jesus take hold of you with his love.

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

In Sunday's Gospel reading we hear that Mary (sister of Martha and Lazarus) anointed Jesus' feet with nard, a very expensive perfume imported all the way from the Himalayas. Nard was used to prepare bodies for burial. By anointing Jesus, Mary was pointing forward to his sufferings and death soon thereafter.

As part of your home devotion times this week, anoint one another's hands or forehead with perfume or oil.
Say together this prayer:

(Name) I anoint you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he may strengthen you in all that you do. Amen.

mealttime prayer

Loving God, bless our bodies with this food, our home with your love, and the world by our hands. Amen.

verse for the week

Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

JOHN 12:3

Service

Mary surprised Jesus with a special gift of love. Prepare a special gift of love for a friend, neighbour or relative (money need not be spent).