

ROSTERS

MONARTO:

4th Dec **Warden:** R Thiele **Reader:** H Hein
 Cuppa: P&T Hilton

11th Dec **Warden:** T, J&T Paech **Reader:** R Wegener

HOLY CROSS

	4th Dec 10.30am LR	11th Dec 9am HC
Greeters	M Steinert T Gogel	E & P Welke
LS Server	N/A	C Paech
Lector:	J Wiencke	C Paech
PA / MM	L Wiencke	B Kuchel
VC:	N/A	B Eggers
Ushers	A Pearce B Gerlach	G Herrmann T Hanckel
Bell	B Gerlach	B Kuchel
Altar Guild	N/A	D Pfeiffer
Musicians	E Paech	J Kuchel R Packer
Flowers	J Kuchel	A Pearce
Morning Tea	9.45am C Schache S Kramer	A Pearce V Zerk
Ministry Team	D Schirmer	M Gerlach H Hueppauff

CHIRST CHURCH

	9am Church 4-Dec	10:30am JDH 4-Dec	10:30am JDH 11-Dec
Pastoral Assist	D Hampel	G Korzeba	D Schiller
Wardens	I Kluge A Hampel	D Doecke B Mann	K Franklin G Schubert
Greeters	R Schrapel J Traeger	B&L Zadow	D Kluge B Mann
Tea / Coffee	D Kluge C Beauglehall		R&M Herrmann
PA	Gary B	Tamra	Gary B
Data Projector	C Doecke	Y Stiller	Chris B
Reader	M Herrmann	A Korzeba	L Schiller
Organist	Coralie		
Video		R Jericho	R Jericho
Flowers	L Zadow		T Lees
Counter	B Schubert	G Korzeba	D Schiller
Grounds Roster	T&Y Koch		
Water & Care	Y Koch		J&H Schirmer



Christ Church

31 Swanport Rd
 Murray Bridge
 8532 6553

Holy Cross

31 Florence St
 Murray Bridge
 8532 4577

Zion Monarto

427 Schenscher Rd
 Monarto
contact Christ Church

Sunday 4th December

9am Monarto - HC (*morning tea following*) Baptism: Hamish Pfeiffer
 9am Christ Church— HC (*Church*) (*Coffee from 10am*)
 10.30am Christ Church— HC (*Hall*)
 10.30am Holy Cross—LR (*morning tea from 9.45am*)

Sunday 11th December

9am Holy Cross—HC (*morning tea & trading table following*)
 10.30am Christ Church—HC (*Hall*) (*Coffee from 10am*)
 10.30am Monarto—LR

REG:

Christ Church

BSB 704942
 ACC# 100311504

Holy Cross

BSB 704942
 ACC# 51176

Music Ministry

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PRAYER:

Please pray for people whose lives have been disrupted, property damaged or destroyed, and livelihoods affected rain and flooding. For everyone leading and helping with efforts to protect property; to rescue and relocate people and stock; to shelter, feed and comfort displaced people; to assess damage; clean up & make recovery plans; to aid in recovery efforts; and other important tasks.

Pray for everyone at this busy time of year, for those planning and running our services, the office staff, Pastor David and Pastor Paul, those planning to travel for holidays, for families and friends, for those who don't know where they will celebrate Christmas, for the lonely and housebound.

Please Pray for the following people and their carers:

Martha Aartsen, Stella Altmann, Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Tony & Rosy Budarick, Olga Burgemeister, Lores Frahn, John Fournier, Pastor Andy Gierus, Maxine Gogler, Trevor & Kyle Hage, Helen Hueppauff, Bert & Nita Hyam, Flo Kerkham, Glen Koop, Irene Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Leighton, Audrey Leske, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Joy Lienert, Lynette & Terry Little, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Brenda O'Reilly, Jim Poole, Jan Richards, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Vena Shinnick, Barbara Taylor, Sandra Thiele, Clarita Venn, June Walker, Rodney Zanker.

Resthaven: Pam Altmann, Norm Bensch, Pat Jenke, Joan Kluge, Leila Koehler, Murray Piltz, Reg Schwartz.

Lerwin: Glad Haeusler, Stewart Jaensch, Margaret Jenke, Alice Kowald, Eric Kuss, Betty Paech, Stan and Lorna Peltz.

Mannum Hospital: Lila Grocke

Royal Adelaide Hospital: Yvonne Lablack

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

Tailem Bend Hospital: Bevan Schulz

MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

4th	Luke Richards	6th	Grace Jaensch	10th	Noah Patritti
5th	Carl Beauglehall		Joyleen Kuchel		Simone Mann
	Pauline Burgemeister		Joyce Marrett		Charlotte Pahl
	Raelene Wegener	7th	Annette Thompson	11th	Alice Kowald
	Bob Eggers		9th Irene Kuchel		Annette Pearce

If you would like to be included in our Prayers above or have your Birthday, Anniversary or any other special occasion announced in the fortnightly Newsletter, please email or call your church office.

Diary Dates:

2nd Dec	6pm Youth in the Cave
4th Dec	6:30pm MB Christmas Carols, food from 5pm, LeMessurier Oval (Ramblers)
6th Dec	4pm HC Ministry Team meeting 6pm HC Church Council @ Carol Kruschel's
7th Dec	10.30am Lutheran Holy Communion service @ Lerwin
8th Dec	10:30am Lerwin Ecumenical Service (by HC)
12th Dec	1pm Kindy Graduation (Parents only)
13th Dec	10.30am Funeral for Rosemary Nitschke @ Holy Cross 1pm Kindy Graduation (Parents only)
15th Dec	11am MVLC Women's Guild Christmas Lunch - Church of Christ coffee shop 2pm Emmaus Fellowship Group meet at Betty Nulty's 3pm Resthaven Communion Service
16th Dec	6pm Youth in the Cave

Weekly:

Mon:	9:30am	Cards and Coffee, Ed Centre, Christ Church
	10am	Bible Study, Holy Cross
Tues:	10am	Bible Study, Ed Centre, Christ Church
Wed:	9:30am	Crafty Capers, Holy Cross
	9.30am	Holy Cross Paper Shed open
	4pm	MVLC Prayer Time , Christ Church (in the church)
Fri:	10am	Time Out at 10 ~ December Concordia Hall
Sat		1.30pm Cards at Concordia Hall

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

Please note: Cut off time for notices for the bulletin is midday on Thursdays

4th December Readings & Songs

Readings: Deuteronomy 10:14-22; 1 John 4:8-10; John 15:9-17 & John 3:16

Songs: **Christ Church:** 9am Christ be our Light, Hark the Glad Sound; Daughter of Zion; The Gospel shows the Father's Grace; When the King shall come again **10.30am:** Christ Be our Light; God is love, Hear the Call of the Kingdom, Our God is love, Yet not I but through Christ

Holy Cross: God's Love; Prepare the Royal Highway; When the King will come again; Drawn to the Light; The advent of our King; Daughter of Zion,

Monarto: God of Creation; A New Commandment; Father Welcomes; Take us now, we are yours; With Deep Humility; May the Grace

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



CHECK FAITH AND ELASTIC

Before my joints decided they could no longer stand the strain, I loved ballroom dancing. Ladies, resplendent in long flowing ball gowns. Gentlemen, galant in their suits. All waltzing, dipping in time with their partners, each other and the notes wafting out from the orchestra's instruments.

I was sitting this dance out. Then it happened!

One of the swirling matrons paused and lifted her ball gown a few centimetres with the great aplomb that can only come with class and good breeding. There encircling her nylon-clad ankles were....her nickers! She stepped out of the undergarment with barely a pause and remarkable agility. Then with a flick of a sequin-encrusted dance shoe that would have made a soccer player leap in appreciation, she sent the offending garment across two metres of the dance floor, between other twirlers and scored a goal under the seat next to me. Obviously, the elastic had given out. I wonder when she last considered the state of that elastic.

How easy is it to become complacent and take someone who was once important to us for granted?

Do you have a friend, a relation that you used to see or call regularly, but now it has been so long since contact it doesn't seem to matter?

Has your partner, who was the "wonderful one" you couldn't wait to see, become the person who is "just there"?

What of the child, once so much a part of your life, now left home, making their way in the world? The one you regularly, eagerly phoned or texted?

Sadly there are people in our lives who we have taken for granted either now or at some time.

What about Jesus? The one who tells us he never stops thinking about us, planning what is best for us and making those plans a reality, even when we may have forgotten him, taken his love for granted. **(Jeremiah 29:11)** Do you still daily talk to him? Talk over what's bothering you. Tell him how you look forward to sharing the day with him or has he become just a name in a book seldom opened? **(Ephesians 6:18)**

Next time you put your nickers on, check the elastic AND think about how strong your relationship is with the God of love and his Son Jesus, who holds you up every day – even if you are unaware of him doing it.

Cheers,
Kevin



Growing FAITH at home

4 December 2022

SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

ADVENT IS A
SEASON FOR
PREPARING



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is something you need to prepare for?
2. What do you do to prepare?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

1st reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

The branch
from Jesse

2nd reading

Romans 15:4-13

Accept one
another

Gospel reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Prepare the way
of the Lord

DISCUSS

John the Baptist called on people to repent because God's kingdom was near (Matthew 3:2). What does it mean to repent?



ACTION RESPONSE

Is there someone in your church or local community who will not be sharing Christmas with their relatives this year? Plan to invite them to be part of your Christmas celebrations.



PRAYER

Lord God, help us to make straight paths for others to hear about your saving love. Help us to be prepared to tell others about you. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for all you have prepared for us to share and eat and enjoy. Help us to prepare the way for you. Amen.



BLESSING

May God give you great joy and peace as you trust in him.

A MESSENGER IS CALLING OUT IN THE
DESERT, 'PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE
LORD. MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR HIM.'

MATTHEW 3:3

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Murray Valley Lutheran Community

CommUnity Chatter

Sunday 4th December 2022

Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross Lutheran
31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Monarto
427 Schenscher Road
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 15TH NEWSLETTER.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND LEAVE YOU STRENGTHENED FOR THE
CHALLENGES AND JOYS OF THE COMING WEEK!

BULLETINS / NEWSLETTERS The bulletin (for service info, diary dates, rosters and prayers) will come out weekly and the Newsletter (for any notices etc.) every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Please remember to submit notices /articles/photos for the newsletter to either office in advance to ensure it is included for the date you require by 12pm the Wednesday preceding.

*****PLEASE NOTE***** there will be no Bulletin/Newsletter on Sunday 1st January 2023

OFFICE CLOSURES ETC:

Christ Church and Holy Cross offices will both be closed between Christmas and New Year.
Emerge Counselling will be on leave from 14th December to 17th January
Lutheran Care counsellor are on leave from 1st December to 19th January
Teen Challenge will be closed from 24th December to 15th January inclusive

ROSTERS: **Holy Cross:** Nov/Dec roster is now available—please let the office now if you are unavailable Jan-March 2023 as next roster is being worked on . **Christ Church:** New roster until end of Feb is now available .

MUSIC MINISTRY: *Your opportunity to **Engage in the Mission** is now easier.*

As you continue your prayerful support, you are invited to be part of what we are we're are doing at Music Ministry with your financial support.

You're generosity, enables countless people in the wider community to experience God's blessings.
The LLL account for Music Ministry is: BSB 704-942 Account #100828957

TIME OUT AT 10 on FRIDAYS

Drop the tools, forget the housework and come in for a coffee/tea and chat (bring plate of morning tea to share.) Come and join us for a chinwag and morning tea. December Concordia Hall, November at JD Hall.

CONFIRMATION: If there is anyone interested in commencing pre communion/Step Up confirmation classes please contact Pastor David, Pastor Paul or the office staff.

Thursday Communion Services ~ Please note the next Thursday Communion service will be at Concordia Hall, Holy Cross on 22nd December @ 1.30pm

Please remember to turn off all lights and heaters, if you are the last one leaving any of the buildings and ensure the doors are securely locked - please try doors before leaving

**LAST ONE OUT
PLEASE
TURN OFF THE
LIGHTS AND THE
AIR CONDITIONER**

YOUTH MEET Last two get togethers for this year are Friday 2nd & 16th December, 6-8.30pm at JD Hall



Christmas Day Lunch 25th December 2022 – 12pm at the Uniting Church, Narooma Boulevard, Murray Bridge

A free luncheon will be provided on Christmas Day for people that will be on their own and want some fellowship and company at the Uniting Church, Narooma Boulevard. The Catholic Church are working with the Uniting Church to put this luncheon on. All welcome.

Please contact the Catholic Church Parish office 8531 1699

or Rev Darren Lovell – Uniting Church 0466 411 784

to advise that you are coming and how many are coming, to assist with catering.

YOUTUBE LINKS TO VIEW OUR SERVICES ONLINE:

Holy Cross Murray Bridge <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1o3Cy-fGMCsEoTtn9kwkgQ>
Christ Church 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
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/>

TEEN CHALLENGE: Carol and Jenny would like to thank you all very much for the support you have given them throughout the year. It has been very much appreciated! You may not be aware but Salvation Army are no longer giving out food and the demand on Teen Challenge has increased. They hate to ask as you have been very faithful in supporting them for so long but any extra help you could provide would be greatly appreciated. They wish you all a Blessed Christmas and New Year. They will be closed after 23rd December and re open on 16th January.

Below is a list you may find helpful for Christmas giving:

Christmas Puddings	Soft Drinks or juices	Cans of Beetroot	Cans of Peas & corn
Custard & Jellies	Cans of Fruit Salad	Short Bread biscuits	Christmas Lollies
Christmas Cakes-any size	Cans of Ham or Turkey	Fresh carrots and potatoes can be helpful	



Happy birthday to Erwin Rohrlach who celebrated his 100th birthday on 2nd December 2022



Condolences to John Courtney, family and friends on the recent passing of Rosemary Joy Nitschke (nee Courtney) on 26/11/2022.
Rosemary's funeral will be held at Holy Cross on Tuesday 13th Dec at 10.30am

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)



FIGHT THE FAMINE!

Rice. Wheat flour, Sugar. Dates. That's probably not your Christmas lunch this year ... but it might start a month of meals for a family in Somalia or Ethiopia.

We are aiming to supply family food packs to 300 families for the next six critical months.

Can you give a special gift to provide food aid to a family this Christmas?

\$105 provides one month's food - 80kg - for a family of six!

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ALWayS for those forgotten



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... and brighten the lives of families in need.

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Receive Grace Cards to be your Christmas gift.
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Advent Wreath

- 1st Sunday
Candle of **HOPE**
- 2nd Sunday
Candle of **LOVE**
- 3rd Sunday
Candle of **JOY**
- 4th Sunday
Candle of **PEACE**
- Christmas
Candle of **CHRIST**



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Hope-filled cards for Christmas, with Bible verse and greeting.

Call **1800 353 350** to order; or place an order online at

www.lutheranmedia.org.au

You can give one to all your family & friends



Christmas Trees from Holy Cross, Birdwood

Holy Cross Birdwood have Christmas trees available for purchase again this year @ \$50 each. Trees to be collected from Holy Cross car park from 9am, Saturday 10th December. Contact Sandra Gates on 0438 324 150 and place your order by 5th December. Proceeds will go towards supporting chaplains in local schools.

CHRISTMAS 2022

CELEBRATE JESUS BIRTH

join us ~ everyone welcome!

Murray Valley Lutheran Community

Music Ministry @ the Steeple, Owl Drv. Murray Bridge

Christmas Eve 7pm Carols & Music, *food available from 6pm*

Christ Church Lutheran, 31 Swanport Rd. Murray Bridge

Christmas Eve 7pm at Unity with Music Ministry

Christmas Day 10:30am in the Church, Holy Communion Service

Holy Cross Lutheran, 31 Florence St. Murray Bridge

Christmas Eve 7pm Carols & Lessons

Christmas Day 9am Holy Communion Service

Zion Lutheran, Schenscher Rd. Monarto

Christmas Eve 7pm Carols & Lessons, *food available from 6pm*

Christmas Day 9am Holy Communion Service

***may the Hope, Love, Joy & Peace
of Jesus be with you!***



During the week workers from our Church offices and Counsellors from the Holy Cross offices enjoyed a Christmas lunch at 1924. In the background workers and volunteers were working hard to erect sand bagging.

MURRAY BRIDGE

Christmas Carols

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2022 | 6:30PM

LeMessurier Oval, 1 Ramsay Street, Murray Bridge

FEATURING PERFORMERS FROM AROUND THE REGION

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The Youth enjoying themselves at their Christmas Pool Party. Many thanks to Sandra for opening up her home and everyone who helped in anyway. A great me was had by all



Holy Cross
Advent
banner and
Wreath



Christ Church's
candle holder was
used at the
recent
Pallia ve Care
Memoria Service....



Fifty Years of Ambulance Service

In 1972, John Pohl, a recently qualified motor mechanic was advised by family friend, Bruno Lablack of a vacancy in the St John Workshop at West Hindmarsh. John applied for the position and began working as a motor mechanic for St John Ambulance in May 1972.

After his marriage to Gloria in 1973 John began Ambulance Officer Volunteer duties. In December 1974 he was sent to Darwin as a mechanic to rebuild the ambulance fleet for four weeks post Cyclone Tracey. As a Mechanic John was greatly involved in the design and building of ambulances for St John, the main one being the six wheeled Holden Em-Care ambulance.

In 1977 John desired a change of career, becoming an Ambulance Officer at Victor Harbor where he soon became acting Stafton Officer. He enjoyed his eleven years at Victor Harbor where he retained his interest as a St John volunteer as well as his full-time career as an Ambulance Officer. He served on the building committee of the newly acquired Lutheran Church as well as involvement in Cricket Club, Stamp Club and Camera Club, often involved in wedding photography on Saturdays.



In 1988 The Pohl Family transferred to Murray Bridge where John was employed as an Ambulance Officer, later renamed Paramedic as he acquired many more skills. They joined Christ Church where he served on the Church Council for many years as well as nine years as Chairman of Elders. Until 1992 he was the St John Divisional Training Officer, before retiring as a volunteer. In 1995 St John Ambulance Service became SA Ambulance Service (SAAS), with St John retaining the role of First Aid Duties and First Aid Courses for the public in the community.

In 2011 as John turned 60, he decided to retire from full-time Paramedic duties. Before retirement he had offered to continue on in a role as a volunteer wherever he could help. He joined the SAAS Retired Officers Association who set up a Retired Driver's Group to shift ambulances around the state as required. Since that time John has also been involved in the restoration of three Holden ambulance from the 1970's including an Em-Care, which he has driven in two Bay to Birdwood Rallies. One of the others restored was a panel van previously owned by James Miller for almost 40 years.

On the 24th November this year John was recognised for his Fifty Years of service to St John Ambulance/SAAS at a ceremony in Adelaide, attended by dignitaries including the Minister of Health. Three men were presented with the SAAS Ambulance 50 Year medal at this occasion, including Graham McKenzie, a former volunteer from Tinianara, now residing in the Swanport Lutheran Homes, Murray Bridge.



The Three Trees

Author Unknown

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, 'Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver, and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty.'



Then the second tree said, 'Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take Kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull.'

Finally, the third tree said, 'I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest Tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all me and people will always remember me.'

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, 'This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter, and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.'

At the second tree, the woodsman said, 'This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard.' The second tree was happy Because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, 'I don't need anything special from my tree, I'll take this one,' and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for.

The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams.

Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time. Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and He stood and said 'Peace' and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

So next time you feel down because things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, God will give you great gifts.

Each of the 3 trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined.

We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His Ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.

