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Christ Church
BSB 704942
ACC# 100311504

Holy Cross
BSB 704942
ACC# 51176

Music Ministry
BSB 704942
ACC# 100828957

ROSTERS**MONARTO:**

8th Jan **Warden:** K&J Brodde

Reader: H Courtney

15th Jan **Warden:** M Paech

Reader: R Thiele

HOLY CROSS

	8th Jan 9am	15th Jan 10.30am
Greeters	R Packer M Steinert	T Gogel
LS Server	R Paech	N/A
Lector:	J Wiencke	S Gates
PA / MM	T Hanckel	A Gates
VC:	G Herrmann	N/A
Ushers	R & D Paech	P Welke M Steinert
Bell	R Paech	B Kuchel
Altar Guild	J Sacco	N/A
Musician	J Kuchel	H Carroll
Flowers	Petrina Altmann	J Kuchel
Morning Tea	L Rosenzweig	H Hueppauff Y Patterson
Ministry Team	D Steinborner	D Steinborner

CHRIST CHURCH

	10:30am Church 8-Jan	9am Church 15-Jan	10:30am JDH 15-Jan
Pastoral Assist	D Hampel	W Doecke	G Schubert
Wardens	G Schubert B Mann	J&G Pohl	P&V Jaensch
Greeters	D&A Doecke	D Schmerl C Mattner	K Franklin S Kuchel
Tea / Coffee	D Borchardt L Penhall	S Jericho Carlene Schultz	
PA	A Hampel	Wes	Nathanael
Data Projector	G Pohl	C Doecke	E Mann
Reader	D David	B Lablack	S Kuchel
Organist		Glynniss	
Video	R Jericho		R Jericho
Flowers	V Jaensch	V Jaensch	
Counter	D Schiller	Gary B	
Grounds Roster	???? Volunteers needed!		
Water & Care	J&H Schirmer	T Koch	



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Valley
Lutheran
Community**

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Murray Bridge
8532 4577

Zion Monarto

427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto
contact Christ Church

Sunday 8th January

9am Holy Cross - HC (*morning tea following the service*)

10:30am Christ Church - HC (*Church*) (*Coffee from 10am*)

Baptism of Sienna Joy Hage

10:30am Monarto - Lay Reading

Sunday 15th January

9am Monarto - HC

9am Christ Church - Lay Reading (*Church*) (*Coffee from 10am*)

10.30am Christ Church - HC (*Hall*)

10.30am Holy Cross - Lay Reading (*morning tea from 9.45am*)

Pastor Paul is on leave 9th–23rd Jan if you require pastoral assistance during this period please contact Pastor David 0474 229 959, David Schirmer 0459 943 682 or the office (during opening hours)

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Holy Cross office hours: Tues, Wed, 9.30-1.30pm; Thurs, Fri 9-2pm

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PRAYER:

- ✠ Please pray for people whose lives are being and have been disrupted by the floods and for all who are providing help in any way.
- ✠ Please pray for the Walker family as they mourn the loss of June whose funeral will be this Thursday at 2pm at Christ Church.
- ✠ Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered upon us. We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses. Make the new year a more fruitful and blessed one. We also thank You for every test of time that has brought us stronger in faith and trust in You.

Please Pray for the following people and their carers:

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

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt

Golden Grove Helping Hand: Joyleen Rosenzweig

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Kurt Unger, Felicity Woods

Tailem Bend Hospital: Bevan Schulz

MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

8th	Trent Mueller	11th	Kurt Unger
9th	Greg Herrmann	12th	Maurice Wegener
10th	Tyson Beitz	14th	Beverly Paech
	Colin Schenscher		



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 either church office.

Diary Dates:

- 10th 9.30am MVLC Women's Guild Executive meeting
H/Cross meeting room
- 11th 7pm Combined Worship Team meeting – C/Church Ed Cen
- 17th 11am Resthaven Ecumenical Service (by CC)
- 19th 10.30am Lerwin Ecumenical Service (by CC)
3pm Resthaven Communion Service
- 22nd Christ Church Trading Table after service followed by
pooled lunch
5pm MVLC Leaders meet @ Jeff Henschke's
- 24th 7:30pm Christ Church Leadership Team
- 29th 9:30am Blessings of the Backpack @ Unity

***Emerge Counselling will recommence on 17th January
Lutheran Care counsellor will recommence on 19th January***

Weekly:

- Mon: 9:30am Cards and Coffee, Ed Centre, Christ Church
1:30am Bible Study, Holy Cross in recess until Feb 2023
- Tues: 10am Bible Study, Ed Centre, Christ Church in recess
- Wed: 9:30am Crafty Capers, Holy Cross in recess until Feb 2023
9.30am Holy Cross Paper .
4pm **MVLC Prayer Time**, Christ Church (in the church)
- Fri: 10am **Time Out at 10** ~ Jan @ JD Hall; Feb @ Concordia Hall
- Sat 1.30pm Cards at Concordia Hall in recess to 7th Jan 2023

*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
to either office. (Newsletter is Wednesday 10am)*

8th January Readings & Songs

Readings: Christ Church & Monarto: Psalm 29; Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17. Holy Cross: Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Songs: Christ Church: Living Waters; I am the Light of the World; Father Welcomes; One Family.

Holy Cross: Shine, Jesus Shine; I am the Light of the World; Songs of thankfulness and praise; Joy has dawned upon the world.

Monarto: Song of Thankfulness; The Baptism song; When Christ's appearing was made known; Keep me Lord



Growing FAITH at home

8 January 2023

FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

BAPTISM OF JESUS



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What happens at a baptism?
2. How do you feel about your baptism? What does it mean to you?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

The servant of
the Lord

2nd reading

Acts 10:34-43

Good news of peace
through Jesus

Gospel reading

Matthew 3:13-17

The baptism
of Jesus

DISCUSS

What took place at Jesus' baptism?
How do you think he felt?



ACTION RESPONSE

Pray a special baptismal prayer for one another. Using a bowl of water, each person dips a finger in the water and makes the sign of the cross on another's forehead. Say these words to one another in turn, *"Remember and be thankful – you are a baptised child of God, marked with the cross of Christ forever."*



MEALTIME PRAYER

Christ our light, shine upon us. Refresh us through this meal to reflect your love to others. Amen.



PRAYER

Father God,
thank you for
your promise
through baptism
that we are part
of your family
and that you love
us. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Spirit
make you
strong and bless
you with peace.

A VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAID,
"THIS IS MY SON, WHOM I LOVE;
WITH HIM I AM WELL PLEASED."

MATTHEW 3:17

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



DO I NEED THIS?

It's a new year. What will you be tempted to hold on to, to take with you into 2023,—even if it may not be helpful to living the life of "joy" as promised by a loving God?

This plant which should have been reaching for the sunlight up a trellis, was, crawling along the ground.

Imagine my surprise when I lifted it to find its tentacles clutching onto pebbles; not nutritious soil, but useless stones. Even though I lifted and moved the vine to where it was meant to be, it still held onto those little rocks.

How often are we like that vine? We clutch onto things, thoughts, hurts and desires which may not benefit us. If we thought about life choices the same way the God who loves us does, a God who is only concerned about what is best for us, we would let those things go. We would use His blessings to help us grow toward our full potential.

That potential would include a year of growing into a stronger, more loving friendship with Him, family, and friends. It often means letting harsh or angry thoughts and feelings drop away and instead grab hold of a trust which helps grow new and stronger bonds of forgiveness and love; between this caring God and yourself, between yourself and those who should be close to you.

As we head into another year full of complex issues and seemingly unanswerable questions, maybe stop and consider the advice Jesus gives "Grow your life in God's reality, God's initiative, and God's -provisions. Don't worry about missing out." (Matthew 6:33) May God give us all a year of joy.

Kevin