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Christ Church
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ROSTERS**MONARTO:**

29th Jan **Blessing of the Backpacks at The Steeple**

5th Feb **Warden:** R Thiele **Reader:** H Hein
Cuppa: J&K Brodde

HOLY CROSS

	29th Jan 9.30am Unity College	5th Feb 10.30am HC Baptisms
Greeters	MVLC M Woitdt	B & K Stoddard
LS Server	N/A	W Hein
Lector:	MVLC	W Hein
PA / MM	E & A Ahrens	B Kuchel
VC:	B Eggers R Jericho	J Kuchel
Ushers	T Hanckel G Hermann MVLC	K Lienert B Gerlach
Bell	N/A	B Kuchel
Altar Guild	N/A	S Gates
Musician	A M Ahrens	K Ahrens
Flowers	F Henschke	M Haeusler
Morning Tea	N/A	A Pearce R Packer
Ministry Team	E & P Welke	D Schirmer

CHRIST CHURCH

	10am Unity 29-Jan	9am Church 5-Feb	10:30am JDH 5-Feb
Pastoral Assist	W Doecke	J Pohl	G Korzeba
Wardens	B Mann	A Hampel M Mueller	P&V Jaensch
Greeters	D&L Schiller	I Schulte R Schrapel	A Korzeba S Kuchel
Tea / Coffee		D Kluge C Beauglehall	
PA		Gary B	Tamra L
Data Projector		G Pohl	Y Stiller
Reader		M Herrmann	A Korzeba
Organist		Coralie	
Video			R Jericho
Flowers		E Mueller	
Counter	M Mueller	G Traeger	V Jaensch
Grounds Roster	???? Volunteers needed!		
Water & Care	Y Koch	J&H Schirmer	



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Valley
Lutheran
Community**

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8532 6553

Holy Cross

31 Florence St
Murray Bridge
8532 4577

Zion Monarto

427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto
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Sunday 29th January

9:30am Blessing of the Backpacks Service
The Steeple, Unity College, Owl Drv, Murray Bridge
Bring your Backpacks ~ Free sausage sizzle after

Sunday 5th February

9am Monarto - HC ~ followed by AGM
9am Christ Church - HC (Church) (Coffee from 10am)
10.30am Christ Church - HC (Church) Baptism of Olivia Watt
10.30am Holy Cross - HC (morning tea from 9.45am)
Baptisms of Sadie Arnold and Mieka Wilson



Pastor David on leave 26th - 30th Jan if you require pastoral assistance during this period please contact Pastor Paul 0417 466 611, Ian Kluge 0427 313 537, or the offices (opening hours).

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PRAYER:

Please pray for Janet Bensch and family on the passing of Norm on 23rd January. Norm's funeral will be held at Holy Cross, Wednesday 1st Feb, 11am

Loving God, we pray for all students as they begin a new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences and a love of learning. Grant teachers wisdom, patience & joy in serving their students and be with all workers, volunteers and families throughout the coming school year

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, Helen Schubert, Neil Schubert, Vena Shinnick, Barbara Taylor, Sandra Thiele, Clarita Venn.

Resthaven: Pam Altmann, 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

Romani Nursing Home (M/Bridge): Val Spencer

Tailem Bend Hospital: Bevan Schulz

MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

29th Erica Hammond	February	4th Mimi Haeusler
Luke Toft	1st Mikayla Joppich	Michelle Lohmeyer
30th Trent Frahn	2nd Shane Thomson	Margaret Paterson
31st Warren Doecke	Michelle Waltrovitz	5th Ian Mueller
Theo Garland	3rd Emily Klenke	

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:

- 29th 9:30am Blessings of the Backpacks @ Unity College
free sausage sizzle after service
- 30th 1.30am Holy Cross Service Guild meeting @ Concordia Hall
- 31st 7:30pm Holy Cross Church Council Meet

February

- 1st 10am Christ Church Service Guild ~ devotion Joyce S
11am Funeral of Norm Bensch (Holy Cross)

3-5th Feb ~ Renew Camp

- 3rd 5pm Confirmation/First Communion info night ~ JDH
6:30 Youth in the Cave

- 4th 8:30am 5G Men's Bible Study Group at Long Riders –
Bring bible, pen, paper

- 7th 4pm Holy Cross Pastoral Assistants Meet

- 8th 9:30am CC Senior Care Team Meeting, Ed Cen
1.15pm MVLC Women's Guild @ Concordia Hall

9-12th February ~ **General Synod**

Weekly:

- Mon: 9:30am Cards and Coffee, Ed Centre, Christ Church
1:30pm Bible Study, Holy Cross recommences 6th Feb

- Tues: 10am Bible Study, Ed Centre, Christ Church recommences 7th Feb

- Wed: 9:30am Crafty Capers, Holy Cross recommences 8th Feb
9am—10am Holy Cross Recycling Shed open
4pm **MVLC Prayer Time**, Christ Church (in the church)

- Fri: 10am **Time Out at 10** ~ Feb @ Concordia Hall; March @ JD 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 to either office. (Newsletter is Wednesday 10am)

Wishing happy 80th birthday to Murray Nitschke on 30th Jan.



29th January Readings & Songs

Readings: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 2 Timothy 1:3,5-7;13-14; Matthew 19:13-15

Songs: This is the Day; Lord I Lift Your Name on High; His Mercy is More; The Love of the Father.

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



NEIL'S ROCK

Neighbour Neil had just driven in from the farm. As he came across the road, it was apparent he was excited about whatever he was clutching in his hand. "What do you think that is?" he questioned, opening his hand to display his new treasure.

Together we got an old dentist's tool and removed the dirt around the prize. The more we dug into and removed the soil, the clearer it became. Small circles became exposed, and more of them than we first imagined.

It was a fossil of sorts embedded in some old river rock. A bit of spit (all good gem fossickers know the value of a bit of spit) and a rub, and the treasure started to shine. Neil's enthusiasm and perseverance paid off. We could now see that what he had was worth being excited over.

King David of Bible times once wrote, I'm sure with excitement, "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." (**Psalm 18: 1-3**) These words can not only be about God the Father but also about God's Son, Jesus.

How might these words relate to life today?

To understand the idea that Jesus is a rock in one's life, you need to realise that in biblical times "rock" did not mean something that one could pick up in your hand. "Rock" carried the image of something immense, unbreakable and unmovable. A "rock" could be relied on always to be where you expected it to be. No one could move a "rock".

As my "fortress rock," I can trust that he can and will keep me safe. Sometimes not in the way I might expect, but always in a way that is best for my relationship of love with him.

A "rock" was a place of strength. From atop a "rock", enemies could be defeated. A "rock" often had clefts and places to hide in safely.

If you are to accept and rely on Jesus as the "Rock" in your life, a place of strength from which to face the world, you may need to carefully remove some of your miss conceptions, see and accept the real Jesus of the Bible and his rock-like love that nothing can move. The Bible or friends who follow Jesus are good tools for this. The more you learn about him, the closer you look, the more you will see, and the more excited you will become. Jesus is much more exciting than a fossil in a rock, as exciting as that may be.

Happy and exciting searching,
Kevin.



Growing
FAITH
at home

29 January 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

JESUS
TEACHES US
THE WAYS
OF GOD



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to stand up for what is good and right?
2. Is there someone you admire or respect? What have you learnt from them?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Micah 6:1-8

What God wants
from you

2nd reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

God's power and
wisdom

Gospel reading

Matthew 5:1-12

The sermon on the mount

DISCUSS

Jesus taught his followers that God blesses those who are humble, those who stand up for what is good and right, those who are forgiving, and those who work for peace. Share some real-life examples of these.



ACTION RESPONSE

The prophet Micah told God's people that he wanted them to worship him not only with their words but with their actions. He wanted them to show kindness and mercy to others. Decide on a 'Micah' challenge you can take on as a household to bless your community this month.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God, you have blessed us with daily bread. Bless us also with gratitude, generosity and compassion for others. Amen.

BLESSING

May God make
your life a great
blessing to
others.



PRAYER

God, help us to
live in peace with
one another, and
to bring peace
where there is
trouble. Amen.

THE LORD HAS TOLD YOU WHAT HE WANTS
FROM YOU: TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT TO OTHER
PEOPLE, LOVE BEING KIND TO OTHERS,
AND LIVE HUMBLY, OBEYING YOUR GOD.

MICAH 6:8

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The Holy Cross Service Guild will meet on Monday 30th January, 1-30pm in Concordia Hall.

*****Please not change of time*****

Because of health issues and ageing more assistance is needed.

The meeting is open to anyone interested to help in any way possible.

If needing more information, contact Velma on 0438 325 611 or Annette at the office.

Men's Group Bible Study '5G' ~ Saturday 4th February, 8.30am at Long Rider's Clubroom's.

In 2023 we are going to run a Men's Bible Study group led by Pastor David. The first get together around God's Word is going to be at Rocky Gully Road, Long Riders Clubroom's. Tea and coffee will be available. Please bring your Bible a pen and some paper.

This first get together is to have a study and discuss the way forward as a group of Christian Men.

Any queries please speak to Pastor David or Ian Kluge (0427 313537).

Christ Church Harvest Thanksgiving Display ~ help needed for setup!

We would love your help on Saturday 4th Feb @ 4.30pm to setup the Harvest Thanksgiving display in the church. Don't forget to bring along an item for the display 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, fruit 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?

AGM Reports for Holy Cross (held 26th Feb) due by 7th Feb

please email to office or bring in copy so book of reports can be collated.

Red Cross Blood Bank:

13 to 16 February. Pre-book at donateblood.com.au or on 13 14 95



Stay for the Sausage
Sizzle after the service

Welcome to a family friendly worship service focused on blessing
our kids for the school year.

MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MENS GROUP

Supported by the MURRAY VALLEY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

SATURDAY 18th February 8am AT MARK STEINERT'S

RSVP: Wednesday 15th February MATT WOITD: 0419 033 859

Breakfast Supplied ~ BYO chair

