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Christ Church
BSB 704942
ACC# 100311504

Holy Cross
BSB 704942
ACC# 51176

Music Ministry
BSB 704942
ACC# 100828957

ROSTERS**MONARTO:**

5th March: **Warden:** Colin & Raelene **Reader:** G Martin
Cuppa: Penne, Hayden Hein

8th March: **Warden:** **Reader:**

12th March: **Warden:** K&J Brodde **Reader:** H Courtney

HOLY CROSS

	5 Mar 10.30am LR	12 Mar 9am HC	15 Mar 7pm Mid-week Lent
Greeters	R & E Waldhuter	A Pearce R Packer	P & E Welke
LS Server	N/A	R Paech	
Lector	A Pearce	A Pearce	J Sacco
PA/MM	A Gates	E & A Ahrens	B Kuchel
VC	N/A	B Eggers	J Kuchel
Ushers	A Pearce M Woidt	R&D Paech M Steinert	B & M Gerlach
Bell	B Kuchel	R Paech	B Gerlach
Altar Guild	N/A	J Sacco	
Musician	J Wiencke		
Flowers	V Zerk	P Altmann	
Morning Tea	V Zerk S Kramer	L Rosenzweig H Hueppauff	N/A
Pastoral Care	M Woidt	M Woidt	

CHRIST CHURCH

	9am Church 5-Mar	10:30am JDH 5-Mar	10:30am JDH 12-Mar
Pastoral Assistants	W Doecke	G Korzeba	I Kluge
Wardens	A Hampel M Mueller	I Kluge D Doecke	P&V Jaensch
Greeters	C Coulter J Bahr	L&B Zadow	M&G Schultz
Tea/ Coffee	D Kluge C Beauglehall		J Herrmann J Traeger
PA	Gary	Tamra	Nathanael
Data Projector	C Doecke	Y Stiller	Ellen
Reader	B Lablack	L Zadow	M Schultz
Organist	C Mattner		
Video		Ron	Ron
Flowers	Carlene Schultz		R Schrapel
Counter	Greg	Gerry	Delton
Grounds Roster	H Schulte		
Water & Care	J&H Schirmer		T Koch



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Valley
Lutheran
Community**

**Christ Church**

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Holy Cross

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Murray Bridge
8532 4577

Zion Monarto

427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto
contact Christ Church

Sunday 5th March

9am Monarto HC
9am Christ Church Lay Reading (Church) *Cuppa from 10am*
10.30am Christ Church HC (Hall)
10.30am Holy Cross Lay Reading (*morning tea from 9.45am*)
1.30pm JD Hall MVLC meeting of all 3 congregations to vote on amalgamation of the MVLC

Wednesday 8th March

7pm Zion Monarto Mid-week Lenten service

Sunday 12th March

9am Holy Cross HC (*followed by morning tea*)
10.30am Christ Church HC in hall (*Coffee from 10am*)
10.30am Monarto LR

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PRAYER:

- ✠ Pray for all nursing and health workers, especially those at the Murray Bridge Hospital, who serve and care for members of our community as they deal with difficult situations on a daily basis.
- ✠ Loving God, be with the MVLC as they meet today to vote on the amalgamation of the three congregations. Let their votes be guided by you and your will for our Community.
- ✠ Loving God, may we see your goodness and your glory in new ways throughout this season of Lent. May we know the depths of your love for us more fully. May we journey towards the cross prayerfully and purposefully, even through our doubt, questions and searching.

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, Kathy Stoddart, 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, Colin & Dawn Lancaster

MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

5th Matt Schiller
6th Tristan Ahrns
Inez Schulte
7th Henry Low
8th Merle Herrmann
9th Ann Doecke
11th Peter Jaensch

Helen Pfeiffer
12th Bradley 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:

- 5th 1.30pm MVLC meeting of 3 congregations @ JD Hall to vote on the amalgamation of the MVLC
- 6th 7:30pm, Christ Church Property Meeting
- 7th 10am Bible Study Christ Church Ed cen. recommences
- 8th 1.15pm MVLC Women's Guild @ Concordia Hall
7pm Monarto Mid Week Lenten Service
- 9th 10:30am Lerwin Ecumenical/Holy Communion service
- 12th 1-4pm Concordia Hall hired by Blue Wren Yoga
- 13th Public Holiday – Adelaide Cup Day
- 15th Lutheran Villages Church Service
- 16th Emmaus Fellowship, C&B Eggers
- 19th 2pm MVLC Men's Group ~ 48 Bremer Valley Rd, Callington

Weekly:

- Mon: 9:30am Cards and Coffee, Ed Centre, Christ Church
1:30pm Bible Study, Holy Cross
- Tues: 10am Bible Study, Christ Church recommences
- Wed: 9am Holy Cross Paper shed open
9:30am Crafty Capers, Holy Cross
4pm **MVLC Prayer Time**, Christ Church (in the church)
- Fri: 10am **Time Out at 10** ~ March @ JD Hall; April @ Conc. 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)

5th March Readings & Songs

Readings:

Christ Church /Monarto /Holy Cross: Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17; Psalm 121

Songs:

Holy Cross 10.30am: Father Welcomes; Nothing But the Blood of Jesus; Love is the Law; There is a Redeemer; This Kingdom

Christ Church 9am: By Grace I'm Saved; My hope is built on nothing less; God so Loved; In Your Hand, My Saviour; Freely, Freely; **10:30am:** For all You've Done; Saved my Soul; I Believe; Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone); Yet not I but Through Christ in me; O come to the Altar; The Love of the Father

Monarto: God's Love; The Light of Jesus; With Joyful Heart Your Promises Bring; Nothing but the Blood of Jesus; In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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JOHN'S SKETCH

A few years ago, this sketch arrived through the mail as a Christmas card from John.

I have shown this sketch by my friend John to several people. Generally, the response has been a casual, "Oh, that's nice."

They don't know my friend "John".

We have been friends since childhood because our fathers were "army mates".

A friendship of many years, always there but not taken for granted.

As I pondered this sketch again, I was led to think about what it must have cost John to create this just for Ruth and me.

For many years, John has suffered a degenerative illness. His body, constantly in pain, propped up in a chair by cushions, his hands so crippled he struggles to hold a cup.

Yet those same hands masterfully control a pencil, creating sketches illustrating the indomitable spirit that shines from eyes that crinkle in laughter and friendship. Those hands, not in words but in a much more meaningful way, say, "This is for you, my friend."

My mind turns to another body wracked in pain. A body not in a chair with cushions but hanging from a wooden cross. Hands nailed to that cross. Hands bleeding and saying, "This is for you, my friend."

Those hands, of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, even with nails like "dog spikes" driven through them, still reached out, even to those who mocked him and made fun of him.

Those hands, still even today, are offering forgiveness, friendship, and a new way of living. Regardless of what might have been your way in the past, those outstretched and bleeding hands are offering a new way. A way filled with the love of his father, the God of the Bible. A new way where there is forgiveness, hope, peace and joy that is great and can never be taken away. How to accept what those hands offer? Tell him with your heart, through your thoughts, and with your voice, "Jesus, I really am sorry for whenever I have messed up in my life. And I accept all you offer. Thank you."

Pain can demonstrate love.

Caring knows no boundaries.



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Growing
FAITH
at home

5 March 2023

SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT

GOD SO
LOVED THE
WORLD HE
GAVE US
JESUS



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CONVERSATIONS

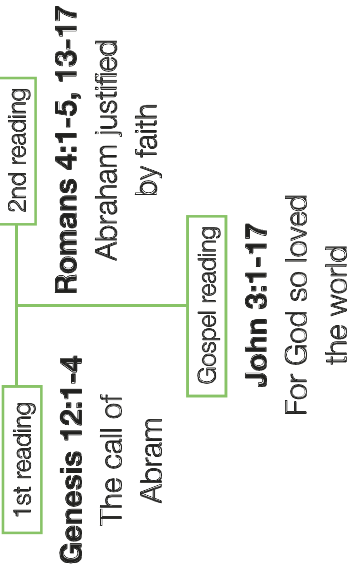
Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. What makes you feel loved?
2. How do you show love?



BIBLE READINGS

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



DISCUSS

How is God's love like human love?
How is it different?



ACTION RESPONSE

God called Abram to leave his home country and his relatives to live in a new land (Genesis 12:1). In our world today there are many people who are forced out of their home countries by war or other hardships. Visit the websites www.refugeesinternational.org or www.alws.org.au (Australian Lutheran World Service) to find out more about displaced people. Talk about their challenges and plan to make a donation to assist refugees.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for these gifts before us. As we are filled with food, fill us also with love for others. Amen.



PRAYER

Father God, thank you for giving us your Son. Fill us with new life today to know and love Jesus and to share him with everyone we meet. Amen.



BLESSING

May God keep you safe in your coming and going.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT
HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT
PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

JOHN 3:16

VERSE OF THE WEEK