

**REG:**

**Christ Church**  
BSB 704942  
ACC# 100311504

**Holy Cross**  
BSB 704942  
ACC# 51176

**Music Ministry**  
BSB 704942  
ACC# 100828957

**ROSTERS****MONARTO:**

**12th March:** Warden: K&J Brodde      Reader: H Courtney  
**19th March:** Warden: M Paech      Reader: R Thiele  
Cuppa: R&C Wegener

**HOLY CROSS****CHRIST CHURCH**

	<i>12th March 9am HC</i>	<i>19th March 10.30am HC</i>
GREETERS	R Packer	T Gogel K Lienert
LS SERVER	S Gates	C Paech
LECTOR:		C Paech
PA MM	E & A Ahrens	G Herrmann
VC	J Kuchel	T Hanckel
USHERS	M Woitdt M Steinert	M Woitdt A Pearce
BELL	B Gerlach	C Schache
ALTAR GUILD	J Sacco	L Rosenzweig
MUSICIAN		
FLOWERS	P Altmann	S Gates
MORNING TEA:	L Rosenzweig H Hueppauff	R Packer Y Patterson
PASTORAL CARE	M Woitdt	D Steinborner

	<i>10:30am JDH 12-Mar</i>	<i>9am Church 19-Mar</i>	<i>10:30am JDH 19-Mar</i>
Pastoral Assistants	I Kluge	J Traeger	D Schiller
Wardens	P&V Jaensch	A Hampel I Kluge	P&V Jaensch
Greeters	M&G Schultz	C Mattner D Schmerl	K&R Schrapel
Tea/ Coffee	J Herrmann J Traeger	S Jericho C Schultz	
PA	Nathanael	Wes	Gary
Data Projector	Ellen	C Doecke	C Beauleghall
Reader	M Schultz	C Coulter	G Schubert
Organist		G Taylor	
Video	Ron		Ron
Flowers	R Schrapel	C Doecke	
Counter	Delton	Basil	Valerie
Grounds Roster	H Schulte		
Water & Care	T Koch	Y Koch	



**Murray  
Valley  
Lutheran  
Community**



**Community of  
God's Love**  
• John 15:15-17

**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 12th March**

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

**Sunday 19th March**

9am Monarto HC  
9am Christ Church HC (Church) *Cuppa from 10am*  
10.30am Christ Church HC (*Hall*)  
10.30am Holy Cross HC (*morning tea from 9.45am*)

**Wednesday 15th March**

7pm Holy Cross, Murray Bridge Mid-week Lenten service

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

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

**Closed Monday.** 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge. Ph 8532 4577.

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## PRAYER:

- ✚ Please pray for Lesley Zadow and family on the passing on Ken. May God be with them now and always.
- ✚ 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, Rodney Zanker.

**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

**Tailem Bend Hospital:** Bevan Schulz

## MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

12th Bradley Klenke	17th Trevor Hilton
13th Scott Graham	Lyndon Pfeiffer
15th Kyden Dunning	Chris Thomson
Cameron Eckermann	18th Brendan Sacco
Bradley Kirpensteyn	19th Bruce Pfeiffer
Joshua Kirpensteyn	Paul Zadow
Luke Kirpensteyn	
Dexter McDonald	
Adrian Miegel	
Lorna Penhall	



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:

- 12th 1-4pm Concordia Hall hired by Blue Wren Yoga
- 13th **Public Holiday** – Offices closed
- 14th 10am Christ Church Bible Study
- 15<sup>th</sup> Lutheran Villages Church Service
- 16<sup>th</sup> Emmaus Fellowship, C&B Eggers
- 17th 6pm Youth at the CAVE, Christ Church
- 19th 2pm MVLC Men's Group ~ 48 Bremer Valley Rd, Callington
- 22nd Holy Cross Congregational meeting for 120th Year
- 26th Youth in the afternoon

### 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)*

## 12th March Readings & Songs

### Readings:

Psalm 95; Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

### Songs:

**Holy Cross:** Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah; Amazing Grace; I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say; Nothing But the Blood of Jesus; As the Deer Pants and Grace (City Alight).

**Christ Church:** Come Let's Sing; I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say; Now Thank we all our God; Nothing but the Blood of Jesus; Refresh me; As the Deer Pants.

**Monarto:** Come Let's Sing; Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness; Lord Jesus we Give Thanks to Thee; When I survey the wondrous cross.



## MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MEN'S GROUP

SUPPORTED BY  
THE MURRAY VALLEY  
LUTHERAN COMMUNITY



### “Local pilots and their winged toys”

Two pilots will talk on their  
experiences - one is an exag pilot

**Breakfast** supplied, BYO chair and drinks

RSVP: Tues 14th March - MATT WOITD: 0419 033 859



New Date and time  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 8am  
Breakfast supplied

### CALLINGTON AEROPLANE HANGERS

48 Bremer Valley Road



## Murray Valley Lutheran Community

CHRIST CHURCH    HOLY CROSS    ZION  
MURRAY BRIDGE    MURRAY BRIDGE    MONARTO

Praise the Lord! It is official,  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church,  
Monarto Zion Lutheran Church, and  
Christ Church Lutheran Church have  
amalgamated forming the Murray  
Valley Lutheran Community (MVLC)

ie one congregation with 3 doors. On Sunday March 5, 2023, amalgamation was passed  
with %92 in favour. After the amalgamation meeting, the inaugural meeting of the MVLC  
was held to accept the new constitution and appoint a new MVLC council:

Chairperson - Joanne Pfeiffer  
Vice Chair - Greg Hermann  
Treasurer - Carlien Hohls  
Secretary - Holly Schiller

Members - Tanya Hanckel  
Warren Doecke  
Trent Mueller  
Sandra Gates  
Haydn Hein

We thank God for affirming our new direction with strong representation from each  
congregation and a decisive vote.

Pastor David Kuss closing the meeting with the words from Revelation 21: 5, *He who was  
seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down,  
for these words are trustworthy and true."*





## DEAD OR ALIVE?

For months it stood there. Dried up. Even its leaves of different, delicate shades of brown, fawn, and pink didn't appear to cause any interest in those who passed by. "I don't know why they don't pull the thing out!" was a common disparaging comment. But no one could be bothered."

Then one day, someone did bother. With the exclamation, "I don't think it is dead!" he regularly carried a bucket of excess shower water to give "The poor thing!" a regular drink, and a miracle occurred. It may permanently be stunted, but the day will come when its unique blooms will give joy to many and food to the birds, and there will be those who will declare, "I always knew it wasn't dead!"

Easter (which will soon be here) tells of a person in history who everyone said, "He's dead! Put him in a tomb!" What they could not accept, even after three years of his words of Godly wisdom and acts of loving miracles, was that this man, "Jesus", was and is the Son of the living God.

Unlike the dry twig, which took a few weeks to struggle back to life, after three days, Jesus was alive and talking with those who had followed him before the horrific day on the cross.

His demonstration of power, even over death, shows us he has the power to fulfil all his promises.

We can all be confident in Jesus' promise that if we hear, believe and trust him and his Father (God), we will flourish and grow strong like a river red gum. We will be valued in old age and will stay fresh and green. Living close to Jesus in faith, we will thrive.

This is Jesus saying, "Others may think you are like a dead stick. I believe you have so much potential. Potential as my true friend. Potential to help others to know and experience my special love and support. I will water you with my words, my Spirit of love and forgiveness, and you will grow and flourish as my Father intended."

Believe him, trust him, talk to him and let him help you grow in faith and thankfulness. And remember he said, "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you." (John 14:18)

God bless,  
Kevin

## LOOKING "DEAD", DOES NOT MEAN "LIFELESS"





## Growing FAITH at home

12 March 2023

THIRD SUNDAY  
IN LENT

JESUS IS  
THE LIVING  
WATER



GrowMinistries  
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



[www.growministries.org.au](http://www.growministries.org.au)



### CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What do you use water for?
2. What is a question you would like to ask Jesus?



### BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Exodus 17:1-7**

Water from  
the rock

2nd reading

**Romans 5:1-11**

Peace and hope

Gospel reading

**John 4:5-42**

Jesus and the woman  
at the well

### DISCUSS

Jesus says that those who drink the water he gives to them will never be thirsty again (John 4:13-14). What do you think he means?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Resolve to drink only water in your home this week. Write up or type Jesus' words 'Come to me and drink' (John 7:37) and attach to your water jugs or water bottles. Donate any money you save by not using purchased beverages (soft drinks, juices etc) to a charity of your choice.



### PRAYER

Pour your love into our hearts, God, and let it overflow to others. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you for feeding our bodies and souls for eternal life with you. Amen.



### BLESSING

May Jesus pour his love into your heart.

NO ONE WHO DRINKS THE WATER I GIVE WILL EVER  
BE THIRSTY AGAIN. THE WATER I GIVE IS LIKE A  
FLOWING FOUNTAIN THAT GIVES ETERNAL LIFE.

JOHN 4:14

VERSE OF THE WEEK