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SERVICES

Sunday 28th July ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9am Holy Cross HC (DJK) - morning tea & trading table after service
10.30am Christ Church Family Service (Hall) - morning tea @ 10am
10.30am Monarto HC (DJK)

Sunday 4th August ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

No service at Monarto (visiting Salem @11am)

9am Christ Church HC (Church) (PC)
10.30am Christ Church HC (Hall) (PC) - morning tea from 10am
10.30am Holy Cross HC (DJK)

Sunday 11th August ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9am Holy Cross (DJK) - morning tea after service
10.30am Christ Church HC - (Hall) (DJK) - morning tea @ 10am
10.30am Monarto LR

Myanmar Mission Month ~ July 2024

Today is the last Sunday for Retiring Offerings
in support of the Myanmar Lutheran Church



Murray Valley Lutheran Community

Friday 26th July 2024

Christ Church

31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross

31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Monarto

427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto

Welcome to all worshipping with us today

Split – verb – to break or cause to break forcibly into parts, especially into halves or along the grain.

Today you have information about a new church starting with former LCA Pastor Matthew Anker as it's new "president". This new church will be called LM-A (Lutheran Mission – Australia). Some people are angry, some are happy, some are confused. Many are saying that our LCA has split. The LCA has not split – it is split. Since Luther's day the women's ordination debate has been ongoing. Luther's study of scripture led him to be absolutely opposed to women's ordination "unless there are no men" and the church's future is in danger.

We have lived with the argument for women's ordination for 500 years. Now things have changed. Last synod we voted to change the argument, or opinion, for women's ordination, into an official teaching of the church. Therefore, we will have two official teachings on ordination, one for male only, one for male and female. So come what may we remain split but after synod we will be officially split.

Our last synod has made it clear they intend to create a church environment where the two sides, the two teachings, can live together in harmony, un-split, ie "The Way Forward".

I suspect that the new LM-A church, which will have a male pastorate only, will pick up some LCA members, pastors, and teachers, who feel the biblical teaching for male ordination only cannot stand together with another official teaching for female ordination.

We are split. Can we live together officially split, can we live with two official teachings on ordination, is the real question.

Please come to the August (4th, 11th, 18th) Bible Studies which will lead us to the official "Way Forward" district presentation on August 25. DJK Lord, we pray that the pastors and teachers of the church will always teach your truth – your word is truth. Amen.

All Welcome – come along to events organised by the MVLC and form a close relationship with fellow members.

Cut off for notices sent to either Office is Wednesday 10am for the Newsletter and midday on Thursdays for the Bulletin.

Readings

Holy Cross, Monarto and Christ Church: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

Name Badges: If you have a name badge (of any kind) could you please wear it so we can get to know you. If you wish to order a new Murray Valley Lutheran Community name badge please let either office know. Magnetic badges \$13.50. Pin Badges \$11.

New Australian Lutheran church body established

On Monday 22 July, the General Church Board (GCB) and the College of Bishops (CoB) notified LCANZ pastors and congregational leaders that a new Lutheran church body called Lutheran Mission – Australia (LM-A) has been established. Pastor Matt Anker, who has been serving the LCANZ as Assistant to the Bishop – International Mission, has accepted a call from LM-A to be its inaugural pastor-president.

'The Blessing' Wine is available from the offices. \$15 per bottle or \$85 half dozen. Cash or bank transfer

APPEALS

Retiring offerings for Myanmar Mission: throughout the month of July there will be retiring offerings at each worship site and service to support the work of Myanmar Mission.

ALC Annual Appeal ~ helping support people for service in the church ~ more information is available from the offices.

Lutheran Care Winter Appeal ~ information is available from the offices

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Murray Valley Lutheran Community
BSB 704942
ACC# 101026587

MUSIC MINISTRY

MVLC Mission & Outreach
BSB 704942
ACC#101028369
Reference: Music Ministry

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

Diary Dates:

Sun 28th 2pm - Youth @ the Cave
August
Thurs 1st 10.30am - Lerwin Communion service
Fri 2nd 10am - Time Out @10 at Holy Cross Sunday School rooms
10.45am - Prayer time in the Church (Holy Cross)
Sat 3rd 8am - Longriders 5G Men's Bible Study
Sun 4th 1pm - Bible Study: "Way Forward" session @JDH
Tues 6th 10am - HC/Mon Care Team meet @HC
1.30pm - Romani service
Fri 9th 10am - Time Out @10 at Holy Cross Sunday School rooms
Sun 11th 1pm - Bible Study: "Way Forward" session @JDH
Wed 14th 9.30am - CC Senior Care @ Ed Centre
1.15pm - Women's Guild @ Concordia Hall

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

29th	Sabine Jericho	3rd	Kathleen Nicolle
30th	Rodney Zanker		Bryant Steicke
August			Monica Van Amstel
1st	Bob Gerlach	4th	Joel Eckermann
	Ivy Roennfeldt		Fran Henschke
2nd	Flo Kerkham		
	Gordon Schultz		

Pray for:

- ✠ Pray for those in hospital or in care - having operations, treatment, tests or appointments especially Jean Molnar, Rhonda Packer, Ervin Nitschke, Matt Woitd, Coralie Mattner and Dawn Hampel. Be with all the health carers who attend them and be with these members and others throughout their recovery.
- ✠ Pray for Marlene Schubert who has moved into Resthaven this week and be with Graham as he adapts to the changes.
- ✠ Pray for our Pastors and their families, be with them in all they do.