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Office Hours**

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The MVLC Office will be closed from Tuesday 24th December to
Monday 6th January 2025.

SERVICES

Sunday 22nd December ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

9am Holy Cross HC (PC) ~ morning tea and trading table
10.30am Christ Church (Hall) Family Service ~ *morning tea @ 10am*
10.30am Monarto HC (PC)

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

6pm Christ Church Family Service 8pm Holy Cross Carols/Readings
7:30 Monarto Service with 6pm shared tea beforehand

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

8.30am Holy Cross HC (Church) (PC/DJK)

Sunday 29th December (only one service)

9.30am Christ Church HC (Church) (PC)

Sunday 31st December New Year's Eve

7pm Christ Church (DJK)

Sunday 1st January New Year's Day

8am Monarto (DJK)

Sunday 5th January (only one service)

9.30am Holy Cross HC (DJK)

Sunday 12th January (only one service)

9.30am Monarto HC (DJK)



Murray Valley Lutheran Community

Friday 20th December 2024

Please note: the next Bulletin will be available on
*****Sunday January 12th 2025*****

Welcome to all worshipping with us



Nativity scene in the rubble outside the Lutheran Church in Bethlehem

***O little town of
Bethlehem; How still we
see thee lie***

Snippets from the year that was in Bethlehem:

"..Israeli occupation forces sealed off the main entrance of Husan, west of Bethlehem.."

"..occupation troops barged their way into Bethlehem while firing

concussion bombs and tear gas..."

"Israeli forces stormed the town of al-Khader, south of Bethlehem..."

It's hard to comprehend the irony of Jesus the prince of Peace being born in Bethlehem deep in the heart of a modern-day war. The horrors of this war have brought inconsolable sorrow to the world. For many the irony is a source of doubt. But what has changed? The Bethlehem of old was frighteningly like the Bethlehem of today. There was a ruthless military occupation. Where would Mary and Joseph find a bed today? The government gave orders to kill every male child under 2 years old around Bethlehem (The Slaughter of the Innocents Matt 2:16-18). The Holy family were refugees in their own land.

We have to **know and trust** the peace that the Prince of Peace brings is not what we expect. Among many things it is an eternal peace between us and God promising us pure peace into eternity.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27 DJK

Worship sites

Christ Church

31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross

31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Monarto

427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto

Readings

Luke 1:39-55; Micah 5:2-5; Hebrews 10:5-10

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

22nd	Cheryl Doecke	25th	Bev Frahn
	David Kuchel		Glenda Schirmer
	Caitlin Mueller		Rosa Waltrovitz
	Felix Patritti	27th	Jackson Koch
23rd	David Altmann	28th	Dennis Pfeiffer
		29th	Roxanne Rowland

2025 Devotion book - "Time Out For the Full Life" \$26 each

To get your copy please Contact
Dennis Pfeiffer 0437 506 345 or Trudy Gogel 0407 600 529

'PLEASE' wear your name badges to services and events. As we gather together over the next month it will be great to get to know more people of our worship family, and name badges will be a great help.

REG:

Murray Valley Lutheran Community
BSB 704942
ACC# 101026587

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

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

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 the church office.

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

Closing dates:

Craft Capers ~ in recess ~ resumes 8th Jan 2025.

Saturday Cards ~ in recess ~ resumes 4th Jan 2025.

CC Tues Bible Study ~ in recess ~ resumes on 14th Jan 2025.

Time Out @ 10 ~ in recess - resumes on Friday 7th Feb 2025

Teen Challenge ~ last day 20th Dec ~ reopens 13th Jan 2025

Holy Cross Paper Shed ~ closed but will reopen 8th Jan 2025;
Christ Church Paper Shed open 24 hours per day.

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*After hours please contact MVLC Council Chairperson:
Joanne Pfeiffer 0417 802 052 or
Pastoral Assistant Janelle Traeger: 8535 4290*

19th January 2025 - One service at Christ Church -

Shared lunch To continue the fellowship, morning tea will be offered after the service followed by an early lunch for those who would like to join. Please bring food to share

Volunteers needed for a spring clean of Holy Cross Church and Concordia Hall on Saturday January 18th at 8.30am.

Volunteer needed to help clean the **Holy Cross Church** from December 21st as the cleaner is on leave. This will need to be done before the Christmas Eve service.

Pray for:

✠ Pastor David and Pastor Paul that God gives them and their families a time of rest and joy over the coming weeks, and help them to feel the hope and peace that only God can give. Refresh their souls and give them the energy they need to lead our communities.

✠ God to prepare the hearts of all people who will attend Christmas services, that they also feel the hope and peace He gives.