



Murray Valley Lutheran Community

**8th Community Chatter for 2024
Sunday 1st September**

ONE Congregation, 3 Worship Sites

THE NEW MVLC WEBSITE HAS GONE LIVE:

Check it out at: <https://mvlc.org.au/>

Thank you to everyone working on the new website

RESTHAVEN, LERWIN AND ROMANI SERVICES Resthaven, Lerwin & Romani Ecumenical services will continue as rostered (advertised in bulletin). Lutheran Communion services begin at 1:30pm and will be held at Romani on the 2nd Thursday of the month, Resthaven on the 3rd Thursday of the month and the monthly service at Holy Cross on the 4th Thursday.

YOUTUBE LINKS TO VIEW OUR SERVICES ONLINE:

Holy Cross Murray Bridge <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1o3Cy-fGMCsEoTtn9kwkgQ>

Christ Church Murray Bridge <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGGccwtvzlvNOA302m1TjGw>

Music Ministry Online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDoA2JRIV7vHNT0oceDkibg>

Christ Church Web Page: <http://www.cclutheranmb.org.au/>

Music Ministry email: musicministrymb@gmail.com

Other Livestreamed Services etc – Go to LCA Church@Home: <https://www.lca.org.au/worship/wpp/churchhome/> click on View@Home to see services online, Pray@Home for prayer resources and Faith@Home for other options.

Sermons4Kids - Stories of the Bible: <https://sermons4kids.com/>

WEEKLY: *All Welcome – come along and join in the fellowship of these groups*

Mon 9:30am ~ Cards and Coffee, Ed Centre, Christ Church

1:30pm ~ Bible Study, Holy Cross Sunday School rooms

Tues 10am ~ Bible Study, Ed Centre, Christ Church

Wed 9am ~ Holy Cross Paper shed open

9:30am ~ Crafty Capers ~ Holy Cross meeting room

Fri 10am ~ Time Out at 10 ~ Sept: Ed Centre; Oct: Holy Cross Sunday School rooms

10.45am ~ Prayer time at the same site where Time Out at 10 is

Sat 1pm ~ Cards at Concordia Hall

Please remember to lock all doors and turn off lights, put blinds down
and make sure that heater/air conditioners are turned off
when you leave any of our premises. Thank you.

If you unlock or open it then you are responsible to relock or shut.



Prayer Corner: For use by friendship groups, study groups, other groups and members

“Always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do”

Please Pray for the following people and their carers:

Martha Aartsen, Ernie Ahrens, Pat Arthur, Ian & Fay Baxter, Gary Beauglehall, Trevor Brereton & family, Tony Budarick, Lores Frahn, John & Janise Fournier, Sandra Gates & family, Lila Grocke, Dawn Hampel, Pastor Peter Heintze, Sharon, Baxter, Elle and the extended Gierus family, Bert Hyam, Joyce & Ron Hunscha, Flo Kerkham, Glen Koop, Bruce & Joyleen Kuchel, Irene Kuchel, Yvonne Lablack, Bryan Lees, Audrey Leske, Lynette & Terry Little, Joan Martin & family, Coralie Mattner, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Allan Packer, John & Lyndon Pfeiffer, Charmaine Paech & family, Brenda O'Reilly, Gwenda Paech, Darren & Tracy Piltz, Jim Poole, Judy Rathjen, Jan Richards, Jude & Peter Sacco, Basil Schubert, Neil Schubert, Dennis & Lolita Steinborner & family, Faye Stephens & family, Barbara Taylor, Sandra & Ross Thiele, Clarita Venn.

Resthaven: Pam Altmann, Maxine Gogler, Gil Latz, Max & Doris Klenke, Leon & Kaye Peach, Marlene Schubert, James & Joyce Stiller.

Lerwin: Glad Haeusler, Wendy Hendry, Stewart Jaensch, Margaret Jenke, Alice Kowald, Stan Peltz, Margaret Warnest.

Romani Nursing Home: Stella Altmann, Joan Bahr, Bruce Heinrich, Dawn Lancaster, David & Kathy Kleinig, Vena Shinnick, Val Spencer.

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Felicity Woods.

Murray Bridge Hospital: Merrilyn Smith

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt.

Fullarton Lutheran Homes Mavis Goedecke

Hope Valley Lutheran Homes Nita Hyam.



Condolences to the following: Helen Wohlfiel and Julie Wright and families and friends on the passing of Joy Leighton on Sunday 25th August. Joy's funeral will be held at 2pm on Monday 9th September at Minges Funerals, 63 Swanport Road Murray Bridge.

Helen Pfeiffer on the passing of her father Max Bott on the 3rd August.

Pastor Peter Heintze, Sharon Gierus-Heintze

Baxter and Ella and the extended Gierus family and friends as they mourn the loss of Pastor Andy Gierus on 18th August.

Pastor Andy's funeral will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 4th September at Christ Church.



ANDREAS 'ANDY' GIERUS (17/06/1935–18/08/2024)

Ordained 10 January 1965 (St Stephens Adelaide SA); served St Marys NSW (1965–1970), Nobby Qld (1971–1977), Yarraman Qld (1977–1983), Pinnaroo SA (1983–1992), Papunya NT (1992–1994), Alice Springs NT (1994–2000); retired 31 December 2000; died 18 August 2024 (Murray Bridge SA)

Mourned by children Chris, Cathy, Mark and Sharon and families

Condolence thank you: Alan Packer and family sincerely thank everyone for the kind wishes, prayers and support on the recent passing of Rhonda, it has been greatly appreciated.

Volunteers wanted: Christ Church and Holy Cross are looking for people to learn how to ring the bell for services, funerals and weddings. If you would like to learn how to do this; please let the offices know, training will be provided.



Thank you: Allen and Eunice Wegener wish to thank everyone for their kind wishes on the occasion of their 90th birthdays in June.

Thank You: The Crafty Capers ladies wish to thank Greg Herrmann for installing the magnetic door stopper to the Holy Cross Office screen door. We hope this will be a benefit to all community users.



David & Kathy with their family

Congratulations to David & Kathy Kleinig who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Swanport Hotel on 25th August. Their Golden Wedding Anniversary was on 31st August.



Happy
50th
Anniversary



With 3 of their wedding party

David also celebrated his 85th Birthday on August 7th

MVLC Women's Guild



**Wednesday 11th
September**

**1.15pm @
Concordia Hall**

Guest Speakers:
Carol Kruschel and
her friend Keran

Come and join us and
hear
Keran's amazing life
story.
All welcome



To all the dads, the not yet dads, soon to be dads, the stepdads, the mums who are dad, the adoptive dads,

the grandfathers, the father figures in our lives, those who long to be dads and find today difficult, and to the dads who are no longer with us. Gracious God give them patience, wisdom and strength that through them their families may experience your unconditional love.



Esther Hien Vietnam Evangelist

Esther is known for translating and organising seminars at the Vietnamese Australian Bible Institute (VALBI), which trains spiritual leaders working in local communities. She also works in many regions of Vietnam supporting poor communities and sharing God's love through recorded biblical teaching.



Asia Focus Australia
Faith & Love in Action

Hear Esther's story about how the message of Jesus Christ is changing lives in Vietnam!

Sept. 4th 6pm

St Marks Lutheran Church, 35 Hampden Rd. Mt Barker.
Bring food for light tea, or come at 7pm, and hear Esther testify to what God is doing in Vietnam.

Sept. 5th 10am

Join Coffee Group at Artisan Oak, Littlehampton.



Chaplain Visits whilst in Hospital: Due to privacy laws hospitals can no longer notify Pastors or Chaplains of your stay. If you would like a visit while in hospital please contact the district office (08-8267 5211) or our church office to arrange a chaplaincy visit.

HOLY CROSS CENTENARY 1925

In February 1925 Holy Cross will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Holy Cross church building and in November 1925 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the current church building. A Centenary Committee has been formed however we are looking for more people who would be interested in helping to organise both these special occasions.



Laying of the foundation stone

If you have any old photos etc of the church, buildings and congregation members or happenings at the church ie weddings, confirmations, baptisms we would like to see them, and copy them. A display of old memorabilia is planned for the centenary.

Archival Books ~ For many years Jeanette Zanker has been compiling archival books on Christ Church and Monarto activities and congregation members. More recently she has started a book on the Murray Valley Lutheran Community worship congregations, she is unable to continue doing this. Jeanette is looking for someone to take over from her and continue to compile the archival books. She is willing to show someone or a team what she does. If you are interested in taking this on please contact Jeanette on 0418 846 403. Thank You Jeanette for all the work you have done over the years in creating these books, a wonderful way of recording the activities, special moments and history of our members and churches.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ~ Membership Database

The Murray Valley Lutheran Community has a new membership database. Please let us know if your address/phone number or email address has changed in the last couple of years so we can update our records to reflect this. Please provide us with an updated photo or come into either office and we can take one. If you would like to check your details are correct please contact us at the offices.

Working with Children Checks (WWCCs) were introduced in July 2019 and are valid for 5 years. This now means that checks issued in 2019 will start to expire as of 1 July 2024. Check the expiry date for your WWCC; you can update your check up to 6 months before it expires. Clearances can take up to 6 weeks to be issued to you. LCA recommend applying at least 2 months prior to the expiry date. WWCC application forms to update your check are available from the offices. Please remember that any volunteer or employee without a valid WWCC must step down from their role until they obtain a valid clearance.



Pastor David recently received a personal greeting from the Pope and a privileged card invitation (with the Pope's emblem) inviting him to visit the Vatican City. He also received personal greetings from Gino the Head of the world Volunteer Firefighting Organisation as a token of respect for Pastor David who is also in the business of helping people in their spiritual journey. The gifts were given to him by Anna Tingi (Gino's cousin) on her return from Italy. Anna also provides Bibles for Concordia Kindergarten.



Time Out at 10 on Fridays
September ~ Ed Centre Meeting Room
October ~ HC Sunday School Room

Hear the sounds of friends sharing each other's company. Coffee cups clinking. Plates nearly empty. Laughing together as we share stories. Come and join us @ 10am

MVLC Prayer Meeting ~ Friday's @ 10.45am.

So come for your coffee at 10am then over to the church for prayer time at 10:45

TRADING TABLES are being held each month - Christ Church (3rd Sunday), and Holy Cross (4th Sunday). Donations of preserves, cakes, baked goods, plants, produce etc. can be bought on the morning. Please label baked goods & preserves with ingredients.

Christ Church: The next one is on Sunday, 15th September between services

Holy Cross: The next one is on Sunday, 22nd September after service

Murray Valley Lutheran Community

Pastor David & Annette Korzeba invite you to the last
Loss, Grief & Trauma Information Session.

Where: Murray Heights Lutheran Retirement Village

When: Thursday, 26th September

Time: 1:00pm to 2.30pm

Focus: Pastor David will lead with a focus on the MH17 mid air disaster and how an Australian couple dealt with their grief after the devastating loss of their 3 precious children and a much loved brother.



Please Annette know (0411306878 or Email: korzies@internode.on.net) if you will be attending for catering for the afternoon tea. Hope to see as many as possible attending.



Photo of Glen Koop & grandson Christopher after Christopher along with 30 other men including Anthony Little (Terry & Lynette's son) recently won the World Championship in Acappella singing in New Zealand

Over 150 people from the Mid Murray, Murray Mallee & Strathabyn Parishes, Mt Barker and the MVLC attended The Way Forward Workshop held at Unity College on



Sunday 25th August despite the inclement weather. Bishop Andrew Brooks & Angela Rogers led the informative workshop.



Thank you to Helen Carroll who has played the piano for services at Holy Cross for almost 40 years. Helen is retiring due to arthritis in her hands. We thank God for your musical talents and years of faithful service.



Bishop Andrew Brooks



Angela Rogers

Messy Church at Callington Sunday 8th September
4pm ~6pm

Callington Hall ~ (opposite the oval)
Crafts, Activities, Food & Message 'Talking to & listening to God'
Bring your friends & Family! All welcome
For further information contact or speak to: Jeanette Mann: 0431 791 423



FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER: 6.30pm
SHED NIGHT

MIEGEL ENGINEERING
3 Howard Rd Murray Bridge



Mannum Local, Pfeiffer Hill Upholstery owner,
Emergency Services and Fiery
TERRY SCHUTZ,

shares his **CANADA FOREST FIRES** experience.



Build your own Burger Tea
BYO: Drinks, chairs, plate, cup, utensils
RSVP: WEDNESDAY 18th September

Matt Woidt: 0419 033 859 or Ian Kluge: 0427 313 537



Lutheran Women of Australia Convention.

Theme: HOW GREAT THOU ART

Location: The 19th Convention of Lutheran Women of Australia will be held at Unity College, Owl Drive, Murray Bridge, South Australia.

Dates: 1 October to 3 October 2024.

Steeple Sunrise – Mel Watts



We look forward to hosting you in the beautiful surrounds of Unity College, using the Steeple venue for worship and meeting. Meals will be served, and displays will be staged in the Stadium. We hope that, through our Lord Jesus Christ, with times of worship, sharing in fellowship and inspiring guest speakers, you will be uplifted and find encouragement.

MEN WANTED! : **Some volunteers** to set up table and chairs for the Lutheran Women of Australia Convention – Tuesday Morning Oct 1st @ Unity College for 1 – 2 hours.

A LEADER: to lead the husbands of LWA on an outing – to Tailem Town and lunch – Just lead the group – bus, venue, lunch all done. All MVLC men are welcome to join this excursion.



Pack a shoebox!



SEND GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY

Christ Church Office will once again coordinate the shoe boxes of love for the MVLC.

Packing day at Christ Church Wed 18th Sept @ 1.30pm ~ All Welcome
Collection will be in October, date to be advised.

Have you started to get items ready for your shoebox?

If you need ideas please contact Christ Church office.

We also have on hand items that could be used for your shoebox!

Senior's Service



You are invited to join the children of Concordia Kindergarten on
Thursday 26th September and/or Friday 27th September
@ 9:30am at Holy Cross for a special Senior's
Service

This will be followed by morning tea in the hall
and come and play at our Kindy session.



AMRC Australian Migrant Resource Centre

MURRAY BRIDGE THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Murray Bridge Community Centre Inc.

THE SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Murraylands Migrant Resource Centre
presents

Cultural Caravan

Cultural Caravan is a journey through the diverse cultural landscapes of Murray Bridge's migrant communities through four vibrant cultural events.

Third Event

Filipino Cultural Event
Date: 22/09/2024
Time: 2pm to 3:30pm
Features: presentation, performance, afternoon tea

Venue

The Square (2 South Terrace, Murray Bridge)

Discover the world without leaving Murray Bridge - celebrate the unique culture, performances, and flavours of our migrant communities with the Cultural Caravan!

Free entry & refreshment!

This is the third event of Cultural Caravan program; we have one more event in October for you! Stay tuned for more cultural journeys!

This project is assisted by the Department of Home Affairs through SETS, supported by the Government of South Australia and Murray Bridge Thriving Communities.

The Cultural Caravan event in September is of the Filipino community.

These migrants live and work in our community, mainly working to provide a sustainable food industry. They are also a strong Christian community. The reasoning behind the Cultural Caravan is to showcase the Filipino culture and to engage the Murray Bridge community in our vast multinational citizens.

We recently had a Kiribati Cultural Caravan and was well worth attending. Has anyone heard of the Kiribati workers here in Murray Bridge, many of workers are employed at Costa Mushrooms? Kiribati is a group of small islands isolated in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

October there will be a Ukrainian event.

RECYCLING SHEDS

Don't forget to recycle your newspapers, used wrapping paper/ Cards and boxes etc...

Remember that Holy Cross also recycles old books and glossy magazines your bottles, soft drink cans etc anything that has the 10c refund on it. Thank you to everyone who has been donating their cans and bottles for recycling.

Both recycling sheds are open:

Christ Church 24/7, Holy Cross Wed morning 9-10am or leave at office during opening hours.

If you require someone to collect your recycling please let the offices know.



Jadees Fashion
will be visiting here on

MURRAY HEIGHTS VILLAGE CENTRE
7 Duldig Road Murray Bridge

Fashion Parade

Friday

13th

September

1:30pm



All Welcome

For more information call
Joyce 0421908724
Jane Johnson

0408 172 111

Jane.jadeesfashion@hotmail.com

Jadees Fashions will be presenting a
fashion parade at

Murray Heights Village Centre on
Friday 13th September @ 1.30pm.

All Welcome

Contact Joyce Holmes 0421908724 for
more information



Reminder that Daylight Saving is fast
approaching - make a note for
Sunday 6th October to turn your
clocks forward 1 hour so that you
won't be late for services.

New REG Account details: Please use the new account details if you're setting up a new REG payment - LLL account holders will need to change this to come from another bank account.

REG:

Murray Valley Lutheran Community
BSB 704942 ACC# 101026587

Music Ministry

Use **MVLC Mission & Outreach Account**
BSB 704942 ACC# 101028369
with reference of Music Ministry

New Addition to the MVLC website.

A Lutheran Tract Mission digital spinner has been added to the Murray Valley Lutheran Community website.

Scroll down to the bottom of the Home Page and you will find a selection of tracts that you can read, purchase or send via email to family and friends.

The variety of tracts will change monthly. Check out the new addition at <https://mvlc.org.au>.

Community Chatter will come out on the 1st Sunday each month. Please email or drop into either office any articles you wish to include, we love getting photos and hearing what is happening with the members of the Murray Valley Lutheran Community.

Christ Church
31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross
31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Monarto
427 Schenscher Road
Monarto