



# Murray Valley Lutheran Community

**3rd Community Chatter for 2024  
Sunday 14th April**

**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](mailto: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

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

Wed: 9am ~ Holy Cross Paper shed open

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

4pm ~ MVLC Prayer Time ~ Christ Church (in the church)

Fri: 10am ~ Time Out at 10 ~ April ~ Concordia Hall; May JD Hall

Sat 1.30pm ~ Cards at Concordia Hall

Please remember to lock all doors and turn of lights  
when you leave any of our premises. Thank you.

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



**Please Pray for the following people and their carers:**

Martha Aartsen, Ernie Ahrens, Pat Arthur, Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Tony Budarick, Lores Frahn, John Fournier, Mona Gerhardy, Pastor Andy Gierus, Lila Grocke, Bert & Nita Hyam, Merle Herrmann, Joyce Hunscha, Flo Kerkham, Glen Koop, Irene Kuchel, Yvonne Lablack, Bryan Lees, Joy Leighton, Audrey Leske, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Lynette & Terry Little, Miriam McLean, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, John & Lyndon Pfeiffer, Charmaine Paech and family, Brenda O'Reilly, Gwenda Paech, Darren Piltz, Jim Poole, Judy Rathjen, Jan Richards, Neil Schubert, Vena Shinnick, Barbara Taylor, Sandra Thiele, Clarita Venn.

**Resthaven:** Pam Altmann, Maxine Gogler, Gil Latz, Max & Doris Klenke, Murray Piltz, Erwin Rohrlach.

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

**Craigmore Resthaven:** Ivy Roennfeldt

**Meningie Hospital Aged Care:** Felicity Woods

**Romani Nursing Home:** Stella Altmann, Bruce Heinrich, Dawn Lancaster, Joy Leighton, David & Kathy Kleinig, Val Spencer

**Mannum Hospital** Marilyn Smith

*Thank you!*

A big thank you to the one who comes in early on a Sunday morning to wash the steps and handrails at the entry to the church building after the pigeons have settled in for the week. Your dedication has not gone unnoticed.



Annette thanks everyone for their prayers, messages and visits after her operation; they were greatly appreciated. She is making good progress and now back at work. Thank you to everyone who changed banners, decorations etc at the church while she has been absent.



**James and Adele Leach**

invite you to the Wedding of their daughter **Amelia**  
to **Andrew Williams**

Saturday 20th April 2024, 1.00pm at Christ Church

We wish Amelia and Andrew God's Blessings as they begin their life together

**Murray Valley Lutheran Community Thrift Shop**



Thank you to all the helpers who came and gave their time at the recent Thrift Shop. Over \$1300 was raised.

So many customers came in it was great mission and outreach to our local community members.

Thank you also to the people who had stalls on the Saturday - these were a success.

**TRADING TABLES** Trading tables are being held each month - Christ Church (3rd Sunday - note change of day), 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, 21st April between services

**Holy Cross:** The next is one on Sunday, 28th April after service



**Time out at 10 Friday's ~  
April ~ Concordia Hall  
May ~ JD Hall**

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

### **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.

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.



### **Pastoral Care Worker Vacancies**

Mypolonga Primary School  
Jervois Primary School  
Coomandook Primary School  
Fraser Park Primary School  
**Closing Date 6th May**

If you or anyone you know are interested in any of these positions then please contact the Offices for Job and Person Specification and application information.

### **Loss, Grief & Trauma catch up/debrief sessions.**

For those who attended the first session in March, this session will be on Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Murray Heights Village starting time 9:00am. Tea & coffee available

The feedback from the previous session is encouraging so please attend if you can. Your input is vital in understanding loss & grief so that you can support others in our community especially as professional support services may not be readily available here in the Bridge

Let me know if you will join the group.

Annette ph: 0411306878

### **Important notice for LLL account holders**

Please be aware that the LLL are returning to Religious Charitable Development Fund (RCDF) status. All account holders are required to take action by June 2024.

**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

The 124 Concordia Kindergarten children have been busily writing letters and drawing pictures for you and are eagerly looking forward to receiving one from you in return. You will put a BIG smile on a child's face when they get it.

The children are delighted to receive their letters and when they are read out at group time all the children enjoy the message. **There are still about 15 children waiting to hear from someone in the community!**

Please consider this time of sharing Jesus love by sharing your love with a child of our Concordia Kindergarten. God bless you.

Please see Gloria Pohl - Christ Church

Jan Brodde - Monarto

Dawn Schmerl - Swanport Village

Coral Eggers - Holy Cross

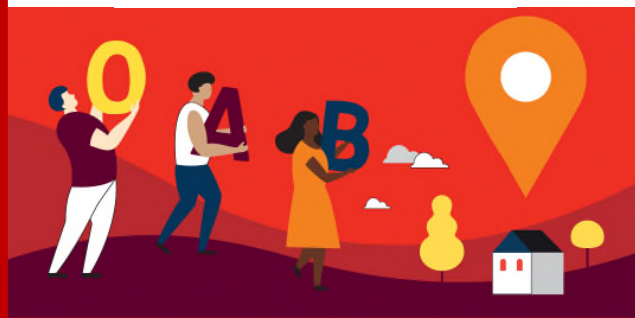
Coral Eggers - Murray Heights

If you can help!

# Kindergarten Pen Pals



Australian Red Cross  
**Lifblood**



Got a bit of time this May? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Murray Bridge will need blood and they need people like you to give it. Australian Red Cross Lifblood are rolling into town from the **13 May to 16 May**.

Don't forget to pre-book your spot at [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au), on our mobile app or on 13 14 95.

## Disaster Recovery Ministry

Lutherans served as chaplains in the recovery centres during the Murray River flooding. More trained chaplains are needed for this volunteer interfaith ministry. There are two training events this year. If you feel called to this volunteer ministry, please contact chaplain Heidi Smith (08 8267 5211 or [heidi.smith@lca.org.au](mailto:heidi.smith@lca.org.au)).

**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.



Indoor Bowls Come & Try ~ Friday 12th, 19th, & 26th April

Games start at 7:30pm @ Monarto Lutheran Church Hall

Cost \$2

Inquiries to: Yvonne 8532 6024; Neville 8531 0510 or Terry 8535 4192



## Friends of the Lutheran Archives

- Andrew Zilm, a retired teacher, has been recruited to audit, digitise & update the Lobethal Archives & Historical Museum's displays & collections. The preservation of the history of Lobethal was started by Jonas Vanagas after he arrived in Lobethal in 1949 from Lithuania.
- Come along to hear Andrew speak at the next Friends of Lutheran Archives gathering at the North Adelaide Lutheran Church on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm. All welcome, \$5.00 donation, supper. The evening will be live-streamed on:

<https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>



## Blessing of the Seed and Soil

Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2024

Wegener's Big Shed

Colrae Farm - 333 Bremer Valley Road, Callington



10am tea and coffee  
10.30am worship  
General Offering to MVLC  
Retiring offering – ALWS Farmer for a Farmer



Jars of soil and seeds to be blessed

BBQ lunch available for sale

Trading Table – homemade and homegrown

Wine fundraiser – pre-orders taken by the Offices

Activities and games

Bookshop



*Please bring any items for the trading table on Sunday - Many Thanks!*

**Hall Hire** - Please note dates halls are hired:

Concordia Hall - Sarah's Graceful Girls, Wed nights to 1st May; Choo La La, Thurs nights to June;

John Dohler Hall - 20th April wedding reception; 13-16th May Red Cross

**ROSTERS:** The Holy Cross Roster for May - August is being compiled, please let Annette know of any dates that you will be unavailable during this period ASAP, the current roster only goes up to 19th May. They are in need for more people for the MM/PA, Videoing and ushering. Please consider if you can help out! Many hands make light work, the more people we have rostered and helping out makes it easier on everyone



## Mother's Day Morning Tea Sunday 12th May at

Christ Church, Holy Cross and Monarto

Ladies you have the morning off, sit back and relax while the men from the Murray Bridge Community Christian Men's Group set up, serve you, clean up and do the dishes.



**MURRAY BRIDGE  
CHRISTIAN  
COMMUNITY  
MEN'S GROUP**

SUPPORTED BY  
THE MURRAY VALLEY  
LUTHERAN COMMUNITY



Easter at the Murray Valley Lutheran Community sites



The Monarto Congregation  
Flowers at Holy Cross  
Christ Church Worship site





## **Paletwa Emergency Support, MYANMAR**

Paletwa township and its surrounding areas, near the Myanmar-Bangladesh border, face a dire situation. The ongoing conflict in Myanmar escalated recently. When the military junta ousted Aung San Suu Kyi's duly elected government in 2021, it has led to a cruel civil war. The Myanmar Lutheran Church, (MLC) has churches in this region.

Since January 3, 2024, intense clashes between the Arakan Army and the Myanmar Army have resulted in civilian casualties and displacements in Paletwa. Dean Rev Haggai Aung Than, Pastor Andrew, and their families, who tried to safeguard the Paletwa church, were forced to flee. By February 2024, 50,000 people had fled Paletwa due to the conflict, with many injured. Displaced individuals in refugee camps face shortages of food and medical supplies. With understaffed hospitals, those in need of urgent care must travel over 600km, passing numerous military checkpoints to reach major hospitals in Yangon.

About 100 Paletwa residents have fled the region and sought refuge in Yangon's **Hmawbi Lutheran Church Centre**, urgently needing food, medical aid, and resettlement support. Asia Focus Mission teams have visited Hmawbi. Pastor James' church MLC, is seeking support for those people who have fled the Paletwa region. James says: "Jesus called us to participate in a caring and sharing ministry to bring new hope for our neighbours. Love each other and take care of each other's burdens and suffering is what Jesus wants us to do. Therefore, we humbly would like to invite you, dear brothers and sisters, to prayerfully consider joining your helping hands with us to bring a new hope for our people in Myanmar.

Pastor James confirms that the Myanmar Lutheran Church has the means and contacts to get support to these people in difficult circumstances, even though it will be challenging.

Please earmark donations with: "**Paletwa Emergency Support**". AFA Bank details: Asia Focus Bank: BOQ - BSB: 124-047 | A/C: 2259 7127 – OR 2. Cheque (Asia Focus Australia Inc). Postal Address – PO Box 911, Gympie, Qld 4570. Please supply your details for receipt purposes. **Alternatively** -It can be placed in an envelope at worship and earmarked "Paletwa Emergency Support AFA".

### **ANZAC SPECIAL**

**THURSDAY 25TH APRIL**

**5:30AM - DAWN SERVICE @ STURT RESERVE**

Pastor Paul to lead the service

7am - Gunfire Breakfast

@ Murray Bridge RSL

All welcome - Bring the whole family

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



Yvonne took a picture of another quiet day at the Office. A 'Grand Central Station' moment after the Easter Monday holiday... And then a couple more arrived not long after...



**Youth Group** Awesome! That's a good word to sum up youth group in March. Fantastic to see some new faces along, as well as some familiar faces as well! Here's a couple of quick snaps from their Easter Egg Hunt arvo!



We welcomed into God's Family on Easter Sunday at Christ Church

**Alby Samuel Piltz**

Child of Blake & Felicity and Grandson of Tracy & Darren



We welcomed into God's Family on Sunday 10th March at Holy Cross

**Daisy Wren Jaensch**

Child of Ben & Jasmine



**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