



Murray Valley Lutheran Community

6th Community Chatter for 2024 Sunday 7th July

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 ~ July: Ed Centre; August: 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.



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, Loes Frahn, John & Janise Fournier, Mona Gerhardy, Lila Grocke, Dawn Hampel, Bert Hyam, Merle Herrmann, Joyce & Ron Hunscha, Flo Kerkham, Glen Koop, Bruce & Joyleen Kuchel, Irene Kuchel, Yvonne Lablack, Bryan Lees, Audrey Leske, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Lynette & Terry Little, Miriam McLean, Coralie Mattner, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, John & Lyndon Pfeiffer, Charmaine Paech & family, Brenda O'Reilly, Gwenda Paech, Darren & Tracy Piltz and family, Jim Poole, Judy Rathjen, Jan Richards, Jude & Peter Sacco, Neil Schubert, Vena Shinnick, Merrilyn Smith, Dennis & Lolita Steinborner & family, Faye Stephens & family, Joyce & James Stiller, Barbara Taylor, Rose & Mark Thiele and family, Sandra Thiele, Matt Woidt, Clarita Venn.

Resthaven: Pam Altmann, Pastor Andy Gierus, Maxine Gogler, Gil Latz, Max & Doris Klenke, Leon & Kaye Peach,

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

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

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Felicity Woods.

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt.

Fullarton Lutheran Homes Mavis Goedecke

Hope Valley Lutheran Homes Nita Hyam.



Condolences to **Stan Peltz** and family on the passing of **Lorna Peltz** on Wednesday 18th June 2024.

Lorna's funeral was held at Holy Cross on Monday 1st July @ 2.30pm

Condolences to Dennis & Lolita Steinborner and the extended Steinborner families on the passing of Dennis' daughter **Karen Weir** on Thursday 27th June 2024 in Alice Springs.

Condolences to the family of **Erwin Rohrlach** who passed away this week. His funeral will be held at Holy Cross with more details to follow.

During 10.30am Service at Holy Cross on Sunday 7th July we will remember **Judy Brereton** who passed away on 24th April 2024. A light Brunch will be held after the service please bring a plate of finger food to share.

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 either office.

ROSTERS: The new Christ Church roster for July to October is now available at the office.

TRADING TABLES 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, 21st July between services

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



Time Out at 10 on Fridays
July ~ Ed Centre Meeting Room
August ~ 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

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>.



Myanmar Mission Month
July '24

Retiring Offerings at each site throughout July in support of the Myanmar Lutheran Church

A big thank you to all those who were involved in clearing the gutters of the Church building and for cleaning the carpet inside. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Well done. Not an



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

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.





“Experience India“

Come and hear Tracey talk about her amazing journey through India

**Wednesday 17th July at 10am at
Murray BRIDGE LUTHERAN VILLAGE
51 Owl Drive, Murray Bridge.**

In November 2023, Tracey Woidt visited rural India as part of a Mission Team. Tracey will share some of the miracles she saw in the village and the children’s orphanage, as well as some stories of people converting to Christianity. There will be an opportunity to give a “free will” donation to the orphanage (not compulsory).

Keep this date FREE - Indicate your attendance by calling Merle Herrmann on 0468 422 076 or phone Lutheran Village office staff on 8532 4260.

Way Forward Local Engagement Meetings

The SA–NT District will be hosting several conversation meetings designed to explore with others what the Way Forward might mean for you and your congregation and to pray and worship together as we prepare our hearts and minds for General Synod and the way forward for our church.

Plan to attend a gathering near you:
Murray Bridge (Unity College), Sunday 25 August @ 2pm.

Bible Study

There will be a Bible Study held on Sunday afternoons on 4th, 11th and 18th August. This is leading up to General Synod and the Way Forward for the church. More details to follow.

Way Forward Framework webinar recording now available

The Way Forward Project's most recent webinar was held on Tuesday 14 May 2024, with over 400 registered participants. Churchwide Bishop Paul Smith, GCB members Tim Wiebusch and Kim Baumeler and Project Director Stella Thredgold discussed the current proposed Way Forward Framework. A recording of the webinar was uploaded to the website on 21 May. You can watch the webinar online or contact the offices for a DVD of the webinar.

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.

**Hall Hire - Concordia Hall - Choo La La, Thurs nights 7-9pm ongoing
John Dohler Hall - July 6th SMG Trivia Night**

Sunday 23 June started off very frosty and chilly, but we were warmly led by Jeanette Mann in a nice warm cosy setting in the Christ Church Hall for our Family Service with the theme from Mark 4: 35-41, about Jesus calming the storm. Children participated in a children's message and activities. Young and old alike enjoyed the message and songs and fellowship with a light lunch of soup and toasties after the worship service. Everyone is warmly welcomed to the next Family Service at 10.30am on Sunday 28th July, followed again with a light lunch. Join us for Inter-generational worship time on the 4th Sundays of each month at Christ Church Hall – with something for everyone!

Here is the boat Renae made from playdough during the Family Worship, if you look closely you will see Jesus at the front of the boat with his twelve disciples laying down in the boat during the storm so they wouldn't fall out!



Caitlin made a boat for the craft activity about the story of Jesus calming the storm with his twelve disciples and to remind us that Jesus calms the storms in our lives and is always right by our side – he never leaves us!

Another playdough sculpture made during the Family Service, a scene of the Easter Crosses & Empty Tomb.



Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross for my sins and for giving me eternal life just as you rose from the empty tomb - YOU are ALIVE and with ME ALWAYS!

Congratulations

Best wishes to the following members who have recently celebrated special birthdays:

Allan Wegener 90 on 6th June

Val Spencer 90 on 22nd June

Rodney Zanker 80 on 26th June



Eunice Wegener 90 on 16th June

Dawn Hampel 80 on 25th June

Fay Baxter 80 on June 30

Congratulations to Greg and Janelle Traeger who celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary on July 8th.

100th Birthday

For those who remember Mavis Goedecke we would like to share with you that, God willing, she will celebrate her 100th Birthday on July 28th. Mavis was a life-long & very active member of Christ Church prior to moving to Fullarton several years ago. To acknowledge her Birthday we are preparing a card for as many as possible to sign - you might also like to briefly record a memory that you have of Mavis. Pages to sign for this card will be at all Church sites for the for the first three Sundays in July and in the Church Offices during the week.





On Sunday June 30th the MVLC held a welcoming service at Unity. The Church Council was introduced and also the Pastoral Assistants. We welcomed new members: - Graham McKenzie, Nerilee Reid, Sandra Healey, David and Kathy Kleinig, Dean and Jan Kuhl, Max and Doris Klenke, Brian and Leonie Beelitz, Phil and Leanne Neindorf, Andrew and Sandra, Chloe, Hannah and Noah Dewhirst, Glen and Ann Mickan, Ian Gough, Monica Van Amstel, Hayden, Toby and Rachel Delany and Simon and Charmaine Milburn.



Thank you to all the people who worked on putting this service together. Thank you to the biscuit makers that were included in the Welcome Pack given to each family and especially Carolyn McLoughlin who worked hard on the material that was compiled. Thank you for the wonderful shared brunch.

A big thank you to all who attended.

Valma (Val) Spencer celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday 22nd June with family and friends at the Swanport Hotel, Murray Bridge.

Those that attended travelled from the Riverland, Barossa Valley, Murray Bridge and her daughter flew down from Darwin, NT.

Her five siblings and her 94-year-old sister-in-law and everyone else, enjoyed reminiscing her 90 years of making memories and leaving a lasting legacy.

Val grew up on the Steinborner family farm at Perponda. Early years included numerous trophies competing in horse events at the local shows.

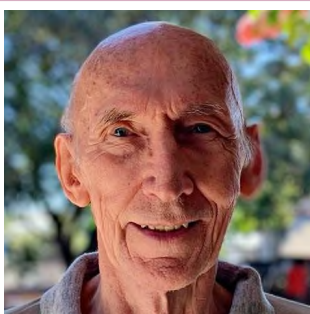
At 21 years of age she joined the SA Police Force until the marriage bar (requiring her to give up her job once she married) which led to her becoming a store detective.

In her retirement she completed over 20 years as a volunteer tour guide at the Monarto Zoo.



Val Spencer with her siblings: Keith Steinborner, Eileen Schober, Val Spencer, Merle Herrmann, Dennis Steinborner and their sister-in-law Leila Steinborner and Jude Sacco.

Congratulations to Erin Irvine, daughter of Daniel and Jasmine Irvine and sister of Connor who was baptised at Christ Church on June 2nd. She is the granddaughter of Greg and Janelle Traeger, great granddaughter to Coral Traeger and niece of Ben Traeger. She wore a family gown that was made by her great great grandmother over 65 years ago. It has been worn by at least dozen babies and the only thing that changes is the colour ribbon depending on whether it is a boy or a girl.



In Memoriam - AUGUST FRICKE (31/12/42–19/06/24)

Ordained 9 Feb 1969 (Pittsworth); served Pittsworth (1969–1971), Ingham (1972–1977), Wynnum (1977–1994), Gympie (1994–2008); retired 27 July 2008; died 19 June 2024 (Gympie); funeral was held on 28 June 2024 at St Luke's, Nambour; mourned by wife Betty, children Bettina, Martin, Daniel and Luise-Marie, and their families.

The 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. **With the graduation of some children there will be a new intake next term**

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/ Murray Heights

If you can help!

Kindergarten Pen Pals

Camps - see the Offices for information

Captivating - Women's Retreat 2024 ~ Thursday 22nd - Sunday 25th August

Made For More - Men's Retreat 2024 ~ Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th September

From the LCA NZ Office – General Pastors Conference 29/09-02/10 & Synod 04/10-07/10

We are seeking interest from Congregational members with a current Working with Children's check to volunteer in a variety of roles at Synod 4 – 7 October 2024, being held at Concordia College, 24 Winchester Street Highgate. Assistance is required across a wide range of areas including the following:

- Bump in / bump out – set up for General Pastor's Conference (GPC) and Synod on Saturday 28 September and pack down Monday 7 October.
- Parking marshals – direction and assistance to delegates, visitors, staff and volunteers. – GPC and Synod
- First Aid – only those with a current First Aid certificate are able to volunteer in this area. – Synod only
- Catering / meals – provide assistance at morning tea, lunches and/or the Synod dinner. – Synod only

Bag drop / pick up – check in and out bags, umbrellas etc. of delegates and visitors at the beginning and end of the first and last day. – Synod only

If you are able to assist, please let either office know and we will make direct contact with you in July.

There is also an opportunity for your congregation to be involved through serving the General Pastors Conference and Synod, by providing afternoon tea on one of the days and to be present to engage with attendees. Numbers are yet to be confirmed but we anticipate possibly up to 200 for GPC and up to 500 for Synod. Only one day's commitment is required, and we ask that you supply milk, home baked or bought biscuits and fruit and enough members to setup, serve and clean-up. It would also be helpful to know if you can supply any urns. We anticipate that afternoon tea will be served around 3.00pm so your commitment would be approximately 2.00 – 4.00pm. Please note that as this is towards the end of proceedings, so you are not expected to provide large quantities per person.



Blueprint Ministries Dinner

Blueprint Ministries Dinner is on again this year. The Dinner raises funds that go towards the Children's Christmas & Easter packs; Grandparents Packs for children; Young Adult events and grants for congregations in Children, Family, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries.

Save the Date: Saturday 24th August at the Mawson Lakes Hotel and Function Centre.

**** We are looking for donations of wine, and other items for the Silent Auction & prizes. If you can assist, please email:**

admin@blueprintministries.org.au

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

CHISATO YANO

ASSISTANT JAPANESE EXCHANGE TEACHER

Unity College is privileged to have Chisato as part of our teaching community in 2024 as part of the Kobe Japan Australia Society's Assistant Language Teacher Program.

We are seeking host families to assist with hosting Chisato in Terms 3 and 4.

Please contact Mr Graeme Watkins via gwatkins@unitycollege.sa.edu.au or call 8532 0100 if you are able to assist.



Registrations will be soon open for the **Lutheran Students, Graduates & Friends Camp at Woodhouse** – 9th - 11th of August.

SAVE THE DATE: Resources EXPO @ Unley – Saturday 7th September. An opportunity to share ideas that you have used and learn new ideas from others!



MURRAY BRIDGE
CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY
MEN'S GROUP

SUPPORTED BY
THE MURRAY VALLEY
LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

Friday 19th July
6.30pm

Longriders Shed Night

Longriders Club Rooms, 37 Rocky Gully Road
Murray Bridge

Hearty winter meal provided @ \$10 per head

Local **Mark Scott** : Acupuncturist, Footy Umpire, Longrider and student to share with us



"Come, hang and fellowship with God's gang"

Drinks and bar facilities available

RSVP 17th July

Matt Woitd 0419 033 859, Ian Kluge 0427 313 537



STUDENT ENQUIRIES WELCOME

Is God calling you?

Is someone encouraging you to listen to this call?

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2024

Helping prepare people for service in the church

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Ph: 1800 625 193 Email: enquiries@alc.edu.au

More information on the ALC Annual Appeal is available from the Offices

Friends of Lutheran Archives (FoLA) – next gathering is on Thursday 25th July, 7.30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 139 Archer Street, North Adelaide.

Finding Emma - Renowned author **Valerie Volk** returns to the setting of one of her previous books, *In search of Anna*, the German farming community of Jindera, NSW, to present the story of Emma, an old, domineering, cold and difficult to love woman who sets out to rediscover her old self and to reclaim her future through the journals she has kept for sixty years. \$5.00, supper, all welcome.

LIVESTREAM on FoLA YouTube channel:

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

Pack a shoebox!

SEND GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY

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

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!

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