



Murray Valley Lutheran Community

**7th Community Chatter for 2024
Sunday 4th August**

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 ~ August: Holy Cross Sunday School rooms;
September: Ed Centre;

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, Sandra Gates and family, Lila Grocke, Dawn Hampel, Bert Hyam, 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, Joan Martin and family, Coralie Mattner, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Allan Packer and family, 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, Basil Schubert, Neil Schubert, Marilyn Smith, Dennis & Lolita Steinborner & family, Faye Stephens & family, Barbara Taylor, Matt Woitd, Clarita Venn.

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

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.

Murray Bridge Hospital Vena Shinnick, Joyce & James Stiller

Mannum Hospital Sandra Thiele

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Felicity Woods.

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt.

Fullarton Lutheran Homes Mavis Goedecke

Hope Valley Lutheran Homes Nita Hyam.

Condolences to the following :



Joan Martin and family on the passing of her father, **Ervin Nitschke** on Sunday 28th July.

Ervin's funeral will be held at Mannum Lutheran on Tuesday 6th August at 2.00pm

Allan and family on the passing of his wife, **Rhonda Packer**, on Sunday 28th July. Rhonda's memorial service will be held at Holy Cross on Wednesday 7th August at 1.30pm.

Sandra Gates and family on the passing of her mother, **Jean Molnar**, her funeral will be at Holy Cross on Friday 9th August at 2.00pm.

Leanne and Trevor Kuchel and family of **Henry Ten Tye** who passed away on Wednesday 24th July. His funeral was held at Christ Church on Thursday 1st August.

The family and friends of **Trevor Vogt** who died last week and his funeral was on Thursday 1st August.

Margaret and family on the passing of **Norm Paterson** who died last month and his funeral was at the Murray Bridge Racing Club on 19th July.

Congratulations to **Lyn Zadow** who is celebrating her 80th Birthday on Wednesday 7th August. Best wishes from family and friends.



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, 18th August between services

Holy Cross: The next is one on Sunday, 25th August after service



Time Out at 10 on Fridays
August ~ HC Sunday School Room
September ~ Ed Centre Meeting 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>.



Murray Bridge Pop-up Blood Donor Centre

Monday 19 August 11.30 am - 4.30 pm

Tuesday 20 August 12 pm - 5.30 pm

Wednesday 21 August 12 pm - 5.30 pm

Thursday 22 August 9 am - 2.30 pm

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.



Next Wednesday 7th August the SA-NT District are hosting a face to face conversation at Para Vista Lutheran Church.

We will also be livestreaming this event. The link is below:

<https://vimeo.com/event/4480476/dad3b23dc1>

The livestream will be recorded so it can be viewed later.

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.

A shared Lunch is happening at the JD Hall beforehand at 12 noon.

Bible Study

There will be a Bible Study held on Sunday afternoons on 4th, 11th and 18th August at 1pm in the JD Hall. Each session is 45 minutes with time for Q&A. Please bring your Bible and shared lunch if you want to stay on after the service.

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.



PRESENTED BY
CREATIVE WORD FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Carl Thiele
CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



Join us as Pastor Carl Thiele explores the meaning of Church Fellowship, guided by the maxim “Our theology *informs* our practice; our practice *points* to our theology”. Saturday 31st August hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Murray Bridge, SA. The day will begin with morning worship at 9.00am. An interactive live-stream option will also be available. Registration is essential for in-person attendance. The cost is \$30, which includes morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea. Register on the website or contact the office for more details.

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.

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.

Way Forward Detailed Framework SUMMARY



This is a summary of the Way Forward Detailed Framework, which can be found at www.lca.org.au/wayforward/detailed-framework or [download it here](#).

1. **Impasse:** Despite more than three decades of theological study and debate within the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand (LCANZ)¹, we remain divided on whether or not the Scriptures permit the ordination of women. There remain two widely held views on ordination within the Church.
2. **Towards a way forward:** At the 2023 in-person sessions of the 2021-23 Convention of General Synod, delegates voted by a strong majority to direct General Church Board and College of Bishops (GCB-CoB) to find a way for us to operate as 'one church with two different practices of ordination' and to report back with a detailed framework to the 2024 General Pastors Conference and General Synod. The Way Forward project appointed by GCB-CoB has diligently worked through the theological, constitutional and governance requirements to allow this directive to be accomplished.
3. **The framework:** The Way Forward Detailed Framework (Framework) offers an approach whereby both practices of ordination can exist within the LCA. The Framework has five key parts:
 - Part A: The Church makes the commitment to maintain its identity and form.
 - Part B: The Church changes its teaching to allow for the ordination of women and men.
 - Part C: The Church makes a commitment to pastors and pastoral ministry candidates that they will continue to be received and welcomed by the whole church in a respectful environment.
 - Part D: The Church makes a commitment to congregations and parishes that they may call a pastor who best aligns with their ministry plans.
 - Part E: The Church introduces a tenure-based provision for nomination for the roles of bishop and assistant bishop.
4. **Implementation:** The Framework offers practical solutions and steps to implement the changes required to introduce the ordination of women in the LCA. Attention is given to what changes might be required by congregations, parishes and District and Churchwide agencies. The Framework also articulates the many areas of church life in which no changes are required. Fundamental principles of the implementation processes include respect for all pastors and people of the Church, and a churchwide program of pastoral care.
5. **Proposals:** The Framework includes the proposals to be put to General Synod 2024 developed in response to the resolution of the 2021-23 General Synod.
6. **Commitments of the Church:** In working through all these issues, the Church commits to respectful dialogue and pastoral care in the gatherings of the Church. In particular, the Church commits to continued study of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, acknowledging that the divergent views of the role and service of women in the Church are upheld by faithful sisters and brothers in Christ. Moreover, the Church will always provide for concerns of conscience when providing for the official public worship gatherings in the life of the Church.

¹ The Lutheran Church of Australia and the Lutheran Church of New Zealand are commonly referred to as the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand ('LCANZ' or 'Church'). To align with the Constitution, however, further references to the Church in this document will be 'LCA'.



Thank you to Maxine Gogler and the late Rhonda Packer for the many years that they have played the organ and piano for services at Holy Cross, at Thursday Communion services, Resthaven and Lerwin and wherever they have been needed. We thank God for their musical talents and years of faithful service to the church.

The Schools Ministry Group would like to thank everyone for supporting the 14th Trivia Evening on Saturday 6th July. We had another successful evening with 82 attendees. It was a cold wintery night but the atmosphere inside was warm and welcoming. There was a good mix of young and old in attendance. I was particularly pleased that Charlotte (one of our PCWs) brought a rowdy group of her supporters along. Meg mentioned on the evening that a lot of work goes in to making the night a success. I would like to particularly mention Roger Hampel who not only did an amazing job on the data and sound but also stayed right to the very end and helped reset the tables and chairs and swept the hall after everyone had gone.

Here are the winners



In recognition of National Science Week, the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board are holding 3 events to engage the community in the fascinating world of soils and turtles. Two of these will be held at either Murray Bridge Community Centre location, 18 Beatty Terrace and 2 South Terrace.

The events will give you the opportunity to register for our Soil Your Undies citizen science project and to find out about the winners of this year's Citizen Science Awards. Each event is free and open to people of all ages and backgrounds.

- 1 Sunday 11 August Dirt Fest | Murray Bridge, Murray Bridge Community Centre, 18 Beatty Terrace
- 2 Sunday 18 August Dirt Fest | Berri
- 3 Sunday 25 August Turtle Fest | Murray Bridge, Murray Bridge Community Centre, 2 South Terrace

To find out more and register visit [Landscape South Australia - Murraylands and Riverland | Events](#)

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



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

MVLC was privileged to have **Pastor Janrio Siagian** from **Batak Lutheran Church Indonesia** spend a week with us as Pastor David's guest. All who spent time with him enjoyed the snapshot into his church & culture, while he had issues with our cold weather, our lack of HOT SPICY FOOD) and rice, AND use of toilet paper (instead of a bidet.) He marveled at the age of our retirees, and is now praying to live to 85 instead of 68-70 which is their expected lifespan.

Accommodation Request A worker at Resthaven, a PNG woman on a bridging visa, is looking for some accommodation immediately. She needs to be close to work as she does not drive but is willing to walk. If anyone is able to assist then please contact the Office.



**FRIDAY AUGUST 16th @ 6.30 pm,
SHED NIGHT**

Soup and Stew TEA for donation



"THIELE VALE" Shearing Shed

129 North Bremer Rd, Callington.

(Entry via double gates, THIELE VALE sign)

Mud Map on request

"I was in Prison and you came to me"

Local Farmer, Cricketer, CLIVE WUNDERSITZ to share with us about his MOBILONG Prison Ministry.



BYO: Chair, plate, utensils, drinks

RSVP by WEDNESDAY 14th August



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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR



Murray Bridge Inter-Church Council
Ministry in Schools Task Group

Chaplaincy DINNER

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

Murray Bridge Church of Christ
32 Seventh Street Murray Bridge

Guest Speaker: The Hon. Nicola Centofanti MLC

AT 6:30PM

TICKETS \$25 PER PERSON
PURCHASE FROM CHURCH OF
CHRIST BOOKSHOP, UNITING
CHURCH OFFICE, CHRISTCHURCH
LUTHERAN CHURCH OFFICE

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!

A Yamaha baby grand piano to give away to a passionate instrument lover. Please contact the Christ church Office if you are interested.




Pack a shoebox!



SEND GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY

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

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