



Murray Valley Lutheran Community

**9th Community Chatter for 2024
Sunday 6th October**

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 ~ Oct: Holy Cross Sunday School rooms; Nov: Ed Centre

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

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, John & Janise Fournier, Loes Frahn, Sandra Gates & family, Lila Grocke, Pastor Peter Heintze, Sharon, Baxter, Elle and the extended Gierus family, Bert Hyam, Joyce & Ron Hunscha, Flo Kerkham, 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, & family, Barbara Taylor, 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, Eileen Steinert, Sandra Thiele, Margaret Warnest.

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

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.

Condolences to the following:

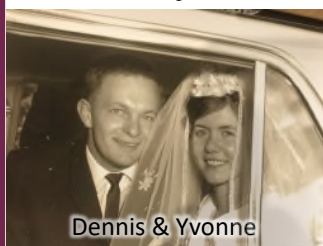
David Lienert and family on the passing of wife Joy on September 9th 2024. Joy's funeral was held on September 16th at Christ Church.

Family and friends of Vena Shinnick who passed away Saturday 14th September 2024 at Romani Aged Care.

Family and friends of Glenn Koop who passed away suddenly at home on Friday 27th September.



60th
Anniversary



Dennis & Yvonne

Wes & Glynniss Taylor celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 26th September. And **Dennis & Yvonne Kuchel** celebrate their 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary, married by Pastor Stiller on Thursday 10th October.

May God bless you with your hearts' desires & renew your faith in him this year. Happy Anniversary! We pray that God will grant you more years of laughter, love, and even the occasional argument. Congratulations on your wedding anniversary!



Wes & Glynniss

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in my recent health battle. I have finished my treatment and am looking forward to being back at work next term. I really appreciate and am thankful for all the prayers from the community. Faye Stephens

Christmas Season is fast approaching.

Can you help with:

- ⇒ Planning team for the Advent Evening
- ⇒ MVLC Christmas Light trail - members of MVLC Christmas light displays
- ⇒ Making honey biscuits
- ⇒ Planning team for Christmas Eve

If so please contact the MLVC office ASAP. Many thanks



Christmas Pageant

Murray Bridge Christmas pageant is fast approaching

Sat 16th November. It would be great as MVLC to have a float and representation in the this community event. A cross section of Volunteers are needed to assist and be part of the pageant experience. Please contact Matt Woitd if you have any ideas or can assist with this important outreach to our local community.

Youth, Families and all of the MVLC family are encouraged to assist.



Time Out at 10 on Fridays
October ~ HC Sunday School Room
November ~ 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

TRADING TABLES are being held each month - Christ Church (3rd Sunday), and Holy Cross (4th Sunday) unless advised. 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 20th October between services**

Holy Cross: The next one is on **Sunday 13th October after service**

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.

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 this year. 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.

Sunday 20th October 3pm ~ Prayer Vigil at Lameroo Silo ~ The Big Picture



Come and Pray

Our farmers and communities are facing unprecedented hard times. We are in the driest season on record, what crops we have are severely damaged by frosts, and our milk factory is in receivership. The recently finished silo art at Lameroo has inspired Murray Bridge Pastor, David Kuss, to call a prayer meeting. The Big Picture is of a farmer praying. Let's join him and pray for our farmers and rural communities, 3.00pm Sunday October 20, at the Silo in Lameroo.

Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

After the prayer meeting, we are invited to join the Lameroo community for an outreach service at the Lameroo Lutheran Church – "The bigger picture of God" with Guest speaker Mark Scott and Pastor David Kuss.

5.00pm for family time with a meal – 6.00pm for the service @ the Lameroo Lutheran Church, Mallee Highway, Lameroo.

If you are interested in attending the Prayer Vigil at Lameroo Silo for the farmers and rural communities and would like to go on a bus, please let the MVLC offices know by Wednesday 9th October. If there is enough people for a bus it would leave the MVLC Holy Cross site at 1pm and join in with the evening meal and service after the Prayer Vigil.

Cost for bus: \$25 or \$40 depending on numbers which will affect size of bus.



FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER: 6.30pm SHED NIGHT

NEW VENUE

"OLD YOUTH SHED"

Behind the Holy Cross Office/Admin Building

Florence Street, Murray Bridge

IAN KLUGE

School Chaplain, Former Police Officer, Footy Umpire

MVLC Pastoral Assistant/Lay Preacher

Will share with us about his recent trip to Turkey

"2024 ANZAC VISIT TO THE GALLIPOLI PENINSULA"

BBQ tea for donation

BYO: Drinks, chairs, plate, cup, utensils

RSVP: WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER

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



HOLY CROSS CENTENARY 1925 - 2025

In February 2025 Holy Cross will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Holy Cross church building and in November 2025 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.



A meeting is being held on Tuesday 15th October at 1.30pm in the Holy Cross meeting room for anyone interested in being on the committee or assisting in any way.

Carlien Hohls celebrated her 70th Birthday at Concordia Hall with family and friends



THE POWER OF PRAYER On June 13th 2013 our Grandson Daniel aged 18 had a horrific road accident resulting in life threatening injuries. He was airlifted to the RAH. His brain injury was so severe Drs reports repeatedly said he couldn't possibly survive and In the unlikely chance he did, he would be institutionalised for the rest of his life. Two days after the accident while his family were all totally devastated his Dad Russell (our son) said we are going to pray and thank God for Daniel's healing and in months we will be on the stage in the Golden Grove Lutheran Church giving his testimony. With the power of prayer chains, locally, publicly and in Churches interstate and worldwide, 7 months later a large audience attended to witness Daniel's testimony and recovery. In the meantime he was on Life Support in ICU for 3 weeks, then in rehabilitation for 6 months receiving speech therapy, physio and to relearn walking, speaking & communication skills. He has since completed his Certificate 3 and presently works for "Just Living" as a Disability Support Worker. Daniel married lovely Nicole in 2024 in the Para Vista Lutheran Church and is waiting for their Fairmont Home to be completed in 2025. God is Good! Joy Herrmann.



Maxine finds joy in music



For more than 40 years, Resthaven Murray Bridge resident, Mrs Maxine Gogler, 86, played the pipe organ at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Murray Bridge. 'The sounds you can get from it are thrilling,' Maxine says. 'From the softest whisper to the loudest roar, the organ lets you play with an emotion and range that not many other instruments have.' Built by Fincham of Melbourne in 1927, the Holy Cross' organ was originally made for the Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, Ballarat, Victoria, for the sum of \$4,800. In 1980, the electro-pneumatic organ was purchased by Holy Cross at Murray Bridge. With little work done on it since its creation, the organ was refurbished and rebuilt in Adelaide by Mr George Stephens and a dedication ceremony was held at Holy Cross on

Sunday, 21 February 1982. When the organ was first installed at Holy Cross, there was no one there who could play it properly – after all, the organ has over 1,000 pipes and some of the wooden ones, made from Californian Redwood, are more than 16 foot long. To properly do it justice, Maxine took it upon herself to take lessons in Adelaide with James Thiele at the Lutheran Church in Flinders Street. 'He was an excellent organist,' Maxine says. 'One of the best, and he taught me so much. Playing the organ is not the same as playing piano or keyboard, you really do need to learn how to play it properly.' Before she found her true love in the organ, Maxine began by learning the piano. Growing up in the house next door to the Holy Cross Church, she was allowed to play the piano there. 'I took lessons with Mrs Blake up the street for a couple of years, and then a nun at the Catholic Church and Convent would take me to practice there.' Over time, Maxine grew to be a very accomplished pianist, keyboardist, and organist. She became the church's regular accompanist – playing on Sundays for the service, at weddings, funerals, and christenings. She was also asked to play at major events, such as accompanying Miss Australia, Tania Versak, in the 1960s and also the Harlem Globe Trotters in the 1980s. For many years she was also the accompanist for the Bridge Players, the Bridge Singers and other local plays and productions. Maxine married her husband Keith in 1964 and the couple had three daughters. Keith worked in insurance and was prominent in the community as the chairman of the church. Sadly, he died in 2019. 'Keith loved hearing me play,' Maxine says. These days, Maxine says her hands are a bit stiff, but she has enjoyed playing piano at some of the church services held at Resthaven. 'It's a very good way to exercise my brain,' Maxine says. 'I love playing all types of music, but obviously the songs I play at church are mostly religious songs. I do think the organ really shines with this type of music. You can feel the music inside you.' Thank you for sharing your story, Maxine.

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Myanmar Mission Update – September 2024

On behalf of Asia Focus Australia, (AFA) and our mission partners in Myanmar Lutheran churches Pastor Martin, Lutheran Church of Myanmar and Pastor James, Myanmar Lutheran Church we would sincerely like to thank people who supported the retiring offerings in July 2024 for the work in Myanmar. The retiring offerings from the MVLC (Murray Bridge/Monarto area) raised \$5000.00 which will support the AFA budgeted support for Myanmar Mission. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Myanmar and the people of Myanmar as the ongoing civil war continues. Myanmar has also experienced flooding in the eastern and northeastern parts of the country along with Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and Cambodia. Good news. Bishop Andrew Mang Lone was married in September 2023 and along with his wife welcome the birth of a baby daughter Glennis Grace on Friday 23rd of August 2024. Congratulations and blessings to you all.

Ian & Dianne Kluge – Myanmar Mission AFA.

Keran Villis was the guest speaker at the last Ladies Guild meeting in September. Keran is a cancer survivor. She came to share her journey. She is an inspiration to all. She has taken up the fight to raise awareness of cancer by walking 20kms daily for various cancer fundraisers.

She also challenged Pastor Paul to complete 10 push ups, Pastor struggled to keep up but we are proud of his efforts. Keran currently is undertaking 100 pushups a day to raise funds for domestic violence.



These lovely flowers were done by Merle Herrmann for the service at Unity College.



ABENDBROT MEAL (German evening meal)

Saturday 19th October 6.30pm @ JD Hall.

\$5 per person.

An evening of food and fellowship

Proceeds to Chaplaincy program

Guest Speaker: Mark 'Ditch' Scott

"the big picture of God"



Pack a shoebox!



SEND GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY

MVLC recently packed 29 Shoeboxes of love. We also have a collection of others donated by members and the community. These boxes and any others you are putting together will be blessed on **Sunday 13th October** at the service at Christ Church in the JD Hall - Please bring them along or drip off to the office by the Friday.

On Sunday 13th October there will be a **retiring offering** to assist in covering the cost of sending the boxes overseas.



COMING SOON! FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING



BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 201C2

FRIDAY 18th October from 1PM TO 4PM, SATURDAY 19th AND
SUNDAY 20th October, 2024 from 9am to 3.30pm



AT: MURRAY BRIDGE RAILWAY STATION CARPARK

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL, PLEASE CALL

HYLTON on 0408803723 OR ROB on 0419856414

*THIS SKIN CANCER SCREENING IS A FREE SERVICE PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEERS OF THE LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (SA/NT).
YOUR DONATION WILL HELP KEEP IT FREE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.*

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.



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

Community Chatter will come out on the 1st Sunday each month. Please email or drop into the MVLC 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