



Murray Valley Lutheran Community

**10th Community Chatter for 2024
Sunday 3rd November**

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 ~ Nov: CC Ed Centre; Dec: Holy Cross Sunday School rooms

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, Joyce & Ron Hunscha, Flo Kerkham, Bruce & Joyleen Kuchel, Irene Kuchel, Yvonne Lablack, Bryan Lees, Audrey Leske, Lynette & Terry Little, Joan Martin & family, 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, May Schubert & family, Dennis & Lolita Steinborner & 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:

Nita Hyam and family on the passing of Bert on October 10th 2024.
Bert’s funeral was held on October 29th at Holy Cross

May Schubert and family on the passing of Neil on 12th October 2024.
Neil’s funeral was held on Wednesday October 23rd at Holy Cross

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



Thank you to **Carlene Schache** for the many years of work volunteering in the Holy Cross Office. We know that Carlene will continue to help out in all the little ways she can.



Thank you

Women’s Guild AGM

Wednesday November 13th at 1.15pm

Concordia Hall

Opening Devotion: M Haskell

Musician: E Paech

Bring and pack honey biscuits for Christmas Cheer

Offering : LCC Christmas Hampers

Save the Date - Concordia Kindergarten Christmas Services

@ Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Thursday 5th & Friday 6th Dec - 9:30 am on both days.
All invited – please see notice boards for more details

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
November ~ Ed Centre Meeting Room
December ~ 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) 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 17th November between services

Holy Cross: The next one is on Sunday 24th November 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.

Basil and Lyn Zadow's 60th Wedding Anniversary



Basil and Lyn met through the Christ Church Lutheran Youth group (called YPS—Young People's Society in those days). The Youth were helping at the Sunday School picnic when Dennis Kuchel and Basil decided to ask Yvonne and Lyn to a dance at Wistow. This was the beginning of a three year courtship which led to us getting married by Pastor Hugo Stiller in Christ Church on 31st October 1964 - three weeks after Dennis and Yvonne Kuchel.

Basil was in the SA Police Force at the time and he was moved to Barmera when we married. Our first daughter was born there. In early 1967 Basil left the Police Force and we moved to Loxton where our second daughter was born that same year. Later in 1969 our son was born. Basil returned to his trade as a mechanic/engineer with a business there that later went into administration due to the death of the owner. Returning home that day

Basil received a letter from Finke River Mission in reply to an enquiry he had made, asking if he would be interested in an Administrative position in the Head Office in Alice Springs.

In mid 1973 we sold our home in Loxton and made a big move to Alice Springs. We were supplied with a new home and a vehicle. After several years we moved into an older home on the "Mission Block" which was more convenient to Basil's work and walking distance to the children's school and two doors away from the Church.

With the desire to send our children to Immanuel College for year 11 and 12, Lyn began work with the Health Department in Administration in 1980 and held various positions over a period of 19 years.

The children all returned to good jobs after their time in Adelaide.

Although Basil enjoyed his work, maintenance of housing and vehicles became a priority and he set up a large workshop to facilitate doing this work himself. He continued this work, retiring in 2003.

In 2000 we built a home of our own on a five acre block 10 kilometres out of Alice Springs where we lived for seven years before returning to Murray Bridge in 2007- after living away for 43 years.

Our family numbers 28 now with eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. It was a joy to have most of them gathered in Murray Bridge recently to celebrate Lyn's 80th birthday.



Annette's retirement

We thank Annette for her work in the office over the last four years. Some MVLC Council (Tanya, Holly and Greg) members came to give Annette a gift of flowers, chocolates and a tea set. This was added to the special wishes sent by congregation members and family for her Birthday that week as well. We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable time and know you will find lots to do.

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 12th November at 1.30pm in the Holy Cross meeting room for anyone interested in being on the committee or assisting in any way.

In Memory of Vena Shinnick - 78 years by Ian Kluge

On Saturday the 14th of September 2024 at Romani Aged Care the Lord called Vena home suddenly and unexpectedly. Vena had moved into Romani Aged Care in July 24 and became a permanent resident in August 24. The last time I visited in early September, Vena was really enjoying life in Romani and looked well. Vena had been a resident at the Swanport Lutheran

Village, Owl Drive, Murray Bridge for 10 years. Having moved in there from the South-East area of SA in August 2014. It was during this time Vena became special friends with Robert Eckermann who lived next door. They were committed to each other and their friendship was blessed by Pastor Tim Koch in a ceremony to celebrate their union.

Vena renewed her faith in Jesus Christ through her close friendship with Robert. From the end of 2017, due to various health issues and mobility difficulties Vena was pastorally cared for by Margaret Warnest, Merle Herrmann, Joyleen Venning and I. Vena regularly received the sacrament of Holy Communion in her home and was keen to share her faith and life with those who visited. She was never one to complain too much about all her ailments.

Sadly, Vena lost her son Noel who passed away after battling cancer for a number of years in May 2023. Vena is survived by her daughter Jodie and several grandchildren. After meeting with Jodie, she shared that it was the family's wish to farewell Vena privately. Vena was a special Christian friend to many. She was inspiring and will be greatly missed. Vena was a special sister in Christ to Dianne and I and we will fondly remember her.



Pack a shoebox!



SEND GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY

Thank you to the volunteers who helped in any way with the recent shoeboxes - from supplying goods, packing them, setting them out for service and delivering them.

We have sent 44 shoeboxes away overseas!

And with the generous giving at the recent retiring offerings to cover the cost of the about boxes we were also able to fund 7 boxes to be packed on line!

Can you help with coordinating the next thrift shop?



Janelle and Yvonne are now unable to be as involved with the Thrift Shop. If you can help (Janelle and Yvonne will help with advertising etc but cannot be at the hall due to the logistics of now working at the Holy Cross site) please let them know ASAP. It would be great to hold a thrift shop in November!



A huge thankyou to all who supported the MVLC Cafe/Stall at the **Callington show**. All profits supported LCA Disaster Fund & Blaze Aid.

RECYCLING SHEDS

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

Remember that Christ Church and Holy Cross also recycles old books and glossy magazines. Thank you to everyone who has also been donating their cans and bottles for recycling.

Both recycling sheds are open:

Christ Church (a convenient) 24/7, Holy Cross Wed morning 9-10am or leave at the 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

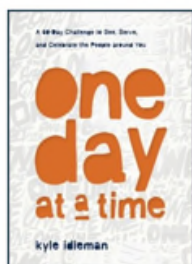
Community Chatter will come out on the 1st Sunday each month. Please email or drop into the MVLC office any articles you wish to include, we love getting photos and hearing what is happening with the members of the Murray Valley Lutheran Community.

Christ Church
31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross
31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Monarto
427 Schenscher Road
Monarto

New to the Bookshop



One day at a time by Kyle Idleman

Jesus changed the world by loving people one at a time. Influencing just one person at a time may seem insignificant at first glance. But as we better understand the surprising habits of Jesus, we unlock the power of small things done with great love.



Thank You, Jesus (365 Daily Devotions) by Marie Chapian

Life's anxieties can make it difficult to give thanks each day. Yet, thankfulness is the language of heaven! In this one-year devotional, Marie Chapian offers beautifully poetic prayers that will inspire and challenge you to be thankful to God in every circumstance.



Dog Psalms & Cat Psalms by Herbert Brokering

Brokering shares prayers that have been inspired by the antics and behaviours of his loved pets. Using beautiful photos, you will be uplifted as

you read the stories and prayers. Great gift for a pet lover.



Lenny Lion: Jesus Loves Me, 32cm

Snuggle your troubles away with this adorable lion!

Super soft and cuddly, this is one cute character you

won't want to be without! He has the message 'Jesus Loves Me' stitched onto the sole of one foot.



Murray Mallee Palliative Care Invites you, your family and friends, to our twenty-fifth annual *'Celebration of Life and Remembrance' Service*

When: Tuesday, 19th November 2024
at 7.15 pm, for a 7.30 pm start

Venue: Murray Bridge Uniting Church,
1 Narooma Boulevard, M/Bridge

RSVP Thursday, 14th November 2024
on 8535 6800



Christmas Trees from Holy Cross Birdwood

Christmas Trees are available to purchase again this year. Cost \$60 each. (Delivery can only be arranged for orders of 10 or more but collection can be arranged.)

Order with either Office or Sandra Gates (0438 324 150) by November 29th, with delivery in early December.

Proceeds from the sales go to supporting chaplains in local schools.



Start or finish each day in God's word

Daily Devotion

delivered to your inbox every morning

Sign up today – it's free!

www.lca.org.au/devotion-signmeup

Daily Devotions

Please note that this Friday Daily Devotions will be available from the Holy Cross site for the coming week - they will cover Sunday 3rd to Saturday 9th November. After this date they will only be available from Mondays and will cover from the Monday to the following Sunday. This is due to the office now finalising all services and printing all bulletins etc at the one site on Fridays. We pray for your understanding and acceptance of this. *Yvonne & Janelle.*



**SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER:
8AM ~ ADVENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**HAT PARTY
SWANPORT RESERVE**



(Site of 1st Christian church in our area)
Swanport Village Road



Every bloke has a favourite hat or 2

Bring or wear your **FAVOURITE/FUNNY HAT** and be prepared to share about it



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

BYO: chairs, plate, cup, utensils

RSVP: WEDNESDAY 13th November

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



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Monday 18 November 11.30 am - 4.30 pm
Tuesday 19 November 12 pm - 5.30 pm
Wednesday 20 November 12 pm - 5.30 pm
Thursday 21 November 9 am - 2.30 pm

Murray Bridge Pop-up Donor Centre

John Dohler Hall, 31 Swanport Road, Murray Bridge

Book your donation now:

Call **13 14 95**

or go to: <https://www.lifeblood.com.au/blood/making-your-donation>