

ROSTERS

MONARTO:

5th June: **Wardens:** Robert T **Reader:** Jan B
 12th June: **Wardens:** Trevor, Joy, Tyson P **Reader:** Heather C
Cuppa: Joy, Trevor P

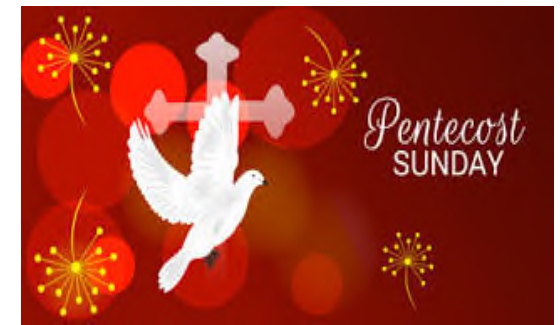
HOLY CROSS

	Sunday 5th June Pentecost 8.30AM	Sunday 12th June 11am
GREET-ERS	T Budarick L Rosenzweig	E & P Welke
LS SERV-ER	S Gates	J Sacco
LECTOR:	J Kuchel	J Sacco
PA/ MM	T Hanckel	A Gates
VC:	A Wegener	B Eggers
USHERS	B & J Kuchel	B Gerlach K Lienert
BELL	B Kuchel	B Gerlach
ALTAR GUILD	S Gates	J Sacco
MUSI-CIANS	E Paech R Packer	R Packer H Carroll
FLOWERS	F Henschke	Kathy Pfeiffer
MORNING TEA	D Pfeiffer V Zerk	H Heuppauff C Schache Y Patterson
MINISTRY TEAM	D Steinborner	D Steinborner

CHRIST CHURCH

	9:45am JDH 5-June	9:45am Church 12-June
Elder Assist	D Doecke D Hampel	W Doecke I Kluge
Wardens	D Lienert	K Franklin I Kluge
Greeters	K Franklin C Coulter	I Schulte J Bahr
Tea/Coffee	C Beaglehall D Kluge	J Herrmann D Lienert
PA	T Lees	A Hampel
Data Projector	G Beaglehall	D Hampel
Reader	D Doecke	M Herrmann
Organist		C Mattner
Video	R Jericho	R Jericho
Flowers	R Schrapel	C Doecke
Counter	G Traeger	D Schiller
Grounds Roster	???	???
Water & Care	T Koch	J Schirmer

Murray Valley Lutheran CommUnity



Christ Church

31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge
8532 6553

Holy Cross

31 Florence St
Murray Bridge
8532 4577

Zion Monarto

427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto
contact Christ Church

Sunday 5th June - Pentecost

8:30am Holy Cross *morning tea after service, wear something red*
 9.45am Christ Church (in Hall) *cuppa from 9:15, morning tea after service ~ wear red*
 11am Monarto - *We welcome Vinnie James Courtney and Jaeden Daniel Jenkinson into God's family.*

Sunday 12th June

11am Holy Cross *cuppa from 10.15am before service*
 9.45am Christ Church (in hall) *cuppa from 9:15*
 8.30am Monarto

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 Website: www.cclutheranmb.org.au

Holy Cross office hours: Tues, Wed, 9.30-1.30pm; Thurs, Fri 9-2pm
Closed Monday. 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge. Ph 8532 4577.
 Email: hcoffice@internode.on.net

Find us on FaceBook

PRAYERS:

- ✚ Praise God for sending rain this last week and continue to pray for more rain so that there will be a plentiful harvest
- ✚ Pray for Carlene Schache and extended families on the loss of her brother Colin Kruger on 30th May.
- ✚ Pray that the Holy Spirit guides all those that work for peace and justice in the world.
- ✚ We pray Lord that you pour out Your spirit upon us, that our hearts may burn with love for You and help us to bring your reconciling love to each other.

Please Pray for the following people and their carers:

Martha Aartsen, Stella Altmann, Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Tony & Rosey Budarick, Olga Burgemeister, Lores Frahn, Lila Grocke, Maxine Gogler & daughters Marie Pica & Vicki Gollasch and their families, Trevor & Kyle Hage, Bert & Nita Hyam, Audrey Jaensch, Pat Jenke, Flo Kerkham, Joan Kluge, Glen Koop, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Joy Lienert, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Oscar, Amelia & Josh Noye, Brenda O'Reilly, Joy Paech, Jim Poole, Joyce Pope, Erwin Rohrlach, Carlene Schache, Neil Schubert, Leo Schulz, Reg Schwartz, Vena Shinnick, Barbara Taylor, Sandra Thiele, Clarita Venn, Rosa Waltrovitz, June Walker, Jeannette Zanker.

Resthaven: Norm Bensch, Lorna Burrett, Leila Koehler, Dot Noller, Murray Piltz

Lerwin: Glad Hausler, Stewart Jaensch, Eric Kuss, Alice Kowald, Betty Paech, Margaret Jenke

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt

Golden Grove Helping Hand: Joyleen Rosenzweig

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Kurt Unger, Felicity Woods

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer

T/Bend Hospital: Bevan Schulz

MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

6th	Kelly Altmann	10th	Isla Hancock	12th	Tyson Barolo
7th	Charlotte Jackson	11th	Christine		Joan Bahr
	Rosabelle Roocke		Beauglehall		Spencer Paech
8th	Gladys Jaeschke				

Diary Dates:

5th June	11:45am	The Drover's Wife, Cameo Cinema
	5pm	Myanmar, Pastor James Grad. Ed Cen, CC
6th June	7.30pm	Christ Church Property Meeting
7th June	4pm	Combined Ministry Team Meet Concordia Hall
	7.30pm	Holy Cross Church Council Meeting
8th June	1.15pm	MVLC Women's Guild, Concordia Hall
	5:15pm	Christ Church Worship Team in Ed Cen
9th June	1.30pm	Thursday Communion Service, Christ Church
13th June	OFFICES CLOSED - Public Holiday	
15th June	1pm	Holy Cross Musicians Meeting
16th June	2pm	Emmaus Friendship Group
17th June	7-8pm	Music Ministry @ The Steeple
19th June	1.30pm	Men's Group at Mypolonga
10th July		Holy Cross half yearly congregational meeting

Weekly:

Mon:	9:30am	Cards and Coffee, Ed Cen, Christ Church
	10am	Bible Study, Holy Cross Sunday School rooms
Tues:	10am	Bible Study, Ed Cen, Christ Church
Wed:	9:30am	Crafty Capers, Holy Cross Sunday School rooms
	4pm	MVLC Prayer Time , Christ Church (in the church)
Fri:	10am	Time Out at 10 ~ June Concordia Hall
Sat:	1pm	Cards in Concordia Hall

All Welcome – come along and join in the fellowship of these groups

5th June READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:

Readings: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 104:27-39, Acts 19:1-7, John 14:15-17, 25.

Songs:

Christ Church: Shine Jesus Shine, All Creatures of our God and King, Multiplied, Build Your Kingdom Here.

Holy Cross: Come gracious Spirit heavenly dove, Spirit of gentleness, These I lay down, Breathe on me breath of God, Sprit of God, Spirit of God unseen as the wind.

Monarto: Contact the Christ Church office

If you would like to be included in our Prayers above or have your Birthday, Anniversary or any other special occasion announced in the fortnightly Newsletter, please email or call your church office.

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



A STICK AND ATTITUDE

As a member of Rural Youth (many years ago), we had a fellow Rural Youth member stay on our farm for a weekend. He was completely blind, did not have a guide dog and relied on his blind man's cane and his trust in people to guide him. When I asked how to help him best, his reply was, "let me hold your arm and slowly walk me at my pace around your house, house yard and farmyard while describing where we are." We went on the tour, and at the end, he said, "Thanks. I think I'll be OK now." He wandered alone for the remainder of his time with us, and I never saw him stumble or appear disoriented.

That weekend was a lesson in trust, and that trust, coupled with the ability to use learned awareness skills, leading to the freedom to wander a new environment.

Every day we head into life not knowing what will happen, often pushing aside the help offered by someone who knows what is ahead through every moment of the day. He not only knows what is ahead, but he promises to love you throughout every day, twenty-four, seven, three hundred and sixty-five to forever.

My friend trusted, listened to my descriptions and warnings as we walked and learned where the obstacles were.

Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." – **John 10:27**

Are you prepared to consider the Jesus of the Bible as a friend who cares, loves and only wants what is good for you, desires that you have a life filled with joy?

Are you prepared to be humble and admit you need him to show you where the stumbling blocks may be in your life and help you find ways around them? When you do stumble, are you willing to accept the help called "forgiveness" he offers?

Most importantly, will you listen when he says, "I love you with a love that took me to a death on a cross"? Tell him your answer. He's listening.

God bless,
Kevin



Growing
FAITH
at home

5th June 2022

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The spirit comes

Caring Conversations



SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

How, when and where do you receive the Holy Spirit?

2

What does the gift of the Holy Spirit do in and through you?

3

How does the Holy Spirit help us in our day-to-day living?
(Remember John 14:26; Acts 2:36; Acts 2)



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Acts 2:1-21	Filled with the Holy Spirit
M	John 14: 8-17, 25-27	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
T	Ezekiel 11:16-20	A new spirit
W	Acts 8:14-25	Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit
T	1 Cor 2:1-13	About the Spirit of God
F	Romans 8:1-17	Life through the Spirit
S	Psalm 51:10-17	Grant me a willing spirit
S	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you into truth



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord God, pour out your Spirit on us today, so that we may speak of the great things you have done.
Amen.



BLESS

May God pour out his Spirit upon you, so that you live boldly as his child.

Pentecost

On Pentecost Day we celebrate how the Holy Spirit comes to help us believe and live as God's children. Red is the colour of Pentecost and represents the flames of fire that descended on the followers of Jesus when the Holy Spirit came 50 days after Jesus' resurrection.

Creative Response

Cut out little doves from a piece of card and on each write one of the following fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:23): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Place the doves in a bowl and before each meal ask a household member to draw one out. Say together these words:

Spirit of, come and produce your fruit in us. Amen.

At the end of the week use the doves to make a mobile to hang over your table during the coming weeks.



mealtime prayer

As we look to you, we are blessed with food. When you send your spirit, we are renewed. All praise to God! Amen.

verse for the week

God says: "In the last days I will pour out my spirit on all kinds of people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams."

ACTS 2:17

Service



In Acts 2 we read that there were people from 'every nation under heaven' in the city of Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, and that they each heard the first Christians speaking in their native languages. Invite a Christian with a different cultural background or nationality into your home. Use this opportunity to learn about different Christian practices they may do.



Murray Valley Lutheran Community

CommUnity Chatter

Sunday 5th June 2022

Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross Lutheran
31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Monarto
427 Schenscher Road
Monarto

1 church 3 worship places

We want everyone in the Murray Bridge regional communities to know the love of Jesus and be in a saving relationship with Him.

WELCOME... TO OUR FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND LEAVE YOU STRENGTHENED FOR THE
CHALLENGES AND JOYS OF THE COMING WEEK

BULLETINS *PLEASE NOTE*****

From now onwards we will be trialling a weekly one-page bulletin with service / contacts / prayers and diary dates. We will also be putting out a newsletter twice a month (1st & 3rd Sundays) that will contain other bulletin notices. This will mean that everyone will need to get their notices to either office in advance to ensure it is included for the date you require.

PASTOR PAUL'S INSTALLATION SERVICE for MVLC - Sun 31st July, 10.30am

Pastor Paul has officially accepted the call to the MVLC as the Associate Pastor! On Sunday 31st July there will only be one 'combined' service held at The Steeple, Unity College. Mark the date down so we can all come together to celebrate at the one time. *More information to come.*

ROSTERS:

Holy Cross and Christ Church: Rosters are available.

REG – Regular Electronic Giving: Have you considered using REG for your weekly offerings? Forms are available from either church office to set up with your LLL account or use the following details:

Christ Church: BSB 704942 Acc # 100311504

Holy Cross: BSB 704942 Acc # 51176

If you are attending service at another site and still wish to place your offering in the collection please put it in an envelope and put name of site on it ie: Holy Cross, Christ Church, Monarto. The treasurers will forward the collection to the appropriate site.

MURRAY VALLEY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY WEBPAGE: We are looking for people interested in helping put together our new web page. There will be training available. Please contact your Church Council / Leadership Team if you are willing to be involved (or Church offices).

We would love to get this up and running ASAP but need help for this to happen!



Time out at 10 on Fridays

Drop the tools and forget the housework and come in for a coffee and chat (bring plate of morning tea to share. Come and join us for a chinwag and morning tea. In June at Concordia Hall, July at JD Hall (then alternately monthly)

MYANMAR MISSION – RETIRING OFFERINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH.

Christ Church Lutheran agreed at their AGM that they would continue to support Myanmar Mission in 2022 through Asia Focus Australia. A retiring offerings will be held on the first two weeks in June at Christ Church. Christ Church will also support this mission with money coming from the Auxiliary Budget.

HOLY CROSS HALF YEARLY MEETING – Sunday 10th July. There will be lunch after service then the half yearly congregational meeting.

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES, Thurs 23rd June, 7.30 pm at Immanuel LC, 139 Archer Street, North Adelaide. Researching Native Title: Speakers: Tom Gara, Skye Krichauff, Clara Stockigt
What is the role of researchers - historians, anthropologists, linguists – in Native Title hearings, and what are they looking for when they come to Lutheran Archives? Three experts who have investigated different regions explain what kind of evidence they find in Lutheran mission records to present to the Court. \$4.00 donation, supper. All welcome.

DONATIONS TO LUTHERAN CARE: Lesley Rosenzweig will be going to Lutheran Care on Monday 20th June. Donations to be left at Holy Cross Office by Wednesday 15th June.

MYNAMAR - PASTOR JAMES GRADUATION: If you would like to watch Pastor James graduation service today, 5th June, Ian Kluge has arranged for it to be shown live in the Christ Church Meeting Room. Come along at 5pm for 5:30pm start.

KARIOS BILLETS: Keith Simmons, via Pastor Tim is looking for people at our churches for billeting team members for the next Kairos. KM#30 runs from June 21 to 24. The billets only need a bed. All meals are either at the base church or are in Mobilong. If you can help please contact Keith on 0407396749.

SYNOD POPULAR REPORT: The Popular Report about the 49th District Convention of Synod, Bishop Paul's report and the slides from Assistant Bishop for Mission, Stephen Schultz are available from either Church Office (*or can be emailed out*).

CHAPLAINS IN HOSPITALS Did you know that if you are in hospital and would like a visit from a Pastor or Chaplain you need to let the hospital staff know. Pastors and Chaplains are unable to visit unless you have expressed your wishes that you would like to see one.

COMING UP:

Hermannsburg trip - Pastor David will be organising this for sometime in August. Please let the offices know if you would be interested in going. *More info to come.*

October Long Weekend Retreat - Pastor Paul is looking at holding a retreat over the long weekend. Please keep this weekend free. *More info to come.*

THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICES ~ 1:30pm Thursday 9th June at Christ Church.

HELPERS WANTED ~ Afternoon Tea and Transport. If you can help set up and serve afternoon tea once a month to those attending Thursday Communion Service at Concordia Hall (4th Thursday in Month) and in John Dohler Hall (2nd Thursday in month) please let either office know. 2 people per month would be sufficient. Drivers wanted to pick up members who are unable to drive but wish to attend services or Thursday Communion. If you can assist; please let the office staff know.

PCW POSITION VACANCIES: The PCW positions are both adjacent to the Coorong and Lake Albert at **MENINGIE AREA SCHOOL** and **RAUKKAN ABORIGINAL SCHOOL**. The regular hours available in each school are 10.7 per week. However, there are currently extra hours available at both sites for the remainder of 2022. **In fact, we would be happy to receive a joint application for both positions. Please go to the SMG website for more info** <https://smg.asn.au/chaplaincy-vacancies>

YOUTUBE LINKS TO VIEW OUR SERVICES ONLINE:

Christ Church: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGGccwtvzlvNOA302m1TjGw>

Holy Cross: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1o3Cy-fGMCsEoTtn9kwkgQ>

Music Ministry: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDoA2JRIV7vHNT0oceDkibg>

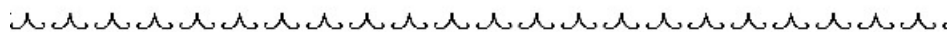
CONDOLENCE NOTICES



Sincere condolences to Tony Budarick and Jan Richards and their families on the recent passing of Tony and Jan's brother Brent Budarick.

Sincere condolences also to Carlene Schache and extend families on the passing of Carlene's brother Colin Kruger on 30th May 2022

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NIV)



MVLC WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING - Wed 8th June 1.15pm Concordia Hall

Topic: *An old household gadget you just can't get rid of*

Devotion: L Penhall

Musician: R Packer

Hostesses: Y Lablack, D Pfeiffer

Gift Table: M Paech

Offering: Lutheran Tract Mission



MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MENS GROUP

Sunday 19th June 1.30–3.30pm **"CLASSIC AND PERFORMANCE"**

Revolution Motor Museum, 286 Carawartha Drive, Mypolonga

(opposite AUSSIE APRICOTS) \$5 per head, afternoon tea supplied

For more information, contact:

MATT WOIDT: 0419 033 859

IAN KLUGE: 0427 313 537

RSVP 16th June



ARPA RADIO PLAYERS



Hosted by Murray Heights Retirement Village ~ Sunday 3rd July 2022, John Dohler Hall 1.30pm for a 1.45pm Start **"Old Style Radio Plays"** Presenting a live 60 minute program of light-hearted Entertainment in the style of the pre TV era of radio serials and plays. Afternoon Tea Provided after the show ~ Booking Required please make booking through Joyce on 0421908724 or Jill on 0429695852 Before 1st July for catering and seating requirements Between 10am-6.00pm



Music Ministry



For something different this month we are excited to welcome & collaborate with special guests; the

"Murray Bridge Children's Choir".

The Decaf coffee van will also be back to serve hot drinks.

As always, everyone is warmly invited to come along.





Concordia
Kindergarten

KINDY BIBLES

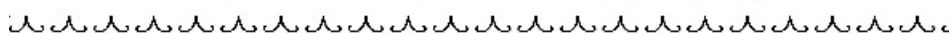
Every year we like to give each of our 101 children a Bible, as you can imagine this is a costly exercise as they are \$28 each.



If you can possibly make a donation to cover either the full or partial cost of a Bible, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought to the kindergarten during school times or placed in an envelope in our letterbox. In acknowledgement of your kind donation, we will place a donated by.... Sticker in the front of the Bible and you will be invited to present it to a child and join us for morning/afternoon tea (COVID restrictions allowing)

In Anticipation of your generosity, Thank you.

From All the Staff And Children At Concordia Kindergarten



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



Connor Irvine with his Grandparents, Greg & Janelle Traeger, Chris Irvine & parents, Daniel & Jasamine on his Baptism Day



Connor Irvine with his proud parents, Daniel & Jasamine

Roxanne Rowland with current students and past student Mark Best. Mark is one of Australia's leading chefs, a pioneer of Australian cuisine and proprietor of world-renowned restaurants. He recently returned to the region where he grew up making an appearance at his old high school in Murray Bridge.



Mark was a former student of Roxanne's - she was his first home economics class teacher!

Roxanne said it was an absolute delight to welcome him back into the classroom to work with the school's current bunch of food and hospitality SACE students.



Congratulations to Nathanael & Ellen Mann on the safe arrival of their first baby of Austin Joshua Josef Mann. Born on the 19th May. (3.29kg (7.25 pounds) / 51cm long)



Sabine and Basil & Lyn putting flowers on the cross at Christ Church

Wine sales at the Blessing



MEN'S BREAKFAST 21st June 2022 (submitted by an attendee)

It was a nippy morning when over 30 men rugged up and attended a Bush Breakfast on Miegel's property at the Monteith turnoff off the main Princes Highway.

On arriving, we found that Matt Woidt, Ian Kluge and helpers had the camp fire well ablaze, trestle tables loaded with breakfast cereals, an Urn with hot water ready for a coffee and other food goodies.

Hay bales stacked up made up the Alter. Pastor Paul Calnan, assisted by Graham Schubert provided thought provoking spiritual food.

A wooden cross had been constructed then bolted together, it being carried by the group to a prominent spot and erected on the property that could be seen from the main road.

Men from Christ Church, Holy Cross and Monarto are encouraged to come along and be involved with these monthly get-togethers, usually being a Breakfast.

Watch for the "Coming Events" in the Bulletin when the next one is happening.

SCHOOLS MINISTRY GROUP
Supporting Pastoral Care Workers in our Public Schools



SATURDAY JULY 9TH



DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM
\$10 PER PERSON- NO EFTPOS
PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS FREE
BRING PLENTY OF COINS

PHONE YVONNE STILLER AT CHRISTCHURCH
LUTHERAN OFFICE ON **85326553** TO BOOK

JOHN DOHLER HALL, SWANPORT ROAD

BYO FOOD & DRINKS- TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE

Choir Cecilia
in Concert 2022

Sunday June 19th
2.30pm
Murray Bridge Town Hall

Tickets \$25.00
Concession \$20.00
Bookings at www.ticketbooth.com.au
or the Box Office 8539 1420

The choral program includes works by Williams, Faure, Handel, Humperdinck, Webb and others, supported by a quartet of our Choristers.

Musical Director - Peter Webb OAM
Accompanist - Heather Elliott
Guest Artists - Unity College Senior Choir

For further information call Jocelyn on 0427 862 670

www.choircecilia.net

Thanks to Sexton Glover Watts for their continued support




A Message from Pastor Matt Edgecomb (to his Strathalbyn Parish)

Based on John 17:24 "I want you to be with me"

For our parish service this Sunday, I've organised a pulpit swap with Pastor David Kuss from the Murray Valley Lutheran Community (i.e. Christchurch and Holy Cross at Murray Bridge and Zion Monarto). David will be preaching at Salem while I preach at the services at Murray Bridge.

Pastor David will be focussing on Jesus' words in John 17:24 *"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world."*

Not only is this a good opportunity for all of us to experience something different and hear God's Word from a different preacher, but it also provides a foretaste of what we might experience in the future.

At the District Synod earlier this month, Pastor Stephen Schultz highlighted the need for pastors and churches within the different zones to work more collaboratively given the declining pastor resource and dwindling congregations. He proposed a restructuring of zones to facilitate this.

This could mean that pastors take services across their zones, increased usage of live streaming options, etc. So, who knows, you may see more of Pastor David and I might see the people at Murray Bridge more in the future!

God bless as you worship together and dwell in his Word. And may we continue to grow in living out Jesus' prayer that we might be one, as he and the Father are one, so that more people would hear the Gospel and believe in him (John 17:20-21).

Pastor Ma



Jadees Fashion

MURRAY HEIGHTS

VILLAGE CENTRE

FRIDAY 10TH JUNE

1.30PM

All Welcome



CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK CAMPS 2022



Lower Murray South East CLW

11 - 15 July 2022 Tarooki Campsite, Robe

Year 7 - 12 \$210 per Camper

First time camper sponsorship available

Registrations close 26 June

Adelaide Hills CLW

11 - 15 July 2022, Unity College, Murray Bridge

Year 7 - 12 \$200 Early Bird | \$220 Regular

First time camper sponsorship available

Registrations close 26 June

**Registrations can be done on
Blueprint Ministries website**




Community Chatter will come out twice a month - 1st & 3rd Sundays. 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. If you are a business and would like to advertise with us please contact us, we will work out a deal.

MEN'S BREAKFAST 21st June 2022 (submitted by Matt Woidt)

Twenty-six men (and 4 local shearing crew passing through) enjoyed a beautiful sunrise, warming fire and bush breaky of bacon, eggs, mushys, tomatoes, cereal, juice, tea and coffee amongst the mallee trees and hay bales of a Monteith bush block. (we were very grateful to be able to meet there.)

We were blessed by a great opening devotion, table Grace, warm up exercise session and 26 men joining in the song "This is the Day the Lord has Made", led by Graham Schubert. This was absolutely powerful.

During breakfast, a few guys chipped in to assemble our cross for the journey across the paddock.

After the awesome breaky we were treated to a great, thought-provoking message/discussion/prayer time by Pastor Paul, about "bearing our  cross." Based on Matthew 10:37-42.

What does this mean to you?? How do you perceive this? Think about it.

Some brief key thoughts and messages that came from this through our open sharing:

1. The symbol of the cross is recognised world-wide, by not just Christians; **2.** When things are not going well, anxious, scared, sick or struggling, focus on the power and meaning of the cross. In the good, rejoicing, thankful times as well. **3.** The 4 ends of the cross could resemble north, east, south, west, and up and down. Every angle, place, and direction in our world. **4.** It's worn by people as jewellery, tattooed on them. Hanging in your car even. See it in everyday life a lot. **5.** We are baptised with the mark of the cross and buried with the mark of the cross. **6.** The saving power of the cross and the sacrifice of Jesus and the defeat of death and the devil is our main significance, so we live free. **7.** The cross is life for us.

After the message and sharing time, we warmed up again and embarked on the journey bearing our cross - literally!!! We all chimed in as a team and carried the heavy wooden cross about 200m across the up and down ground to a patch of trees facing the Princes Highway. We worked as team, erected the cross in a pre-dug (not very deep) limestone hole. (I'd forgotten what it was like digging holes in mallee sheet rock - the childhood memories) To see the guys getting involved was awesome.

Once it was standing high in the morning sun, a few guys shared how they felt carrying the cross - remembering Jesus journey with it, his pain, suffering, the splinters, crown of thorns, weather conditions, crowd scoffing, the weight, the torture etc on trek to Golgotha.

Earlier, we had each been given a card to write our name, our sins, problems, anxieties, thanks and praises on. We took turns nailing them to the cross standing before us. Powerful stuff. How good is this? The feeling of freedom and life.

This cross can be seen from the highway if you're driving past.

We trekked back to the breaky site for good byes and pack up time.

Highlights of this men's breakfast gathering - the beautiful, clear, crisp sunrise; many blokes pitching in to help out in some way; Pastor Paul greeting the guys at the entry gate on arrival (this was significant); The fellowship of a meal, building relationships and open sharing; carrying the cross.

I'd like to extend a massive thankyou to a few champions, especially Phil Miegel for the initial Bush Breaky idea and the use of the block to make it happen. Other major thankyou's go to Ian Kluge, Graham Schubert, Pastor Paul, Bryan and Tamra Lees (for the donation of eggs) and Mark Stiller in assisting with set up and breaky.

It was awesome to see and welcome some new faces and we look forward to seeing a few regulars return in the near future. A great time had by all the blokes in attendance.

Stay tuned for our next men's event, REVOLUTION Motor Museum at Mypolonga, Sunday June 19th. See you there.

