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SERVICES

Sunday 17th December

9am Monarto HC ~ morning tea after the service
9am Christ Church HC (Church)
10.30am Christ Church HC (Hall) ~ morning tea from 10am
10.30am Holy Cross HC ~ morning tea from 9.45am

Sunday 24th December

9am Holy Cross HC
6.30pm "The Steeple", Unity College, Family Service
7pm Monarto (5.30pm meal)

Sunday 31st December

9.30am "The Steeple", Unity College

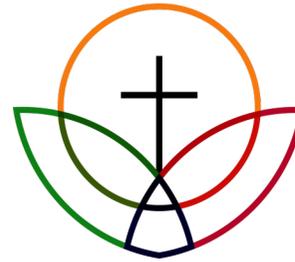
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Murray Valley Lutheran Community
BSB 704942
ACC# 101026587

MUSIC MINISTRY

MVLC Mission & Outreach
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Reference: Music Ministry

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



Murray Valley Lutheran Community

Friday 15th December 2023

Christ Church

31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross

31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Monarto

427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto

Welcome to all worshipping with us on the 3rd Sunday in Advent

Today we sing Mary's Song.

Small, young, poor, Mary is boasting, singing, praising what the Lord has done through her. From shattering the proud, bringing down princes, feeding the hungry, and forcing the rich to be generous. She claims, "All people will call her blessed". Why does the Lutheran Church remain silent on Mary? What does Luther say:

"She is the highest woman and the noblest gem in Christianity after Christ ... She is nobility, wisdom, and holiness personified. We can never honour her enough. Still, honour and praise must be given to her in such a way as to hurt neither Christ nor the scriptures."

"God did not receive his divinity from Mary, but it does not follow that it is therefore wrong to say that God was born of Mary, that God is Mary's Son, and that Mary is God's mother. ... She is the true mother of God and bearer of God. ... Mary suckled God, rocked God to sleep, prepared broth and soup for God, etc. For God and man are one person, one Christ, one Son, one Jesus, not two Christs... just as your son is not 2 sons... even though he has two natures, body and soul, the body from you, the soul from God alone."

Luke 1:48...From now on all generations will call me blessed.

PRAYER: Pray for all the health and emergency workers and may they have time to enjoy t and celebrate the Christmas and New Year season with family and friends.

All Welcome – come along to events organised by the MVLC and form a close relationship with fellow members.

Cut off for notices sent to either Office is Wednesday 10am for the Newsletter and midday on Thursdays for the Bulletin.

17th December Readings

Christ Church, Monarto & Holy Cross: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11;
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

The LCA Office is closed from 5pm Friday 22 December and reopens 9am Tuesday 2 January.

Closures and reopening after the New Year

Offices, support services and activities are closed next week from Christmas to the New Year.

Reopening: Teen Challenge - 15th January

Lutheran Care - 9th January

Emerge Counselling - 16th January

HC Monday Bible Study - after school holiday

CC Tuesday Bible Study - 6th February

HC Crafty Capers - 10th January

Youth (TBA)

Probus - February 2024

Pensioners - discontinuing at JD Hall.

ALWS 5:1 Matching Grant

Good news the Australian Government offers new 5:1 Grant for our Lutheran Church's ALWS ministry this Christmas to children with disabilities in Somalia. Envelopes available now.



God In Human Shoes

Diary Dates:

December

Fri 15th 6pm Youth in 'The Cave'
Thurs 21st 1.30pm Monthly Communion service @ Holy Cross
3pm - Resthaven Lutheran Communion

No 5G Longriders Men's Bible Study in January

Holy Cross Monday Bible Study closed for the school holidays

Tuesday Bible Study @ Ed Centre in recess from 19th Dec to 30th Jan
– resumes 6th Feb 2024

**Reminder that both Offices are closed from
Friday 22nd December - Tuesday 2nd January
No Bulletin or Take Away Pack in this week**

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

17th	Bill Dunthorne Cooper Hampel Shirley Kramer Mila Schilling James Waltrovitz	21st	Liz Frahn Pat Kuss Joan Martin Dianne Paech
18th	Emily Mueller	22nd	Cheryl Doecke David Kuchel
20th	Darcy Ahrns Hayley Pohl Carlene Schulz Karen Wagner	23rd	Caitlin Mueller Felix Patritti David Altmann

Pray for the family of Kath McAlister who passed away this week. Her funeral will be on Tuesday 19th December at 10.30am at Holy Cross.

Pray for Jacob and Tegan as they are married this Saturday at Holy Cross. May God bless their union as they begin their life together. Pray for all our members who have health issues. May the Lord give you comfort and be with you through your healing process.