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Pastor David & Pastor Paul away at Zone Pastor's Retreat 6th ~ 9th February

Annette on leave from 31st January, Janelle will be at Holy Cross please note office will be closed on Mondays & Thursdays

# **SERVICES**

**Sunday 4th February** 

Led by Pastor David with H/C Harvest Thanksgiving

Led by Pastor Paul with H/C 9am Christ Church (in the church)

9am Monarto (morning tea)

10:30am Holy Cross

Blessing of the Backpacks

10:30am Christ Church (in the hall) (morning tea in hall from 10am)

**Sunday 11th February** 

Led by Pastor David with H/C

Lay Reading no H/C 10.30am Monarto

Harvest Thanksgiving 9am Holy Cross (morning tea)

10.30am Christ Church (Hall) (morning tea from 10am)

The Murray Valley Lutheran Community Annual General Meeting will be held in the John Dohler Hall on the 25th February at 1:30pm.



# Murray Valley **Lutheran Community**

# Friday 2nd February 2024

**Christ Church** 

31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

**Holy Cross** 

**Zion Monarto** 31 Florence St 427 Schenscher Rd

Murray Bridge Monarto

## Welcome to all worshipping with us Today

#### 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23:

The gospel of salvation is the only means by which people may be saved from sin and have eternal peace with God. Paul therefore waived his right at Corinth to be paid for proclaiming the gospel. His sincerity was emphasised by his self-denial. If the gospel is of God, then Paul was primarily under divine obligation to make it known, regardless of his own legitimate interests. He was also willing to make himself a slave to all, conforming to people's cultural standards and outlook to win as many as possible to saving faith in Christ.

Mark 1: 29-39: Jesus' miracles of healing and power over demonic spirits demonstrated his rightful mission as the long-promised Messiah. However, he needed no 'manifestation' (epiphany) or demonstrated 'appearance' to the evil spirits. The demons already knew him and knew also of his divine mission. While the miracles in the reading precipitated pressure from the crowds of people who actively sought him out, Jesus' first priority was to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

**PRAYER:** God we thank you for a harvest of plenty, small seeds that multiply to feed many. Trees that blossom and produce abundant fruit, tomatoes that ripen on the vine with sweet flavour. God we thank you for abundance overflowing, enough for our own needs and an abundance to share, enough to feed the hungry and provide for the destitute, enough to reach out with generosity and care.

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.

#### 4th February Readings

**H/Cross & C/Church 9am:** Psalm 147; Isaiah 40:21-31;

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23: Mark 1: 29-39

Christ Church 10:30am: 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Matthew 18:1-11

**Monarto:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12:16-30

# MVLC AGM ~ 1:30pm 25th February - JD Hall

**Nominations:** Nomination forms available from either office <u>close 7th February</u>. Greg Herrmann – Nominations Committee.

**AGM Book of Reports** will be available from the offices from 12th February.

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Lenten Services: W

**Shrove Tuesday 13th Feb:** 6pm Pancakes @ Christ Church Ed Cen.

Ash Wednesday 14th Feb: 7pm @ Christ Church

Mid-Week Lenten Services (all at 7pm)

21st Feb - Holy Cross 28th Feb - Monarto 20th March - Holy Cross 20th March - Monarto

6th March - Christ Church

REG:

Murray Valley Lutheran Community
BSB 704942

ACC# 101026587

**MUSIC MINISTRY** 

**MVLC Mission & Outreach** 

BSB 704942 ACC#101028369

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.

#### **Diary Dates:**

Fri 2 Sat 3 Sun 4	6pm Youth meet @ the Cave 8am Bible Study @ Longriders Harvest Thanksgiving @ Monarto 9am Blessing of the Backpacks @ Christ Church 10:30am 4pm Combined Worship Team meet @ Christ Church 10am HC Care team meet
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Wed 7	10am CC Service Guild @ Ed Centre
Thurs 8	2pm Romani Lutheran Service
Fri 9	10am Time out at Ten ~ Concordia Hall
Sun 11	Harvest Thanksgiving @ Holy Cross 9am
	Harvest Thanksgiving @ Christ Church 10:30am
Tues 13	4pm Combined Pastoral Assistants meet @ Holy Cross
	6pm Shrove Tuesday @ Christ Church Ed Centre
Wed 14	1.15pm Women's Guild @ Concordia Hall
	7pm Ash Wednesday @ Christ Church
	9:30am CC Senior Care Team Meeting - Ed Centre
Thurs 15	1.30pm Resthaven Communion Service
	2pm Emmaus Friendship Group @ Shirley Kramer's
Fri 16	6pm Youth @ The Cave, JD Hall
Sat 17	8am Mens Group Breakfast meeting @ Mark Steinert's

## **Baptismal Birthday Celebrations**

4th	Mimi Hauesler Michelle Lohmeyer	5th	Sadie Arnold Mieka Wilson
5th	Margaret Paterson lan Mueller	8th	Kirsty Graetz Ian Kluge

#### Pray for:

- Pray for Merilyn Smith, Judy Rathjen, Annette Pearce, Jim Courtney and all our members - for those feeling unwell and struggling with health issues or just the cost of living and all the daily pressures. Be with them and let your presence give them comfort.
- The families and friends of all who are grieving. May the strength come from God and those around them.