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Annette is on leave and Janelle will be at Holy Cross.  
Please note the office will be closed on Mondays & Thursdays.

**SERVICES**

**Sunday 18th February**

*Led by Pastor David with H/C*  
9am Monarto (morning tea)  
10:30am Holy Cross

*Led by Pastor Paul with H/C*  
9am Christ Church (in the church)  
10:30am Christ Church  
[ No Communion ] (in the hall)  
(morning tea in hall from 10am)

**Wednesday 28th February ~ Mid-week Lent 1**

*Led by Pastor David 7pm @ Holy Cross*

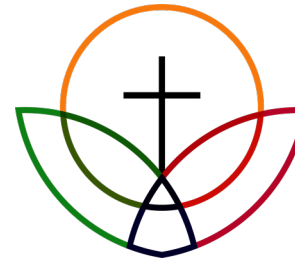
**Sunday 25th February**

*Led by Pastor Paul with H/C*  
9am Holy Cross  
(morning tea/ trading table)  
10.30am Monarto

*Lay Reading no H/C*  
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  
25th February at 1:30pm.**

**AGM Book of Reports** available from the offices



# Murray Valley Lutheran Community

**Friday 16th February 2024**

**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 Today**



We are now in the season of Lent or should it be Rent? Life with God would be so much easier to understand if it worked like the rent system - if you do the right thing and pay on time you remain in a good relationship. The rent system makes logical sense to most people – do well

you are rewarded – do bad you are evicted. Lent is so different – it goes against human understanding. Lent is to prepare us for God's grace. On the cross he forgave past debts, past sins, all the wrong we have done and will do. Rising from the grave Jesus promises us eternal life, something we don't deserve. Lent season is to prepare our hearts to hear an incomprehensible message, a 'stumbling block' as Paul says, that despite the fact, we have messed up, that we owe everything, that we have no place in heaven, we are graciously forgiven, we owe nothing, and we are not evicted.

The season of Lent is to get our minds around what love God has for us that he would welcome us into his kingdom, and do this by the sacrifice of his only beloved Son. DJK

**PRAYER:** God, thank you for the precious gift of baptism. We ask for your goodness and blessings to be poured out on us your faithful servants. We pray that you would work deeply within our hearts and souls to renew and refresh us each day.

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.

### 18th February Readings

**Monarto, Christ Church, Holy Cross:** Genesis 9: 8-17;  
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark1: 9-15

**Holy Cross and Monarto:** Psalm 25

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

Cuppa after the meetings - welcome to bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.

**REMINDER:** Required to be ratified at the AGM are Church Council members due for re-election or nomination (Chairperson, Secretary + 2 Additional members), Lay Readers, Pastoral Assistants & Property Committee. All other guilds, committees, volunteers do not need to be ratified at the AGM.

**Friends of Lutheran Archives – 1st meeting for 2024.**

**Church Stumps and Four Children's Graves: Headington Hill, Qld.** Thursday 29 February at 7.30pm

North Adelaide Lutheran Church, 139 Archer St, North Adelaide SA 5006. A descendant of a founding family, Jennifer Stehn, tells the story of a short-lived rural church (1900-41) and what the remaining 'one acre of history' means to the local community.

LIVESTREAM on FoLA YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>

**LOSS & GRIEF SESSION** Murray Heights Village Centre, Tuesday March 5 (9:00am to 10:30am.) For anyone who is struggling with grief as well as those wanting to know more in order to help others. Contact Annette Korzeba on 0411306878.

#### 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 16 6pm Youth @ The Cave, JD Hall  
Sat 17 8am Mens Group Breakfast meeting @ Mark Steinert's  
Tues 20 Resthaven and Romani Ecumenical service  
Wed 21 7pm Lenten Service @ Holy Cross  
Thurs 22 1.30pm Monthly Holy Communion Service @ Concordia Hall  
1.30pm MVLC AGM @ JD Hall and Lutheran Homes Special Meeting  
Wed 28 7pm Lenten Service @ Monarto

*thank you*

Thank you to all the people who organised the Shrove Tuesday celebration with pancakes on the Christ Church lawn. It was a great time of fellowship and a sharing of a meal, even with the Blood Bank staff joining in.

### Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

- 19th Heather Schirmer  
21st Murray Nitschke  
22nd Heather Courtney  
23rd Lucy Hampel  
Cheryl Miegel  
Ryan Mueller



#### Pray for:

- ✠ Pray for Jim Poole who is in hospital and all others spending time away from home. Be with the carers and health workers whom we trust with their care.
- ✠ Pray for Maxine Gogler as she settles into Resthaven. Be with her as she adapts to this change but know that you are with her at every stage.
- ✠ Pray for Matt Woidt (50) and Barbara Taylor (80) who are celebrating significant birthdays this week. Bless them and all those who join with them in the celebrations.