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The MVLC Office will be closed from Tuesday 24th December to
Monday 6th January 2025.

MVLC Office closed on Tuesday 17 December from 12.30pm.

*After hours please contact MVLC Council Chairperson:
Joanne Pfeiffer 0417 802 052 or
Pastoral Assistant Janelle Traeger: 8535 4290*

SERVICES

Sunday 15th December ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

9am Monarto HC (PC) ~ *morning tea after service*
9am Christ Church HC (Church) (DJK) ~ *morning tea @10am*
10.30am Christ Church HC (Church) (DJK) Baptism
10.30am Holy Cross HC (PC)

Sunday 22nd December ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

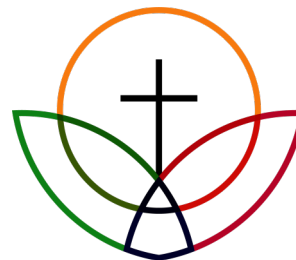
9am Holy Cross HC (PC) ~ *morning tea and trading table*
10.30am Christ Church (Hall) Family Service ~ *morning tea @ 10am*
10.30am Monarto HC (PC)

Sunday 29th December (only one service)

9.30am Christ Church HC (Church) (DJK)

Sunday 5th January (only one service)

9.30am Holy Cross HC (DJK)



Murray Valley Lutheran Community

Friday 13th December 2024

Welcome to all worshipping with us

Even the Bishops get it wrong – sometimes?

The Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem

(Including Lutheran Bishops) November 22, 2024

Last year, as a means of standing in solidarity with the multitudes suffering from the newly erupted war, we, the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem, took a mutual decision to call upon our congregations to forego the public display of Christmas lights and decorations, along with their associated festivities.

While our intentions in doing so were good, many around the world nevertheless misinterpreted this call to signify a “Cancellation of Christmas” in the Holy Land – the very place of our Lord’s Holy Nativity. Because of this, our unique witness to the Christmas message of light emerging out of darkness (John 1:9) was diminished not only around the world, but also among our own people.

For this reason, for the coming Advent and Christmas seasons, we encourage our congregations and people to fully commemorate the approach and arrival of Christ’s birth by giving public signs of Christian hope.

At the same time, we also call upon them to do so in ways that are sensitive to the severe afflictions that millions in our region continue to endure. These should certainly include upholding them continuously in our prayers, reaching out to them with deeds of kindness and charity, and welcoming them as Christ himself has welcomed each of us (Romans 15:7).

In these ways, we will echo the Christmas story itself, where the angels announced to the shepherd’s glad tidings of Christ’s birth in the midst of similarly dark times in our region (Luke 2:8–20), offering to them and to the entire world a message of divine hope and peace.



Worship sites

Christ Church

31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross

31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Monarto

427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto

Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4;4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

15th	Lores Frahn		Karen Wagner
	Sandra Gates	21st	Liz Frahn
16th	Shirley Lutze		Pat Kuss
17th	Bill Dunthorne		Joan Martin
	Cooper Hampel		Dianne Paech
	Shirley Kramer	22nd	Cheryl Doecke
	James Waltrovitz		David Kuchel
18th	Emily Mueller		Caitlin Mueller
20th	Darcy Ahrns		Felix Patritti
	Carlene Schulz		

2025 Devotion book - "Time Out For the Full Life" \$26 each

To get your copy please Contact
Dennis Pfeiffer 0437 506 345 or Trudy Gogel 0407 600 529

REG:

Murray Valley Lutheran Community
BSB 704942
ACC# 101026587

MUSIC MINISTRY

MVLC Mission & Outreach
BSB 704942
ACC#101028369
Reference: Music Ministry

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

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

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

Diary Dates:

Sat 14th 8.30am ~ Gingerbread House Workshop
Tues 17th **MVLC Office closed from 12.30pm**
Wed 18th 1.30pm ~ Resthaven Service
Thurs 19th 1.30pm ~ Monthly Communion @ Concordia Hall

Closing dates:

Craft Capers ~ last date 18th Dec and resumes 8th Jan 2025.
Saturday Cards ~ last date 14th Dec and resumes 4th Jan 2025.
CC Tues Bible Study ~ in recess ~ resumes on 14th Jan 2025.
Time Out @ 10 ~ in recess - resumes on Friday 7th Feb 2025
Teen Challenge ~ last day 20th Dec ~ reopens 13th Jan 2025

TEEN CHALLENGE: Are planning their Christmas Hamper program as well as their regular on going emergency food. They are seeking help in providing Christmas treats to those families and individuals who are struggling and unable to afford them, everyone deserves to eat a Christmas meal! Accepting up to December 20th.

Below is a list you may find helpful:

Christmas Puddings, Soft Drinks or juices, Cans of Beetroot, Cans of Peas & Corn, Custard & Jellies, Cans of Fruit Salad, Short Bread biscuits, Christmas Lollies, Christmas Cakes - any size, Cans of Ham or Turkey, fresh carrots and potatoes can be helpful .

Volunteers needed for a spring clean of Holy Cross Church and Concordia Hall on Saturday January 18th at 8.30am.

Volunteer needed to help clean the **Holy Cross Church** from December 21st as the cleaner is on leave. This will need to be done before the Christmas Eve service.

Pray for:

✠ Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again. We think especially of Kevin Schrapel and all who are facing health issues.

MVLC Service times and locations from Christmas to end of January



Please note MVLC Office is closed from 25th December to 5th January inclusive

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

6pm Christ Church in John Doepler Hall with a Children's Service 'Amazing'

6pm Monarto shared Tea with Christmas Eve Service @ 7.30pm

8pm Holy Cross Church celebrate Christmas Eve in worship with Carols & Readings

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

8.30am Holy Cross Church, Preaching with HC *please note there will be just one service in the MVLC for Christmas Day*

*****Please note there will be just one service in the MVLC for the rest of December and all of January*****

Sunday 29th December 9.30am Christ Church, Preaching with HC

Tuesday 31st January NYE 7pm Christ Church

Wednesday 1st January NYD 8am Monarto Zion

Sunday 5th January 9.30am Holy Cross Church, Preaching with HC

Sunday 12th January 9.30am Monarto Zion Church, Preaching with HC

Sunday 19th January 9.30am Christ Church, Preaching with HC

Sunday 26th January 9.30am Christ Church, Australia Day

Blessing of the Backpacks Service invite school/university students
BBQ after service

What's happening in our MVLC over Advent & Christmas



MVLC Christmas Light Trail (not in any particular order)

John and Heather Schirmer **5 Alder Court**

Bill and Marleen Dunthorne **15 Silver Birch Drive**

John and Gloria Pohl **33 Long Island Road**

Mel and Margaret Kleemann **8 Robina Drive**

Malcolm and Margaret Zwar **4 Charles Street**

Neville and Judy Rathjen **23 Christian Road**

Simon and Charmaine Milburn **Unit 5, 51 Owl Drive**

A big Thankyou to the people that have participated and supported the MVLC Christmas Light Trail this year, we hope to see you all back again next year decorating your houses and front yards with Christmas Lights! God Bless and Happy Christmas



Gingerbread House Making Event

All tickets are now sold out for this event.

Christmas Day Luncheon

at the Uni ng Church, Murray Bridge

open to the community. ~ *Inter Church Council*

Free lunch

See other side for MVLC services times and locations for Christmas Eve to end January

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Prayer Time ~ As Above