



Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday, 14 December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Colour - Violet or Blue

To be a **vibrant** church community, **passionate** disciples of Christ, **empowering** and **equipping** our people to share the **love, joy** and **hope** of Jesus, by **building** relationships, teaching and serving.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Detlev Vosgerau
Grace St John's No Service
Langmeil 8:45am Pr Jim Bryan
10:30am FUEL
Lyndoch 9:00am HC Pr Gus Schutz
Tabor 9:00am HC Pr Detlev Vosgerau

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025

Bethany no service
Grace St John's 9:00am HC Pr Graham Jenke
Langmeil 8:45 HC & 10:30am HC
Pr Brian Schwarz
Lyndoch 9:00am Pr Stephen Schultz
Schoenborn 10:30am HC Pr Graham Jenke
Tabor 9:00am ALWS Presentation + Godly Play
10:30am German Service Gerhard Ruediger

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025

The First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 God himself will come to save us
Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55
The Second Reading: James 5:7-10 Do not lose heart
The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 The kingdom of heaven is at hand!

Readings for your Devotions

Sunday - Matthew 11:2-11

Monday - Isaiah 56:1-8

Tuesday - Isaiah 62:1-5

Wednesday - Hosea 14:5-9

Thursday - 2 Peter 1:3-11

Friday - Luke 1:5-25

Saturday - Psalm 146:5-10

Prayer of the Day

Lord, listen to our prayers.
Come to us in your kindness,
and lighten the darkness of our hearts.
For you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Pray for Mission, Unity and Community:

Young Life, Schools, Godly Play, Pastoral
Care Workers, Lutheran Care, Tanunda
Lutheran Home, Barossa Village, The Hub,
Grow Love Garden, GOoD Seed, Funday
Sunday, Bible Society, German Services,
Southern Barossa Lutheran Church.

Please pray for the SBLC

Heavenly Father, we want results! Help us Lord in this time of waiting and not knowing. Calm our fears, anxieties, and impatience. Help us rest in you. May your will be done. **Amen.**

Offering Prayer

Our loving heavenly Father,
we thank you for all the good things you have given us.
Teach us to serve you with patience and with
compassion to one another and all people.

Amen.

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

The Advent journey: Joy
Joy isn't postponed until Christmas Day. It's born in every moment you choose gratitude.

SOUTHERN BAROSSA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY?

There will be one more Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Governance Council Q & A session at Langmeil Church this Tuesday Dec 16, 6:30pm This is a great opportunity to ask questions, share your thoughts, and learn more about the planned direction of The Southern Barossa Lutheran Church. All welcome.

SBLC Q & A SESSION



*Tuesday 16th December
Langmeil Church – 6.30pm*

**Join the Governance
Council for an opportunity
to ask questions, share
feedback and be a part of
'what's next' with our SBLC
congregations**



**For more information:
contact your SBLC Rep or
Chris Pfeiffer M 0431 288 494 E: chris@pfeiffermail.com**

**SUGGESTIONS
PLEASE!**

HELP US NAME OUR NEW CONGREGATION

As we form one congregation, we need a new name that represents our united community and vision statement.

You're invited to share your name ideas and a short reason for your choice.

Submit written or emailed suggestions by
January 16th 2026,
to The Hub

E: cchubtan@gmail.com
83 Murray Street, Tanunda 5352

*A shortlist will be prepared by
the Governance Council and Ministry Team
for members to choose from and use after amalgamation.*

COMBINED BETHANY/TABOR and LANGMEIL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

6pm AT FAITH SENIOR CAMPUS

Bethany/Tabor will be providing dress ups. Helpers needed. If you have a Child Safe clearance and would like to help, please contact Chris Canute on 0428 300 775

We will need approx 900 honey biscuits to give out as gifts to those attending. If you can help, please deliver your biscuits to The Hub for packaging by 21st December. For more information contact Katrina Neldner 0438 721 517

Thank You.

SBLC Child Safe/SMO Coordinators

Bethany/Tabor - Marilyn Mensforth bethanytaborsccoord@gmail.com

Grace/Schoenborn - Jenny Noll jedanoll@gmail.com

Langmeil - Emma Hiscock emma.hiscock@lca.org.au

Lyndoch - Graham Fromm grahamfromm@outlook.com

SBLC SAFE CHURCH STATEMENT

The Southern Barossa Lutheran Church is committed to providing a safe church environment for children, young people and vulnerable people. The Southern Barossa Lutheran Church acknowledges that children are a precious gift from God, with special vulnerabilities, that they require nourishment and nurture in their spiritual development and that they are to be protected from all forms of abuse. Southern Barossa Lutheran Church also affirms that it has no tolerance for child abuse and that all its people have an important responsibility to care for children and to keep them safe. The way we care for children reflects our genuineness of faith. It is also a reflection of God's love and his divine protection.

YOUNG LIFE

Summer Camp 2026 - Our National Young Life Summer Camp is set for the 12th to 17th of January 2026 at Jindabyne, NSW. If you have a young person in high school, this is a great opportunity for them to go out and adventure with some local volunteers that love Jesus and have a heart for young people. For more information see: younglife.org.au/summercamp or contact Tiffany on tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au Please pray for our Young Life volunteers. Pray for energy and continued relationship building. Pray for young people to sign up to camp and the travel logistics. Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

STAY ALERT, BE SCAM AWARE

Online scammers are very active at this time of year. They are getting trickier, and are often trying to fool people into giving away money or personal information by assuming the identity of someone trusted such as a Pastor. Be careful with unexpected phone calls, emails, or messages, especially if they ask for passwords, bank details, or want you to act quickly. If something feels unusual, stop and check with a trusted friend or family member. It's always better to double-check than to fall for a scam.

To find out more, go to **SCAMWATCH** - <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/> *hosted by the Australian Government*

FRIENDS OF THE SBLC – NEWS AND EVENTS

NEW LUTHERAN CARE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Lutheran Care are planning a new Community Centre and want to hear from YOU! Your ideas, needs, and feedback will help shape a space that truly serves our Barossa community. All responses are anonymous unless you choose to leave your details. To find out more or to have your say pop in to Lutheran Care in Tanunda.

HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

On Tuesday December 16th at 12 noon at the Vine Inn in Nuri, Hugamugs enjoy their Christmas Breakup. On Thursday December 18th those who wish to cycle for an hour meet in the Langmeil Church car park to leave at 9.30am.

Sprocket Rockets Christmas Breakup in Tanunda Hotel's pergola follows at 12 noon.

HUB FUNDRAISER HALF WINE BARRELS \$50 each

*Delivery in the Barossa \$10
Come into The Hub or
phone 8563 3748 to order.*



Stock up for the School Holidays

Frozen Pizza 2 for \$10

2 litres Vanilla Ice Cream \$3.50

Pick-up from The Hub

83 Murray Street Tanunda - Phone 8563 3748

CHRISTMAS AT THE GOOD SEED

Nativities various sizes, Children's wooden nativity \$50

Cards - \$2.00 cards, Packs of 8 \$3.50, Boxed cards Box 12 \$13 and Box 18 \$15,

Christmas items with LED lights and music, Mini nativity scenes, many items reduced.

The Hub and Good Seed will be closed from December 24th, 2025, and will be opening again on January 12th, 2026.

HAPPENING AT THE HUB THIS WEEK

Monday

GOoD Seed Meeting 4:30pm

Tuesday

Know Your Bible Coffee catch up

Friday - SBLC Newsletter distribution

KADENCE - MORNING STAR

Kapunda and Districts Choir presents a Cantata celebrating the heart of Christmas.

7pm, 14th December at Christ Church Kapunda a service of Cantata and Carols.

Entry by donation to support the Barossa & Kapunda Schools Chaplaincy fund.



MOCULTA LUTHERAN COMMUNITY LIVE NATIVITY

Monday 22nd December.

8.00pm for 8.30pm start

798 Moculta Road. Moculta

BYO chairs and torch.

Supper of kuchen & port will be provided after the nativity.

"PRESENCE: Discover God in Everyday Life"

Begins Wednesday 21 January 2026 – 6pm (includes dinner)

At Zion Lutheran Church, 85 Murray Street Angaston.

Start the new year with a fresh sense of God's presence in your daily rhythms.

Our adaption of the **LCA 'Presence' Course** is a relaxed, engaging, 10-week journey that helps you: notice God at work around you, grow in confidence as a follower of Jesus, and live your faith naturally in everyday moments. **Come as you are. Bring a curious friend.**

Everyone is welcome — whether exploring faith or wanting to go deeper.

Register now - speak with Pastor Rob on 0437 184 044 or email your interest to angastonlutheran@gmail.com — spaces are limited!

KYB 2026

INTRODUCTORY TOUR

Tuesday 3rd February

The Christian Community Hub

83 Murray Street, Tanunda

Speaker: Val Zerna

9:30 Commencing with

Morning Tea

Tanunda

RSVP Contact Dianne

Mob: 0417 819 722



Val Zerna

Val has led mission trips in a number of countries and her greatest joy is sharing the truth of God's Word and encouraging people in their walk with God.

Topic: Selected Psalms (Part 1)
All Welcome

LCANZ NEWS

Go to www.lutheranmedia.org.au or call 1800 353 350 to read the latest ministry news.

Listen to: Messages of Hope at 10:45-11:00am each Monday, on 5BBBfm - 89.1fm.

Download or listen online at www.messagesofhope.org.au

Bethany Tabor Parish

Box 115, Tanunda, 5352. Telephone: 0418 632 006

Bethany/Tabor Members' Care

Do you or someone you know has a need, prayer or help and would like a pastor or someone to visit or phone, please speak to: Dennis Canute 0417 837422, Raelene Falland 0407 632032, Kay Kleemann 04 065425, Helen Menzel 0409 283201, Geoff Nicolai 0401 424503, Trevor Ratsch 0403 561709, Anne Schmidt 0408 002726, Daph Schmidt 0417 834661, Steven Sickerdick 0408 835004, or Dianne Trenberth 0488 558502.

Bethany/Tabor Notices: email to bethanytanunda@gmail.com by 2:00pm Wednesday.

We Remember in Prayer

If you or anyone you know wishes to be added to the prayer list please contact Bethany/Tabor Members' Care Team or email your request to bethanytanunda@gmail.com and we will include them in the bulletin

The Sick: Robert Pfitzner, Matthew Roesler, Emma Habermann, Pat King, Ramona Gierke.

Families: Dianne Dipalma Martin, Candice, Ryder & Elijah Dipalma
Luke, Megan, Harper & Ivie Samain Michelle Samain

Honey Biscuits for Christmas Eve Service.

Calling all Honey Biscuit Bakers. We would like to give out a honey biscuit to everyone who attends our Christmas Eve Service at Faith Chapel. We are looking for 300 biscuits from each congregation. For individual bags and more information contact Katrina Neldner 0438 721 517

Rosters: Don't forget to check your copy of the rosters to see if you are rostered for next Sunday.

Grace – Tanunda

Bethlehem – Schoenborn

For Pastoral Support... Please contact your Pastoral Assistants:

Merv Storton	0488 743 323	evries@ihug.com.au
Elizabeth Jaeschke	0459 472 836	n.jaeschke@bigpond.com
Trevor Braunack	0409 633 829	schonborn@bigpond.com

OR contact your A or B leader; if you have any needs, issues or concerns, or require pastoral support.

No Service at Grace this Sunday. Our opportunity to worship at another SBLC church.

2026 Offering Envelopes

Your offering envelope packs are now available to collect from your pigeonholes at St Johns till the end of December. From January any remaining envelope packs will be named and placed in a box at St Pauls for collection. Thanks, Jo Bartsch

LLL Calendars are now available to collect.

The latest newsletter from Lockwood's in China is available to read on the noticeboard or ask for a printed copy at the Hub.

We celebrate this week:

Upcoming Birthdays: Fay Herrmann

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: David Saegenschnitter; Jeremy Zimmermann; Eileen Kuhlmann; Graham Steinberner; Greg Werner

Please pray

Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are sick and in need. We especially pray for Irwin Beitz, for Peter Gladigau, for Jolie Zadow, for Pauline Fromm, and their families.

Note! If you have any other prayer requests, please, let Pastoral Assistants or your Support Network Group know by end of day Thursday.

Giving to the Gospel - Updated form available now. If you have additional questions, please call our Treasurer Jo Bartsch, Jo's contact number is 0411 969 733 or email abartsch7@gmail.com

Bulletin/Newsletter Notices please contact Jeanette Marschall, email jeanette@groomwines.com or phone 0403 104 633. Notices can also be dropped in to The Hub 9am- 4pm weekdays. To be included in the week's newsletter please submit by 2pm on Thursdays.

Langmeil ***"JOYFULLY BRINGING GOD'S LOVE, PEACE AND HEALING TO ALL"***

Pastoral Support. Do you have a need to speak to a pastor? Please direct any requests for pastoral support through our Pastoral Support Team: Pastor Jim Bryan, 0421 344 662, Ev Leske, 0448 653 761, Noleen Mattschoss, 0438 137 810, Mark Pfitzner, 0428 198 111, Penny Pfitzner, 0488 952 211, Don Ross, 8563 2108, Lorna Schiller, 0438 844 116.

Please Pray For:

The sick, their families and carers: David Boerth, David West, Pastor Len Gerschwitz, Eric Pfeiffer, Peter Tschärke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Vera Menz, Howard Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

Birthdays

Dec 14 - Greg Reichelt, Caitlin Rehn, 15 - Leo Garrett, 17 - Kevin Schild, 19 - Brian Zimmermann, Daniel Rosenzweig, Lily Murray, 20 -Rhys Herrmann.

THIS WEEK:

FUEL, Sunday Dec 14, 10:30 am at the Harvest Centre

Put up and decorate the Langmeil Christmas tree, Sunday Dec 14, 1:30 pm

SBLC Q&A, Tuesday Dec 16, 6:30 pm in the Langmeil church

Young Life Summer Camp information night, Tuesday Dec 16, 7 pm at Langmeil

AVAILABLE FROM THE LANGMEIL OFFICE:

SBLC Timeline for Amalgamation, full document.

LLL 2026 Calendars

2026 Offering Envelopes, packs available for \$15.

HONEY BISCUITS are needed again to give out on Christmas Eve - 300 this year! If you are willing to bake some, please add your name to the list in the fellowship area.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL ENVELOPES, for Lutheran Care and ALWS Christmas Action are in your letter-box.

STORAGE AT LANGMEIL: Faith Junior Campus is currently undergoing renovations, so temporarily needs to find storage for some of their equipment. We have offered the storage space in our shed, pastor's office and the room above. This will be needed until the end of Term 1 2026 (roughly, Easter).

CAN YOU HELP US? This year we have been trying to recruit 2 more persons (male or female) to assist with the set up and cleanup procedures when we have Holy Communion. If you have any questions regarding this role please contact David Mattschoss - 0438 135 812.

REG (Regular Electronic Giving)

Our BankSA a/c: Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Langmeil - BSB 105024, a/c no. 112002340

Our LLL a/c: Evangelical Lutheran Congregation Langmeil - BSB 704942, a/c no. 100009425.

If you have questions please speak with our Treasurer, Helen Schild, 0429 377 146.

ROSTERS: Dec. 20

Clean TLC: Wayne and Jennifer Noack, Maryanne Pfitzner

Yard Cleaning: Peter Robinson, Erich Holzknecht

SUNDAY DEC. 7

Attendance: 62 (8:45 am) + 78 (10:30 am) = 142

Offering: \$1,872.85 + \$1,624.25 (REG) = \$3,497.10 (+ \$70 for Christmas hampers)

Church Office: 0493 797 220

Office Hours: 9:00 am - 12 noon, Mon - Friday

Admin. Sec.: Colleen Bryan 0434 247 717

Lyndoch Parish

“WHERE LOVE COMES TO LIFE”

Keep in your Prayers: Di Gilson; Jenni Edwards; Monica Wohlstadt; George Davies; Lorraine Schild; Gwen Heinrich; Iris Kies; Ron Fromm, Shirley & Don Wegener; SBLC, Lutheran Care

Songs at Lyndoch: TAC 21, TAC 61, AT 313, TAC 64

Diary dates: 21 December- Pastor Stephen Schultz
Lyndoch: 9am Baptism

Rowland Flat: 10.30am

Baptism- Hallie Faye Liebelt, daughter of Tyson and Eliza.

Resignations of positions- need to be in writing to the secretary by 31 Dec. Either Lyndoch or Parish.

Stamps for mission - please recycle your stamps into the box.

Bottle top collection - please leave in porch for Chris to collect or drop into the Hub.

Craft Group- meets every Thursday in Church Hall, 9.30am-12 noon. Everyone welcome to join in. Please contact Margaret Wallace 0437060719 for more information.

Giving: To give electronically:

*Lyndoch Lutheran church reg account: BSB 704 942 acc. no. 10014863

*Trinity Lutheran church bank SA account: BSB 105-024 ACC. NO. 112009840

Parish Bulletin: ALL notices must be in to Wendy Liebelt by 7pm TUESDAY.

Notices can be emailed to wenedy96@gmail.com

Rosters: Don't forget to check your copy of the roster to see if you are rostered for next Sunday.

7 Margaret Street (PO Box 396) Lyndoch SA 5351

Lyndoch Pastoral Assistants - Michael Kies 0419817203, Cheryl Williams 0429916402

Lyndoch Chair - Steve Fiebiger 0448294696

Rowland Flat Pastoral Assistant– Tania Heinrich 0409679164

Parish Administration Officer: Wendy Liebelt - lyndochlutheran@gmail.com