



Living Vine Lutheran Church Newsletter

Sunday, 3 May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colours – White

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.

SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026

Bethany 10:30am
Grace St Paul's 9:00am HC Pr Gus Schutz
Langmeil 8:45 HC and 10:30 am HC.
Pr David Christian
Lyndoch 10.30am Pr Greg Schiller
Schoenborn 9:00am
Tabor no service

SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Gus Schutz
Grace St Paul's no service
Langmeil 8:45 Pr Jim Bryan & 10:30am FUEL
Lyndoch 10.30am HC Pr Graham Jenke
Tabor HC Pr Gus Schutz

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2026

Grace St John's 2:00pm HC

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026 ASCENSION DAY

Tabor - Combined Service 7:30pm Pr Gus Schutz

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026

Acts 7:55-60 The death of Stephen

Psalms 31:1-5,15,16

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10 God's chosen people, a royal priesthood

The Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14 Jesus the way to the Father

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday - John 14:1-14

Monday - Isaiah 40:25-31

Tuesday - Acts 5:27-39

Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Thursday - Ephesians 4:17-24

Friday - Hebrews 9:11-15

Saturday - Psalm 66:8-20

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God,

you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will.

Lead us to love what you command and desire what you

promise, so that, among the changes of this world, our hearts

may be fixed where true joys are found.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Thank you, kind and loving God, for choosing us to be your own holy people. Make us more and more like Jesus, giving of ourselves to serve you and others. Use our gifts to build up your kingdom.

Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LVLC

Thank you Father for leading us in this journey that has brought us together as the Living Vine Lutheran Church. May we learn together, listen to each other and respect each other's opinions as we begin this journey as a new Church. Be our guide, our light and our hope. 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

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

Jesus didn't just teach the way...He became the way.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL WE ARE ONE!

Good Shepherd Sunday proved to be a truly memorable and Spirit-filled day, one that beautifully marked the culmination of a journey that began five years ago. Back then, representatives from six congregations across the southern Barossa gathered with a shared vision: to walk together in faith and, in time, become one united congregation.

That vision came to life in a powerful way as more than 300 members were gathered at the Harvest Centre and guided by our Good Shepherd. The day began with a joyful worship service led by Bishop Andrew Brook. With the uplifting support of our very first "Living Vine" band, the Centre resounded with heartfelt songs of praise, creating an atmosphere of celebration, unity, and deep thanksgiving.

The joy continued beyond the service, as each congregation held a special meeting to take the next formal step. In an overwhelming show of unity and shared purpose, members voted to proceed with the amalgamation. This was an exciting and significant milestone in our collective journey.

This was followed by the inaugural meeting of Living Vine Lutheran Church. During this important gathering, the Constitution was formally adopted, and the Governance Council was elected. With one nomination received for each role, the following members were elected:

- Chairperson – Chris Pfeiffer
- Secretary – Phillip Hiscock
- Treasurer – Dean Hoklas
- Additional Members – Brian Eckermann, Craig Rogasch, Chris Canute and Edward Liebelt

The celebrations concluded with a time of warm fellowship over tea and coffee, as members reflected on the journey so far and rejoiced in becoming one united congregation.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to this vision and supported the journey along the way. Your faith, commitment, and willingness to walk together have made this day possible.

As we move forward, we do so with confidence and hope, trusting that our Good Shepherd will continue to guide and sustain us. United in purpose and strengthened in faith, we look ahead with excitement to all that God has in store for us as we serve together in His Kingdom.



LIVING VINE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
LWSA/NT CONVENTION THURSDAY 14th MAY - MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTRE LAURA
No local meeting.

AUDIO HELPERS FOR ST PAUL'S AND ST JOHN'S WORSHIP CENTRES

Alan Bartsch is the only person doing the audio/sound 3 Sundays a month, this is a big commitment and potentially an issue when he can't be there.

Alan has an easy, detailed list of instructions to follow. Sit with him for a service and he'll show you what to do, it's not difficult.

Can you please help! Contact Alan on 0403 501 237

CHURCH ONLINE

Can't make it to Church or maybe want to listen to the message again...

Living Vine Lutheran Church combined services, along with all Langmeil services, are livestreamed on the Langmeil Youtube channel 'Langmeil Lutheran Church Online' or via the website

www.langmeilchurch.com.au

YOUNG LIFE - BAROSSA CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK

It is that special time of the year again where we begin planning for Barossa CLW, and I would absolutely love to invite you to be part of the catering team again in 2026. We are excited to share that God has provided an incredible leadership team for our kitchen again year. Daniel, Joey, and Sally have generously offered to return as our Head Chefs, alongside our dietary specialist, Monica. This is such a blessing! However, to bring their vision and preparation to life, we need your help.

We are looking to build Kitchen Day Teams of 4–5 volunteers each day across the week (Monday 6th – Friday 10th July). Whether you are able to come for one day or a few, your support would make a huge difference.

As a catering helper, you will be part of a team preparing and serving meals for campers, leaders, and guests. Everything will be well-supported, with structured meal plans, ingredient lists, and clear guidance around dietary needs provided ahead of time. There will also be experienced team members on-site to support you throughout the day. From cooking to serving to cleaning up, every role plays an important part in making the week run smoothly.

In the past, our day teams have been quite small, so we're hoping to grow them this year to make the workload lighter, the days smoother, and the nights shorter for everyone involved.

If you are willing to be part of the team, please let me know and I will add you to the roster. As we get closer to the event, I'll be in touch with more detailed logistics for your chosen day(s). For now, we would really appreciate you simply responding to this invitation.

You are also very welcome to bring along a friend or two who might enjoy serving in this way. Many hands make light work, and it's always more fun together.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions:

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LVLC SAFE CHURCH STATEMENT

The Living Vine Lutheran Church is committed to providing a safe church environment for children, young people and vulnerable people. The Living Vine 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. Living Vine 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.

LVLC Child Safe/SMO Coordinators

Bethany/Tabor - Marilyn Mensforth bethanytaborsCOORD@gmail.com

Grace/Schoenborn - Jenny Noll jedanoll@gmail.com

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

Lyndoch - Graham Fromm grahamfromm@outlook.com

FRIENDS OF THE SBLC NEWS AND EVENTS

HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

Hugamugs gather at 10:00am on Tuesday 5th May at Barossa Valley Chocolate Company, 64 Burings Road, Tanunda and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday 7th May after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.



THE GOOD SEED BOOKSHOP CARD SALE- ALL CARDS \$2:00

Pop into the GOod Seed this May and June for a ripper deal.

All greeting cards on the shelf are just \$2.00 each!

Whether you need a card for Mum, a family member, or a special occasion, now's the perfect time to stock up on your favourites. Don't miss out – 2 months only, grab these bargains while they are reduced.

HAPPENING AT THE HUB

Tuesday - KYB 9:30am-10:30am

Wednesday - Art Group 10:00am-12:00pm

Thursday - My Time 9:30am-11:30am

HISTORY FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT

Echoes of the Past at Langmeil Church

Saturday May 9 1.30 to 4 pm Sharon Pippas presents her brand-new documentary on early German settlement from 1838. Featuring Keith Conlon and living descendants, with a focus on Hahndorf.

Cost \$20 includes a tour of the Langmeil History centre and cemetery, afternoon tea and an introductory talk by noted young historian Sam Doering.

Enquiries and bookings contact Sharon on 0477288011

HOLY TRINITY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us Sunday 3 May for the next movie at Holy Trinity Church Hall where we'll be showing "Soul Surfer" which is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. In the wake of this life-changing event that took her arm and nearly her life, Bethany's feisty determination and steadfast beliefs spur her toward an adventurous comeback that gives her the grit to turn her loss into a gift for others. Movie starts @ 7 PM and is still just \$5 which includes popcorn and a drink! Hope to see you there!

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 837 422, Raelene Falland 0407 632 032, Kay Kleemann 0448 065 425, Helen Menzel 0409 283201, Geoff Nicolai 0401 424503, Trevor Ratsch 0403 561 709, Anne Schmidt 0408 002 726, Daph Schmidt 0417 834 661, Steven Sickerdick 0408 835 004, or Dianne Trenberth 0488 558 502.

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: Max Schubert, Robert Pfitzner, Matthew Roesler, Pat King.

Families:

Paul, Megan, Campbell, Fletcher & Isla Noack
Ruel & Rubily (Dusaran), Cedrick Arguilles

Annette Ognjanovic
Geoff & Lizha, Joshua, Kimberley Arthurson

Bethany Members

Any changes to your email addresses or phone details, please email them to Bethany Church email, bethanytanunda@gmail.com, for Marilyn to update the Bethany Members database and directory.

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



Introducing Jordan Moore

Bethany Church Trading Table proceeds will be sponsoring Jordan until the completion of her studies at the end of 2028.

My name is Jordan Moore, and I am a theology student at Australian Lutheran College and a General Ministry Pastoral candidate of the LCANZ. I grew up in Melbourne and attended St Paul's Lutheran Church in Box Hill into my early twenties. During high school, I became increasingly passionate about God and interested in ministry, and I was encouraged by members of my congregation to consider becoming a pastor.

At that time, the opportunity for women to become LCANZ pastors did not yet exist. Nevertheless, I began part-time theological study with ALC in 2017, while also serving as Co-ordinator of Youth and Family Ministry at St Paul's and being actively involved with Lutheran Youth of Victoria. During this period, my sense of calling to pastoral ministry only grew stronger.

I married my husband, Thomas, in 2019, and we immediately relocated to California for his work. Our son, Nathan, was born there in July 2021. We were then able to move to Brisbane just before our daughter, Annabelle, was born in November 2023.

Thomas now works as a Senior Lecturer in Chemical Engineering at the Queensland University of Technology, and I stay at home with our children while completing my theological studies and formation requirements part-time.

We anticipate that I will be ready to commence pastoral ministry at the beginning of 2029. Thank you very much for your support, prayers, and encouragement throughout this ministry journey!

GRACE -TANUNDA

BETHLEHEM- SCHOENBOEN

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

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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.

This Sunday's Hymns: 770 – Yours is the glory, 493 – Brief life is here our portion, 61 – How sweet the name of Jesus sounds, 194 – Thy hand O God has guided

GRACE AGM

The Grace AGM will be held on 24th May after the service at St Paul's.

We celebrate this week:

Upcoming Birthdays: Wendy Steinberner; Doreen Brine

Please pray

We pray for our fellow saints and for all their loved ones, especially today we pray for Trevor & Valerie Braunack; Doreen Brine; Trevor Roether, Bethany, Millicent, Joshua & children; Anne & Peter, Jackson, Mia Clarke. You know all their needs, into Your fatherly hands we entrust them. Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are sick and in need. We especially pray for Eric Lange and Betty, for Brian (Nipper) Fechner, 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: Geraldine Avent, Pastor Len Gerschwitz, Eric Pfeiffer, Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Howard Klaebe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

The Morrison family - Jess, William and Estelle

Birthdays:

April 29 – John Clarke, Emma Hiscock, Scott Noack, 30 -Ronda Mugford, May 2 – Geoff Kurtz, Margaret Lienert, Robyn Hart

THIS WEEK:

Young Life leaders, Sunday May 3, 5-7 pm at Langmeil

Worship Team, Monday May 4, 7:30 pm

History Month, 'Echoes of the Past' Saturday May 9, 1:30 pm at Langmeil

FUEL, Sunday May 10, 10:30 am at Faith Junior School

FURTHER AHEAD

Faith School Book Fair, at Langmeil, Monday May 11 -Friday May 15

Administration Team, Monday May 11, 7:30 p.m.

Pastoral Care Workers, Thursday May 14, 9:30 am at Langmeil

Opals, Friday May 15, 12 noon, lunch at the Brauhaus Angaston

Langmeil AGM, Sunday May 17, between services.

LANGMEIL AGM

The Book of Reports for our meeting on Sunday May 17 is now available. These have been emailed and hard copies are also in letter-boxes for those who normally receive a bulletin.

HOME COMMUNIONS: If you know of anyone who is shut in at home, or who finds it difficult to get to church, we are happy to bring Holy Communion to them in their home. To organise, please speak to anyone on the Pastoral Support Team (above).

AN SBLC QUESTION/QUERY BOX can be found in the fellowship area, so do take advantage!

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: May 9

Clean TLC: Malcolm and Lyn Graue, Phillip and Louisa Hiscock, Jordan and Amy Krzoska.

Yard Cleaning: Peter Robinson, Erich Holzknecht

Church Office: 0493 797 220
Office Hours: 9:00 am - 12 noon, Monday – Friday
Admin. Sec.: Colleen Bryan 0434 247 717

LYNDOCH LUTHERAN PARISH

“WHERE LOVE COMES TO LIFE”

Keep in your Prayers: Di Gilson; Jenni Edwards; Monica Wohlstadt; George Davies; Lorraine Schild; Shirley & Don Wegener; Lutheran Care.

Songs at Lyndoch: LH 770, AT 12, AT 199, I'm not ashamed

Diary dates: 10 May Pastor Graham Jenke
Lyndoch: 9am HC Rowland Flat: 10.30am HC

Lyndoch Women's Fellowship: Wednesday 6 May, 12 noon @ Monkey Nut Cafe for lunch, followed by meeting at the hall at 1.30pm.

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 0437 060 719 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.

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