



LANGMEIL THANKSGIVING LUTHERAN CHURCH



“JOYFULLY BRINGING
GOD’S LOVE, PEACE AND HEALING TO ALL”

DEC. 10 2023
ADVENT 2



WELCOME to everyone worshipping with us. We are pleased that you have joined us. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit would enlighten and empower all of us through the message. Join us for a cuppa! Thank you to **Pastor Jim Bryan** for leading our services today.

THIS WEEK

- SUNDAY 10** Kids Church, during 10:30 am service.
- MONDAY 11** Play Practice for Christmas Eve, 3:30 pm at Langmeil Social Evening, Admin + Ministry (*See below*)
- THURS 14** Sprocket Rockets, meet at Langmeil 11am. Final ride - to Lyndoch.
Sprocket Rockets + Hugamugs lunch at Lord Lyndoch, 12 noon.
Tanunda Women’s Fellowship Christmas lunch at Langmeil, 12 noon.
- SAT 16** Wedding and Reception at Langmeil, 4 p.m.

The sick, their families and carers:

Eric Pfeiffer, Jean and Bernard Lane, Peter Tscharke, Helen Munzberg, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Margaret Schliebs, Maurice and Vera Menz, Howard Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

SBLC Groups and Ps Paul Kerber

Pastor Joel Cramer, as he considers our Call to Southern Barossa Churches

TODAY’S BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

SOCIAL EVENING

Admin. and Ministry Teams,
Monday Dec 11, 6 pm
at Mattschoss’s, Vine Vale Rd.
BYO BBQ meat, drinks.
Ministry bring salads, Admin nibbles

NOW AVAILABLE

from the church office

2024 LLL CALENDARS

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Dated packs for 2024 - \$10

BIRTHDAYS

- 11th Olyvia Reimers
- 12th Peter Boschen
Belinda Garrett
- 13th Hamish Reimers
- 14th Caitlin Rehn
- 15th Val Rainsford
Leo Garrett

God bless your special day!

FOR YOUR DEVOTIONS

- Sun 10 Mark 1:1-8
- Mon 11 Galatians 3:23 - 4:11
- Tues 12 Galatians 4:12-20
- Wed 13 Galatians 4:21-31
- Thurs 14 Galatians 5:1-15
- Fri 15 Galatians 5:16-24
- Sat 16 Psalm 126

CHRISTMAS EVE

This year there will be one combined service with Bethany-Tabor, 5 p.m. at Faith Senior College, Magnolia Rd. We have been advised that it is ‘very important’ to **BOOK** the FREE seats. Ring 8561 4299, Wednesday-Friday, noon-4:30 pm or online at barossaarts.com.au

No service at Langmeil or Faith Junior School that evening.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to those who have donated hampers full of goods, those who have donated individual items and those who have made a financial donation. Your help is very much appreciated by Lutheran Care and will be most gratefully received by people in need. Hampers will be collected at Nuriootpa tomorrow (Monday) and distributed on Thursday 14th.

HONEY BISCUITS

It’s that time of year when we call for honey biscuits, given out at the Christ -mas Eve service. This year we are looking for 400, double our usual number, as we are combining with the Bethany and Tabor people at Faith Senior Campus for the service. Please put your name on the list in the fellowship area if you would like to bake some. Langmeil biscuits will be packed on Sunday Dec 17, between services. Questions? Contact Lorna Schiller, 0438 844 116 (our rep on the combined team).

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This is the church office landline number which has now been disconnected.

Please note the new mobile number
0493 797 220
if you need to ring or message.

MOCULTA LIVE NATIVITY

Monday 18th December
8pm for 8.30pm start
at Michael and Sue Falkenberg’s,
798 Moculta Rd.
Follow the signs along Moculta Road
BYO chairs and torches.
Port and kuchen will be served after the program.
All children attending will receive a honey biscuit.
Organised by Gnadenberg and Gruenberg Lutheran congregations.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DECEMBER 17

8:45 a.m. Trad.
10:30 a.m. Contemp. H.C.
Pastor Brian Schwarz

Bible Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8,19-28

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, Louisa Hiscock, 0407 633 016, Ev Leske, 0448 653 761, Noleen Mattschoss, 0438 137 810, Mark Pfitzner, 0428 198 111, Penny Pfitzner, 0488 952 211, Vicki Rochow, 0419 850 184, Don Ross, 8563 2108, Lorna Schiller, 0438 844 116

CHRISTMAS CAROLS CONCERT

Valley Voices choir, Sunday Dec 10, 7 pm,
St. Petri Nuriootpa.
Soloists, community singing.
Offering to support Pastoral Care Workers
in our BV public schools

SPONSORSHIP

Young Life is looking for sponsors so that 20 young Barossa people can attend the Young Life Camp this Summer. Your donation of \$855 will allow one student a full camp Scholarship, including transport. All donations are tax deductible.

To make a personal donation visit
www.younglife.org.au/give
or contact Sophie Wilksch at
sophie@younglife.org.au

LANGMEIL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Dec 24 / Advent 4
Langmeil, 8:45 a.m. H.C.

Dec 24 / Christmas Eve
Combined Bethany-Langmeil-Tabor,
5 p.m. at Faith Senior College
Children's Presentation
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Dec 25 / Christmas Day
Langmeil 8:45 a.m. H.C.

ROSTERS: DECEMBER 17

Flowers: Louisa Hiscock
HC Assist: 10:30 am - Darrell Kaesler
Lay Host: 8:45 am - Ian Jaensch
10:30 am - Mark Pfitzner
Music: 8:45 am - Maryanne Pfitzner
10:30 am - Sonia Holz knecht
Greeters: 8:45 am - Brian and Fay Zimmermann
10:30 am - Tim and Vicki Rochow
Reader: 8:45 am - Robyn Rehn
10:30 am - Kate Herrmann
Kids' Talk: Ev Leske
P'point: 8:45 am - Judith Hoffrichter
10:30 am -
Sound: 8:45 am - John Lindner
10:30 am - David Lindner
Cuppa: 8:45 am - Harald and Kath Sames
10:30 am - Andy and Marlene Thurlow
Stewards: 8:45 am - Malcolm Graue,
Ian Jaensch, Edith Unger
10:30 am - Neville and Maureen
Steinborner, Ray Wilksch
Clean TLC: Judi Schmidt, Leon and Carlene
Koch, Jenny Grieger
Altar Guild: Fay Zimmermann (Dec)
Yard Cleaning: Harald Sames, Ian Jaensch

DATES TO NOTE

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY, Wed. Dec. 13, 2 pm at St John's with Pastor Paul. Short H.C. service. Afternoon tea. Welcome!

YOUNG LIFE SUMMER CAMP TRAINING, Thursday Dec 14 6-9 p.m. and Tuesday Dec 19 7-9 p.m. at Langmeil

EVANGELICAL GERMAN LANGUAGE SERVICE at Tabor, Sunday December 17, 10:30 a.m.

NEXT COMBINED SBC SERVICE, Sunday December 31, 9 am at Faith Junior School. Langmeil will again be in charge of arrangements.

NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE, Dec 31, 7:30 p.m. at Langmeil

CAN AND BOTTLE RUN

Saturday January 6

Young Life fund-raiser for their Summer Camp.
Hold onto your cans and bottles over the festive season and they will pick them up from you. Contact tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au for more information and to book.

BAROSSA ARK

offers **THOUGHTFUL Christmas GIFT IDEAS for ALL AGES!**

- various sized and styled Nativity Sets
- well-illustrated Children's Christmas Story Books
- Christmas Cards - individual and Budget Packs
- unique Australian-made gifts
- Australian-themed Christmas Tree decorations, etc.

Barossa Ark, 47 Murray Street Nuriootpa.

ORDINATION: WAY FORWARD

RESOLVED (General Synod 2021-23): That General Synod direct the LCA NZ General Church Board and the College of Bishops to:
a) Work through the theological, constitutional, and governance requirements to operate as one church with two different practices of ordination and establish a detailed framework through which this could be accomplished, such as one or more existing LCA NZ Districts becoming Districts that teach and practice the ordination of both women and men to the office of the public ministry or by establishing a non-geographical LCA NZ 'District' that does so.

- b) Submit the fruit of this work in the form of a proposal that should be discussed by the LCA NZ General Pastors Conference for Convention of General Synod 2024.
- c) It is the expectation of this General Convention of Synod that both women and men will be ordained in a District of the LCA NZ during the 2024-2027 synodical period.

If you missed the recent webinars on the Way Forward you can catch up by watching a recording at this link: <https://www.lca.org.au/wayforward/engaging/#webinar>

You can also sign up to the Way Forward's dedicated eNews and get updates straight to your inbox www.lca.org.au/wayforward

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CULTIVATING DISCIPLES IN CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION

Do you know a young person who would love to grow in faith and engage with Christians from other countries? Perhaps you are that young person! This is your opportunity to be strengthened in faith and to be a blessing to many.

From April 2024, LCA International Mission is partnering with the LCA NZ's Grow Ministries and working collaboratively with other Churchwide departments and our overseas partners in Malaysia to plan a program that helps young adults to grow as disciples of Jesus and to develop their ability to share the gospel.

There are many expected outcomes. These include the following:

- Participants from the LCA NZ and our overseas partner churches will discover a life of radical discipleship, lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the sure knowledge of the Father's love. Their lives may be transformed as they reflect Jesus' light, experience the freedom of his salvation, delight in knowing their Heavenly Father, and love others as he loves them.
- Participants will be introduced to different spiritual disciplines and church practices, and encouraged to participate for their own spiritual formation.
- Lifelong relationships will be formed between participants; friendships that will allow them to share faith struggles and joys and support one another on their faith journeys.
- The faith communities of which the participants are members will be encouraged to create spaces where the participants belong, are embraced and are enabled to encounter God in a real and personal way, where they will be given opportunities to explore and grow in the gifts they discover God has blessed them with.
- Participants will learn how to work more effectively with people of other cultures and develop relevant attitudes, skills and knowledge that will aid in future cross-cultural engagement.
- Through the practical opportunities available in Australia and Malaysia, participants will gain confidence in evangelism in their local context.

The program will include:

- virtual online connections during which participants will explore the Bible, discuss theology and grow in faith (1.5 hours weekly from April to June 2024 and Sept. - November 2024)
- explorations of Christian spiritual practices (Minimum 7 hours a week, April to June 2024)
- the blessing of being mentored by a mature Christian (18 hours beginning April 2024)
- practice in the discipline of keeping a journal
- practical experience in current congregational context (min. 18 hours Sept- February 2025)
- Stretch and Grow experience 1 (Adelaide, South Australia 8-15 July 2024)
- Stretch and Grow experience 2 (East Malaysia in January or February 2025 (dates TBC))

Cost: \$2,000.

Please consider seeking financial assistance from your local church or personal contacts if you are unable to provide the full amount.

If you or someone you know is aged between 18 and 25 years of age and are interested in being involved in this program, please contact Erin Kerber at erin.kerber@lca.org.au or phone 8267 7300.

Applications close: 29 January 2024.

If you would like to financially support a young person from Australia or Malaysia to take part in this program, please contact Erin.



Southern Barossa Lutheran Churches Welcome You

DECEMBER 24: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8.45am HC Langmeil
9.00am HC Bethany-Tabor at Bethany

DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm Bethany-Tabor-Langmeil at Brenton Langbein Theatre
130 Magnolia Rd. Tanunda. Children's presentation
Admission is free but for numbers **please book:**
Ring 8561 4299, Wed.-Friday, noon-4:30 pm
or online at barossaarts.com.au
6:30pm Grace - St John's. Children's presentation.
7:00pm Lyndoch, community service at Lyndoch Institute

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY:

8:45am HC Langmeil
9:00am Bethany-Tabor at Tabor. Lessons and Carols.
9:00am Lyndoch, parish service at Rowland Flat
9:00am HC Schoenborn
10:30am HC Grace - St. John's

Bethany: 184 Bethany Rd, Bethany
Grace - St. John's: 11 Jane Place, Tanunda
Langmeil: 7 Maria St. Tanunda
Lyndoch: 3-5 Margaret St., Lyndoch
Schoenborn: 406 Gomersal Rd. Gomersal
Tabor: 77 Murray St. Tanunda