



LANGMEIL THANKSGIVING LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

MARCH 17 2024

LENT 5



The sick, their families and carers:

Joshua Kokegei, Eric Pfeiffer, Jean and Bernard Lane, Peter Tschärke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Margaret Schliebs, Maurice and Vera Menz, Howard Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS

SBLC Groups and Ps Paul Kerber

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

MEN'S SHED FELLOWSHIP

Friday 22nd March, from 6pm.
Johann's Find - Schiller Vineyards,
2331 Barossa Valley Way, Tanunda.
BYO chair, food, drink and eating
utensils. BBQ available.
For further details, contact Jarome
Graetz 0438 797 300

L.C. EMERGENCY RELIEF

These items are still needed:

- Individually wrapped soap
or small body wash
- Toothpaste

- Toothbrushes (1 or 2 packs)

Please leave in the fellowship area.

BIRTHDAYS

17th	Robyn Sloane Ella Reichelt
21st	Larry Krieg Charlotte Krzoska
22nd	Robert Nitschke Allen Feuerherdt Lachlan Munzberg
23rd	Edith Unger

God bless your special day!

FOR YOUR DEVOTIONS

Sun 17	John 12:20-33
Mon 18	Luke 8:26-39
Tues 19	Luke 8:40-56
Wed 20	Luke 9:1-20
Thurs 21	Luke 9:21-43a
Fri 22	Luke 9:43b-62
Sat 23	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

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 Detlev Vosgerau** for leading our services today.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 18	Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.
TUESDAY 19	Hugamugs, 10:30 a.m. at Wanera, Angaston.
WED. 20	LENTEN EVENING , 7:30 pm, Rowland Flat. Pr. Paul
THURS. 21	Sprocket Rockets, meet at Langmeil 9:30 a.m. Coffee/ cake at Wanera Angaston at 10:30 am.
FRIDAY 22	Men's Fellowship, 6 pm, Schiller Vineyards (See below)

AN EVENING WITH THE LLL

Do you bank with the LLL (Lutheran Laypeople's League)? Are you concerned about the changes ahead? Come along to have your questions answered by an LLL rep - Wed. March 27, 7-8 p.m. at Langmeil. This invitation is going to all Barossa and Light congregations, so because of the expected numbers, **please let Colleen know if you will be attending by Sunday March 24.**

THANK YOU LANGMEIL!

Langmeil members have been very busy with catering for events in the first few months of 2024. Here is a short thank you! "Many thanks for the energy and cooking expertise required for the last month of catering. It has been a pleasure working with you all, and greatly appreciated by the families for whom we catered. How blessed we are to be able to share our varied talents? Cheers, Lorna."

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

Needed at Lutheran Care Op Shop – ELCIES TANUNDA

Elcies is struggling to fill its Op Shop with volunteers and is searching for people who have a spare few hours or a day a week to join the team! The Op Shop raises important funds for LC's Emergency Relief program, supporting vulnerable South Australian families and individuals in need. To find out more about volunteering, visit www.lutherancare.org.au/volunteer-with-us/ or contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirby kllynch@lutherancare.org.au or 0437 836 134.

ALPHA 2024

This year we are running another Alpha course starting the week after Easter - Wed April 3, 6-7:45 pm at Langmeil, and Sunday April 7, 3-4:45 pm at St. Petri Nuriootpa. For more info please email barossaalpha@gmail.com Grant Herrmann, 0402 011 590

Go to Barossa Ark (47 Murray St. Nuri.) for your Easter needs - cards, children's books, CDs and DVDs.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WED. MARCH 20

Lenten Evening
Rowland Flat, 7:30 pm
Pastor Paul Kerber

MARCH 24

8:45 a.m. Trad. H.C.
10:30 a.m. Contemp.
Pastor Paul Kerber

Bible Readings

Mark 11:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 15:1-39

MARCH 10

ATTENDANCE:

56 (8:45 am) + 64 (10:30 am) = 120

OFFERING:

\$1,503.40 + \$2,009.80 (REG)
= \$3,513.20

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, Vicki Rochow, 0419 850 184, Don Ross, 8563 2108, Lorna Schiller, 0438 844 116.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Safe Church Training is on again! Members who are due now to complete the level 1 refresher or full level 1 (full training required every 7 years) will receive an email or letter in their pigeon hole. Details of training locations, face to face and online, available on the LCA website: <https://www.lca.org.au/training-events/safe-church-training/>
Emma Hiscock, Secretary Admin Team and Safe Church Coordinator

BOTTLE AND CAN RUN

A Young Life fundraiser.
Hold onto your cans and bottles for pickup April 17-19.
Contact tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au for more information and to book.

YOUNG LIFE

- **CLUB** (high school aged youth), Tuesday March 19 at Barossa Bowland.
Contact Sophie for more information sophie@younglife.org.au
- **WYLDLife** (years 5-7), Tuesday March 26 at Barossa Bowland.
Contact Tiffany for more information: tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au

If you would like to join in on the fun at Young Life Barossa, please don't hesitate to contact Sophie or Tiffany about what you can do! There are lots of fun and rewarding things happening and we would love for you to join us!

ROSTERS MARCH 24

Flowers: Val West
HC Assist: 8:45 am - Robyn Rehn
Lay Host: 8:45 am - Ian Jaensch
10:30 am - Ev Leske
Music: 8:45 am - Maryanne Pfitzner
10:30 am - Marlene Thurlow
Greeters: 8:45 am - Kevin and Joy Graue
10:30 am - Neil and Karen Lambert
Reader: 8:45 am - Jennifer Noack
10:30 am - Ella Graetz
P'point: 8:45 am - Judith Hoffrichter
10:30 am - Eli Graetz
Sound: 8:45 am - David Lindner
10:30 am - Leon Koch
Cuppa: 8:45 am - Ian and Lyn Jaensch
10:30 am - Peter and Cheryl Boschen
Stewards: 8:45 - Malcolm Graue, Ian Jaensch, Edith Unger
10:30 am - Neville and Maureen Steinborner, Ray Wilksch
Clean TLC: Evan and Bruna Schultz, Julian and Heidi Helbig, Clive and Ivy Ahrens
Altar Guild: Chris Leske (March)
Yard Cleaning: John Keil, Brian Zimmermann

DATES TO NOTE

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES, Thursday March 21, 7.30pm, at the Lutheran Church, 139 Archer St, North Adelaide
Speakers: Batak woman Dasni Rau and Anthea Habel of the Indonesian Christian Fellowship of Adelaide, members of Pasadena, All welcome. \$5.00 donation, supper. Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>

HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH': The Adelaide Harmony Choir is performing Handel's Messiah on Palm Sunday, 24th March, at the Regional Gallery, 3 Basedow Rd Tanunda at 2 pm..
Tickets \$50 conc \$45, available at the Good Seed bookshop in Tanunda, The Ark 47 Murray Street Nuriootpa, or online at TRYbooking.com/CNTEA. Hosted by Barossa Anglicans.

KAFFEE UND KUCHEN, Monday March 25, 1 pm at Langmeil

WORSHIP TEAM, Monday April 1, 7:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION TEAM, Monday April 8, 7:30 p.m.

NOVO CAMP: Blueprint Ministries camp on 19-22 April 2024 at Unity College, Murray Bridge For young people in School Year 7-12. Registration: \$185, \$20 Sibling Discount. First Time: only \$50, thanks to the generous sponsorship of the LLL For more information or to register, www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/novo/

THANKYOU

A big thank you to everyone who has donated for Harvest Thanksgiving. The generosity from our community has absolutely blown me away. I cannot thank congregations enough for your wonderful support. Our Food Pantry is now well stocked and these donations from Harvest Thanksgiving will be used well over the coming months for those in our community who need the support. Many thanks again, Louise Hickinbotham, Lutheran Care

VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS (Contact Church Office)

Online English teaching support, Luth Church in Cambodia

The purpose of LCC teaching English is to open doors for the gospel to be shared through the teachers showing their students Christ-like love and to build deeper relationships with the church and non-believers. Although the LCC English teachers are enthusiastic and invested in this ministry, most do not have teaching degrees and have requested mentorship as they serve.

We will therefore be running a 10 week online English program, for one hour every Saturday, beginning on 13 April. Volunteers will be supplied the curriculum used by LCC English teachers and will offer advice on how to improve the methodology and implement new methods if necessary to improve teacher quality and student learning outcomes.

Library support Evangelical Luth. Church, Papua New Guinea
ELC-PNG seminary libraries are seeking the assistance of volunteers with librarian experience to develop and manage a system to file and organise the collection of books located in their libraries. Accompany a former librarian who is currently living in Melbourne as she develops consistency among the libraries and sets up an online cataloguing system in each of the seminaries.

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13 March 2024

To my dear Church family at Langmeil,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christmas and New Year's blessings! I write to you to give you thanks for your continued financial and prayerful support towards my theological studies, update you on how things have been going, and inform you of my plans for this year.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the significant delay in writing to you – the last half a year has been quite the whirlwind with the finishing up of studies, involvement in my fieldwork congregation, spending time in rest, and most recently, undertaking a Greek intensive. I had the pleasure last semester of completing subjects in pastoral care, missiology and church rites, and the study of the Lutheran Confessions. I also completed the first half of learning biblical Greek (and am finishing up the second half now). In my fieldwork, I have been involved in the life of St. John's in Tea Tree Gully, where I have helped in worship, youth ministry and an adult bible study.

As many of you would know from my most recent visit, 2023 was a difficult year to be a student at Australian Lutheran College. With the decision to cut the call of pastoral lecturers to 0.5 FTE (and the consequent resignation of over half of said staff), as well as the continued efforts of the college to move pastoral training to a 'fully online, distributed learning model', we have had to contend with a great deal of uncertainty and stress. As of 2024, ALC have completely committed to the online training of pastors with no in-person classes, and limited residential formation and community worship. In my opinion, this model forgoes the reality that pastoral training consists of more than just academic study and local fieldwork. Pastoral students need *formation* and are not mass produced.

Community formation has been a high priority for me personally from the very beginning of my pastoral training, and the fact that it is not being offered anymore in the life of the seminary is deeply disappointing and concerning. While I understand the motivation behind such a transition in training clergy, the prospect of learning to become a pastor online, learning to teach and to preach while sitting in front of a webcam, fills me with great sense of uneasiness. I am apprehensive about completing my studies without being in community with other students and lecturers. I have relished in the opportunities to build relationships in class, over meals and drinks, in the library, and most importantly, in chapel. It's not only important to grow together, to have hard conversations and support one other, but also to build a network that one can fall back on after entering the ministry. Given the limited formation being offered, it has been difficult to know how to proceed.

This predicament has lead me to explore other potential opportunities and investigate alternate institutions where I might be able to complete some or even the remainder of my pastoral training in preparation for ordination. With a degree of sadness but also a great deal of excitement, I have decided to take this semester off from my studies **to undertake a 3-month residential fellowship at the Lachlan Macquarie Institute**, just outside of Canberra. The Lachlan Macquarie Institute offers training for Christian leaders in public speaking and policy, rhetoric, logic, and debate. They are concerned with raising up Christian leaders for a culture that seems to be increasingly hostile towards the message of the gospel. The program

itself consists of around 3-4 hours of lectures every morning (providing a condensed classical education over 14 weeks), and 50-100 pages of reading every afternoon. Topics of study include history of antiquity, Aquinas and natural law, reformation and modernity, political philosophies and history, sexual revolution and bioethics, and much more. There are also weekly debate nights, formal dinner hosting with guests, and a 1-week parliamentary placement. In my estimation, it will be a wonderful opportunity to bolster my own front-facing skills and put me in good stead to be the pastor of a congregation and a leader in a community. LMI have offered me a significant scholarship to attend, and in my estimation, it is too good an opportunity to pass up. I will be embarking for Canberra on the 22nd of March and will be finished early in July.

In addition to this, I have also been exploring the option of **undertaking an international program with the Lutheran Church Canada** at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines, Ontario. The LCA has a historic relationship with the LCC, with instances in the past where pastoral, academic and student exchanges have occurred. Given that we have a confessional agreement and a recognised altar pulpit relationship with the LCC, I believe it will be a real adventure (and great for my personal growth) to undertake studies with our sister church at this time. While the circumstances are lamentable, the prospect of an exchange is not a new idea for me – I had always hoped to explore the opportunity at some point in my training. As of today, I have received a letter of acceptance which allows me to begin working on a student visa. All going to plan, I am hoping to begin there in September of this year.

I want to reassure you all of my strong sense of call towards the pastoral ministry and to Lutherans in Australia. I am by no means becoming discouraged, but only trying to act as best I can within my own conscience to ensure I am adequately prepared to enter into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. I have undertaken much prayerful consideration and wrestling, doing so out of a desire to serve my future flock as faithfully as possible. While there are no guarantees that I will even be able to get overseas, and no guarantees about where it might lead, I desire strongly to be ordained in Australia and serve the Australian people. God willing, I hope to be able to undertake my vicarage in an Australian context.

I would like to thank you for your continued financial and prayerful support of me in my studies – it means more than you could ever know. Having had support to cover the costs associated with study, with courses and books, rent, food, and petrol, has taken an incredible burden off my back. It has allowed me to dedicate significant time into my vocation as a student. Part of my writing to you is to ensure to you that there is no expectation on my behalf, and no obligation on yours, to continue to support me financially given the uncertain (but ultimately exciting) path that I am taking. Should you so wish, it would be my pleasure to recommend other faithful men training for the ministry at the current time in Australia, who you could direct your gifts to. I would also ask that you continue to pray for me as I navigate this new adventure, and all that this year might bring.

Finally, I just wanted to encourage you all to stand firm on Christ's Word in these crazy times of ours. There is great opposition to the Christian worldview, and significant challenges facing us as a Church today. Despite this, Christ promises that he will be with us always, to the very end of the age (Matthew 28:20), and that the gates of hell will not prevail against his bride, the Church (Matthew 16:17-19). I pray that you would cling to his promises in faith and continue to receive from him just as he continues to provide.

Yours in Christ,



Tim Bayha

'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.' (1 Peter 1:3-5)