



LANGMEIL THANKSGIVING LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

MAY 12 2024

EASTER 7



The sick, their families and carers:

Joshua Kokegei, Noleen Mattschoss, Eric Pfeiffer, Jean and Bernard Lane, Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Vera Menz, Howard Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

Larry Krieg, op at St. Andrew’s on Tuesday.

Praise and thanks to the Almighty God for the safe arrival of **Oscar Leonhardt Semmler**, son of Kaleb and Adele on April 30.

SBLC Groups and Ps Paul Kerber.

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. Thank you to **Pastor Dean Zweck** for leading our 8:45 am service today.

THIS WEEK

- MONDAY 13** Administration Team, 7:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY 14** Hugamugs, 10 am at Melba’s, Angaston
- WEDNES. 14** Alpha, 6:15-8 p.m.
- THURS. 16** Sprocket Rockets, meet at Langmeil 9:30 am. Coffee/cake at Melba’s, Angaston 10:30 am
- FRIDAY 17** Opals, 12 noon at Blackbird Café Tanunda.
- SUNDAY 19** LANGMEIL AGM, between services (approx. 9:45 am)

TODAY’S BIBLE READINGS

Acts 1:15-17,21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

PASTOR PAUL

is currently taking some weeks of leave - until Thursday May 30, incl. Our initial contact for pastoral care while Pastor Paul is away is **Pastor Jim Bryan, 0421 344 662**

LWSA-NT ANNUAL CONVENTION

Saturday May 18 at Zion Lutheran Church, Glynde
Worship 9:30 am; cuppa from 9 am.
Theme: “No longer strangers”
BYO lunch. Soup (gold coin), tea and coffee provided.

BIRTHDAYS

13th Robert Rohrlach
15th Kathryn Kahl
Kirsti Harms
16th Grace Reichelt

God bless your special day!

FOR YOUR DEVOTIONS

Sun 12	John 17:6-19
Mon 13	Luke 18:1-14
Tues 14	Luke 18:15-30
Wed 15	Luke 18:31-43
Thurs 16	Luke 19:1-10
Fri 17	Luke 19:11-27
Sat 18	Ps 104:24-34,35b

LANDSCAPING IDEAS?

The garden of our manse at 5 Maria Street is undergoing a radical make-over. Phil Hiscock is looking for your ideas for a low maintenance garden. You don’t need to do the work, just provide some inspirational thoughts! Ring him on 0408 633 119

YOUNG LIFE NEWS

Breakfast clubs continue at Nuriootpa High and Faith middle and senior College. We will be taking donations of biscuits, long life milk, muesli bars and milo that can be dropped off at our office at Langmeil Lutheran Church

WYLDLIFE (yrs 5-7),
Tuesday May 21.

CLUB (high school aged)
Tuesdays May 14 and 28.

PRAYER NIGHT is happening on Sunday May 19 at Langmeil. All welcome to come and pray with us for the youth in the Barossa

A huge THANK YOU to all who donated to our Can and Bottle Run! We raised over \$300, all going towards 2025 summer camp.

LANGMEIL A.G.M.

Sunday May 19

between services.

Book of Reports available in letter-boxes, in The Link or via email.

L.C. EMERGENCY RELIEF

Currently needing donations of

- Shampoo, conditioner
- Long life milk 1ltr or 2ltr
- Cans of tuna

Take these to Lutheran Care in MacDonnell Street Tanunda (opposite the Tanunda Club) or leave in the church fellowship area.

FOOD DONATIONS - YOUNG LIFE ‘BREAKFAST CLUB’

at Nuri High School and Faith Middle and Senior College

- Biscuits
- Long life milk
- Milo
- Muesli bars

Please bring these to the Langmeil Church Office or the office of Young Life at Langmeil.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MAY 19

Pentecost

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

Bible Readings

Acts 2:1-21
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27

DATES TO NOTE

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.

YOUNG LIFE PRAYER NIGHT

Sunday May 19, 7-8 p.m. at Langmeil
All welcome to come along and join Young Life in praying for the youth of the Barossa.

KITCHEN HANDS

D-E-S-P-E-R-A-T-E-L-Y REQUIRED!

For Barossa Christian Life Week, from July 8-12, at Cornerstone College, Mt Barker, for young people from all over the Barossa.

Recently we have structured this as day teams, having 5-8 people come into the kitchen every day and follow instructions of the Kitchen Leader! Jobs include prepping food, cooking food, serving food to the young people, cleaning and packing up. You may like to assist for just 1 day, or 2 or 3. We would love to have you!

Please pray about this and contact me:
Anneka Wilksch, 0422 935 851,
Anneka.Wilksch@lca.org.au

CHECK YOUR LETTER-BOX

If you receive the bulletin as a hard copy in your letter-box, please check there for 2 important sets of papers!

You will also find the Book of Reports for our Langmeil AGM next Sunday, and the latest Update from the Governance Council of SBLC. Lots of reading to keep you busy over the weekend!

SA HISTORY FESTIVAL ORGAN CONCERT. Sunday May 19, 2:30 p.m. at the Barossa Regional Gallery. Organist Simon Nieminski (Sydney). Magnificent music to please all ages! Tickets: \$20, children free at www.barossaorgan.com or at the door (cash)

YOUNG LIFE PRAYER NIGHT, Sunday May 19 at Langmeil, 7-8.

MINISTRY TEAM, Monday May 27, 7:30 p.m.

WORSHIP TEAM, Monday June 3, 7:30 p.m.

LYNDOCH LUTHERAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, Wednesday June 5, 1:30 pm at the church hall, 3 Margaret St Lyndoch. Guest speaker: Anne Wilson on her tour of Jordan and the upper Bible lands around the Sea of Galilee. Afternoon tea provided. RSVP to Margaret, 0437 060 719, by Wed May 29.

NORTH ADELAIDE PROPERTY SALE ATTRACTS STRONG INTEREST

The sale listing of the church's North Adelaide properties – occupied by Australian Lutheran College (ALC) and the LCA Churchwide Office – has attracted local and international interest from a wide range of potential buyers.

Property inspections have been well patronised since the unique 1.9-hectare site was listed on the market in late March.

Expressions of interest close on 15 May.

ALC has moved to a distributed learning model meaning the current site is no longer suitable, therefore the LCA's General Church Board decided to place the properties on the market. While the facilities are no longer fit for purpose and sections are no longer used, the annual cost of maintaining and insuring the overall site is approximately \$500,000 for ALC and the Churchwide Office.

Already more than a decade ago, it was understood that the ALC and Churchwide Office sites were unsuitable for a changing church and a plan to redevelop the church's North Adelaide properties was endorsed by General Synod. However, after extensive effort and significant expense over a lengthy period, the plan did not proceed. The proceeds of any sale are planned to be used to secure a property that will better serve the people and ministries of the church into the future, as well as to provide income to support mission and ministry.



ROSTERS: MAY 19

Flowers: Louisa Hiscock
HC Assist: 10:30 am - Ev Leske
Lay Host: 8:45 am - Colleen Bryan
10:30 am - Mark Pfitzner
Music: 8:45 am - John Moore
10:30 am - Neil Lambert
Greeters: 8:45 am - Allen and Lea Feuerherdt
10:30 am - Phil and Louisa Hiscock
Reader: 8:45 am - Dennis Saegenschnitter
10:30 am - Maureen Steinborner
P'point: 8:45 am - Geoff Munzberg
10:30 am - Helen Schild
Sound: 8:45 am - John Lindner
10:30 am - David Lindner
Cuppa: 8:45 am - Ian and Lyn Jaensch
10:30 am - Sue Garrett, Ronda Mugford
Stewards:
8:45 am - Kevin Graue, David Braunack
10:30 am - Gary, Val and Jonathon Rainsford
Clean TLC: Jarome and Naomi Graetz, Steven and Emma Zimmermann, Greg and Clara Kokegei
Altar Guild: Fay Zimmermann (May)
Yard Cleaning: John Keil, Brian Zimmermann

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ALWS 'Asante'

Swahili word for 'thank you'!

It's a word you hear a lot when you visit a refugee camp you support through ALWS at Kakuma in Kenya. The people you help in Indonesia want to thank you too, and the word they use is 'Terima Kasih'.

ALWS wants to pass on that thankyou to you in person, and so we are coming to the Barossa Valley and inviting you to be a part of the *ALWS Asante*.

It is an opportunity for us to share some of the ALWS work, meet some of the ALWS team and stories and songs from **special guests, Robin and Dorothy Mann,**

Ambassadors for ALWS *Lives You Touch* program.

What: ALWS Asante presentation (90min)

When: **Saturday 22nd June – 4:00pm drinks and nibbles for 4:30pm start with warming soup provided after the presentation**

Where: St Petri Lutheran Church Hall, 21 Second Street, NURIOOTPA

RSVP: Friday 14th June – **1300 763 407** or alws@alws.org.au



Robin and Dorothy have been to Indonesia where they braved motorbikes, mangroves and mud to see the life-changing impact of the love that people like you bring to life through ALWS. You will 'journey' to a community where people with disability are no longer forgotten, but celebrated, like Marleni who shared, ***"I have been blind in this eye since I was 12 years old. I got a sickness [like chicken pox] and some went in my eye. My family were too poor to get any medicine and so I lost the sight.***

I have not been able to work – just stay with the family and they care for me, but I was rejected by my community.

I joined the Persons With Disability Group (facilitated by our partner in Indonesia and supported through ALWS) in 2022. I put in a little bit of money each month. After many months I could take a loan for several hundred dollars to start this kiosk. It put items in the shop and helped to build this small room at the front of the house. I can now get a profit each week from the fuel and the food.

I feel very happy, and it creates my spirit to feel more appreciated by the community when I have this shop. Thank you!"

Hear an update on ALWS action on the frontline conflict zones of Ukraine, Myanmar, South Sudan and Somalia from **our ED [Executive Director] Michael Stolz**, Jonathan Krause and Peter Egesa [ALWS Humanitarian Coordinator] and ask questions.

A great opportunity to chat with old friends and new as you reflect on how you have seen and heard about faith at work, being lived out in practical ways in people's lives!

We look forward to sharing this special time with you.

Your ALWS Team

A framework by which the LCA NZ could operate as one church with two different practices of ordination has been released for information, engagement, and discussion in church communities. The Way Forward Framework will be refined and finalised by mid-June, prior to publication in the General Synod Book of Reports.



The executive summary of the framework, which was developed in response to a request by General Synod in 2023, states:

‘The current teaching of the church on the matter of the ordination of both women and men to the office of the public ministry does not accommodate the different theological interpretations and convictions that are held by members of the church.

‘In accordance with the resolution of General Synod, the Way Forward Framework accommodates two different views on ordination to exist within the church ...

‘The key components of the framework to enable the two practices of ordination within the church are:

1. Changing the teaching of male-only ordination ...
2. Providing a pastoral-theological place in the LCA NZ (‘Conference’), whose members uphold male-only ordination while also enabling the ordination of both men and women in the LCA NZ and the calling of female pastors by congregations that choose to do so ...’

Announcing the release of the framework on 26 April, LCA NZ Bishop Paul Smith commended the work that had been done to develop it. ‘During this past year I have seen your sisters and brothers working together to find a common way forward in the matter of who is to be ordained as pastors among us’, Bishop Paul said.

‘Those who believe that the Scriptures teach that only men may be ordained as pastors have been working with those who believe that the Scriptures teach that both women and men may be ordained as pastors. Their common purpose is to present to ... General Synod in October a way forward that would enable communities of the LCA NZ to call a pastor without being required to call a man or being required to call a woman. Your sisters and brothers who have done this work believe that such a church is possible so that we can continue the witness we have received.

Church members will be able to learn more about the framework and ask clarifying questions on a webinar on 14 May. This will be from 5:30-7 p.m., online. Clarifying questions need to be submitted by 10 May via email to wayforward2024@lca.org.au ←

The Way Forward Framework, framework development information, questions and answers about key principles of the framework and registration for the webinar are available at www.lca.org.au/wayforward/framework ←

Feedback on the framework, to be submitted via email wayforward2024@lca.org.au, will be closed by 21 May. This will allow time for the proposal to be matured and then published in the Book of Reports for General Synod.

The LCA NZ’s Way Forward project was established in response to the 2023 Synod resolution which asked GCB and CoB ‘to 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 ... and to submit the fruit of this work in the form of a proposal that should be discussed by the LCA NZ GPC for Convention of General Synod 2024’. It was also resolved that: ‘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’.

READ MORE STORIES ABOUT [Way Forward](#)