



Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday, 1 December 2024 First Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Colour – Blue/Violet
Interim Pastor: Paul Kerber

To be a vibrant church community, passionate disciples of Christ, empowering and equipping our people to share the love and joy of Jesus to all.

Worship Opportunities

THIS SUNDAY – 1 DECEMBER

Bethany 10:30am + Godly Play
Grace St John's 9:00am HC - Pr Peter Kriewaldt
Langmeil 8:45 HC & 10:30 HC - Pr Paul Kerber
Lyndoch 10:00am with Anglicans at Lyndoch
Schoenborn 9:00am
Taber no services

NEXT WEEK – 8th DECEMBER

Combined Service and Call Meeting
9.00am Harvest Centre
Faith Junior Campus
16 Maria St, Tanunda

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024

The First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 A righteous descendant of David as king.
Psalm 25:1-10
The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 May God continue to bless you
The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 Signs of the end of the age

Readings for your Devotions

Monday - James 1:1–15

Tuesday - James 1:16–27

Wednesday - James 2:1–13

Thursday - James 2:14–26

Friday - James 3:1–12

Saturday - Luke 1:68–79

To find the LCA Daily devotions go to
<https://www.lca.org.au/blog/category/daily-devotion/>

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father,
let your dear Son, Jesus Christ, come quickly and
take to himself his bride, the church.
Bring us, together with all the redeemed, into your
glory.
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.

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, Bible Society, German Services,
Southern Barossa Lutheran Church and Pastor
Paul Kerber

Offering Prayer

Almighty God,
we thank you for bringing us into your
kingdom and making us priests to serve you.
Help us to keep trusting in Jesus
until this life is over.
Meanwhile, make us faithful servants, doing
what you want us to do, and showing love to
other people.
Amen.

Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Announcements

Combined Service and Call Meeting

A Combined Service and Call Meeting will be held at 9:00am on Sunday 8th December at The Harvest Centre - Faith Junior Campus, Maria St Tanunda. The service will be followed by the Call Meeting. Paper copies of the SBLC Call Meeting notice and the pastor information available at The Hub and at the Langmeil office.

Offering Envelopes

When worshipping at another SBLC congregation, your offering envelope can be placed on the offering plate, as the money will be returned to your congregation. If you don't have an offering envelope, please use a plain envelope and write your congregation's name on it.

Tanunda Women's Fellowship invite you, both men and women, to attend their Christmas Lunch, beginning at 12 noon on Thursday, December 12th at Langmeil Hall, Tanunda. \$20 per person.

Important: Please reply to Irene Schubert on 8563 3394 or Raelene Mattner on 0407 602 540 by December 5th.

There will be an offering to support the work of Australian Lutheran World Service or (ALWS) We look forward to you joining us.

Karen and Stephen Dutschke's Farewell Morning Tea

After 36 years of faithful service to St Paul's/Grace congregation Karen & Stephen are retiring to Port Victoria.

Please join us at Grace St John's Church Hall for morning tea (approx. 10:30am) Sunday December 15th following the 9am Service led by Pastor Paul and Silas. Please bring 'a plate' to share. If you would like to there will be a large card to sign The Grace community and friends from other congregations are all welcome. RSVP or enquires to Sheryl Wagenknecht 0400 105 292

Step Back In Time

Thinking of participating in the April 2025 Bethany Step Back In Time Event? If so, we are looking for Catering Volunteers & Donations.

Needed is approx. 25 people to work food prep shifts in the kitchen over the 3-day event for a variety of roles: Preparing light lunches, fresh sandwiches & scones/jam/cream, Dishwashing & keeping areas clean, Waitressing & clearing tables in the Hall. Donations of food prepared at home are also most welcome - Kuchen Slabs, Scones, Jams, Soup & Anzac Biscuits.

If interested, please phone Lorna on 0438 844 116.

Friends of SBLC - News and Events

Sprocket Rockets and Hugamugs.

Hugamugs gather at 10.30am on Tuesday (December 3rd) – Marley's 70th - at the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort (42 Pioneer Ave, Rowland Flat) and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (December 5th) again after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

Happening Sunday

Kadence Christmas Concert

Today 1st December 2024 at 2:30pm at the Greenock Institute. Enquiries – Marilyn 0402 847 418

Doug Simper Tribute and Benefit Concert

Sunday afternoon 1st Dec, 3pm, Church of the Trinity, 318 Goodwood Road, Clarence Park. Doug is returning to Adelaide early Dec when he will be honoured for his contribution to Australian worship music. He is well known for his contemporary church songs, such as 'Turning point of time', 'Spirit of peace and 'Lord of our days'

Valley Voices Choir – Christmas Concert

Sunday 8th December 2024, St Petri Lutheran Church, 21 Second Street Nuriootpa 7.00 pm

Conducted by Elizabeth Sibley the Valley Voices choir will delight us with selected Christmas Songs with opportunity for Community Carol singing. Featuring Annaliese Nietschke, Bedford Family Bell-Ringers, Sarah Afshin Pour (Accompanist), Margaret Schutz

No entrance fee but a retiring offering will be taken up for the Pastoral Care Workers in our Barossa Valley public Schools.

Movie Night at Holy Trinity Church Hall

Start the Christmas season off with a Christmas musical! "Journey to Bethlehem" is the next movie being shown at Holy Trinity Church Hall in Nuriootpa on Sunday 1 December at 7 PM. A young woman carrying an unimaginable responsibility. A young man torn between love and honour. A jealous king who will stop at nothing to keep his crown. This live-action Christmas musical celebration for the entire family, weaves classic Christmas melodies into new pop songs in a music-infused retelling of the timeless story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus. A unique new entry into the collection of holiday classic movies, this epic Christmas musical is unlike any before it. Looking forward to seeing you there. The cost is still just \$5 which gets you a drink and popcorn!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the Good Seed Bookshop.

Advent Calendars available \$3 - \$50

Advent Candles, various sizes available.

Christmas cards: packs of eight \$3.50, individual cards from \$2

Nativities, kids' books and mini Christmas Scenes.

2025 Australian Christian Diaries now in stock \$17

Come in and get into the Christmas spirit.



Lutheran Care

Items needed this month

Tea Bags, Deodorant - Men's and Women's (roll on or spray) Cup of soup packets

Chatty Café 9.30-11.30am @ Lyndoch Church Hall every Wednesday. Tea/coffee available, light snacks and activities. An initiative of Lutheran Care. **Last one for 2024 is December 11. Ashton Hurn MP is attending. Sausage sizzle available or bring a plate to share.** Returning 22 January 2025.

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

Connect and Chat is on again this week. Thursday 1:30pm-3:30pm @ Soldiers Memorial Hall, Nuriootpa. Tea/coffee available, light snacks and fun activities. Bring your friends along or come and make new ones. An initiative of Lutheran Care.

LCANZ News

Lutheran Media 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

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: Nancy Kurtz, Mary Hentschke, Eric Pfeiffer, Bernard Lane, Peter Tucharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Vera Menz, Howard Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS. SBLC Groups and Pastor Paul Kerber.

Our SBLC Call Meeting next Sunday and for decisions that are pleasing to God and his will.

Birthdays

December 2 - Helen Semmler, 3 - Marlene Thurlow, 4 - Bob Sloane, 5 - Margaret Kroehn, 7 - Georgie Turner.

THIS WEEK AT LANGMEIL

Worship Team, Monday Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Lutheran Care Volunteers Christmas Lunch, Tuesday Dec. 3, 12 noon.

Combined Service and Call Meeting, Sunday Dec. 8, 9 a.m. at Faith Junior School.

FURTHER AHEAD

Administration and Ministry Teams, dinner at the Tanunda Hotel, 6:30 p.m., Monday Dec. 9.
Tanunda Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch, Thursday Dec 12, 12 noon at Langmeil.
Opals, Friday Dec. 13, 12 noon, lunch at the Stockwell Hotel.
Pack honey biscuits for Christmas Eve, between Langmeil services, Sunday Dec. 15.

NOTICES

Changes of December services

Due to the Call Meeting on Dec. 8 and the unavailability of Faith's Harvest Centre after Dec. 13, there have been some changes made to the advertised service plan.

These are the changes

Sunday Dec. 8: Combined service at Faith, 9 am, followed by the Call Meeting. No FUEL in December.

Christmas Eve – Tues. Dec. 24: We will have our own service at 7:00 p.m. in the Langmeil Centre.

Sunday Dec. 29: No longer a combined service. Langmeil 8:45 am and 10:30 am, Pastor Jim.

**** Note that December rosters have changed. Revised rosters (pink) have been placed in church letter-boxes, or you can see them online.

Urgent: We are in need of additional stewards to help with setting up for Holy Communion at the 8:45 am service - first and third Sundays of the month. Your turn would be about every 3 months. Contact David Mattschoss or Mark Pfitzner.

'Carols of Christmas' a new daily devotion book for Advent from the Lutheran Tract Mission, is now available from the Langmeil office. Each day the focus is on a different carol and contains a short reflection, Bible reading and prayer. Advent starts on December 1, so pick up a copy in good time!

Packs of 2025 Offering Envelopes (\$10) are now available in the fellowship area or from the church office during the week.

Honey Biscuits: For our Christmas Eve service we are again asking members to provide 200 honey biscuits. Please add your name to the list in the fellowship area if you can help with baking some of these. They will be packed on December 15.

2025 L.L.L. Calendars are now available in The Link or from the Church office.

Lutheran Care Christmas Donations: The items that are required to make up 2024 hampers are from the office. You are welcome to leave items in our fellowship area or bring to the Langmeil office by Sunday December 15.

ROSTERS: December 8

Clean TLC: Tim and Vicki Rochow, Rod and Pam Chapman, John and Kathleen Clarke

Yard Cleaning: Ev Leske, Des Schille

