



**Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter**  
**Sunday, 23 March 2025**  
**Interim Pastor: Paul Kerber      Liturgical Colour – Violet**

*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**

**SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025**

***Bethany No Service***

Grace St Paul's 9:00am HC Pr Geoff Havelberg  
Children's Service

***Langmeil No Services***

Lyndoch 10:30am Pr Detlev Vosgerau  
Tabor 9:00am HC Pr Peter Hartwich  
10:30am German Service Gerhard Ruediger

**WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH**

Lenten Evening Service  
7:30 pm Tabor Pr Paul Kerber

**SUNDAY 30 MARCH**

Combined Service 9:00am  
Faith Lutheran College Junior Campus  
Harvest Centre

**WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL**

Lenten Evening Service  
7:30 pm Tabor Pr Paul Kerber

**BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY 16 MARCH**

The First Reading: The First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9 Come to the Lord, who is merciful  
Psalm 63:1-8

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Do not take God's grace for granted

The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 Repent or die!

**Readings for your Devotions**

**Sunday** - Luke 13:1-9

**Monday** - Matthew 15:1-20

**Tuesday** - Annunciation - Matthew 15:21-28

**Wednesday** - Matthew 15:29-39

**Thursday** - Matthew 16:1-12

**Friday** - Matthew 16:13-20

**Saturday** - Psalm 32

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,

look in mercy on our heartfelt desires,  
and stretch out your mighty hand to defend us.

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**

Merciful God, you have given us so much,  
without money and without price. Help us to  
freely give of ourselves in serving you and  
loving other people.

**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 and  
Pastor Paul Kerber.

**THIS WEEK'S QUOTE**

God's sustaining Grace helps you keep standing when you're tired.

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**SOUTHERN BAROSSA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SBLC Governance Council Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2024**

As per the Heads Of Agreement document and associated Governance Policy, the SBLC Governance Council has overall responsibility for implementing the vision as outlined in the 'Framing our Vision for the future' document that was agreed upon in September 2023. This report is a summary of the main activities and achievements in 2024. A copy of the Annual Report is attached to this newsletter.

**LCA-NZ Change to Teaching on Women's Ordination** - Bishop Andrew Brook and Assistant Bishop for Mission, Pastor Stephen Schultz, have accepted an invitation from the Grace Leadership Team to meet with members of SBLC congregations who would like to hear from them as they walk us through what has changed since general synod to the teachings of the LCA-NZ and what has not. This meeting will be held in St Paul's church on Tuesday evening, 25th March commencing at 7.00pm.

### **SBLC LENTEN EVENING SERIES: "The Hand of the Lord who ...."**

It is no surprise that mentions of hands appear all over the Bible as God's Word speaks to us in ways that we can understand. All things are the work of the hand of the Lord (Psalm 102:25).

The Lord's hand is active in creation, power, control over happenings of the world, judgment, and salvation. The hand of the Lord has come to us in Jesus. Examples throughout Scripture speak of the way that Christ used his hands, alongside his life-giving words, to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation. The work of Christ's hands helps us to see the merciful and personal way that he has acted in love to save us and give us hope.

Here is the schedule of dates and themes ....

<b>DATE</b>	<b>THEME</b>	<b>PASTOR</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>March 26</b>	- "The Hand of the Lord who Heals the sick"	Paul Kerber	Tabor
<b>April 2</b>	- "The Hand of the Lord who Raises the dead"	Ian Lutze	Langmeil
<b>April 9</b>	- "The Hand of the Lord who Holds all things"	Brian Schwarz	Schoenborn

### **SBLC Men's Shed Fellowship**

David Braunack will be hosting the next Men's Shed at his property at 19 Stelzer Rd. Tanunda, on Friday 28th March. Please arrive from 6pm and enjoy food, fellowship, views and interesting historic displays.

BYO chairs, food, drinks and eating utensils.

For further information, please contact Jarome Graetz - 0438 797 300

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## **FRIENDS OF THE SBLC – NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **Sprocket Rockets and Hugamugs**

Hugamugs gather at 10am on Tuesday (March 18th) at Wanera (65 Murray St, Angaston) and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (March 20th) after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

### **Young Life Barossa March Update**

**wyldlife:** Years 5-7, 1st of April from 6pm, for more information contact Tiffany on 0466039463 or email [tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au](mailto:tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au)

**Club:** years 8-12, 25th of March and 8th of April from 6pm. To find out more contact Sophie on [sophie@younglife.org.au](mailto:sophie@younglife.org.au)

We are still seeking donations for Breakfast clubs of biscuits, milo and long-life milk. If you could please drop them off at our office at Langmeil we would really appreciate it.

### **Young Life Cans & Bottles Run**

The Young Life Barossa team will be rallying together on April 16th to collect local Cans + Bottles donations to raise funds that support us in taking local Barossa young people on the annual Young Life Australia national Summer Camp.

We are calling out to anyone who has a stash of cans and bottles that they haven't had the chance to take to the recycling plant. We would love to take these off your hands! If you are keen to support us in this venture of supporting young people in our local community, then please get in contact with Tiffany Voigt at [tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au](mailto:tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au) to organise a collection of your donations on the morning of April 16th.

### **Funday Sunday 2025.**

Funday Sunday is back in 2025. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful opportunity for our Barossa Churches to work together to 'bless' our local community with this amazing free event please contact Carly at [carlykroehn@outlook.com](mailto:carlykroehn@outlook.com) or mobile 0421 765 550. The next meeting will be held 7:00pm, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April at The Christian Community Hub, 83 Murray St Tanunda.

**Chatty Cafe** - Wednesday's 9.30-11.30am @ Lyndoch Church Hall, 7 Margaret St Lyndoch. Brought to you by Lutheran Care/Community Connections.

**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

## **Friends of Lutheran Archives AGM and General Meeting**

Thursday 27th March 2025

7.00 pm for the AGM & 7.30 pm for the general meeting. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide

### **The Biar family divided: Emigrants to two continents**

**Speaker: Geoff** Saegenschnitter

While researching and publishing the Biar family history in Australia in 1971, Geoff Saegenschnitter discovered that the Biar family were of Wendish origin rather than German, and that two Biar brothers left their home in Groditz, Saxony within two months of each other in 1854. One went to Texas USA and the other to South Australia, never to see each other again. Quite by accident, 41 letters from SA to the Biar family in Texas from 1881 to 1926 to successive generations of the Biar family were found and have been translated.

Today, Geoff maintains contact with the family in Australia, USA and Germany and is a member of the Wendish Heritage societies in SA, Victoria and Texas, and his presentation will focus on all these aspects. Geoff is the current Chairman of FoLA. All welcome, supper included, \$5 Donation

LIVESTREAM on FoLA YouTube channel: [uhttps://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live](https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live)

### **Northern Light Catholic Parish Music Workshop**

12-2pm Saturday 29th March at St Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Branson Crescent Kapunda. Shared lunch to start (please bring a plate of food to share) followed by the workshop. RSVP 25th March 2025 by email [nlparish@adam.com.au](mailto:nlparish@adam.com.au) or phone 8566 2064.

**Lutheran Homes Barossa** is seeking an experienced finance professional who is interested in a fulfilling and rewarding opportunity in the position of Finance Manager. This key role offers strategic leadership for the organisation's corporate and financial governance. To find out more contact Paul Bell on 0412 552 302. Applications close Sunday 30th March 2025.

### **Thank You from Lutheran Care**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed during Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations. The donations have certainly re-stocked our food pantry and we are so thankful!

#### **Items needed this month - thank you for your generosity**

Shampoo and Conditioner

2in1 Shampoo and Conditioners

Toothpaste

Men's and Women's Deodorant

### **Emergency Food Availability**

#### **Tanunda**

**Lutheran Care** – MacDonnell St, opposite The Clubhouse

Emergency Relief appointments available for Food, Vouchers and Material Assistance

Mon-Thu 9am-12pm

**The Christian Community Hub** - 83 Murray St Tanunda, provides frozen meals Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

#### **Nuriootpa**

**Community Kitchen - Uniting Church Hall**, 54 Murray St, Nuriootpa, Free Takeaway Meals Tuesdays between 6pm-7pm and Thursdays Dine-in or Takeaway 5pm-6:30pm

**Foodbank Mobile Hub** - iSee Church, 7 Siegersdorf Rd, Nuriootpa, Foodbank every alternate Monday 11am-12:30pm

iSee Church - 7 Siegersdorf Rd, Nuriootpa, Emergency Relief Food parcels and free food rescue items every second Monday opposite to Foodbank

#### **Lyndoch**

**Emergency Food Hub at Lyndoch Lutheran Church** provides frozen meals and Apex Bakery bread.

If you would like to access meals please contact:

Wendy Liebelt

0407 244 985

Angela Lange

0416 745 950

Jo Herrmann

0458 065 422

### **LCANZ News**

**Lutheran Media News** - go to [www.lutheranmedia.org.au](http://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](http://www.messagesofhope.org.au)

## **Bethany Tabor Parish**

Box 115, Tanunda, 5352. Telephone: 0418 632 006 Child Safe/SMO Coordinator Marilyn Mensforth

### **Bethany/Tabor Members' Care**

If you or someone you know has a need and would like a Pastor, someone to visit or phone, a DVD of the service, prayer, or some other help, please speak to: Dennis Canute 0417 837422, Raelene Falland 0407 632032, Kay Kleemann 04 065425, Helen Menzel 0409 283201, Geoff Nicolai 0401 424503, Trevor Ratsch 0403 561709, Anne Schmidt 0408 002726, Daph Schmidt 0417 834661, Steven Sickerdick 0408 835004, or Dianne Trenberth 0488 558502. The people listed will refer you to Pastor Paul Kerber or another pastor as soon as possible.

**Bulletin Notices:** email to [bethanytanunda@gmail.com](mailto:bethanytanunda@gmail.com) by 2:00pm Wednesday

### **We Remember in Prayer**

If you or anyone you know needs prayer or wishes to be added to the prayer list please contact Nathan Semmler 0411 598 094 or Geoff Nicolai 0401 424 503 or email your request to [bethanytanunda@gmail.com](mailto:bethanytanunda@gmail.com) and we will include them in the bulletin prayer list.

**The Sick:** Matthew Roesler, Emma Habermann, Pat King, Elsie Kroschel, Anne Schmidt.

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### **Families:**

Chris, Tracey, Dylan, Hannah & Ryan Sonntag  
James & Chris Bartsch

Kristee Smith  
Kevin & Erica Bartsch

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

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## **Grace – Tanunda**

## **Bethlehem – Schoenborn**

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

Merv Storton	0488 743 323	<a href="mailto:evries@ihug.com.au">evries@ihug.com.au</a>
Elizabeth Jaeschke	0459 472 836	<a href="mailto:n.jaeschke@bigpond.com">n.jaeschke@bigpond.com</a>
Trevor Braunack	0409 633 829	<a href="mailto:schonborn@bigpond.com">schonborn@bigpond.com</a>
Howard Wittwer	0459 399 967	<a href="mailto:hrwittwer@aussiebroadband.com.au">hrwittwer@aussiebroadband.com.au</a>

OR contact your A or B leader; if you have any needs, issues or concerns, or require pastoral support.

**Readings:** Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9, Psalm 63

**Songs:** AT332, AT6, AT137, AT345

**We believe, teach and confess** - To read why we should receive Holy Communion often. Ask at the Hub for a printed copy. *Taken from the Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, CPH, 2017.*

**Coffee, cake, conversation, company** – experience all four at Black Bird Coffee House, Tanunda, on Friday 28th March at 2 pm, when Grace ladies and friends meet for an hour or so. Contact Wendy Steinberner (0409 632 916) or Julie Weckert (0427 311 596) if you need transport.

**LCA-NZ Change to Teaching on Women's Ordination - Bishop Andrew Brook and Assistant Bishop for Mission, Pastor Stephen Schultz, have accepted** an invitation from the Grace Leadership Team to meet with members of Grace and other SBLC congregations who would like hear from them as they walk us through what has changed since general synod to the teachings of the LCA-NZ and what has not. They will then answer questions and help us understand what options are open to us as we consider this matter. This meeting will be held in **St Paul's church on this Tuesday evening, 25th March commencing at 7.00pm.**

**St John's Cemetery Pine Trees Removal** – over the past eighteen months, the Cemetery Committee have been considering options to remove the pine trees in the cemetery grounds. Many of the trees are diseased and dying and experts have recommended that they ALL be removed at the same time. After seeking multiple quotes for the cutting down and removal of the pines, the committee have made a recommendation to the Board of Admin for the engagement of Farm Pride Services and Hunter Brothers Earthmovers to complete this task. The overall cost will be up to \$35,000 to come from funds held in the Cemetery bank account. Due to the cost involved, this will need to be agreed by the congregation. In order for this project to be undertaken in May, a Special General Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 immediately following service on that day. The motion will be from the Board of Administration recommending that this project proceed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please see Rob Schiller, Roger Both, Ivan Moll or any on the Cemetery Committee. We would like to see all concerns addressed before the meeting is held to vote on proceeding.

**We celebrate this week:**

**Upcoming Birthdays:** Dianne Schmaal

**Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries:** Marie Nitschke; Erin Heinrich; Rohan Jericho

**Please pray**

- Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are in need. We especially pray for Heather Bergen, Jolie Zadow, Pauline Fromm, Loris Pullen, and Mavis Graue.
- We pray for our fellow saints and for all their loved ones, especially today we pray for Travers & Helen Ratsch; Michael & Judith Ratsch; Coral & Robert Ratsch; John & Jess Richardson, John Junior, Jacob. You know all their needs, into Your fatherly hands we entrust them.

**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](mailto:abartsch7@gmail.com)

**Bulletin/Newsletter Notices** please contact Jeanette Marschall, email [jeanette@groomwines.com](mailto: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.

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**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: Lilli Scheer, Eric Pfeiffer, Bernard Lane, Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Vera Menz, Howard Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS. SBLC Groups and Pastor Paul Kerber.

**Birthdays:** March 23 - Edith Unger, 24 - Otto Krzoska, 25 - David Lindner, Raelene Graetz, David Roesler, 26 - Rosemary Gardner-Smith

### **THIS WEEK AT LANGMEIL**

Confirmation, Monday March 24, 3:30 p.m.

SA/NT District Staff Retreat Day, Tuesday March 25, 10 a.m. at Langmeil

Meeting at Grace St. Paul's, Tuesday March 25, 7 p.m. (See below)

Lenten Evening, Wed. March 26, 7:30 p.m. at Tabor, Pastor Paul Kerber

Men's Fellowship, Friday March 28, 6 p.m. at David Braunack's.

Combined SBLC service at the Harvest Centre, Sunday March 30, 9:00 a.m.

## NOTICES

### LENTEN DISPLAY

**You will notice that our Lenten display, on the right hand side of the church, changes each week.**

This is because we are following the theme of our Lenten evenings "The Hand of the Lord who ..." This past week it was "...casts out demons". Do take note of our changing stories! But a special encouragement to come along on Wednesday evenings to hear for yourself!

### LCANZ CHANGE TO TEACHING ON WOMEN'S ORDINATION

You are invited to attend a meeting with SANT District officials this Tuesday evening to hear more about this and other topics. Check out the details in the main SBLC section of this newsletter.

### HOME-MADE BISCUITS

We are looking for people to provide home-made biscuits for our combined service (for which Langmeil has responsibility) on Sunday March 30. If you can help, or have any questions, please contact Lorna Schiller, 0438 844 116.

### SETTING UP HARVEST CENTRE: Saturday March 29.

Volunteers needed please to help with set-up for the combined service on Sunday March 30. Meet at the school at 9 a.m. Saturday March 29th. Questions to Mark Pfitzner.

**LANGMEIL A.G.M.** Sunday May 4, between services.

Please have any items for the Agenda to Emma Hiscock by Wed. April 16. Six-monthly reports due to the church office by the same date.

### COMMUNION STEWARDS URGENTLY REQUIRED - Men and Women

Please prayerfully consider if you would be able to assist with the set up and clean up procedures when we have communion services. Ideally, we would like to have 2 more people (male or female) on this roster. Please direct any enquiries to the church office.

**STEP BACK IN TIME:** at Bethany, April 23-25

If you would like to volunteer to help out at this event or are happy to donate items of food, please pick up a form from The Link.

### ROSTERS: March 29

Clean TLC: Richard and Raelene Graetz, Garry and Carolyn Heintze, Grant and Jo Herrmann.

Yard Cleaning: Ev Leske, Des Schiller

### SUNDAY MARCH 16

Attendance: 54 (8:45 am) + 77 (10:30 am) = 131

Offering: \$2,371.15 + \$1,569.60 (REG) = \$3,940.75

Church Office: 0493 797 220

Office Hours: 9:00 am - 12 noon, Mon - Friday

Admin Sec: Colleen Bryan 0434 247 717

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## Lyndoch Parish

## "WHERE LOVE COMES TO LIFE"

**Keep in your Prayers:** Di & Gary Gilson; Amelia Rozycki; Jenni Edwards; Monica Wohlstadt; George Davies; Ed & Lorraine Schild; Gwen Heinrich; Irene Liebelt; Iris Kies; Ron Fromm, Shirley & Don Wegener

**Songs @ Lyndoch** Jesus paid it all, AT 296, Follow on, I love to tell the story

**Diary dates:** 6 April Guest speaker- Louise Hickinbotham from Lutheran Care

**Lyndoch**

10.30am Lay Worship

**Rowland Flat**

9am Lay Worship

**Lyndoch Women's Fellowship- Wednesday 2 April @ the hall. All welcome.**

**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 0437060719 for more information.

**Giving:** To give electronically

\*lyndoch lutheran church reg account: bsb 704 942 acc. no. 100148638

\*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](mailto:wenedy96@gmail.com)

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7 Margaret Street (PO Box 396) Lyndoch SA 5351      Lyndoch Chair - Steve Fiebiger 0448294696

Lyndoch Pastoral Assistants - Grant Fewster 0419854941    Cheryl Williams 0429916402

Rowland Flat Pastoral Assistant– Tania Heinrich 0409679164

Parish Administration Officer: [wenedy96@gmail.com](mailto:wenedy96@gmail.com)