



Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday, 9 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 9 MARCH 2025

Bethany 10:30am HC. Pr. Paul Kerber
Grace - St Paul's No Service
Langmeil 8:45am. Pr. Jim Bryan 10:30am FUEL
Lyndoch 9:00am HC. Pr. Graham Jenke
Tabor 9:00am HC. Pr. Paul Kerber

WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH

Grace – St. John's 2:00pm HC. Pr. Paul Kerber

Lenten Evening Service

7:30pm Grace St Paul's Pr. Greg Schiller

SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025

Bethany No Service

Grace St Paul's 9:00am HC Pr Paul Kerber
Harvest Thanksgiving
Langmeil 8:45am HC and 10:30am HC
Pr Gus Schutz

Lyndoch No service

Tabor 9:00am 175th Anniversary + Godly Play
Pr Robert Schubert and Pr David Gogoll

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

Lenten Evening Service

7:30 pm Lyndoch Pr. Jim Bryan

BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY 9 MARCH

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Thank-offering for the mighty acts of God

Psalms 91:1,2,9-16

The Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13 The Christian confession: Jesus is Lord

The Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 Jesus tempted

Readings for your Devotions

Sunday - Luke 4:1–13

Monday - Matthew 13:1–17

Tuesday - Matthew 13:18–23

Wednesday - Matthew 13:24–30

Thursday - Matthew 13:31–35

Friday - Matthew 13:36–43

Saturday - Psalm 27

Prayer of the Day

Lord, in mercy listen to our prayers.

Stretch out your mighty hand

to defend us from all the evil we face.

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

Generous God,
use us and the many gifts you give us out of
your great goodness,
for service to you and to our fellow human
beings.

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

Lord, meet me in my weakness. Amen.

SOUTHERN BAROSSA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SBLC MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

The Southern Barossa Lutheran Church (SBLC) Ministry Team was established in September 2024 and has been meeting monthly ever since. This dedicated team is made up of individuals who are passionate about empowering and equipping our community to share the love of Jesus with everyone.

The team members are representative of all the congregations and include: Jo Herrmann (Leader) Rachel Brown (Confirmation Coordinator) Merv Storton (Pastoral Care Team) Mark Pfitzner (Worship Team) Travis Schiller (Children's Ministry Team) Sophie Wilksch (Young Life) Jarome Graetz, Carly Kroehn, Angela Lange, Ian Lange, Tim Kroehn and Dave Zadow.

The team started by reviewing the current ministries within the SBLC region and were surprised by the wide range of opportunities available for our community to serve the Lord and others. This exercise provided a valuable starting point for future planning.

The next step was to identify the key areas and age groups that need attention and focus. As a group, it was agreed that the children and young people of SBLC should be the primary focus. By building relationships with them, we hope they can grow together and deepen their connection with the Lord. A full copy of this report is available with this newsletter.

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 planned schedule of dates and themes

DATE	THEME	PASTOR	VENUE
March 12	- “The Hand of the Lord who Creates and saves”	Greg Schiller	Grace St Paul’s
March 19	- “The Hand of the Lord who Casts out demons”	Jim Bryan	Lyndoch
March 26	- “The Hand of the Lord who Heals the sick”	Paul Kerber	Tabor
April 2	- “The Hand of the Lord who Raises the dead”	Ian Lutze	Langmeil
April 9	- “The Hand of the Lord who Holds all things”	Brian Schwarz	Schoenborn

ALPHA

Planning Meeting Tuesday 11 March 7-8pm @ Langmeil. Looking for people to help with leading, advertising, and food preparation. Interested in helping? Contact Grant Herrmann phone 0402011590 or email granth97@gmail.com

Tanunda Lutheran Women’s Fellowship Games Afternoon

1:30pm Thursday March 13th at The Langmeil Centre - Hosts: Grace

Bible Study: Pastor Paul Kerber

Project Donations: Aboriginal Missions Alice Springs Aboriginal Women’s Support Worker

FRIENDS OF THE SBLC – NEWS AND EVENTS

Papua New Guinea Lutheran Highlands Seminary mission support opportunity

In mid-March 2025 Pastor Greg Schiller is preparing to return to Papua New Guinea as a volunteer at Lutheran Highlands Seminary, Ogelbeng (near Mt. Hagen, WHP), where he will be joining the staff in training pastors and their families to serve in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea. This is a self-funded long term volunteer service where Pastor Greg is responsible for expenses over his three year commitment, and he welcomes any financial support from those who feel led to join him in this service.

Sprocket Rockets and Hugamugs

Hugamugs gather at 10am on Tuesday (March 11th) at Melba’s Chocolates (29 Valley Rd, Angaston) and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (March 13th) after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

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.

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 or phone 8566 2064.

Funday Sunday 2025.

Funday Sunday is back in 2025. Or at least it will be with your support. 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, you may RSVP to this email or contact Carly at carlykroehn@outlook.com or mobile 0421 765 550. The next meeting will be held 7:00pm, Monday 7th April at The Christian Community Hub, 83 Murray St Tanunda.

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

'Miraculous Jesus'

'Who is this man Jesus?' He was able to do things no one else could. It was prophesised back before He was born that things would happen to Him and there would be things He could do that would amaze us all. Jesus is God's Son come to earth to heal, touch, teach and show the love of God. Each devotion will focus on the love of God working through Jesus' miracles.

Printed copies of the 2025 Lenten Devotional are now available from Langmeil and The Hub.

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne plays Vivaldi, Mozart & Paganini

Classics from Germany presented by world class soloists Sergey Didorenko (violin) and Dmitrij Gornowskij (cello) Tuesday, 11th March 2025 at 7 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tanunda

Giveaway - are you interested in old newspapers (Advertiser and local) and magazines from the 70s, 80s, 90s. Phone Jeff Liersch on 8563 2584

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 and frozen bread Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

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. If you would like to access meals please contact:

Angela Lange

0416 745 950

Wendy Liebelt

0407 244 985

Jo Herrmann

0458 065 422

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

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 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 and we will include them in the bulletin prayer list.

We pray for the family of Coral Kennett who passed away peacefully on Thursday 27th February. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they navigate their grief. We pray that You provide them with strength and comfort.

The Sick: Matthew Roesler, Emma Habermann, Pat King, Elsie Kroschel, Samantha Bartsch, Anne Schmidt, Michelle Schmidt

Families:

Nick, Amanda & Maksim Sipovac

Geoff & Lizha, Joshua, Kimberley Arthurson

Nadia, Indie & Arizona Sherwood

Marlene Baraglia

Bethany:

Prayer Room at Bethany Church office – Tuesday morning prayer group 9.15 – 10.30am. Contact Karen for info 0408 600 480

Bethany Members: Church Council Notes.

LCA SA/NT District Synod. Council has appointed Geoff Nicolai to attend as our delegate.

The old projector screen is no longer of use. if you would like to take it off our hands, please contact Dennis Canute. First in, first served.

Church repairs. Restoration of the church will begin on Tuesday 11th March. The contractors will move the pews, but help **will be required** to move other furniture. This will take place after service on Sunday 9th March.

There will be no worship service at Bethany on Sunday 23rd March.

Straw shed. A BIG thank you to all of those who helped with re-thatching the barn and animal sheds. More needs to be done, but it is an excellent start.

Cheryse Zagler will be vacating the kitchen and hall after Good Friday. She is moving to new premises. We wish her well in her future location.

AGM will be held after service on Sunday 25th May. All reports should be sent to Dennis Canute by end of April.

WHS Record Book. This book is now located in the foyer of the toilet block. All volunteers must sign in and out at working bees at the church and cemeteries.

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

Grace – Tanunda

Bethlehem – Schoenborn

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

Merv Storton 0488 743 323 evries@ihug.com.au
Elizabeth Jaeschke 0459 472 836 n.jaeschke@bigpond.com
Trevor Braunack 0409 633 829 schonborn@bigpond.com
Howard Wittwer 0459 399 967 hrwittwer@aussiebroadband.com.au

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

No service at Grace this week, our opportunity to worship at another SBLC church.

Next week, 16th March, will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's, 9am.

Harvest donations can be brought to St Paul's Hall from 4pm-5.30pm Saturday or before service Sunday morning. Schoenborn Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held at 10.30am on March 16th.

We believe, teach and confess -To read about the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion), ask at the Hub for a printed copy. *Taken from the Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, CPH, 2017)*

Progress on LCA NZ Ordination discussion – As agreed at our ABM in December, the Board of Admin and PA's have been meeting to summarise and categorise comments and questions raised by our members following the general synod decision to change LCA NZ teaching on ordination. We have also sought direction from the Assistant Bishop for Mission, Pastor Stephen Schultz who has indicated that he would like to come and visit our congregation to walk us through what has changed since general synod to the teachings of the LCA NZ and what has not. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and to help us understand what options are open to us in considering this matter. I also plan to meet with LMA President, Pastor Matt Anker for a discussion, not only around the ordination issue but also to talk about their ongoing regular use of our facilities. Following this, we will schedule further congregation discussions to address this important matter.

David Saegenschnitter, Grace Tanunda Chairman

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, 6th 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 Wedding Anniversaries: Marcus & Margaret Kleinig

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: Trevor Mattner; Dianne Saegenschnitter; Kirsten Schiller

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.

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

Bulletin/Newsletter Notices please contact Jeanette Marschall, email 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.

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 (hip operation on March 17), 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.

Birthdays: March 9 - Joshua Graetz, 11 - Richard Graetz.

THIS WEEK AT LANGMEIL

FUEL, Sunday March 9, 10:30 a.m. Cuppa from 10 a.m.

Confirmation, Monday March 10, 3:30 p.m.

Administration Team, Monday March 10, 7:30 p.m.

Alpha Planning Meeting, Tuesday March 11, 7-8 p.m. at Langmeil

Lenten Evening, Wed. March 12, at Grace St. Paul’s, 7:30 p.m., Pastor Greg Schiller.

Women’s Fellowship, Thursday March 13, 1:30 p.m.

FURTHER AHEAD

Lenten Evening, Wed. March 19, 7:30 p.m. at Lyndoch, Pastor Jim Bryan

Opals, Friday March 21, 12 noon, lunch at the Tanunda Club.

NOTICES

OUR OFFERINGS

Since Covid intervened, offerings have been received as we enter the church. This can be tricky for visitors who wish to make an offering but do not notice the plate, or even for us, who can easily do the same without meaning to. The Worship Team has taken the decision that we revert to ‘passing the plate’; to receive our offering, as many other congregations have done. This will commence next Sunday - March 16.

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. Please contact David Mattschoss (0438 135 812) and he can explain this important duty in more details. Ideally, we would like to have 2 more people (male or female) on this roster.

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.

NEW LOCKS, OLD KEYS!!

Please note, some of the locks within the Langmeil Centre have been replaced this week. These are the passage-into-the-church door and the vestry door. The lock on the door into The Link will also be changed shortly.

For these doors you will not need to use your **yellow-tagged key**.

If you do not have this key, please speak with Colleen at the office.

ROSTERS: March 8

Clean TLC: Andy and Marlene Thurlow, Bob and Robyn Sloane, David and Valerie West.

Yard Cleaning: Peter Robinson, Erich Holzknicht

SUNDAY MARCH 2

Attendance: 64 (8:45 am) + 74 (10:30 am) = 138

Offering: \$1,573.50 + \$1,569.60 (REG) = \$3,143.10

Church Office: 0493 797 220

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

Admin Sec: Colleen Bryan 0434 247 717