



Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter
Wednesday, 24 December 2025
CHRISTMAS - A SEASON OF FAITH, FAMILY and FELLOWSHIP

SBLC CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES MINISTRY: CHRISTMAS EVE
"THE GOSPEL WRITERS CHRISTMAS CATCHUP"

This year for Christmas Eve, SBLC services have been coordinated to try and meet varying needs within our community. In addition to the service in the Lyndoch community, within Tanunda we have looked to provide both an outreach nativity service to cater for a wider audience at the BAC as well as a Church hosted nativity presentation (at Grace - St Pauls) for those that prefer that environment.

As we come together, finding ways to be more efficient with resources is important and in this way the two nativity presentations will be using the same script which has come from the creativity of some of our local pre confirmation members.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Christmas Eve to share the story of the birth of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER 2025

Combined Service Bethany, Tabor and Langmeil
6:00pm Barossa Arts Centre
Faith Senior Campus
Grace St Paul's 6:00pm Children's Service
Pr Mike Semmler
Lyndoch 7:00pm Community Service at Lyndoch Institute

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER 2025

Bethany/Tabor Parish service at Bethany PR Gus Schulz
Grace St Paul's 9:00am Carols and Readings
Langmeil 8:45 HC & 10:30am HC Pr Ken Pfitzner
Lyndoch 9:00am Parish Service @ Rowland Flat
Pr Graham Jenke
Schoenborn No service
Tabor @ Bethany - see above

NEW YEARS EVE 31 DECEMBER 2025

SBLC Combined Service - Grace St Paul's 7:30pm HC Pr Jim Bryan

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER 2025

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Greg Schiller
Grace St John's 9:00am HC Pr Graham Jenke
Langmeil no services
Lyndoch 10:30am HC Pr Gus Schutz
Tabor 9:00am HC Pr Greg Schiller

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2026

Bethany 10:30am
Grace St Paul's 9:00am
Langmeil 8:45 HC & 10:30am HC Pr Greg Schiller
Lyndoch 10:30am
Schoenborn 9:00am
Tabor No Service

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.

Please pray for the SBLC

We are grateful, Lord Jesus, that your story has become our story, and we celebrate your birth to take to heart the wonder of your love, that we may walk in your ways and delight in your will.

Help us, Lord God, to be the faithful, gracious, loving, giving and forgiving people you would have us be. May we focus on the positive and not the negative as we gather with family and friends. Fill us with the Christmas spirit of joy. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

Christ's love is the heart of Christmas-
may your heart be filled with joy, hope, love and peace.

Prayer of the Church for the Feast of the Holy Family, First Sunday after Christmas

God's Son grew up knowing the joy and pain of a human family. Let us pray to our Father in heaven that he would enrich our families and every family on earth.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that through the death and resurrection of Jesus, your Son received in baptism, we are now adopted members of your holy family, the church. You have included us and called us into your family by your grace. For this we thank you and ask you to help us live as faithful members of your family so that through our witness, many more are adopted into your holy family.

We thank you for the holy family through whom you entered our world as human being. Thank you for the faith of Mary and Joseph and all others who nurtured our Lord as he grew up to take up his calling for us.

We thank you for our own families. We thank you for our parents, siblings, extended family and many others through whom you have poured out your grace into our hearts and brought us this far by faith. Bless all families, particularly those facing difficult relationships and conflict.

Father, bless married couples. Give them renewed respect and love for each other. Bless those who are single. Reveal your will for them in their calling. Bless couples who cannot have children. Help them be great blessing to many. Give all parents great patience and love to nurture the gospel in their children. Give children all they need to live at peace with their parents so that families are built up in love.

Bless our nation, Australia, as a new year soon begins. Help us find reconciliation and true appreciation between the diverse peoples of this land, including the indigenous peoples. Protect all newly arrived refugees and migrants. Keep our country from racial violence and unrest and help us live in peace as we acknowledge different people, acknowledge the past and strive for the future together.

This holiday season, be near to those who have no family close or whose families are a cause of great sadness or pain. You be their family and help your church communities everywhere welcome and serve them.

God, our kind and loving heavenly Father, Jesus, our older brother and Saviour, and Holy Spirit, our wisdom, power for living and guide, unite your whole family, here on earth, and in the world to come. All glory and honour are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

SOUTHERN BAROSSA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUGGESTIONS PLEASE!

**HELP US NAME OUR
NEW CONGREGATION**

As we form one congregation, we need a new name that represents our united community and vision statement.

You're invited to share your name ideas and a short reason for your choice.

Submit written or emailed suggestions by
January 16th 2026,
to The Hub
E: cchubtan@gmail.com
83 Murray Street, Tanunda 5352

*A shortlist will be prepared by
the Governance Council and Ministry Team
for members to choose from and use after amalgamation.*

SBLC SAFE CHURCH STATEMENT

The Southern Barossa Lutheran Church is committed to providing a safe church environment for children, young people and vulnerable people. The Southern Barossa Lutheran Church acknowledges that children are a precious gift from God, with special vulnerabilities, that they require nourishment and nurture in their spiritual development and that they are to be protected from all forms of abuse. Southern Barossa Lutheran Church also affirms that it has no tolerance for child abuse and that all its people have an important responsibility to care for children and to keep them safe. The way we care for children reflects our genuineness of faith. It is also a reflection of God's love and his divine protection.

SBLC Child Safe/SMO Coordinators

Bethany/Tabor - Marilyn Mensforth bethanytaborsccoord@gmail.com

Grace/Schoenborn - Jenny Noll jedanoll@gmail.com

Langmeil - Emma Hiscock emma.hiscock@lca.org.au

Lyndoch - Graham Fromm grahamfromm@outlook.com

YOUNG LIFE

Summer Camp 2026 - Our National Young Life Summer Camp is set for the 12th to 17th of January 2026 at Jindabyne, NSW. If you have a young person in high school, this is a great opportunity for them to go out and adventure with some local volunteers that love Jesus and have a heart for young people. For more information see: younglife.org.au/summercamp or contact Tiffany on tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au. Please pray for our Young Life volunteers. Pray for energy and continued relationship building. Pray for young people to sign up to camp and the travel logistics. Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Sprocket days all fall on Thursdays so we'll start up again on January 6th and 8th.

The Christian Community Hub and the GOoD SEED will re-open 12th January 2026

Wishing you all Christmas Blessings and a Joyous and Happy New Year.

Thank you for your support of The Hub and The GOoD SEED.

We look forward to working with you in 2026.

The Staff and Volunteers at The Hub and The GOoD SEED.

Any suggestions for a new name for the new combined congregation can be emailed to the Hub or posted through the front door.

The Christian Community Hub

83 Murray Street

Tanunda Phone 8563 3748

"PRESENCE: Discover God in Everyday Life"

Begins Wednesday 21 January 2026 – 6pm (includes dinner)

At Zion Lutheran Church, 85 Murray Street Angaston.

Start the new year with a fresh sense of God's presence in your daily rhythms.

Our adaption of the **LCA 'Presence' Course** is a relaxed, engaging, 10-week journey that helps you: notice God at work around you, grow in confidence as a follower of Jesus, and live your faith naturally in everyday moments. **Come as you are. Bring a curious friend.**

Everyone is welcome — whether exploring faith or wanting to go deeper.

Register now - speak with Pastor Rob on 0437 184 044 or email your interest to angastonlutheran@gmail.com — spaces are limited!

LCANZ 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

**KYB 2026
INTRODUCTORY TOUR**
Tuesday 3rd February
The Christian Community Hub
83 Murray Street, Tanunda
Speaker: Val Zerna
9:30 Commencing with
Morning Tea
Tanunda
RSVP Contact Dianne
Mob: 0417 819 722



Val Zerna
Val has led mission trips in a number of countries and her greatest joy is sharing the truth of God's Word and encouraging people in their walk with God.

Topic: Selected Psalms (Part 1)
All Welcome

Bethany Tabor Parish

Box 115, Tanunda, 5352. Telephone: 0418 632 006

Bethany/Tabor Members' Care

Do you or someone you know has a need, prayer or help and would like a pastor or someone to visit or phone, 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.

Bethany/Tabor Notices: email to bethanytanunda@gmail.com by 2:00pm Wednesday.

We Remember in Prayer

If you or anyone you know wishes to be added to the prayer list please contact Bethany/Tabor Members' Care Team or email your request to bethanytanunda@gmail.com and we will include them in the bulletin

The Sick: Robert Pfitzner, Matthew Roesler, Emma Habermann, Pat King, Ramona Gierke.

Families:

Brian & Liz Eckermann

Paul, Luisa, Domenic & Stella Eckermann

Michael, Michelle, Sebastian & Oliver Schmidt

Roger, Sonya, Scarlett & Adelaide Schmidt

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

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

ALWS Christmas Action Appeal offering

There will be a **retiring** offering at the Christmas Eve service to support the ALWS Christmas Action appeal. The Christmas Day service offering will also support this appeal.

2026 Offering Envelopes

Your offering envelope packs are now available to collect from your pigeonholes at St Johns till the end of December. From January any remaining envelope packs will be named and placed in a box at St Pauls for collection. Thanks, Jo Bartsch

LLL Calendars are now available to collect.

We celebrate over the next few weeks:

Upcoming Birthdays: Carlene Schmaal; Helen Ratsch; Lorraine Rosenzweig; Eric Marschall; Travers Ratsch

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries: Stephen & Karen Dutschke; Peter & Wendy Gladigau; David & Jolie Zadow; Neville & Elizabeth Jaeschke

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: Mavis Graue; Jeff Liersch; Suzanne Rosenzweig; Coral Bittner

Please pray

Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are sick and in need. We especially pray for Malcolm Linke as he prepares for surgery in the new year. We pray for Irwin Beitz, for Peter Gladigau, for Jolie Zadow, for Pauline Fromm, and their families.

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.

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: David Boerth, David West, Pastor Len Gerschwitz, Eric Pfeiffer, Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Vera Menz, Howard Klaebe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

Birthdays: 25 – Mary Hentschke, 26 – Jordan Krzoska, 28 – Christine Mickan, Erich May, 30 – Kye Herrmann, January 4 – Janice Presser, 5 – Lesley Schrapel, 8 – John Keil, David Braunack, 9 – Lilli Scheer

NOTICES:

THE LANGMEIL OFFICE will be open each day over the Christmas-New Year period, except for public holidays.

AVAILABLE FROM THE LANGMEIL OFFICE: (and in The Link)

LLL 2026 Calendars

2026 Offering Envelopes, packs available for \$15.

CAN YOU HELP US? This year we have been trying to recruit 2 more persons (male or female) to assist with the set up and cleanup procedures when we have Holy Communion. If you have any questions regarding this role please contact David Mattschoss - 0438 135 812.

REG (Regular Electronic Giving)

Our BankSA a/c: Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Langmeil - BSB 105024, a/c no. 112002340

Our LLL a/c: Evangelical Lutheran Congregation Langmeil - BSB 704942, a/c no. 100009425.

If you have questions please speak with our Treasurer, Helen Schild, 0429 377 146.

ROSTERS:

Dec 27: Clean TLC: Dean and Annie Chambers, Kate Koch, Lesley Salmon

Yard Cleaning: John Keil, Brian Zimmermann

Jan 3: Clean TLC: Allen and Leanne Feuerherdt, Sven and Kathryn Kahl

Yard Cleaning: Ev Leske, Des Schiller

Jan 10: Clean TLC: Carl and Belinda Garrett, Robyn Rehn

Yard Cleaning: Harald Sames, Ian Jaensch

SUNDAY DEC. 14

Attendance: 71 (8:45 am) + 90 (10:30 am) = 161

Offering: \$1,607.00 + \$1,624.25 (REG) = \$3,231.25

Church Office: 0493 797 220

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

Admin. Sec.: Colleen Bryan 0434 247 717

Lyndoch Parish

“WHERE LOVE COMES TO LIFE”

Keep in your Prayers: Di Gilson; Jenni Edwards; Monica Wohlstadt; George Davies; Lorraine Schild; Gwen Heinrich; Iris Kies; Ron Fromm, Shirley & Don Wegener; SBLC, Lutheran Care

Diary dates:

28 December - Pastor Gus Schutz
Lyndoch: 10.30am HC

Rowland Flat: 9am HC

4 January 2026- Lay Worship
Lyndoch: 10.30am

Rowland Flat: 9am

Resignations of positions- need to be in writing to the secretary by 31 Dec. Either Lyndoch or Parish.

Book of Reports- please have reports for Parish and Lyndoch to the secretary by Sunday 18 January.

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. 10014863

*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

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

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Lyndoch Pastoral Assistants - Michael Kies 0419817203, Cheryl Williams 0429916402
Lyndoch Chair - Steve Fiebiger 0448294696
Rowland Flat Pastoral Assistant– Tania Heinrich 0409679164
Parish Administration Officer: Wendy Liebelt - lyndochlutheran@gmail.com