



Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday, 21 December 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Colour - Violet or Blue

To be a **vibrant** church community, **passionate** disciples of Christ, **empowering** and **equipping** our people to share the **love, joy** and **hope** of Jesus, by **building** relationships, teaching and serving.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025

Bethany no service
Grace St John's 9:00am HC Pr Graham Jenke
Langmeil 8:45 HC & 10:30am HC
Pr Brian Schwarz
Lyndoch 9:00am Pr Stephen Schultz
Schoenborn 10:30am HC Pr Graham Jenke
Tabor 9:00am ALWS Presentation + Godly Play
10:30am German Service Gerhard Ruediger

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER 2025

Combined Service Bethany, Tabor and Langmeil
6:00pm Barossa Arts and Convention 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

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025

The First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16 A virgin will conceive
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
The Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7 Jesus, son of David, Son of God
The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25 God's call to Joseph

Readings for your Devotions

Sunday - Matthew 1:18-25
Monday - 1 Samuel 2:1-10
Tuesday - Proverbs 8:22-31
Wednesday - Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
Thursday - Luke 2: [1-7] 8-20 or John 1:1-14
Friday - Luke 1:39-45
Saturday - Psalm 148

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

Lord, we ask you to grant us peace. Peace in our homes, peace in our churches, and peace in our hearts, when the world all around us spins out-of-control. Help us to stay focused on you, this Advent season and always.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power and come, Lord.
Support and help us,
so that what is hindered by our sins
may be hastened by your great mercy.
For you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Offering Prayer

Our loving heavenly Father,
we thank you for all the good things you have given us.
Teach us to serve you with patience and with
compassion to one another and all people.
Amen.

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

The Advent journey: Love
In the quiet of Advent, may we hear the whisper of Heaven,
"Love is on it's way".

SOUTHERN BAROSSA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
COMBINED BETHANY/TABOR and LANGMEIL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
6pm at Faith Senior Campus

Bethany/Tabor will be providing dress ups. Helpers needed. If you have a Child Safe clearance and would like to help, please contact Chris Canute on 0428 300 775

COMBINED CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – ALL WELCOME



Bethany, Tabor and Langmeil Congregations
come together to present

“The Gospel Writers Christmas Catch up”

6pm, 24th December

Barossa Arts and Convention Centre Faith Senior Campus
Magnolia Road, Tanunda

Children are welcome to come dressed up as angels or shepherds. Costumes available at the venue from 5:15pm. Bookings are required. Phone BACC on 8561 4299 to book your free tickets.

If you require wheelchair access, please mention this when booking. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

If you need assistance to book your tickets we can help you at The Christian Community Hub.

**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.

STAY ALERT, BE SCAM AWARE

Online scammers are very active at this time of year. They are getting trickier, and are often trying to fool people into giving away money or personal information by assuming the identity of someone trusted such as a Pastor. Be careful with unexpected phone calls, emails, or messages, especially if they ask for passwords, bank details, or want you to act quickly. If something feels unusual, stop and check with a trusted friend or family member. It's always better to double-check than to fall for a scam.

To find out more, go to **SCAMWATCH** - <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/> *hosted by the Australian Government*

FRIENDS OF THE SBLC – NEWS AND EVENTS **NEW LUTHERAN CARE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Lutheran Care are planning a new Community Centre and want to hear from YOU! Your ideas, needs, and feedback will help shape a space that truly serves our Barossa community. All responses are anonymous unless you choose to leave your details. To find out more or to have your say pop in to Lutheran Care in Tanunda.

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.

HUB FUNDRAISER
HALF WINE BARRELS
\$50 each

Delivery in the Barossa \$10
Come into The Hub or
phone 8563 3748 to order.



Stock up for the School Holidays

Frozen Pizza 2 for \$10

2 litres Vanilla Ice Cream \$3.50

Pick-up from The Hub 83 Murray Street Tanunda - Phone 8563 3748

THIS WEEK AT THE HUB

The Hub and Good Seed will be closed from December 24th, 2025 and will reopen 12/01/2026

The Christian Community Hub

83 Murray Street

Tanunda Phone 8563 3748



MOCULTA LUTHERAN COMMUNITY LIVE NATIVITY

Monday 22nd December.

8.00pm for 8.30pm start

798 Moculta Road, Moculta

BYO chairs and torch.

Supper of kuchen & port will be provided after the nativity.

"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!

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

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

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:

Sarah, Xavier, Estelle & Harry Dswonitzky
Roslyn Samain

Saxon Dswonitzky
Daphne 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.

Songs: AT220, AT260, Speak O Lord, AT520

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.

Upcoming Birthdays: Coral Bittner; Suzanne Rosenzweig

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries: David & Jenny Noll

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: Peter Altus; Ronald Bittner; Bev Mattner; Elaine Marshall

Please pray

We pray for our fellow saints and for all their loved ones, especially today we pray for Craig & Jan Rogasch; Neville & Lorraine Rosenzweig; Suzanne Rosenzweig; Ruth & Hedley Rohrlach.

You know all their needs, into Your fatherly hands we entrust them.

Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are sick and in need. We especially 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 Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

Birthdays: 21 - Irene Schubert, Trent Reimers, 22 - Ruth Illman, 23 - Louisa Hiscock, 25 - Mary Hentschke, 26 - Jordan Krzoska

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.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL ENVELOPES, for Lutheran Care and ALWS Christmas Action are in your letter-box. Local donations close on December 28. Our Christmas Day offerings traditionally are given to Australian Lutheran World Service.

HONEY BISCUITS: Thank you to those who baked honey biscuits, which will be distributed at the service on Christmas Eve. Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated.

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

SUNDAY DEC. 14

Attendance: 60 (8:45 am) + 40 (10:30 am) = 100

Offering: \$2,019.00 + \$1,624.25 (REG) = \$3,643.25

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

Songs at Lyndoch: Who you say, Crown Him (Christmas), LH 17, TAC 34

Diary dates: 28 December- Pastor Gus Schutz

Lyndoch: 10.30am HC

Rowland Flat: 9am HC

Baptism- TODAY of Hallie Faye Liebelt, daughter of Tyson and Eliza.

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

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.

7 Margaret Street (PO Box 396) Lyndoch SA 5351

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