



**Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter**  
**Sunday, 11 January 2026**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany, Baptism of our Lord**  
**Liturgical Colour – White**

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.

**SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026**

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Gus Schutz  
Grace St Paul's no service  
Langmeil 8:45am Traditional  
                    10:45am Contemporary Pr Jim Bryan  
Lyndoch 9:00am  
Tabor 9:00am HC Pr Gus Schutz

**WEDNESDAY JAN. 14**

Grace – St. John's 2:00 pm HC.

**SUNDAY JAN. 18**

Bethany No Service  
Grace - St Paul's 9:00 am  
Langmeil 8:45 am HC  
                    10:30 am HC Pr. Brian Schwarz  
Lyndoch 9:00 am  
Schoenborn No service  
Tabor 9:00 am, Nathan Semmler

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**BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026**

The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 The Lord's servant is a light to the nations  
Psalm 29  
The Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43 Jesus anointed with the Spirit and power  
The Gospel :Matthew 3:13-17 The baptism of Jesus

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**Daily Bible Readings**

**Sunday** - [Matthew 3:13-17](#)  
**Monday** - [Isaiah 43:1-7](#)  
**Tuesday** - [Ezekiel 36:24-28](#)  
**Wednesday** - [Acts 2:36-42](#)  
**Thursday** - [Romans 6:3-11](#)  
**Friday** - [1 John 5:6-12](#)  
**Saturday** - [Psalm 40:1-11](#)

**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

**Prayer of the Day**

Lord, in your mercy listen to the prayers of your people who call on you. Help us to see what we ought to do and give us the strength to do it. 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**

Gracious God,  
we thank you for Jesus and for being made your own children.  
Teach us to live as your precious people, filled with your Holy Spirit, doing what you want us to do.

**Please pray for the SBLC**

Dear God,  
Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. **Amen.**

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**THIS WEEK'S QUOTE**

Your Baptism is your beginning. Living it out means choosing daily to grow in holiness and love, to see your life as belonging to God, and to walk the path of faith toward eternal life with Him.

## SOUTHERN BAROSSA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our Journey Continues

2026 is now with us and we welcome the chance to continue to reflect Jesus to the community in which God has placed us. While our experience as Southern Barossa Lutheran Church may not have been what we expected, God has continued to work in and through us to accomplish His will. We have continued our worship program and strengthened our relationship with God and each other. It is encouraging that we have been able to openly discuss and resolve those matters which have concerned us as we look at amalgamating and creating new ways to work together. We look forward with excitement and expectation as we engage in the "call" process, seeking a pastor to join us in establishing ministries as one church.

“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”” Jeremiah 29:11 The “Framing our Vision for the future” statement contains the following prayer:

*God prepare our hearts for what you have for us next and give us a heart to go where you call us to go.  
Amen*

*Church Governance Council and Ministry Team*

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### 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](mailto:bethanytaborsccoord@gmail.com)

Grace/Schoenborn - Jenny Noll [jedanoll@gmail.com](mailto:jedanoll@gmail.com)

Langmeil - Emma Hiscock [emma.hiscock@lca.org.au](mailto:emma.hiscock@lca.org.au)

Lyndoch - Graham Fromm [grahamfromm@outlook.com](mailto:grahamfromm@outlook.com)

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## HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

On Tuesday January 13th Hugamugs meet at 10am at Wanera (65 Murray Street, Angaston), and Sprocket Rockets get together at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday January 15th after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am. To stay in touch via Facebook click [here](#).

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## HAPPENING AT THE HUB

### CRUISE ON 2026

The Hot Rods are rolling back into **Tanunda main street on Saturday 17 January**, and at the Hub we will be firing up the BBQ's and selling **delicious chicken yiros**.

**This is one** of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we need some awesome helpers for **two-hour shifts: 4:30–6:30pm or 6:30–8:30pm**. You can help with serving, BBQing, or kitchen prep—and don't worry, even **just an hour** of your time would be a huge help.

Are you keen to lend a hand (and have some fun)?

Call the Hub on **8563 3748** or email [cchubtan@gmail.com](mailto:cchubtan@gmail.com) for more info.

### HEAT REFUGE AT THE HUB

We are incredibly blessed to have been able to offer The Christian Community Hub as a refuge from the extreme heat over the past few days, providing a safe, cool, and welcoming space for those in our community and, some travellers during the extreme temperatures. This has been a beautiful example of what can happen when we work together.

This initiative was suggested by Pastor Will Samson from The Barossa Community Church, whose wife Teagan works in Emergency at one of our major hospitals. She made the comment that extreme heat creates one of the busiest times in Emergency Departments as many people are ill equipped to manage it. Pastor Will volunteered to be at The Hub and manage the logistics of the Heat Refuge providing water, tea, coffee and some snacks along with some great conversation.

We are blessed to have this opportunity to work together and provide care, comfort, and refuge during a time of need. We are grateful for the way this partnership allowed us to live out our faith in practical ways, serving our community and glorifying God through practical acts of kindness.

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## "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](mailto:angastonlutheran@gmail.com) — spaces are limited!**

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## LCANZ 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)

**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

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:bethanytanunda@gmail.com) and we will include them in the bulletin

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

**The Bereaved:** The family and friends of Mavis Schubert of Tabor, who passed away on 28th December. Her funeral was at Lutheran Home on Friday January 2, burial at Tabor Cemetery.

### **Families:**

Glen, Sonia, Lachlan, Zach, Britney & Erin Franz  
Michael & Anne Schmidt

Michael, Jonathon & Tiffanie Gaczol  
Ruth Schmidt

**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>

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.

### **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 this week:**

**Upcoming Birthdays:** Doug Vogelsang; Lee Giersch; Martin Kernich

**Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries:** David & Kathy Saegenschnitter

**Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries:** Adam Wagenknecht; Elaine Leditschke; Doug Vogelsang; Elsie Schiller; David Noll

### **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. We pray for Merv Storton, 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](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: Daryl Wohlers, 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.

**Families who have lost loved ones recently:**

**Gwen Heinrich**, mother of Corinne Rosenzweig and Michelle Kruger, died on Christmas morning. Her funeral was held at Rowland Flat on Monday January 5, with burial at Lyndoch.

Penny Pfitzner's mother **Mavis Schubert** died on December 28. Her funeral was at the Lutheran Home on Friday January 2, burial at the Tabor Cemetery.

**Aileen Auricht** died on Wednesday Jan 7 at the age of 99. Her funeral will be held at Langmeil this week (to be advised).

Well done, good and faithful servants. (*Matthew 25:23*)

**NOTICES:**

**Birthdays:**

11 – Tully Kuchel, 12 – Nathan Kaesler, 15 – Ken Lienert, Malcolm Graue, Andy Thurlow, Carl Garrett, Will Grosser, 16 – Greg Kokegei

**NOTICES:**

**FUEL** (second Sunday at the school) is not being held during the months of January and February. On January 11 the 10:30 am service will be in the church. On February 8 there is a combined SBLC service at 9 am, followed by a Call Meeting.

**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:**

**January 17** (*For detailed January rosters follow the link below*)

Clean TLC: Ev and Chris Leske, Michael and Debbie Zimmermann, Darrell and Helen Kaesler

Yard Cleaning: Peter Robinson, Erich Holzknecht

**SUNDAY January 4**

**Attendance:** 58 (8:45 am) + 74 (10:30 am) = 132

**Offering:** \$1,553.60 + \$1,572.70 (REG) = \$3,126.30

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; Heinrich family on the passing of Gwen; Iris Kies; Ron Fromm, Shirley & Don Wegener; SBLC, Lutheran Care

**Songs at Lyndoch:** Singing Glory, The God we love, Blessed Assurance (all my attempts)

**Diary dates:** 18 January- Lay Worship

Lyndoch: 9am Rowland Flat: 9am

**Reports for AGM's-** need to be to the secretary by Sunday 18 Jan. Both Lyndoch & 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](mailto: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](mailto:lyndochlutheran@gmail.com)

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