



Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter

Sunday, 15 February 2026

Transfiguration 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 15 FEBRUARY 2026

Bethany no service

Grace - St John's 9:00am HC Pr Greg Schiller

Langmeil Thanksgiving Sunday - 8:45 am HC and

10:30 am HC Pr Brian Schwarz

Schoenborn 10:30am Pr HC Greg Schiller

Lyndoch 9:00am @ Rowland Flat + Parish AGM

Tabor 9:00 am HC Pr Detlev Vosgerau + Godly Play

11:00am Blessing of the Grapes

18 FEBRUARY – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Grace St John's 7:30pm HC Pr Peter Kriewaldt

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Joyce Graue

Grace - St John's 9:00am HC Pr Mark Kleemann

Langmeil no services

Lyndoch 10am Parish HC + Baptism

Pr Wayne Kerber

Tabor 9:00 am HC Pr Joyce Graue

10:30am German Service, Gerhard Ruediger

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2026

The First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 Moses on the mountain with God

Psalms 2 or Psalm 99

The Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21 Listen to us, we saw Christ's glory

The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20 Matthew 17:1-9 The transfiguration of Jesus

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday -Exodus 3:1–6

Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Ash Wednesday - Joel 2:1,2,12–17
or Isaiah 58:1–12

Wednesday - Matthew 6:1–6,16–21

Thursday - Zechariah 7:4–10

Friday - Mark 9:14–29

Saturday - Psalm 32

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God,

heavenly Father, you glorified your Son from the heavens.

Give us faith to perceive his glory and willingly follow him.

Bring us, through his suffering and death, to the glory of the resurrection.

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

Almighty God, we thank you that you have revealed your wisdom, the wisdom of Christ crucified.

Teach us to live as your people. Make us salt and light in the world,

and help us to give of ourselves to those in need.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SBLC

Lord, we pray for your guiding hand over Pastor Stephen as he receives and considers our call to the

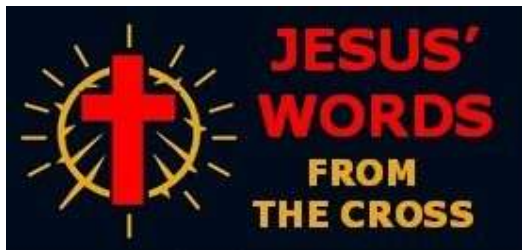
SBLC. Help us to be patient and while we wait, may we continue to be the Salt and Light you have called

us to be in the Southern Barossa.

Amen.

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

Those who leave everything in God's hand will eventually see God's hand in everything.



Lenten Series: "Jesus' Words from the Cross"

In His final moments on the cross, Jesus spoke seven profound statements - words that echo through history and speak directly to our hearts today. These are not just words of suffering; they are words of hope, forgiveness, love, and victory. Each phrase reveals the depth of God's grace and the power of His plan for redemption.

Join us as we journey through "**Jesus' Words from the Cross**", exploring what a selection of these statements mean for our lives. Discover how his words bring comfort in pain, assurance in uncertainty, and strength in surrender. This series will draw us closer to the heart of Christ and remind us of the incredible love displayed on Calvary.

Don't miss this opportunity to reflect, renew, and rejoice in the message of the cross 7:30pm, each Wednesday evening during Lent.

Ash Wednesday: Feb 18, at Grace St Paul's – Pastor Peter Kriewaldt

Wednesday Feb 25: Schoenborn – Pastor Greg Schiller

Wednesday March 4: Tabor – Pastor Ian Lutze

Wednesday March 11: Bethany – Pastor Brian Schwarz

Wednesday March 18: Langmeil

Wednesday March 25: Lyndoch – Pastor Jim Bryan

SOUTHERN BAROSSA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE FROM THE CALL MEETING ON 8th FEBRUARY 2026

The SBLC Call Meeting was held immediately after the SBLC combined service at 9am on Sunday 8th February 2026 and was chaired by Pastor Peter Bean on behalf of Bishop Andrew Brook.

There were 279 voting members present. Thank you for the great attendance.

The members present passed a vote to Call Pastor Stephen Schultz. The members also passed a 'Contingent Call' to Pastor Phil Joppich, should Stephen Schultz decline the call.

Bishop Andrew has advised Stephen of the Call. Stephen has 4 weeks to prayerfully consider our Call and respond. If Stephen accepts the Call, it can take around 3 months to join us. If Stephen declines the Call, we will immediately issue a Call to Phil Joppich.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Call Committee members.

Yours in Christ

The SBLC Call Committee –

Katrina Neldner - Tabor, Dennis Canute - Bethany, Wendy Liebelt – Lyndoch,

Paul Schubert – Schoenborn, Michael Heinrich – Grace, Phillip Hiscock – Langmeil

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

As part of the SBLC amalgamation into a single entity, we are establishing a clear and accessible feedback system to ensure congregational members have the opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts throughout the process.

Each congregation will have a Question/Query Box located at their church site for written submissions.

For those who prefer digital access, here is a QR code that links to an online feedback option.

You may also email your questions and queries directly to The Hub, cchubtan@gmail.com or submit written queries via the letter box in the front door of The Hub.

We value open communication and appreciate your support and participation as we move forward together.

Church Governance Council and Ministry Team



2026 MENS SHED

The first Men's Shed event for 2026 is confirmed!

Roger Heinrich has generously offered to host it at his workshop, Heinrich Autobody, in Angaston. The event will take place on Friday, February 27th, starting at 6:00 PM, at 16 Murray St, Angaston. As always, please bring your own food, drinks, chair, and eating utensils.

If you have any questions or need further details, don't hesitate to give Jarome Graetz a call on 0438 797 300. It promises to be a great evening, and I look forward to catching up with everyone then!

YOUNG LIFE

Programs will be starting up again this month.

We have breakfast clubs at Nuri high on Wednesdays and Faith (senior) on Thursdays with Club and WYLDlife starting up mid Feb on a Thursday (note new day!).

For more information about any of our programs or to join our contact list for prayer, contact Tiffany Voigt on 0466039463 or email tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au

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



Streams in the Desert

A quiet day retreat

Time out to reconnect with God through short, guided reflections with space to ponder, pray, take a walk, be...

Saturday February 28: 9.15 - 4.00 pm. Bethany Lutheran Church.

Cost: \$10. BYO Lunch – morning tea provided

Info/register by Feb 23

Karen 0408 600 480 Merryll 0477 898 009

HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

Hugamugs gather at 10am on Tuesday (February 17th) at the Mercure Hotel (Weintal) - (235 Murray St, Tanunda) and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (February 19th) after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

HAPPENING AT THE HUB

Tuesday 17 February - KYB 9:30am, Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at The Hub.

Wednesday 18 February – Bible Study 9.00am, Art Group 10:00am

Thursday 19 February My Time 9:30am

The AGM of The Christian Community Hub Inc. will be held on Monday 23rd February at The Hub, 83 Murray St, Tanunda, at 7pm. Agenda and Reports available from The Hub. All welcome.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES AT THE HUB

Come along and enjoy free pancakes on Tuesday morning, 17th February at The Hub. Anyone who would like to help cook, serve, or talk to passersby, please let us know. We would love some help, phone 8563 3748 or email cchubtan@gmail.com. Donation of eggs, lemons, \$, etc most welcome, please drop them in to the Hub by Monday 16th.

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES - First gathering for 2026.

Lobethal Relics — celebrating 180 years of the Lobethal College

Thursday 26 February at 7.30pm

Speaker: Andrew Zilm

139 Archer St, North Adelaide SA 5006

The presentation will show a pictorial record of relic buildings in and around Lobethal. The project was born out of the idea of celebrating the 180 years of the Lobethal College in 2025 as a 'Relic' as well as including other old buildings in and around Lobethal.

Andrew Zilm has been a volunteer at Lobethal Archives and Historical Museum since 2022.

As far back as 1995, recorded some old buildings of Lobethal, primarily because of his family tree research. He also volunteers at Lutheran Archives.

\$5 Donation, Supper. **ALL WELCOME!**

PNG MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP REUNION 2026

8th March (the Sunday of South Australia's long weekend)

Langmeil Lutheran Church, 7 Maria St, Tanunda

Registration and fellowship from 9:00 with worship beginning at 9:30.

The day's program will include worship, a meal and a program, all concluding about 3:30.

Preacher: Dr Dean Zweck.

MC: Anna Schrapel, daughter of missionaries Ralph and Julia Goldhardt.

Morning tea and lunch will be catered at a cost of \$25 per person (cash only).

For catering purposes please respond no later than 22 February.

There will be a worship offering going to LCA's International Mission.

There will be a silent auction (cash only) with proceeds going to Lutherans working with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

RSVP to Mary Jo mjzwar@hotmail.com or by phone 8263 7867

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Palm Sunday – 29th March 2026 1.30pm at the St Paul's Lutheran Church, Tanunda

Tickets available from The Good Seed Bookshop - eftpos available

Adults \$50 Concession \$45. Limited tickets available. No seat allocations.

Please arrive at the venue 30 minutes prior to performance starting.

THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN CARE

Thank you for your support in 2025.

The support you gave, helped so many in our region and we at Lutheran Care are very grateful.

Your continued wonderful support is appreciated as we move into Harvest Thanksgiving.

Pantry items currently needed are:

Long Life Milk

Pasta Sauce

Pasta Tinned Soup

Tinned Spaghetti

Cereal

Vegemite/ Peanut Butter

Men's Deodorant

VALLEY VOICES CHOIR

The Valley Voices Choir is starting rehearsals for their Easter presentations on Monday 16th

Feb.....7pm.....at Angaston Uniting Church Hall Sturt St. They are looking for men in particular, but ladies also welcome to join in. Rehearsals are held every Monday Evening at 7pm. Music supplied.

If you are interested, just come along or if you would like further information, please contact Elizabeth

Sibley 0439 574 415 (Choir Mistress)

or Derek Radke (Choir President) 0427 633 341

The Committee is also planning a Valley Voices Sunday afternoon programme for Sunday 26th April in the Langmeil Church, Tanunda

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: Max Schubert, Robert Pfitzner, Matthew Roesler, Emma Habermann, Pat King

Families:

Jerome & Nicole, Cara, Hannah Semmler
Semmler Trevor & Dawn Heinrich

Nathan & Carolyn, Lydia, Ellie, Aila, Emma
Anna Hempel

Bethany Harvest Thanksgiving Service 10.30am 22nd February 2026

Could people please leave perishable and non-perishable gifts for the Harvest Festival in the vestry by 4.00pm on Saturday 21st February. Helpers to set up would be welcome from 4.00pm.
Thank you for your support.

ADVANCE NOTICE**Lenten Service at BETHANY followed by Supper Wednesday March 11th**

Could Bethany members please leave their plate of Supper in the Hall before the Service. Please check the new Roster (coming soon) for jobs on this night.

29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday

Combined SBLC Service at 9.00am Faith Junior Campus Harvest Centre will be arranged by Bethany/Tabor Parish. Please check the new Roster. More information near the service.

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: AT126; AT161; AT313; AT217

Blessings Table - Don't forget to check the Blessings Table in the coverway. Bring something along, take something you can use, and leave a donation for Lutherans in Africa.

For the latest LIA newsletter or the latest news from Lockwoods in China ask at The Hub.

We celebrate this week:

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries: Neville & Lorraine Rosenzweig; Dennis & Joyce Schiller

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: Bill Weckert; Travers Ratsch; Martin Kernich; Judith Ratsch; Jo Bartsch

Please pray

We pray for our fellow saints and for all their loved ones, especially today we pray for Ken & Eunice Schuster; John & Jenny Schuster; Wendy & Graham Steinberner; Merv & Julie Storton; Noleen Thom. 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 Malcolm Linke, 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

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: Geraldine Avent, Corinne Rosenzweig, Daryl Wohlers, David Boerth, David West, Pastor Len Gerschwitz, Eric Pfeiffer, Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Howard Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

Birthdays:

Feb. 15 - Chloe Noack, 18 - Tahlia Graetz, 19 - Naomi Graetz, 20 - Fay Zimmermann, Phillip Hiscock, Lyn Jaensch, Calvin Steinert, 21 - Ray Rosenzweig.

THIS WEEK:

Ash Wednesday service, Wed Feb 18, 7:30 pm at Grace St Paul's.

Opals, Friday Feb 20, 12 noon at The Lord Lyndoch, Lyndoch

New SBLC youth group, For Years 7-12, Sunday Feb 22, 4 pm, at Langmeil

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Thank you to those who contributed to our Thanksgiving Sunday by providing non-perishables for Lutheran Care, produce for 'Community Kitchen' or an extra monetary gift. We very much appreciate and thank you for each way in which you have expressed your thankfulness to God for all his blessings of the past year.

SUNDAY MARCH 8:

On this day the PNG Missionary Reunion will be held at Langmeil. This will begin when they join us for worship at our first service, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. and be led by ex-PNG missionary Dr Dean Zweck. You are welcome to join them for lunch (\$25) and to hear guest speakers, concluding around 3:30 pm. RSVP for lunch to Colleen by Feb 27.

AN SBLC QUESTION/QUERY BOX can be found on the table in the fellowship area, so do take advantage if you have any questions or queries for the Governance Council or any other SBLC Team.

THE LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLET "Hope for our Future" is now available, with a daily devotion for each of the 40 days of Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday on Feb 18. Copies in The Link or from the office.

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: February 21**Clean TLC:** Lyell and Corinne Rosenzweig, Roger and Michelle Kruger**Yard Cleaning:** John Keil, Brian Zimmermann

Church Office: 0493 797 220

Office Hours: 9:00 am - 12 noon, Monday – 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; Iris Kies; Shirley & Don Wegener; Family of John Jenke on his passing; SBLC; Pastor's Phil and Stephen as call candidates; Lutheran Care**Songs at Lyndoch:** Nil**Diary dates:** 22 February- Parish HC + Baptism

Lyndoch: 10am

Rowland Flat:

Parish Ash Wednesday: Wednesday 18 February, 7.30pm combined with the Anglican Parish**Parish Service:** Sunday 22 February, 10am @ Lyndoch. HC + Baptism. Bring and share lunch to follow service.**Funeral of Iris Kies:** Friday 27 February, 10am @ Lyndoch.**Harvest Thanksgiving service:** Sunday 1 March @ both sites. Lyndoch goods (non-perishable or produce) to be at the Church by 5pm.**Lyndoch Women's Fellowship:** Wednesday 4 March, 1.30pm in the hall.**Lyndoch Church Council meeting:** Thursday 12 March, 7.30pm in hall.**Lyndoch AGM:** Sunday 15 March following 9am Worship.**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

Southern Barossa Lutheran Church

Governance Council

2025 Annual Report

In keeping with “Framing our Vision for the Future” document produced and agreed to in 2023, the following report is provided for the 2025 year.

Members of the Governance Council were again endorsed at individual congregational meetings and continued to provide input into the strategy previously put in place.

Budgets were provided by Dean Hoklas at the beginning of 2025, showing the costs associated with supporting either one Pastor (\$144, 000) or two Pastors (\$278,000)

A Unified Digital Member Directory was produced with the assistance of each congregation and made available to those on the Governance Council and Ministry Team to improve accessibility to members. This will be used as the basis for the directory after the amalgamation.

Children’s Ministry information was gathered by the Ministry Team to produce a list of member’s children between the ages of 3&14 to begin a review process

Current ministries were listed by the Ministry Team for ongoing discussion

Confirmation classes proved exceptionally well attended with 23 young people undertaking a course led by Rachel Brown and her team, with assistance from Pastor Brian Schwarz

Pastor Paul Kerber completed his term as Interim Pastor with us on April 30th 2025

Assistant Bishop Mark Schultz presented a session to the Governance Council and Ministry Team in May, outlining the steps he took in forming a new congregation in both Sydney and overseas and encouraging all to continue our journey while never losing sight of the ministry opportunities

Ministry Team joined the Governance Council in May to bring greater input into the important discussions around working toward amalgamation. These joint meetings will continue until voting is held on this matter

A Member Survey was prepared in consultation with the LCA SA/NT District to look at expectations of individual members as we move forward and with opportunity to comment on the skills required of a Pastor prior to a “Call” being placed

Assistant Bishop, Stephen Schultz, presented a Survey overview to all present at a Joint Service on August 31

Assistant Bishop, Stephen Schultz, presented a detailed review of the Survey to the Governance Council, Ministry Team and members of individual Church Councils

Q & A sessions were held following the results of the Survey

An Action Timeline was developed and presented to members

We look forward in anticipation to continuing the journey of being part of an exciting ministry opportunity as one congregation.