



**Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter**  
**Sunday, 22 February 2026**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**Liturgical Colour – Violet**

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 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

**WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY - LENTEN EVENING**

Schoenborn 7:30pm Pr Greg Schiller

**SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026**

Bethany 10:30am  
Grace – St Paul's 9:00am HC Pr Gus Schutz  
Langmeil - 8:45am HC and 10:30am HC  
Pr Jim Bryan  
Lyndoch 9:00am Harvest Thanksgiving  
Pr Greg Schiller  
Schoenborn 9:00am + AGM  
Tabor no service

**WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH – LENTEN EVENING**

Tabor 7:30pm Pr Ian Lutze

**BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026**

The First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 The creation and fall

Psalms 32

The Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 Death through Adam, life through Christ

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 The temptation of Jesus

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday** - Matthew 4:1–11

**Tuesday** - Genesis 22:1–19

**Ash Wednesday** - Numbers 20:1–13

**Wednesday** - Job 1:1–12

**Thursday** - Ephesians 6:10–20

**Friday** - Hebrews 2:9–18

**Saturday** - Psalm 121

**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**

Merciful God, you have forgiven us and brought us new life through your Son Jesus. Help us to live in thankfulness, and to give of ourselves in serving others.

**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**

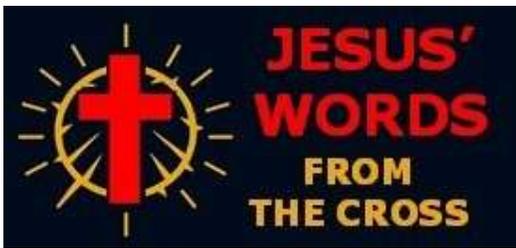
We come to you, loving God, praying that care and compassion, watching and accompanying be part of our ordinary lives. We pray that our eyes be open to see the needs of those who struggle around us. Help us support them in any way we can. We know that you are faithful and unchanging and hear us when we pray. Hear us now Lord, **Amen.**

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**THIS WEEK'S QUOTE**

God's Grace is ever available, so thankfully we don't have to overcome temptation on our own.

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### **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.**

**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

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### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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*

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### **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](mailto: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*



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### **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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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!

SBLC brings you...

2026

# Youth Group!

4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

STARTING: 22 FEBRUARY



YR 7-12

4PM-7:30PM

LANGMEIL  
CHURCH  
HALL,  
TANUNDA

FOOD,  
GAMES,  
FELLOWSHIP

DINNER  
PROVIDED



SCAN ABOVE TO  
REGISTER

## Are you in Year 7-12?

Come and join us  
on the

## 22nd of February

## for the launch of the SBLC Youth Group!

games and food  
provided

register using the  
← QR Code.

## SEE YOU THERE!

### 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](mailto: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](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)

### HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

Tuesday (February 24th) Hugamugs meet at 10.30am at the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort (42 Pioneer Ave, Rowland Flat) and

Sprocket Rockets get together at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (February 26th) after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

# 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 Meryll 0477 898 009

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### HAPPENING AT THE HUB

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Hub AGM 7:30pm Agenda and Reports available from The Hub. **ALL WELCOME**

Tuesday 24 February - KYB 9:30am, Tuesday Lunch Bunch 11:30am-1:30pm **Come and join us!**

Wednesday 18 February – Art Group 10:00am

Thursday 19 February My Time 9:30am

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### 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!**

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### MARCH MOVIE AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL, NURIOOTPA.

Join us on Sunday 1 March for the next movie at Holy Trinity Church Hall in Nuriootpa. We will be showing "Gifted Hands-The Ben Carson Story" which is the true story about a renowned brain surgeon who overcame obstacles to change the course of medicine forever.

Young Ben Carson didn't have much of a chance. Growing up in a broken home amongst poverty and prejudice, his grades suffered, and his temper flared. And yet, his mother never lost her faith in him.

Insisting he follow the opportunities she never had, she helped to grow his imagination, intelligence and, most importantly, his belief in himself. That faith would be his gift – the thing that would drive him to follow his dream of becoming one of the world's leading neurosurgeons.

Movie starts @ 7 PM and is still just \$5! Hope you can join us!

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### 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.

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

## HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Palm Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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

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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)

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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 837 422, Raelene Falland 0407 632 032, Kay Kleemann 0448 065 425, Helen Menzel 0409 283201, Geoff Nicolai 0401 424503, Trevor Ratsch 0403 561 709, Anne Schmidt 0408 002 726, Daph Schmidt 0417 834 661, Steven Sickerdick 0408 835 004, or Dianne Trenberth 0488 558 502.

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

### **Families:**

Rodney & Dianne Semmler

Rohan & Kristee, Tom, Joey Semmler

Andrew & Sheree Hoffman

Joan Hueppauff

**Bethany Members** please check and note the new rosters now available for March – August 2026.

### **Bethany Notice of Meeting**

There will be a meeting after the worship service on Sunday 8th March to discuss remedial works to the road verge in front of the church.

#### Proposal:

That the quotations of B Civil Excavations \$13,200 and All Suburbs Bitumen \$21,450 be accepted to complete the remedial drainage works required to the road verge at the front of the church property.

*Moved: Jo Ahrens; Seconded: Dennis Canute*

#### Information in support of the Proposal:

Grant Dahlitz has been working hard over the past six months liaising with the Barossa Council and securing quotes to complete the remedial works required on our front road verge. Quotes have now been received for the earthworks required to fix the drainage issues and then resealing with bitumen.

This is a substantial capital expenditure totaling \$34,650. The extent of the earthworks required will affect both the neighbouring driveways. It is our understanding that Barossa Council are footing the bill for the removal of the old bitumen which would have added further substantial cost.

Unfortunately, the time it has taken to get this far means that Grant Dahlitz and Trevor Ratsch are asking for a quick decision to go ahead. They wish to have the work done before winter, and believe that the bitumen works could be done in May.

**As this is a significant capital expense which is not in the approved budget, we will require approval from church members (25% quorum) to go ahead. There is sufficient funding available. Please make every effort to be at worship on the 8th March.**

Blessings,  
Dennis Canute, Secretary

**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.

**Songs: AT332; AT6; AT137; AT345**

**Grace ladies and friends:** coffee and cake: 2 pm: Friday 27 Feb: D&M's Bakery Café, Angaston: contact Wendy for transport (0409 632 916). Come one, come all!

**We celebrate this week:**

**Upcoming Birthdays:** Hedley Rohrlach; Dianne Litterini; Marie Nitschke; Trevor Saegenschnitter; Dianne Saegenschnitter; Lorraine Jaeschke; Kate Heinrich

**Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries:** Pat Saegenschnitter; Neville Rosenzweig

**Please pray**

We pray for our fellow saints and for all their loved ones, especially today we pray for Doug & Prue Vogelsang; Barry & Sheryl Wagenknecht; Adam Wagenknecht; Andrew Wagenknecht; Bill & Julie Weckert. 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 Trevor Mattner currently in Hospital after a fall, 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](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: Geraldine Avent, Corinne Rosenzweig, Daryl Wohlers, David Boerth, David West, Pastor Len Gerschwitz, Eric Pfeiffer, Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Howard Klabe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

**Birthdays:**

Feb 23 – Pam Chapman, Julian Helbig, 24 – Ray Wilksch, 26 – Roger Mattschoss, Kimberly Grosser, 27 – Dennis Hart, Amy Krzoska, Eleanor Schulz, 28 – Clive Ahrns.

**THIS WEEK:**

New SBLC youth group, Sunday Feb 22, 4-7:30 pm at Langmeil  
 Kaffee und Kuchen, Monday Feb 23, 1 pm at Langmeil  
 Lutheran Care volunteers, Tuesday Feb 24, 10 am – 12 noon at Langmeil  
 Lenten Evening 2, Wed. Feb 25, 7:30 pm at Schoenborn  
 Men's Fellowship, Friday Feb 27, 6 pm at Heinrich Autobody, Angaston  
 Young Life leaders' meeting, Sunday March 1, 5 pm at Langmeil

**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.

**SA STATE ELECTIONS:** Pre-election voting will again be held in the Langmeil Hall. This means that the hall and Launchpad will be inaccessible to us from March 10-24 inclusive. **If you have any items or materials in that area that you require during that time these need to be removed and placed elsewhere prior to those dates.**

**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: ROSTERS: February 28**

**Clean TLC:** Andy and Marlene Thurlow, Bob and Robyn Sloane, David and Val West  
**Yard Cleaning:** Ev Leske, Des Schiller

**SUNDAY FEB 15**

**Attendance:** 48 (8:45 am) + 78 (10:30 am) = 126

**Offering:** \$1,920.60 + \$1,572.70 = \$3,493.30

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; Michael & Tina Kies and families on the passing of Iris; Shirley & Don Wegener; Family of John Jenke on his passing; SBLC; Pastor Stephen as he considers the call; Lutheran Care

**Songs at Lyndoch:** How deep the Father's love, AT 4, This Kingdom, Speak O Lord, One persons sin changed every life

**Parish Service:** Sunday 22 February, 10am @ Lyndoch. HC + Baptism.  
 Bring and share lunch to follow service

**Diary dates: 1 March- Harvest Thanksgiving Ps G Schiller**

Lyndoch: 10.30am

Rowland Flat: 9am.

**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](mailto: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