



Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter

Sunday, 8 March 2026

Third 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 8 MARCH 2026

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Peter Hartwich
Grace - St Paul's no services
Langmeil 9:30am PNG Reunion Pr Dean Zweck
10:30am FUEL
Lyndoch 9am HC Pr Gus Schutz
Tabor 9:00 am HC Pr Peter Hartwich

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2026

Grace St John's 2:00pm HC

LENTEN SERVICES

Lutheran Home Tanunda 10:30am Pr Brian Schwarz
Bethany 7:30pm Pr Brian Schwarz

SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026

Bethany no service
Grace - St Paul's 9:00am HC Pr Gus Schutz
Langmeil - 8:45am HC and 10:30am HC Pr Brian Schwarz
Lyndoch 9am Worship + AGM
Schoenborn 9.00am AGM followed by worship service
Tabor no service

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2026 - LENTEN SERVICES

Lutheran Home Tanunda 10:30am
Pr Graham Jenke
Tabor 7:30pm Pr Graham Jenke

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026

Exodus 17:1-7 The Israelites put God to the test

Psalms 95

The Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11 While we were still sinners, Christ died for us

The Gospel: John 4:5-42 Jesus and the Samaritan woman

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday – John 4:5-42:1-17

Tuesday - Exodus 3:9–17a

Ash Wednesday – Matthew 20:20–28

Wednesday – Titus 2:11–15

Thursday – Hebrews 9:24–28

Friday - 1 Peter 1:13–21

Saturday - Psalm 23

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

look in mercy on our heartfelt desires, and stretch out your mighty hand to defend us.

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

Lord, you have given so much to us. Help us to show in our deeds the faith you have planted within us. Make us ready to serve you and other people with all that we are and all that we have.

Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SBLC

Lord, teach us patience as we wait for your will to unfold. We pray that the call we have set before Pastor Stephen will come to fruition. Help us to trust in your timing and remain faithful in your promises.

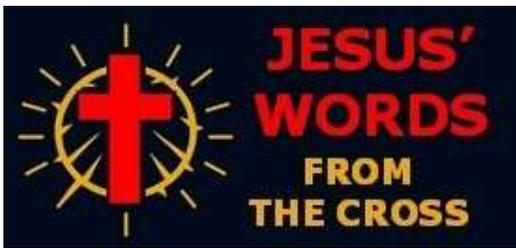
Amen

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

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

Good news! The same Jesus who offered living water to the Samaritan woman, offers it to you today.



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 March 11: Bethany – Pastor Brian Schwarz

Wednesday March 18: Langmeil -Pr Graham Jenke

Wednesday March 25: Lyndoch – Pastor Jim Bryan

SOUTHERN BAROSSA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

At the Call Meeting on 8th February we vote to Call Pastor Stephen Schultz to the SBLC. At that meeting, we also voted to extend a 'Contingent Call' to Pastor Phil Joppich in the event that Stephen declined our Call.

Pastor Stephen contacted us today (Friday 6th March). He advised that after much prayerful consideration Pastor Stephen has declined the Call from us.

We have contacted Bishop Andrew Brook and advised him of Stephen declining the call and have requested that he extend a Call to Pastor Phil Joppich.

Pastor Phil will have one month to consider our Call to him.

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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NEW NAME FOR OUR CONGREGATION

As the Lutheran Churches of the Southern Barossa move forward as **one congregation with many doors**, we are prayerfully discerning a name that reflects, our shared history, our unity in Christ and our calling into the future. A name does more than identify us - it tells a story about who we are and who God is calling us to be. *A copy of the name change document is available from The Hub or the Langmeil office.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

An annual SBLC budget has been prepared to indicate the anticipated financial position of the new single entity when the six SBLC congregations amalgamate in the coming months. The budget is based on each congregation's 2026 expense budget and the actual offerings and other income received during 2025.

Capital expenditures included in individual congregations' 2026 budgets have been excluded from this consolidated budget. These costs will instead be funded from existing net rental income and invested cash reserves currently held by the respective congregations.

A copy of the budget document is available from The Hub or the Langmeil office.

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.



SBLC DRAFT CONSTITUTION

The draft SBLC Constitution has been submitted to the LCA SA-NT District for review by the Constitution Committee. The Committee is scheduled to meet in early March to consider the document.
A copy of the draft Constitution is available from The Hub or the Langmeil office.

2025 SBLC GOVERNANCE COUNCIL REPORT

The SBLC Governance Council have released the Annual Report for 2025. *Copies available at The Hub.*

YOUNG LIFE

*Young Life welcomed a new Area Director during February, Jody Chambers! She comes with a great resume and a passion for youth. Please feel free to say hello and welcome her to the Barossa Churches community.

*Club and Wyldlife have had a great start to the year. The new day and time will take some time to get used to but we're looking forward to the rest of the term and year. For more information email Tiffany at tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au

*Young Life will be at the Tanunda Show on March 14th, so come and say "hi"!

*We have also had some great new volunteers join, so if you feel the pull to volunteer, please contact Jody at jodychambers@younglife.org.au or Tiffany at tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au for more information, we would love a chat.

YOUNG LIFE

CAN AND BOTTLE RUN – FRIDAY 13th MARCH

RAISING FUNDS FOR SUMMER CAMP 2027

CONTACT TIFFANY VOIGT 0466 039 463 OR EMAIL tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A PICKUP

SBLC Q & A SESSIONS



Please note these sessions will be held after the sunday worship

Sunday 1st March – Langmeil 9.45am & 11.30am

Sunday 8th March – Bethany 11.30am

Sunday 15th March – Tabor 10am

Sunday 22nd March – Grace 10am, Lyndoch 11.30am

Sunday 29th March – Combined Service 10am

Join the Governance Council for an opportunity to ask questions, share feedback and be a part of 'what's next' with our SBLC congregations



For more information:

contact your SBLC Rep or

Chris Pfeiffer M 0431 288 494 E: chris@pfeiffermail.com

INTRODUCING LYFT (Lifting the Young & Faithful Together).

We have a Youth Group! On Sunday the 22nd of February 23 young people joined together for their first event and came up with their group name. LYFT is led by young people for young people and will be held monthly on the fourth Sunday. To ensure we can meet our safe church requirements and support our youth we are asking for volunteers who either have their Safe Church level 1 or would be willing to undertake this training to go on a roster to be in attendance at youth events.

If interested or you have any questions, please get in contact with

Travis Schiller (travschiller@gmail.com)

TANUNDA LUTHERAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Next Meeting: March 12th

Time: 1:30pm

Theme: Something from your kitchen that begins with the letter of your first name.

Bible Study

Project Donations: Aboriginal Missions, Alice Springs Aboriginal Women's Support Worker

Hosts: Grace

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

Kiwanis Emergency Food Relief

At Kiwanis Barossa our dedicated team is busy preparing and freezing nutritious meals each week for distribution to Lutheran Care, local charities, and schools throughout the surrounding districts. Since January 2026, we have prepared and donated more than 1,000 free meals — and the need continues to grow.

This is where you can help. With the welcome rain and planting season underway, please consider growing a few extra vegetables to donate.

We are also in urgent need of fresh vegetables, meat, pasta, rice, tinned soups, and other ingredients to help us create wholesome meals for those doing it tough.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed through recent Harvest Thanksgiving Services — your generosity is truly appreciated. For donations or enquiries, please contact: **Lorna – 0438 844 116**

or drop your donation off to the box at The Hub.

HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

Hugamugs gather at 10am on Tuesday (March 3rd) at Melbas Chocolates (29 Valley Rd, Angaston) and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (March 5th) again after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

HAPPENING AT THE HUB

Closed Monday - Public Holiday

Tuesday 10 March - KYB 9:30am , Tuesday Lunch Bunch 11:30am-1:30pm **ALL WELCOME**

- Bethany/Tabor Church Council Meetings

Wednesday 11 March – Art Group 10:00am-12:00am- Carers SA Carers Support Group 1:30pm-3pm

Thursday 12 March - My Time 9:30am

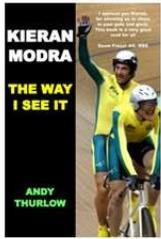
HANDEL'S MESSIAH

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.



The story that reinvigorated this writing bug. Inspirational and ageless. A wonderful life.



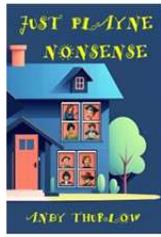
How could I not write about 2 people who had such an influence. And I was helped along by 90 contributors.



Margaret has inspired countless people, including my wife Marley. Immanuel College commissioned me to write this ... and you can only buy it from them. A great lady.



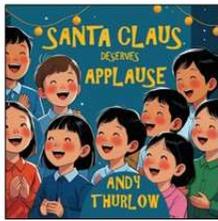
I was blessed to have interesting and courageous parents. My life story is in here, together with an amazing discovery of a first cousin.



I love writing nonsense poetry and my Playne family escaped from my imagination.



5 intriguing life stories of 5 wonderful people. Becoming a pastor is easy? Wrong!



Marley and I have just become grandparents! This is my first children's book, dedicated to our grandson and all grandchildren. Our daughter and new mum love it and I hope you do too!

Marlene and Andy Thurlow



All books available from the GOoD Seed, 83 Murray Street, Tanunda

THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN CARE

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	

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 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 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:

Rodney & Chris Hueppauff

Peter & Judy Judd

Nanette Staker

Linda, Lily, Alyssa Taylor

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

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. Thanks.

Bethany Notice of Meeting

There will be a meeting after the worship service **TODAY** 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.

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.

Blessings,

Dennis Canute, Secretary

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.

No service at Grace this week.

Next Sunday 15th March is our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Items can be left in St Paul's hall on Saturday, or the Church side door will be open from 3-5pm on Saturday 14th.

We celebrate this week:

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries: Marcus & Margaret Kleinig

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: Jack Arnold; Michael Nitschke; Trevor Mattner; Dianne Saegenschmitter; Kirsten Schiller

Please pray

Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are sick and in need. We especially pray for Trevor Mattner, 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 Wohlrs, David Boerth, David West, Pastor Len Gerschwitz, Eric Pfeiffer, Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Howard Klabe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

Birthdays:

March 8 - Sianna Ludwig, 9 - Joshua Graetz, 11 - Richard Graetz

THIS WEEK:

PNG Reunion, Sunday March 8, 9:30 a.m. onwards.

FUEL, Sunday March 8, 10:30 am at Faith Jnr. School. Fellowship and coffee from 10 am.

Administration Team, Monday March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Evening 4, Wed March 11, 7:30 p.m. at Bethany

Young Life Committee meeting, Wed. March 11, 7:30 p.m. at Langmeil

Women's Fellowship, Thursday March 11, 1:30 p.m. at Langmeil

FURTHER AHEAD

Lenten Evening 5, Wed March 18, 7:30 p.m. at Langmeil

Opals, Friday March 20, 12 noon, lunch at the Vine Inn Nuriootpa

LYFT Youth Group (for Years 7-12), Sunday March 22.

PNG MISSIONARY REUNION is being held at Langmeil this Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. with worship led by ex-PNG missionaries Pastor Greg Schiller and Dr Dean Zweck. We welcome over 70 people to Langmeil for the day, filled with guest speakers and reminiscing. God bless your gathering!

SUPPER: Please bring a plate of supper when we host the Lenten service at Langmeil on Wed March 18.

HOME COMMUNIONS: If you know of anyone who is shut in at home, or who finds it difficult to get to church, we are happy to bring Holy Communion to them in their home. To organise, please speak to anyone on the Pastoral Support Team (above).

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.**

LANGMEIL HALL - OUT OF BOUNDS DUE TO PRE-POLLING - March 10-24

SECONDHAND BOOKS: Please help yourself to any of the books on the table in the fellowship area. Books (many of them Christian) for adults and children, most in excellent condition.

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.

CONTAINER OFFICE: This coming week a container will be arriving into our northern carpark, taking up 2 parking spaces near the Hahn House fence. This will be used by people working at the school - until approx. the end of the next school holidays.

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: March 14 (*For detailed March rosters follow the link below*)

Clean TLC: Richard and Raelene Graetz, Garry and Carolyn Heintze, Grant and Jo Herrmann

Yard Cleaning: Peter Robinson, Erich Holzknecht

SUNDAY MARCH 1:

Attendance: 58 (8:45 am) + 64 (10:30 am) = 122

Offering: \$1,297.70 + \$1,572.70 (REG) = \$2,870.40

Church Office: 0493 797 220

Office Hours: 9:00 am - 12 noon, Monday – Friday

Admin. Sec.: Colleen Bryan 0434 247 717

Lyndoch Lutheran Parish

“WHERE LOVE COMES TO LIFE”

Keep in your Prayers: Di Gilson; Jenni Edwards; Monica Wohlstadt; George Davies; Lorraine Schild; Shirley & Don Wegener; SBLC; Pastor Stephen as he considers the call; Lutheran Care

Songs at Lyndoch: Cornerstone, Nothing but the blood, Good and Gracious, Yet not I

Diary dates: 15 March- Lay Worship

Lyndoch: 9am +AGM

Rowland Flat: 10.30am

Lyndoch AGM: Sunday 15 March following 9am Worship.

Mid-week Lenten service- at Lyndoch Wednesday March 25, 7.30pm. Please bring a plate of supper to share.

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