



## Living Vine Lutheran Church Newsletter

Sunday, 19 April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colours – White or Gold

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 19 APRIL 2026

Bethany no service  
Grace St John's 9:00am Pr Gus Schutz  
Langmeil - 8:45am HC & 10:30am HC  
Pr Brain Schwarz  
Lyndoch 9:00am  
Schoenborn 10:30am HC Pr Gus Schutz  
Tabor 9:am HC Pr Greg Schiller + Godly Play

### SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026

Combined Service 9:00am  
Bishop Andrew Brook  
Harvest Centre  
Faith Junior Campus  
Service will be followed by Amalgamation Meeting

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026

The First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Three thousand people repent and are baptised

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

The Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23 Set free by the sacrifice of Christ

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35 Jesus made known in the breaking of the bread

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday** - Luke 24:13-25

**Monday** - Micah 7:14-20

**Tuesday** - John 5:31-40

**Wednesday** - Colossians 2:6-15

**Thursday** - 1 Timothy 1:1-17

**Friday** - 2 Timothy 2:1-8

**Saturday** - Psalm 23

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, your own Son was humiliated to lift up fallen humanity and to rescue us from the dangers of everlasting death. Give eternal joy to your faithful people.

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

Thank you, eternal Father,  
for setting us free through the sacrifice of your Son. Help us, through your great love for us, to love and serve one another and all people.  
Amen.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SBLC/LVLC

God of Love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

Continue to be with Pastor Phil in his healing of his broken ankle. May your healing be quick and with no lasting issues. 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

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### THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

God is following us in our Emmaus journey, walking beside us and encouraging us.

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## LIVING VINE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Next Sunday 26th April after the 9:00am Combined Service.**

Special Meetings of the Congregations and Inaugural Meeting and Special Resolution of the SBLC/Living Vine Lutheran Church Single Entity Congregation.

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### **Living Vine Lutheran Church - Barossa Valley**

Would you like to help shape our church community?

We warmly invite nominations for the upcoming Governance Council positions.

If you are interested in nominating for the Governance Council you can pick up an application form from The Hub.

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### **UPDATE FROM THE LIVING VINE LUTHERAN CHURCH CALL COMMITTEE**

Pastor Phil Joppich has accepted the Call to be Our Lead Pastor. We are now in the process of identifying a pastor to the role of second pastor and work with Pastor Phil.

Our Vision Statement said that the pastor is called to work with us to build upon the collaborative work we are achieving.

1. ***To work as the second pastor in a two-pastor setting.***
2. ***Able to work in a Ministry team.***
3. ***Be a trainer, mentor to equip all ages across all areas of the Church's ministry.***
4. ***Be enthusiastic to provide a wide range of worship styles.***
5. ***Be comfortable and supportive of our Vision Statement.***

The List of Pastors Available for Call is being made available with this week's newsletter.

To download a copy of the List of Pastors click on the button below. A printed copy of the List of Pastors is available from The Hub or Lyndoch and Langmeil Churches.

Any member can suggest names from the list to be considered by the Call Committee.

These suggestions can be submitted verbally, or in writing to your call committee representative or to Katrina Neldner ([kneldner@bigpond.com](mailto:kneldner@bigpond.com)). These need to be submitted by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**.

When submitting names, it will be of great assistance to the Call Committee if you could indicate which of the above items apply to the pastor

Yours in Christ

***The Living Vine Lutheran Church Call Committee –***

Katrina Neldner - Tabor, Dennis Canute- Bethany, Wendy Liebelt – Lyndoch, Paul Schubert – Schoenborn, Michael Heinrich – Grace, Phillip Hiscock – Langmeil.

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### **LWSA/NT CONVENTION - MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTRE LAURA**

No local meeting.

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### **LVLC SAFE CHURCH STATEMENT**

The Living Vine Lutheran Church is committed to providing a safe church environment for children, young people and vulnerable people. The Living Vine 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. Living Vine 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.

#### **LVLC 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).

## **FRIENDS OF THE SBLC NEWS AND EVENTS HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS**

Hugamugs gather at 10:30am on Tuesday (April 21st) at The Novotel, 42 Pioneer Avenue, Rowland Flat and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (April 23rd) again after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

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### **HAPPENING AT THE HUB**

No programs during School Holidays

### **HUB OP SHOP CLOTHING SALE**

**Everything \$2.00. COME IN AND FIND A BARGAIN**

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### **VALLEY VOICES CHOIR**

Invites you to **'CELEBRATE, PRAISE, THANKS'**

A Musical Program featuring Choir and Local Artists

Sunday 26th April, 2026 2.00 pm Langmeil Lutheran Church, Maria Street, Tanunda

Admission – By Donation A Community Choir supporting local charities

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### **READING REVELATION TODAY with REVERAND NOEL DUE**

We are looking forward to Rev Dr Noel Due leading us through the process for Reading Revelation Today. His dynamic approach to digesting the messages from God and the principles of interpretation will inspire you. There will be an interactive element each week, which will help to re-focus your thinking and unfold key passages and their connections to our current times. We encourage you to be part of the journey!

Venue: Redeemer Lutheran School, Vine St, Nuriootpa

Registration: To register pick up a form from The Hub or the St Petri office. There will be a small cost to cover all 5 weeks (full \$50, concession \$30), which you are able to pay at the office or at the first session on 29 April. Please arrive at 6.45pm, to allow time to complete registration and payment.

Light supper provided.

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### **DE LA LIBERTÉ RELIGIEUSE EN FRANCE:**

**The trial of Pastor Oster in France in 1836, his legacy for the LCA and reflections on religious freedom in Australia today.**

Speaker: Lisa Schmidt Thursday 23 April at 7.30pm 139 Archer St, North Adelaide SA 5006

\$5 donation, all welcome, supper. LIVESTREAM on FoLA YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>

Pastor Philippe-Jacques Oster was born in Strasbourg, France, was a Minister in the Église Chrétienne de la Confession; Augsburg and served as a missionary across France. He accepted a call to the congregation in Posen, Prussia where he subsequently received a call to Australia and set sail with his family and some members of his congregation in 1847. He was formational in the lives of two future Lutheran synod presidents and other leaders in the Lutheran community Australia. In 1836 he was convicted in Metz for holding religious gatherings in his house. This presentation will look at his appeal in the Cour de Cassation in Paris (the highest court in France) and what we can learn from this for religious freedom today. The presenter is Dr Lisa Schmidt, who in her time as Executive Director of Lutheran Education Australia was responsible for multiple submissions to the Australian Commonwealth government on religious freedom on behalf of the LCA. She is also a descendant of Pastor Oster.

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### **BIBLE COLLEGE SA - Operations and Finance Manager**

Bible College SA is an interdenominational provider of tertiary level evangelical Christian and is South Australia's only affiliated college of the Australian University of Theology.

The College is seeking to appoint an Operations and Finance Manager to support it in its purpose of preparing the next generations of gospel workers for Adelaide, South Australia, and beyond through integrated formation in Bible, Christian theology, and ministry at the highest standards. The appointment starts at 0.8FTE with remuneration determined by the Educational Services (Post Secondary) Award.

Interested parties can request the Job and Person Specification by emailing

admin@biblecollege.sa.edu.au and applications should be made before the close of business on Friday 1 May 2026.

Bible College SA reserves the right not to make an appointment.

**HISTORY MONTH SEMINAR DAY: Saturday May 2**

At the Langmeil Centre, Langmeil Lutheran Church, 7 Maria St Tanunda

Not all the early German settlers stayed in the Adelaide Hills or the Barossa Valley. Where did they go? What did they do? "Moving On: Mapping German Settlement Trails" A series of short talks from 9:30 am – 4 pm. Cost \$50, includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea.

Enquiries and bookings (by 23 April) to Christine Leske - 0428 337 132; [ejleske@internode.on.net](mailto:ejleske@internode.on.net)

**HISTORY FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT****Echoes of the Past at Langmeil Church**

Saturday May 9 1.30 to 4 pm Sharon Pippas presents her brand-new documentary on early German settlement from 1838. Featuring Keith Conlon and living descendants, with a focus on Hahndorf.

Cost \$20 includes a tour of the Langmeil History centre and cemetery, afternoon tea and an introductory talk by noted young historian Sam Doering.

Enquiries and bookings contact Sharon on 0477288011

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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, Pat King.

**Families:**

Elizabeth & Sophie Alderslade  
John Modra

Michael & Lindy, Craig, Bradley Alderslade  
Stuart & Jasmin Moysten-Smith

**Bethany AGM**

The Bethany AGM will be held on the 24th May after the service. Please have all reports to Marilyn at The Hub by 1st May.

**Bethany/Tabor Parish AGM**

The Parish AGM will be held at Bethany on 24th May at 2pm.

**Trading Table**

Proceeds from the Trading Table will be used to support a Ministry Student at ALC.

**Jars Wanted**

Please leave at the Hub or Bethany Church Hall. Joy Rohrlach

**Bethany Members**

Any changes to your email addresses or phone details, please email them to Bethany Church email, [bethanytanunda@gmail.com](mailto:bethanytanunda@gmail.com), for Marilyn to update the Bethany Members database and directory.

**Rosters:** Don't forget to check your copy of the rosters to see if you are rostered for next Sunday.

**For Pastoral Support... Please contact your Pastoral Assistants:**

Merv Storton 0488 743 323 [evries@lhug.com.au](mailto:evries@lhug.com.au)

Elizabeth Jaeschke 0459 472 836 [n.jaeschke@bigpond.com](mailto:n.jaeschke@bigpond.com)

Trevor Braunack 0409 633 829 [schonborn@bigpond.com](mailto:schonborn@bigpond.com)

OR contact your A or B leader; if you have any needs, issues or concerns, or require pastoral support.

**Needed urgently: AUDIO HELPERS**

Alan Bartsch is the only person doing the audio/sound 3 Sundays a month, this is a big commitment and an issue when he can't be there. Grace needs 2 or 3 more people to go on a roster, ASAP.

Alan has an easy, detailed list of instructions to follow. Sit with him for a service and he'll show you what to do, it's not difficult. Can you please help! Contact Alan on 0403 501 237

**It was wonderful that more Grace ladies and friends were present at last month's coffee afternoon. Will you - and others - be there this month?** D&M's Bakery Café in Angaston is the place to be at 2 pm on Friday 25 April. For transport, contact Wendy Steinberner (0409 632 916).

**We celebrate this week:**

**Upcoming Birthdays:** Coral Baverstock; Roger Heinrich; Bay Both

**Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries:** Steve & Jeneane Zimmermann

**Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries:** Neville Jaeschke

**Please pray**

We pray for our fellow saints and for all their loved ones, especially today we pray for Roger & Sandy Both, Sarah, Holly & Joel Winter, Simon Both, Ally Gosson, Kirsty Burgess, Aiden & Maya Both, Bay Both and Both family. 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 Eric Lange and Betty, for Brian (Nipper) Fechner, 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.

**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, Pastor Len Gerschwitz, Eric Pfeiffer, Peter Tucharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Howard Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

**The Morrison family** (Jess, William and Estelle - daughter and grandchildren of Neil and Karen Lambert) - on the loss of their husband and father Dave, and for the healing of the children, seriously injured in the recent highway accident at Nuri. May they find strength in the loving arms of God and the support of the local community.

**Daisy Cartledge**, fiancé of Jake Herrmann, who will become a child of God through Holy Baptism at the 10:30 am service today.

**Birthdays:**

April 19 - Paulene Boerth, 20 - Maureen Steinborner, 22 - Daisy Cartledge, 25 - Ian Hahn, Lynne Moore

**THIS WEEK:**

SBLC Amalgamation Meeting, after combined 9 am service, Sunday April 26.

Valley Voices, concert at Langmeil, Sunday April 26, 2 pm.

LYFT Youth, Sunday April 26. 4-7 pm

**FURTHER AHEAD**

Kaffee und Kuchen, Monday April 27, 1 pm at Langmeil.

History Month Seminar at Langmeil, Saturday May 2, 9:30am-4:00pm

Young Life leaders, Sunday May 3, 5-7 pm at Langmeil

Langmeil AGM, Sunday May 17, between services. (Reports due Wednesday April 29)

**SET UP FOR COMBINED SERVICE:** Saturday April 25, 9 am.

We'll be needing some help with setting up the chairs, etc. so please consider lending a hand. Contact Mark Pfitzner if you have any questions.

**SCAM EMAILS:** Have you ever received any of these, which say they were sent by Pastor Paul, Pastor Brian, Pastor Jim or others in leadership? Apparently, they are still being sent and we would like to do a little deeper investigating. Please let Colleen know if you have ever received one.

**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).

**AN SBLC QUESTION/QUERY BOX** can be found in the fellowship area, so do take advantage!

**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: April 18**

**Clean TLC:** Carl and Belinda Garrett, Robyn Rehn, Matthew and Kendall Munzberg

**Yard Cleaning:** Ev Leske, Des Schiller

**SUNDAY APRIL 12:**

**Attendance:** 86 (8:45 am) + 68 (10:30 am) = 154

**Offering:** \$1,412.50 + \$1,730.40 (REG) = \$3,142.90

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; Lutheran Care.

**Songs at Lyndoch:** Be still for the presence, I stand amazed, LH 95, Your will be done, God is for us

**Diary dates:** 26 April

Lyndoch: 9am LVLC combined @ Harvest Centre

Rowland Flat: 10am Lay Worship

**Amalgamation meeting:** Sunday 26 April following the combined service. We encourage you to attend, have your say in our future. We need a quorum, please prayerfully consider attending.

**Lyndoch Women’s Fellowship:** Wednesday 6 May, 12 noon @ Monkey Nut Cafe for lunch, followed by meeting at the hall at 1.30pm.

**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 0437 060 719 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

## **Update for Congregations Special Meetings on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

The special meetings require a quorum of 50% of members to be present for each congregation to transact business.

To pass the resolution to amalgamate their congregation with living Vine Lutheran Church, each congregation will need at least 75% of the members present and who vote to agree to pass the resolution.

If a congregation fails to pass the resolution, they will not be part of the amalgamation of congregations on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026. However, the congregation can still amalgamate with the other congregations at a later date. The congregation will need to again, give 30 days written notice to their members of a Special General Meeting.

Each congregation will in turn stand up and be given a ballot paper where they will be asked to circle **For** or **Against** after the resolution to amalgamate their congregation with the other SBLC congregations/Parish has been read by their chairperson. The ballot papers will then be collected and counted.

## **Update for inaugural meeting of Lutheran Vine Lutheran Church on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

The inaugural meeting of Living Vine Lutheran Church will then proceed with the members of the congregations who have resolved to amalgamate. The business to be transacted at this meeting is as follows:-

- Resolution to accept Living Vine Lutheran Church Constitution.
- Election of office bearers to Governance Council;
  - Chairperson
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Four (4) Additional members
  
- Election of the Property Team
- Election of Synod Delegates
- Presentation of budget for 2026 which is an amalgamation of SBLC congregations' budgets
- Appointment of Lay readers
- Endorsement of Team for Pastoral Care.
- Endorsement of Ministry Team
- Endorsement of Children's and Family Ministry Team
- Endorsement of Worship Team
- Endorsement of Call Team
- Statement regarding Public Officer for the new congregation.

Yours in Christ

SBLC Governance Council

Chris Pfeiffer – Tabor, Phil Hiscock – Langmeil, Dean Hoklas – Schoenborn

Brian Eckermann – Bethany, Craig Rogasch – Grace,

Steve Fiebiger – Lyndoch, Jo Hermann - Ministry Team Leader

***Paper copies of the proposed Constitution, Finance committee report and summary of the Question & Answer sessions are available from The Hub.***

