



Living Vine Lutheran Church Newsletter

Sunday, 26 April 2026

Fourth 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 26 APRIL 2026

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

SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026

Bethany 10:30am
Grace St Paul's 9:00am
Langmeil 8:45 HC and 10:30 am HC.
Pr David Christian
Lyndoch 10.30am Pr Greg Schiller
Schoenborn 9:00am
Tabor no service

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026

Acts 2:42-47 Life and worship in the apostolic church

Psalms 23

The Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25 The shepherd and bishop of our souls

The Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10 Jesus, the gate for the sheep

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday - John 10:1-10

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

Almighty and eternal God,
you have brought back from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, to call us into his flock through his word. Send us your Holy Spirit, so that we may hear the voice of the good Shepherd and faithfully follow him.

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

Eternal loving Shepherd,
your Son laid down his life for us, his sheep.
Help us to follow him by loving and serving the people around us.
Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LVLC

Heavenly Father, you are above all, in all and surround all. Be with us in the decision of amalgamation. We are all different Churches in style, demographics, ways of doing things, but are all united in Worshipping you our Risen Lord and Saviour. Fold us all into your embrace and with Pastor Phil, help us to become one, following the path you have set before us. 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

While we are trying to figure it out, God is already weaving it together.



LIVING VINE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - THIS FRIDAY 24th APRIL

Well, it seems this month's Men's Fellowship didn't quite go as planned. With some last-minute changes to guest speakers and my travel schedule, things got a bit mixed up. But we're not letting that stop us! Instead of letting it all fall apart; we're making the most of these warm evenings and still going ahead with a get-together this Friday at Langmeil from 6pm.

Bring your own meat and drinks, and a little bit of an "we didn't quite plan this, but it'll still be awesome" attitude.

See you there—because who needs perfect plans when you've got great company?

This 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.

CHURCH ONLINE

Can't make it to Church or maybe want to listen to the message again...

Living Vine Lutheran Church combined services, along with all Langmeil services, are livestreamed on the Langmeil Youtube channel 'Langmeil Lutheran Church Online' or via the website

www.langmeilchurch.com.au

YOUNG LIFE - BAROSSA CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK

It is that special time of the year again where we begin planning for Barossa CLW, and I would absolutely love to invite you to be part of the catering team again in 2026. We are excited to share that God has provided an incredible leadership team for our kitchen again year. Daniel, Joey, and Sally have generously offered to return as our Head Chefs, alongside our dietary specialist, Monica. This is such a blessing! However, to bring their vision and preparation to life, we need your help.

We are looking to build Kitchen Day Teams of 4–5 volunteers each day across the week (Monday 6th – Friday 10th July). Whether you are able to come for one day or a few, your support would make a huge difference.

As a catering helper, you will be part of a team preparing and serving meals for campers, leaders, and guests. Everything will be well-supported, with structured meal plans, ingredient lists, and clear guidance around dietary needs provided ahead of time. There will also be experienced team members on-site to support you throughout the day. From cooking to serving to cleaning up, every role plays an important part in making the week run smoothly.

In the past, our day teams have been quite small, so we're hoping to grow them this year to make the workload lighter, the days smoother, and the nights shorter for everyone involved.

If you are willing to be part of the team, please let me know and I will add you to the roster. As we get closer to the event, I'll be in touch with more detailed logistics for your chosen day(s). For now, we would really appreciate you simply responding to this invitation.

You are also very welcome to bring along a friend or two who might enjoy serving in this way. Many hands make light work, and it's always more fun together.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions:

Anneka Sauerwald

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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.

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). These need to be submitted by **Monday 27th 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.

LWSA/NT CONVENTION - MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTRE LAURA

No local meeting.

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

Grace/Schoenborn - Jenny Noll jedanoll@gmail.com

Langmeil - Emma Hiscock emma.hiscock@lca.org.au

Lyndoch - Graham Fromm grahamfromm@outlook.com.

FRIENDS OF THE SBLC NEWS AND EVENTS

HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

Hugamugs gather at 10:00am on Tuesday (April 28th) at Melba's, 29 Valley Rd, Angaston and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (April 30th) after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

HAPPENING AT THE HUB

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

Wednesday - Art Group 10:00am-12:00pm

Thursday - My Time 9:30am-11:30am

LAST WEEK OF THE HUB OP SHOP CLOTHING SALE EVERYTHING \$2.00.

THE GOOD SEED BOOKSHOP

Coming Soon: MAY AND JUNE, we are conducting a \$2.00 card sale. Not just our normal \$2.00 shelf cards but ALL CARDS in the shop.

2 months only starting 1st May to 30th June. More details next week.

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

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.

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

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

HOLY TRINITY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us Sunday 3 May for the next movie at Holy Trinity Church Hall where we'll be showing "Soul Surfer" which is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. In the wake of this life-changing event that took her arm and nearly her life, Bethany's feisty determination and steadfast beliefs spur her toward an adventurous comeback that gives her the grit to turn her loss into a gift for others. Movie starts @ 7 PM and is still just \$5 which includes popcorn and a drink! Hope to see you there!

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, Pat King.

Families:

Rita Modistach
Gordan & Ann Alderslade

Geoff & Sue Nicolai
Neville Alderslade

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.

Tabor AGM

The Tabor AGM will be held on Sunday 24th May after the service. Please have all reports to Murray Menzel by 1st May.

Bethany/Tabor Parish AGM

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

Bethany Members

Any changes to your email addresses or phone details, please email them to Bethany Church email, 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.

GRACE -TANUNDA

BETHLEHEM- SCHOENBOEN

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.

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

We celebrate this week:

Upcoming Birthdays: Wendy Steinberner; Doreen Brine

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries: Steve & Jeneane Zimmermann; Roger & Sandy Both

Please pray

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

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

The Morrison family - Jess, William and Estelle

Birthdays:

April 29 – John Clarke, Emma Hiscock, Scott Noack, 30 -Ronda Mugford, May 2 – Geoff Kurtz, Margaret Lienert, Robyn Hart

THIS WEEK:

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, at Langmeil

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

FURTHER AHEAD

Worship Team, Monday May 4, 7:30 pm

History Month, 'Echoes of the Past' Saturday May 9, 1:30 pm at Langmeil

FUEL, Sunday May 10, 10:30 am at Faith Junior School

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

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: May 2

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

Yard Cleaning: Harald Sames, Ian Jaensch

SUNDAY APRIL 19

Attendance: 58 (8:45 am) + 109 (10:30 am) = 167

Offering: \$1,220.90 + \$1,730.40 (REG) = \$2,951.30

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: Nil

Diary dates: 3 May Pastor Greg Schiller

Lyndoch: 10.30am Worship

Rowland Flat: 9am Worship

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

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



lifting the young & faithful
together

LYFT
Youth Barossa

MOVIE NIGHT

STREAMING: 'A WEEK AWAY'

THEME: WHO IS GOD?

DRESS CODE: PYJAMAS!

Date: 26 April 2026

Time: 4-7pm

Location: Langmeil Church Hall

BYO BEENBAGS ETC.

Yrs: 7-12

Dinner & Snacks

Provided

Cash Donation

Encouraged

