



## Living Vine Lutheran Church Newsletter

Sunday, 10 May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

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 10 MAY 2026

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Gus Schutz  
Grace St Paul's no service  
Langmeil 8:45 Pr Jim Bryan & 10:30am FUEL  
Lyndoch 10.30am HC Pr Graham Jenke  
Tabor HC Pr Gus Schutz

### SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

Bethany no service  
Grace St Paul's 9:00am HC Pr Greg Schiller  
Langmeil 8:45 HC and 10:30 am HC.  
Pr Brian Schwarz  
Lyndoch 10.30am Pr Wayne Kerber  
Schoenborn 9:00am Pr Greg Schiller  
Tabor 9:00am Vicar Paul Ridley + Godly Play

### WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2026

Grace St John's 2:00pm HC

### THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026 ASCENSION DAY

Tabor - Combined Service 7:30pm Pr Gus Schutz

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026

The First Reading: Acts 17:22-31 Paul in Athens

Psalms 66:8-20

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22 Suffering for doing right

The Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21 The promise of the Holy Spirit

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday - John 14:15-21

Monday - John 15:18-27

Tuesday - John 16:16-24

Wednesday - John 16:25-33

Thursday - Luke 24:44-53

Friday - 2 Kings 2:1-12

Saturday - Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God,

the giver of all good things, inspire us to think what is right and guide us to do it.

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

Heavenly Father,

you have loved us and given us your Spirit to live within us. Help us, through your Spirit, to do your will and show your love to others.

Amen.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LVLC

Thank you Lord for Mothers, Carers, Sisters & friends who tend to our needs. You have placed them all in an important role, may we never take for granted anyone that cares for us. Continue to bless them today on Mother's Day and always. 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

Love never gives up, never loses faith, it's always hopeful,  
and endures through every circumstance.

1 Cor 13:7

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

### WE ARE ONE!

Good Shepherd Sunday proved to be a truly memorable and Spirit-filled day, one that beautifully marked the culmination of a journey that began five years ago. Back then, representatives from six congregations across the southern Barossa gathered with a shared vision: to walk together in faith and, in time, become one united congregation.

That vision came to life in a powerful way as more than 300 members were gathered at the Harvest Centre and guided by our Good Shepherd. The day began with a joyful worship service led by Bishop Andrew Brook. With the uplifting support of our very first "Living Vine" band, the Centre resounded with heartfelt songs of praise, creating an atmosphere of celebration, unity, and deep thanksgiving.

The joy continued beyond the service, as each congregation held a special meeting to take the next formal step. In an overwhelming show of unity and shared purpose, members voted to proceed with the amalgamation. This was an exciting and significant milestone in our collective journey.

This was followed by the inaugural meeting of Living Vine Lutheran Church. During this important gathering, the Constitution was formally adopted, and the Governance Council was elected. With one nomination received for each role, the following members were elected:

- Chairperson – Chris Pfeiffer
- Secretary – Phillip Hiscock
- Treasurer – Dean Hoklas
- Additional Members – Brian Eckermann, Craig Rogasch, Chris Canute and Edward Liebelt

The celebrations concluded with a time of warm fellowship over tea and coffee, as members reflected on the journey so far and rejoiced in becoming one united congregation.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to this vision and supported the journey along the way. Your faith, commitment, and willingness to walk together have made this day possible.

As we move forward, we do so with confidence and hope, trusting that our Good Shepherd will continue to guide and sustain us. United in purpose and strengthened in faith, we look ahead with excitement to all that God has in store for us as we serve together in His Kingdom.



## LIVING VINE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LWSA/NT CONVENTION THURSDAY 14th MAY - MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTRE LAURA

No local meeting.

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### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This month's Men's Fellowship will be held on **Friday the 22nd of May** at the Langmeil Centre. Our guest speaker will be Travis Schiller, who will share stories of his life journey. He will also share his passion for table tennis and provide us an opportunity to have a go on the night. It promises to be both an interesting and fun evening.

**Arrive from 6pm and BYO meat and drinks.** Please contact Jarome Graetz for further details. 0438 797 300

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### AUDIO HELPERS FOR ST PAUL'S AND ST JOHN'S WORSHIP CENTRES

Alan Bartsch is the only person doing the audio/sound 3 Sundays a month, this is a big commitment and potentially an issue when he can't be there.

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

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## 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](http://www.langmeilchurch.com.au)

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## 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

0422 935 851

[anneka.wilksch@lca.org.au](mailto:anneka.wilksch@lca.org.au)

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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)

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## FRIENDS OF THE SBLC NEWS AND EVENTS

### HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

Hugamugs gather at 10:00am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Wanera, 65 Murray St ANGASTON and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

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## HAPPENING AT THE HUB

**Tuesday** - KYB 9:30am-10:30am, Tuesday Lunch Bunch. **ALL WELCOME**

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

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



### **THE GOOD SEED BOOKSHOP CARD SALE- ALL CARDS \$2:00**

Pop into the GOod Seed this May and June for a ripper deal.

All greeting cards on the shelf are just \$2.00 each!

Whether you need a card for Mum, a family member, or a special occasion, now's the perfect time to stock up on your favourites. Don't miss out – 2 months only, grab these bargains while they are reduced.

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### **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

### **DODD ORGAN DOUBLE DELIGHT**

**WHEN: Sunday 17 May at 2.30pm**

**WHERE: Commencing at St Paul's Lutheran Church, then St John's Lutheran Church, Tanunda.**

**ORGANISTS: Andrew Georg & Casey McEwan**

Commencing at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 113 Murray St. Tanunda, and then at half time, an approx. 500 metre walk or drive to St John's Lutheran Church, Young St. Tanunda.

Experience two pipe organs built by the renowned Adelaide Master Organ builder Josiah Eustice Dodd, at St Paul's and St John's Lutheran Churches in Tanunda. Dodd organs are known internationally for their luscious sound and distinctive musical presence.

These contrasting instruments will be played in concert by Andrew Georg, Organist & Assistant Director of Music at St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, and Casey McEwan, Organ Scholar at Pilgrim Uniting Church, Adelaide, with history by Steven Kaesler.

For information contact Steven Kaesler 0408 811 837 or email [secretary@barossaorgan.com](mailto:secretary@barossaorgan.com)

Tickets: Adults \$10, Children Free – available at the door - Cash only

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### **HOME VIA HERMANSBURG:**

**William Wilkinson's 847-day Top End Red Centre quest**

**Speaker: Mark J. Smith Thursday 21 May at 7.30pm**

**139 Archer St, North Adelaide SA**

**LIVESTREAM on FoLA YouTube**

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

12,000 km on horseback through the Gulf of Carpentaria, the Tanami Desert and Namatjira's home of Hermannsburg during Carl Strehlow's tenure, as WW1 was breaking out in 1914.

Fever. Malaria. Malnutrition. Exhaustion. Crocodiles. Horses lost and killed by snakes. Abandoned by his Indigenous guides. Clash of cultures. Opium. Murder. Theft. A public execution. Why did Wilkinson, a deaf priest of Far West Queensland, endure all of this?

Percy Smith MBE founded the Anglican Church in Alice Springs and wrote the 1947 book *The Strenuous Saint* describing this epic trek. Percy's grandson Mark will reflect on Wilkinson, "who looked for no praise, sought no reward, received no recognition.

Supper, all welcome, \$5 donation.

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### **LUTHERAN CARE**

#### **BAROSSA COMMUNITY CENTRE, NURIOOTPA- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Barossa Community Centre is a new community hub, providing vital services and programs, supporting vulnerable South Australian families and individuals with opportunities to connect, share and learn with each other. The Centre's location is the White House, 25 Second Street, Nuriootpa. We are looking for volunteers to assist at the Centre Monday to Friday between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

If you have a few spare hours each week or fortnight, please consider joining our amazing team.

To find out more about volunteering, contact Community Centre Coordinator Tanya on [volunteer@lutherancare.org.au](mailto:volunteer@lutherancare.org.au) or 0417 533 530.

Thank you for your donations during April, you have been so generous, and the food pantry is well stocked for locals seeking Emergency Relief.

Please find below items that we are running low on for May:

Shampoo    Conditioner    Toothbrushes    Toothpaste    Tuna

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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.

#### **Bethany AGM**

24th May following the 10:30 service. **\*SOUP AND SAUSAGE LUNCH IN BETWEEN\***

#### **Bethany/Tabor Parish AGM**

24th May 2pm at Bethany

#### **Bethany Church Facilities and Grounds**

Our church facilities are being used by various groups over the next few months. Please check the Calendar of Events in the Hall or ask Meryl Liersch if you require access.

#### **Roadworks**

There will be roadworks happening at the Church frontage on Bethany Road. Please park in the Downe's property at the rear.

#### **Changes to the Church interior.**

Over the next few weeks, we will move the Audio-Visual equipment from the Gallery to a downstairs space. The Kids Corner will change sides and there will be some chairs brought in to replace some pews.

#### **We Remember in Prayer**

**The Sick:** Max Schubert, Robert Pfitzner, Matthew Roesler, Pat King.

#### **Families:**

Marlene Baraglia

Melissa, Amelia & Blake Peake

Tony Baraglia

Andrew & Sally Pearce

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



### **Introducing Jordan Moore**

Bethany Church Trading Table proceeds will be sponsoring Jordan until the completion of her studies at the end of 2028.

My name is Jordan Moore, and I am a theology student at Australian Lutheran College and a General Ministry Pastoral candidate of the LCANZ. I grew up in Melbourne and attended St Paul's Lutheran Church in Box Hill into my early twenties. During high school, I became increasingly passionate about God and interested in ministry, and I was encouraged by members of my congregation to consider becoming a pastor.

At that time, the opportunity for women to become LCANZ pastors did not yet exist. Nevertheless, I began part-time theological study with ALC in 2017, while also serving as Co-ordinator of Youth and Family Ministry at St Paul's and being actively involved with Lutheran Youth of Victoria. During this period, my sense of calling to pastoral ministry only grew stronger.

I married my husband, Thomas, in 2019, and we immediately relocated to California for his work. Our son, Nathan, was born there in July 2021. We were then able to move to Brisbane just before our daughter, Annabelle, was born in November 2023.

Thomas now works as a Senior Lecturer in Chemical Engineering at the Queensland University of Technology, and I stay at home with our children while completing my theological studies and formation requirements part-time.

We anticipate that I will be ready to commence pastoral ministry at the beginning of 2029. Thank you very much for your support, prayers, and encouragement throughout this ministry journey!

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### **GRACE -TANUNDA**

### **BETHLEHEM- SCHOENBOEN**

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

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

**No Service at Grace this week.** Our opportunity to worship at another Living Vine service.

### **GRACE AGM**

The Grace AGM will be held on 24th May after the service at St Paul's.

### **We celebrate this week:**

**Upcoming Birthdays:** Quentin Falkenberg; Sheryl Wagenknecht; Trevor Jantke

**Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries:** Roger & Kylie Heinrich; Trev & Val Braunack;

Robert & Wendy Schiller

**Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries:** Marlene Hoffmann; Sharee Nies

### **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](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, Pastor Len Gerschwitz, Eric Pfeiffer, Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Howard Klaebe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

**The Morrison family** - Jess, William and Estelle

**THIS WEEK:**

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

Faith School Book Fair, at Langmeil, Monday May 11 - Friday May 15

Administration Team, Monday May 11, 7:30 p.m.

Pastoral Care Workers, Thursday May 14, 9:30 am at Langmeil

Opals, Friday May 15, 12 noon, lunch at the Brauhaus Angaston

**Langmeil AGM, Sunday May 17, between services.**

**LANGMEIL AGM**

The Book of Reports for our meeting on Sunday May 17 is now available. These have been emailed and hard copies are also in letter-boxes for those who normally receive a bulletin.

**THANK YOU:** A huge thank you for all your prayers and personal text messages. We have appreciated each and every one. The children are continuing to improve. William has a long way to go and is learning to walk again. He is very determined and is stronger each day. Estelle is almost back to her active 3yr old self and started Hospital School on Monday. There are still difficult days ahead, but we have been incredibly blessed because of your support. Please keep the prayers coming. Thank you all!

Karen and Neil Lambert and the Morrisons.

Dave Morrison's funeral will be at Peter Lehmann's Old Redemption Centre, Friday May 22 at 2 p.m.

**HALL FLOOR:** We have no spare tiles for the parquetry floor in the hall. If, while cleaning, you find a broken piece that has come adrift please leave this in the cleaner's room. Do not throw it out!

**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 LVLC 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 16**

**Clean TLC:** Judi Schmidt, Leon and Carlene Koch, Andy and Marlene Thurlow

**Yard Cleaning:** John Keil, Brian Zimmermann

**SUNDAY MAY 3**

**Attendance:** 46 (8:45am) + 101 (10:30am) = 147

**Offering:** \$1,191.55 + \$1,730.40 = \$2,921.95

Church Office: 0493 797 220 Office Hours: 9:00 am - 12 noon, Monday – Friday  
Admin Sec: Colleen Bryan 0434 247 717

**Keep in your Prayers:** Di Gilson; Jenni Edwards; Monica Wohlstadt; George Davies; Lorraine Schild; Shirley & Don Wegener; Lutheran Care.

**Songs at Lyndoch:** AT 296, AT 127, AT 65, Jesus bids us shine

**Diary dates:** 17 May

Lyndoch: 9am HC Pastor Wayne Kerber

Rowland Flat: 9am Pastor Paul Kerber

**LWSA-NT Convention:** Thursday 14 May, 9am-4pm @ Laura. BYO lunch and Tidings.

**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.

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Lyndoch Chair - Steve Fiebiger 0448294696  
Rowland Flat Pastoral Assistant– Tania Heinrich 0409679164

