



## Living Vine Lutheran Church Newsletter

Sunday, 17 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 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 9:00am Pr Wayne Kerber  
Schoenborn 10:30 Pr Greg Schiller  
Tabor 9:00am Vicar Paul Ridley + Godly Play

### SUNDAY 24 MAY 2026 – PENTECOST

Bethany 10:30am Pr Rob Schubert  
Grace St Paul's 9:00am  
Langmeil no services  
Lyndoch 10:30am Pr Gus Schutz  
Tabor 9:00am HC Pr Rob Schubert  
10:30am German Service  
Gerhard Ruediger

### SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026 – TRINITY

Combined Service 9:00am - Harvest Centre, Faith Junior Campus *Hosts - Grace*

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

Acts 1:6-14 Waiting in prayer for the Spirit  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
The Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Suffering as a Christian  
The Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11 Jesus prays for his disciples in the world

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday - John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39  
Monday - Isaiah 62:1-12  
Tuesday - Isaiah 41:17-20  
Wednesday - John 17:11b-26  
Thursday - 4 Corinthians 5:1-10  
Friday - 1 John 2:24-29  
Saturday - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God,  
help us always willingly to serve you as our king, with a  
pure heart.  
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

God of comfort, your Son prayed for his followers in the world, that they might be one. Use us and what you have given us to serve you and one another. Amen.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LVLC

Lord of Life, as we go out into the world this week, let the power of your Spirit flow through us, that we may come alive in Christ, be given strength beyond our own, and enabled to do what You call us to do, for the sake of Your kingdom here on earth. 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

When words fail...prayer speaks

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## **LIVING VINE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

This month's Men's Fellowship will be held on Friday the 29th 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**

#### **Barossa Christian Life Week – Camp**

Youth Camp For School Year's 7-12

Cornerstone College, Mt Barker - 6<sup>th</sup> To 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - \$250 per person

Registrations close 29<sup>th</sup> June

First time camper LLL Sponsorship pay only \$50

Bus transport available to/from Faith Lutheran College

To find out more - [admin@blueprintministries.org.au](mailto:admin@blueprintministries.org.au)

### **YOUNG LIFE - MAY UPDATE**

There has been a slow start to the term with our Club and Wyldlife groups and we pray for regulars to return for fellowship and new friends to join.

At Young Life, we believe every teen matters. Not because of what they achieve, believe, or bring to the table, but because they are made in God's image and deeply loved by Him. We go where teens are. Into schools. Onto sporting sidelines. Into cafés and community spaces. We build real relationships and earn the right to be heard.

This End of Financial Year, we are inviting our community to stand with us For Every Teen. Click [here](#) to make your donation.

Donations of long-life milk and lemonade would be appreciated for our lunch club and breakfast clubs. Upcoming events: Can and bottle run to be held in June, Wine and Beer Sale on the 10th of July and Trivia Night in August so keep an eye out for when they are advertised.

***Thank you for your prayer and support of our young people in the Barossa!***

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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

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 19<sup>th</sup> May at The Greenock, 2 Murray St Greenock and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday 21<sup>st</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

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

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

#### **ART & CRAFT @ THE HUB**

A Relaxing, Creative Space for Fun & Friendship.

10am to Noon Wednesdays at The Hub \$10 per session Morning Tea Provided

All ages and skill levels - Everyone Welcome (*great for NDIS participants*)



#### **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**

##### **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 HERMANNSBURG:

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. Supper, all welcome, \$5 donation.

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## LUTHERAN CARE

### BAROSSA COMMUNITY CENTRE, NURIOTPA- 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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**Be a foster carer. Be the village**



**BE THE VILLAGE**  
foster care



**LUTHERAN CARE**

Lutheran Care is seeking caring individuals and families to provide safe, nurturing homes for children and young people. We offer Generalist, Specialist, and Respite Care, with exceptional support every step of the way.

**Children belong and thrive in families, could yours be the one?**

**Take the first step today.**  
Join our free **Foster Care Info Sessions**, in person & online options available.



**UPCOMING DATES:**  
29 APR, 13 MAY, 1 JUNE, 21 JUNE, 23 JUNE

For more info visit [fostercare.lutherancare.org.au](http://fostercare.lutherancare.org.au)

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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 NOTICES**

**-AGM** 24th May following the 10:30 service. \*Soup and Sausage Lunch In Between

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

### **TABOR AGM**

The Tabor AGM will be held on Sunday 24th May after the service.

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

24th May 2pm at Bethany

### **We Remember in Prayer**

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

#### **Families:**

Helen Phillips

Trevor & Melva Ratsch

James & Chris Bartsch

Daniel & Samantha, Harvey, Reuben Bartsch

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

### **UPDATE FROM JORDAN MOORE**

I just wanted to give you all an update on how my studies are going. I previously completed a Bachelor of Theology at ALC (graduating in 2024) and am now undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Divinity.

This semester, I am studying Synoptic Gospels, in which we are closely examining the Gospel of Mark. I have really enjoyed learning more about the Gospels as a genre of writing, wrestling with difficult texts and theological questions, and practicing different types of exegesis. I have already found the exegetical work, in particular, to be helpful in my sermon preparation. Our class meets weekly online, and it has been wonderful to have rich discussions, as well as to learn from our lecturer, Dr Stephen Hultgren, whose vast academic knowledge has been a great blessing.

Now that I am officially in the Pastoral Studies Stream at ALC (since mid-2025), I have been able to engage more in practical fieldwork alongside my academic studies. Every month or so, I have been preaching in my home congregation and also leading much of the spoken liturgy in our worship services. I am attending church council meetings to learn more about governance and will be attending the QLD District Pastors' Conference in June.

Outside of the congregation, I have been volunteering with a local charity that serves people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage, which has given me greater awareness of some of the social issues present in the communities where our congregations are located.

Thank you so much for your support as I undertake my studies. As a mum of young children, it is often a challenge to juggle my academic work and fieldwork experience with caring for my family, and knowing that you are supporting and encouraging me makes a huge difference. We are praying for you too.

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”  
Philippians 1:3–6

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**GRACE -TANUNDA****BETHLEHEM– SCHOENBOEN**

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

Merv Storton	0488 743 323	<a href="mailto:evries@ihug.com.au">evries@ihug.com.au</a>
Elizabeth Jaeschke	0459 472 836	<a href="mailto:n.jaeschke@bigpond.com">n.jaeschke@bigpond.com</a>
Trevor Braunack	0409 633 829	<a href="mailto:schonborn@bigpond.com">schonborn@bigpond.com</a>

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

**Songs:** AT172; AT252; In Christ Alone; AT256; AT410

**GRACE AGM**

The Grace AGM will be held on Sunday 24th May after the 9am service at St Paul's. The AGM Agenda, previous Minutes and Financials were emailed to Grace members on Thursday 14th May and printed copies are available from the Hub or Grace St Paul's.

**We celebrate this week:**

**Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries:** Bay Both; Wendy Steinberner

**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.

We pray for our fellow saints and for all their loved ones, especially today we pray for Quentin Falkenberg, Tighe & George Vallerant, Leshay & Dave Bush; Levene & Brian Fechner; Pauline Fromm. You know all their needs, into Your fatherly hands we entrust them.

*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 Klabe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

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

**Birthdays:** May 10 - Helen Kaesler, 15 - Kathryn Kahl, 16 - Grace Reichelt, 22 - Janine Rosenzweig, Joshua Kokegei

**THIS WEEK:**

**Langmeil AGM, Sunday May 17, between services.** Don't forget your Book of Reports!

**FURTHER AHEAD - at Langmeil**

Kaffee und Kuchen, Monday May 25, 1 pm.  
Men's Fellowship, Friday May 29, 6 pm.  
CLW Leaders' Training, Sunday May 31, 12:30 pm  
LYFT (Youth group), Sunday May 31, 4-7 pm

**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 23**

**Clean TLC:** Jarome and Naomi Graetz, Greg and Clara Kokegei

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

**SUNDAY MAY 10**

**Attendance:** 72 (8:45am) + 48 (FUEL) = 120

**Offering:** \$1,037.35 + \$1,730.40 = \$2,767.75

Church Office: 0493 797 220 Office Hours: 9:00 am - 12 noon, Monday – Friday

Admin Sec: Colleen Bryan 0434 247 717

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**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.

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**Songs at Lyndoch:** King of Kings, He is exalted, Speak O Lord, There is a Spirit in the air

**Diary dates:** 24 May Pastor Gus Schutz

Rowland Flat: 9am HC

Lyndoch: 10.30am HC

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

