



Living Vine Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday 31 May 2026
First Sunday after Pentecost (Holy Trinity Sunday)
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 31 MAY 2026 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Combined Service 9:00am Pastor Mike Semmler Harvest Centre, Faith Junior Campus, *hosts Grace*

SUNDAY 7 JUNE

Bethany 10:30am

Grace St John's 9:00am

Langmeil 8:45am HC & 10:30am HC Pr Ross Schultz

Lyndoch no service

Schoenborn 9:00am

Tabor no service

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE Grace St John's 2:00pm HC

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026

The First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a The Triune God creates the world through his word

Psalm 8

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13(14) The apostolic blessing in the name of the Triune God

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 The great commission in the name of the Triune God

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday - Matthew 28:16-20

Monday - Deuteronomy 6:4-15

Tuesday - Jeremiah 10:6-16

Wednesday - Ezekiel 1:4-6, 22-28

Thursday - John 5:17-23

Friday - Ephesians 3:14-21

Saturday - Psalm 50:7-15

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God,

you have given us faith to affirm the glory of the eternal Trinity and to worship you as One.

Keep us firm in this faith and safe with you forever.

For you live and reign, one God,

now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving Triune God, teach us, your children, to praise and glorify you with our lives and all that we have, by serving others. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LVLC

We thank you, Lord, now for the church of which we are members, and for the Holy Spirit at work amongst us all. Be with those who lead us in our worship of you. We pray your blessing on all who share with us in this church's life, that we may all grow in a knowledge of your love. Amen.

PRAY FOR MISSION, UNITY AND COMMUNITY

Young Life, Schools, Godly Play, Pastoral Care Workers, Lutheran Care, Lutheran Homes Barossa, Barossa Village, The Hub, Grow Love Garden, GOoD Seed, Funday Sunday, Bible Society, German Services, Living Vine Lutheran Church

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

We aren't called to shine our own light; We are called to reflect His.



LIVING VINE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Report of the first meeting of the Living Vine Lutheran Church Governance Council

Members of the Ministry Team joined with the Governance Council for the first part of the meeting and during that time the following matters were considered:

- National Church Life Survey - participation to be considered after obtaining additional information.
- Installation of Pastor Phillip Joppich – Worship Team will consult Pastor Phil and Bishop Andrew Brook to determine the format and time for the celebratory service on Sunday, August 2. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship.
- Faith Lutheran College Bibles for Foundation Students – it was agreed to fund these to the value of \$1,527.27
- Christian Life Week – it was agreed to fund young people from Living Vine Lutheran Church wishing to attend the camp.
- Future meetings of the Governance Council will include a time with the Ministry Team for receiving and giving information.
- New Logo – Jo Herrmann will engage with designers to produce a new logo for Living Vine Lutheran Church.

Governance Council

1. Lutheran Church of Australia, South Australia / NT District has advised the District Church Council will consider the Living Vine Lutheran Church constitution at their June meeting before it is forwarded to the Department of Consumer and Business Services.
2. A list of milestones and a timeline will be endorsed at the next meeting in June
3. New Governance Council policy and role descriptions to be prepared for the June meeting
4. New Finance Team to be engaged to plan and the financial aspects of the transition to the LVLC. Going forward, the Team will draft budgets, monitor and report on the LVLC financial position.
5. Living Vine Lutheran Church Financial Report as at 25 May 2026 shows a balance of \$13,431.48 with accounts yet to be paid of \$2,640.86.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This month's Men's Fellowship will be held tonight - 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

TANUNDA LUTHERAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thursday 11th June, The Langmeil Centre - Hosts Tabor

Guest Speaker Tania Nelson from Lutheran Media.

Project Donation: Home of Praise, Thailand Blueprint Ministries

LYFT BOARD GAME NIGHT

4-7pm Sunday May 31. Langmeil Church Hall, bring your favourite game to share, snack and dinner provided. Scan here to RSVP.



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

Alan Bartsch is the only person doing the Grace 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

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

BAROSSA CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK

Soup Sundays

For the month of June enjoy a mug of soup and some fellowship after the service.
Gold coin donation with proceeds supporting Barossa Christian Life Week camp.



Barossa Christian Life Week – Camp

Youth Camp for School Year's 7-12

Cornerstone College, Mt Barker - 6th To 10th July 2026 - \$250 per person Registrations close 29th 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

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. To make a donation go to <https://younglife.org.au/eofy26/>

Donations of long-life milk and lemonade would be appreciated for our **lunch club and breakfast clubs.**

Up-coming 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!

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 LVLC NEWS AND EVENTS

HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

Tuesday (June 2nd) Hugamugs meet at 10am at The Vine Inn (14-22 Murray St) Nuriootpa
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Sprocket Rockets get together at The Vine Inn (14-22 Murray St) Nuriootpa at 10.30am on Thursday (May 28th) after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

HAPPENING AT THE HUB

Tuesday - KYB 9:30am-10:30am

Wednesday – Bible Study and Prayer meeting 9:00-10:30am, 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.

HOLY TRINITY MOVIE NIGHT SUNDAY 7 JUNE

"The Final Solution" based on a true story. The indoctrination of Gerrit Wolfaardt is complete: his family traditions, history, culture—even his church—have taught him that black South Africans are a cancer. Under the eye of prominent members of the government and military, Gerrit develops a diabolical plan to rid South Africa of its "black danger". Before his plans can be carried out, he meets two people who will put him on a collision course with his future. Celeste, an open-minded university student, and Peter Lekota, a pastor who challenges Gerrit's prejudice. His "final solution" met its greatest obstacle when Gerrit himself realizes he is wrong. The Persecutor becomes the Peacemaker and begins to seek reconciliation between whites and blacks. However, in the turbulent last days of apartheid, there are those who doubt his transformation.

One such person is Moses Moremi, whom Gerrit had once violently attacked. It is Moses who must choose between peace and bloodshed.

Movie starts @ 7 PM and is still just \$5!



St Marks Freeling Shed Men along with Chew the Fat and the Freeling Ag Bureau are screening the movie, Kick Off Ya Boots at the Freeling FARM Centre on 19th June at 6pm for a 6.30 start.

A movie produced by the Little Town Productions- part of the Loxton Lutheran Church, well known for their quality plays that many of us have attended. This one is about rural families and the struggles/ challenges they face.

For more information phone Sherinne Schuster - 0419811407 with any questions or to book tickets go to <https://events.humanitix.com/kick-off-ya-boots-freeling>

A poster for a "FREE FOSTER CARE INFO SESSION". The background shows a blurred image of people in a kitchen. On the right, there is a Polaroid-style photo of a smiling young girl holding a bowl. The text "FREE FOSTER CARE INFO SESSION" is prominently displayed in white on a dark background. Below this, there is a logo for "LUTHERAN CARE" and a list of event details: "MONDAY 1ST JUNE", "6:30PM - 8:30PM", "LANGMEIL LUTHERAN CHURCH", and contact information: "fostercare@lutherancare.org.au" and "08 8337 8787".

FREE FOSTER CARE INFO SESSION

LUTHERAN CARE

📅 MONDAY 1ST JUNE ⌚ 6:30PM - 8:30PM

📍 LANGMEIL LUTHERAN CHURCH

✉ fostercare@lutherancare.org.au 📞 08 8337 8787

LUTHERAN CARE

Thank you for your donations during May. 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 June:

Shampoo Conditioner Toothbrushes Toothpaste Tuna

WOMEN OF FAITH - LWSA-NT ONE DAY RETREAT

Saturday 20 June 2026 - Langmeil Lutheran Church Tanunda – Chaplain Libby Jewson

The day will include worship, singing, Bible Study and fellowship. All women are very welcome. After dinner at the Tanunda Hotel there will be an evening of fellowship activities.

Cost: \$50 pay cash on the day. Includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea.

Registration forms with more information are available from The Hub and Langmeil.

ALC WINTER INTENSIVE CLASSES

These face-to face classes, held at Church House 139 Frome Street Adelaide, are a wonderful opportunity for GMP, SMO, congregational leaders and any interested people to attend. Enrolments close 10 July 2026. To find out more email enquiries@alc.edu.au

Introduction to Christian Mission by Dr Tania Nelson (15-18 July 9am-5pm \$570.00), and Coaching and Mentoring by Profession Albert Haddad (24-25 July 9am-5pm \$570.00).

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.

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 prayer list.

BETHANY NOTICES

-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.

-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.

We Remember in Prayer

The Sick: Max Schubert, Robert Pfitzner, Matthew Roesler, Pat King, Anne Schmidt, Samantha Bartsch, Jenny Schubert, Neta Neldner

Families:

Trevor & Jeanette Roesler

Allen & Joy Rohrlach

Michael & Jade, Indy, Asher Bartsch

Ryan & Andrea (Andie), Ned, Rory, Milo Bartsch

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.

We celebrate this week:

Upcoming Birthdays: Coral Ratsch; Tom Schiller

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: Jan Linke

Please pray

Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are sick and in need. We especially pray for Ivy Schmaal recovering from heart surgery, 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: May 31 - Dennis Saegenschnitter, June 1 - June Hahn, 2 - Emily Rosenzweig

ESMA HEIN: Once again, congratulations to Esma on her 100th Birthday last Monday, May 25th.

Friends of Esma are invited to an Open Afternoon at the Vine Inn, Nuriootpa on Sunday, May 31 from 3 – 5 pm. No presents please.

THIS WEEK - at Langmeil

CLW Leaders' Training, Sunday May 31, 12:30-4:30 pm

LYFT (Youth group), Sunday May 31, 4-7 pm

LC Foster Carers Information Evening, Monday June 1, 6:30 -8:30 pm at Langmeil

Worship Team, Monday June 1, 7:30 pm

LC Aged Care Volunteer Visitors support group, Tuesday June 2, 2 pm, at Langmeil

Young Life Leaders, Sunday June 7, 5-7 pm

FURTHER AHEAD

Administration Team, Monday June 8, 7:30 pm

Women's Fellowship, Thursday June 11, 1:30 pm

Blueprint Ministries' Training, Saturday June 13, 9:30am - 4 pm at Langmeil

FUEL, Sunday June 14, 10:30 am. Fellowship from 10 am

SOUP SUNDAYS: Congregations of LVLC are again providing soup after our services in support of Barossa Christian Life Week. We would appreciate help for every Sunday and every Langmeil service during June. If you can provide soup, soup ingredients, a monetary donation or are willing to help with serving, please contact Lorna Schiller, 0438 844 116.

2025 BALANCE SHEET: There was a question at our AGM about an obviously incorrect balance sheet. The adjustment has been made by our auditor. Corrected copies are available in The Link.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT, Saturday June 20 at Langmeil. All women are most welcome. Please register by June 9, pay on the day. Further details and registration forms are available at Langmeil and The Hub.

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: June 6 *(For detailed June rosters follow the link below)*

Clean TLC: Jenny Grieger, Bob and Robyn Sloane, David and Valerie West

Yard Cleaning: Peter Robinson, Erich Holzknecht

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.

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Diary dates: 7 June

Rowland Flat: 10am Lay Worship

Lyndoch: NO SERVICE

Lyndoch Women's Fellowship- Wednesday 3 June, 10.30am at the hall. Heading to Lobethal Chapel, Church, Cemetery, Museum. Cost \$10pp. Followed by lunch. Everyone welcome.

Lyndoch Council meeting- Thursday 18 June, 7.30pm in hall.

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:

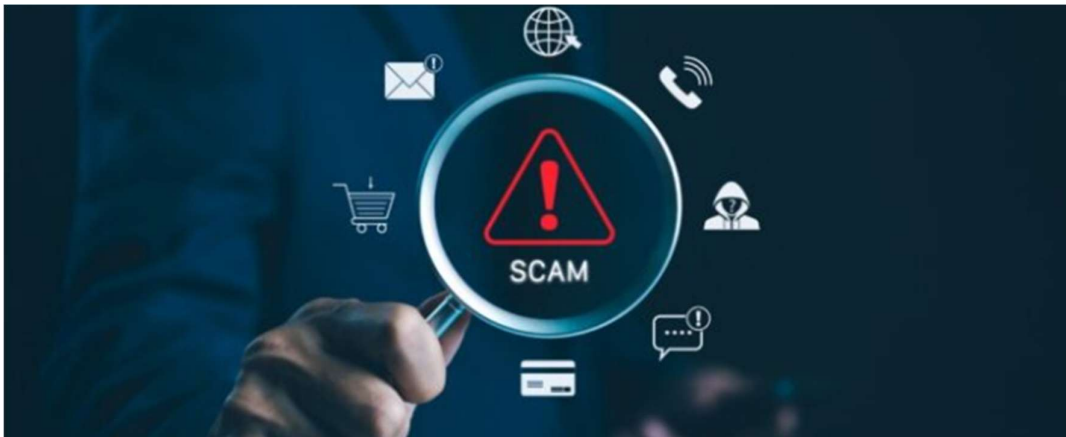
*Lyndoch Lutheran church reg account: BSB 704 942 acc. no. 10014863

*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



There are a few scams doing the rounds again. Scammers are currently contacting people pretending to be friends or friends of friends, service providers or legitimate businesses. Be careful of **emails** that may look legitimate but are fake (always check the senders email address), **fake SMS messages** or **phone calls**, offering something for free, asking for money or personal information. If something feels suspicious, too good to be true or too urgent, it could be a scam.

Do not send money, share personal information, click suspicious links, or provide banking details unless you have independently verified the person or company.

Common scam signs include:

- Urgent requests for payment
- Requests for gift cards, cryptocurrency, or bank transfers
- Messages claiming your account is locked or compromised
- Poor spelling or use of language or unusual communication
- Pressure to act immediately

If you are unsure, stop communication and verify through an official channel. If you think you received a scam email or call, let someone know. You can help protect yourself and others by reporting suspicious activity. If you have received a scam email it would be much appreciated if you could let Elaine at The Hub know so we can keep a record and report them to Scamwatch. The more knowledge we have the safer we will be.

