



Living Vine Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday 16 August 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Colour - Green

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 16 AUGUST 2026

Bethany no service

Grace - St John's 9:00am HC Pr Phil Joppich

Langmeil 8:45am HC & 10:30am HC Pr Brian Schwarz

Lyndoch 10:00am Parish @ St Jakobi School

Schoenborn 10:30am HC Pr Phil Joppich

Tabor 9:00am Pr Ken Pfitzner + Godly Play

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Phil Joppich

Grace - St John's 9:00am

Langmeil no services

Lyndoch 9:00am HC Pr Wayne Kerber

Tabor 9:00am HC Pr Phil Joppich

If you missed Sunday's installation service, you can watch it here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YkRHP28C4>

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2026

The First Reading a) Genesis 45:1-15 Joseph reveals himself to his brothers

b) Isaiah 56:1,6-8 God's people will include foreigners

a) Psalm 133 or b) Psalm 67

The Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 The salvation of the Jews as well as the Gentiles

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:10-28 The healing of an unclean woman's daughter

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday - Matthew 15:10-20, 12-28

Monday - Isaiah 66:18b-22

Tuesday - Acts 11:1-18

Wednesday - Acts 13:42-49

Thursday - 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Friday - Revelation 21:1, 22- 22:5

Saturday - Psalm 138

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thank you, God of the nations, for calling all kinds of people into your kingdom, even though none of us deserve your great love. Make us confident in praying to you for our own needs and for the needs of others.

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, Lord, for accepting us and people from all backgrounds into your kingdom –Gentiles as well as Jews, the outsiders as well as those who have grown up in the church. Help us to accept other people and welcome them, as you do. Use us and our gifts to reach out to those in need. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LVLC

Father, we are in awe of how you orchestrate the days of our lives and the individual love You have for each of us and our purposes. We are all unique, every person, and it brings You joy when we recognize each other for the people we are in You. Continue to work in us and through us to bring Your love to our community. 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

Jesus died for you in public, so don't only live for Him in private.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR PHIL

Grace and peace to you from God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Part of Psalm 67 says: "Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!"
That is a huge prayer and hope. It's based on who God is and what God does. God is gracious, loves justice and blesses through harvests.
We have been caught up in this work of God and are encouraged to lend our voice to this song of hope, so all the peoples praise God.
God bless you and your day. In Christ, the Living Vine.
Pastor Phil Joppich
Living Vine Lutheran Church
Mob 0438 019 661



LIVING VINE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

St Paul's & St John's Time Capsule Event Sunday, 15 November 2026

More details coming soon!

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St Paul's: Sheryl 0400 105 292 St John's: Jan 0417 815 869

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

YOUNG LIFE

If you have any questions or queries about anything in our notices, please contact Tiffany on 0466 039 463 or tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au

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 (August 18th) Hugamugs turn up at The Barossa Valley Chocolate Company, 64 Burings Road Tanunda at 10:30am, and Sprocket Rockets get together at the same place at 10.30am on Thursday (August 20th) after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

UPDATE FROM PASTOR GREG SCHILLER AKA PNG GREG

Not all learning happens in the classroom! This week's photo captures one of my favourite learning spaces at the seminary — students, families and lecturer sitting together around the fire, with sweet potatoes roasting and plenty of conversation.

My short update also reflects on how much students learn by watching their teachers, not simply by listening to them. There's also a brief update on the continuing dry conditions — and some welcome good news about my health.

You can pick up a copy of this week's update from the Hub.

The Christian Community Hub 83 Murray Street TANUNDA
Phone 8563 3748 Email: cchubtan@gmail.com



HAPPENING AT THE HUB

SALA 1-31 August - Exhibition by Margie Rossack and participant in

Our Town: A Children's Guide to Tanunda, a unique exhibition created by the Foundation students of Faith Lutheran College - a guide to Tanunda through their own eyes.

Tuesday - Know Your Bible 9:30am - Meeting Room

Wednesday - Art Group 10:00am - Front Room

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

BIBLE SOCIETY AUGUST PRAYER LETTER

It never stops being an encouragement, knowing that our supporters are faithfully praying for people, communities and Bible ministry around the world. Your prayers are a vital part of this work, and we are grateful for them.

What an amazing privilege it is to see God's Word bring hope to so many people. From Bible translation in Colombia, to trauma healing ministries in Jordan, Kenya and Slovenia, to Scripture engagement in First Nations languages here in Australia, we see God continuing to work through his Word in people's lives. You can pick up a copy of the Prayer letter from The Hub.

The Regional Learning Hub at St Petri has some exciting new courses starting soon.

Mental Health Wisdoms: Dealing with Anxiety & Other Life Challenges with Peter Ellis will be running for professionals, counsellors and practitioners on Monday 17 August.

Acts of the Spirit Retreat weekend with Rev Dr Dean Zweck will be on 11-13 September. We have a program which includes initial session on Friday; informative teachings, a bus trip, candlelight dinner on Saturday; preaching, lunch and a final session on Sunday. More details will be out very soon. You are encouraged to come along and invite your friends to join you.

Our Faith Journey with Ev Leske & friends will be on Sunday afternoons on Oct 18-Nov 28

To find our more contact St Petri on 8562 1011.

Fancy a night at the opera whilst doing something good for South Australians in need?

Head along to State Opera South Australia's upcoming production of Hansel and Gretel, and \$10 from every ticket sold through the special booking link below will help support South Australians at risk of and experiencing homelessness.

Running from August 21-29 at Her Majesty's Theatre, Hansel and Gretel is based on the haunting original by the Brothers Grimm, and brings to life a timeless story of courage, cunning, and the triumph of self-reliance. To purchase your tickets

<https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/Show.aspx?sh=HANSELGR26&ep=LUTCARE>

Shoebox Season Is Here! The Power of a Simple Gift

When you pack shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child, God works in a powerful way to equip local church partners to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children and their families.

On average, every 24 hours, 31,020 boys and girls in over 100 countries will receive a shoebox gift and hear the Gospel presented in their language. There's no better time to start packing shoebox gifts with your family, church or community group!

2026 National Collection Week Australia: 12 – 26 October

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES - The Plains Capital—Sedan 1870-2020

Speaker: Susan Grieger **Thursday 20 August at 7.30pm** 139 Archer St, North Adelaide SA 5000
LIVESTREAM on FoLA YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>
The town of Sedan on the Murray Flats was created as a private town and as such holds an interesting place in the South Australian narrative. Johann Wilhelm Pfeiffer who established the town was the only German to do so. He helped many of the early businesspeople establish and, with his support, the town flourished. Sedan was founded in 1870 and within 15 years it had grown to be the heart of this farming area 30 km to the east of the Barossa. Author of the latest Sedan history book, Susan Grieger, will tell us of its rich history as a town with a strong Lutheran Germanic nature. She will explore the highs and lows of its past, what has shaped its character and what remains today.
All welcome, \$5 donation, supper included.

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

LUTHERAN CARE

Thank you for your donations. You have all been so generous and the food pantry is well stocked for people seeking Emergency Relief. Please find below items that we are running low on for August:

Sweet/Savory Biscuits

Tinned Tuna

Long life milk

Cereal

TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Join us at The Hub for Tuesday Lunch Bunch. Whether you're new to the area, living on your own, missing good conversation, or simply looking to connect with others, we'd love to share a meal with you.

No cost. No expectations. Just good food and good company.

Everyone welcome. Bring a friend.

To find out more call The Christian Community Hub on 8563 3748.



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.

We Remember in Prayer

The Sick: Samantha Bartsch, Michelle Schulz, Max Schubert, Robert Pfitzner, Matthew Roesler, Anne Schmidt, Neta Neldner, Joan Hueppauff

Families:

Margaret Underwood

Chris Vale

David, Candice, Elaine Garrett

Jonathon & Sharon, Nathaniel, Madeline, Amelia Geue

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.

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We celebrate this week:

Upcoming Birthdays: Leon Schwarz, Lorna Noack

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: Colin Krause, Margaret Kernich

Please pray

Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are sick and in need. We especially pray for John Schuster, Prue & Doug Vogelsang, Ivy Schmaal, Eric Lange and Betty, for Brian (Nipper) Fechner, for Irwin Beitz, 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 Kathryn Marschall; Eric Marschall; Bev & Trevor Mattner, Paul Mattner, David Mattner; Keith Mickan. 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

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: Anne Wilksch, Pastor Len Gerschwitz, Eric Pfeiffer, Peter Tschärke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Howard Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

Birthdays: August 16 - John Kroehn, Brian Schwarz, Kathy May, 17 - Leah Graue, 18 - Sam Rosenzweig, 20 - Leon Koch

THIS WEEK

Opals, Friday August 21, 12 noon. Lunch at the Angas Park Hotel Nuriootpa

FURTHER AHEAD

Combined LVLC Service, Sunday August 30, 9 am at Faith Junior School

LYFT, Sunday August 30, 4-7 pm at Langmeil

ROSE PRUNING

It's rose pruning time again. Feel free to come and do, on a nice day, whenever it suits you! Des Schiller, 0437 225 077

FIRE DRILL

Having recently upgraded our church and the Langmeil Centre to fire standards required by the Government and Barossa Council, we have one last item to tick off – a fire drill! This is planned for **Sunday August 16**, after each service. People will be asked to vacate the church from various doors, under directions from the stewards, to assigned safe areas outside. This is so that we know and are prepared for what to do if/when there is an actual emergency.

MORNING TEA

As Langmeil is organising the combined service on August 30, we are looking for some donations of cakes and slices for morning tea. Please bring on the morning, or speak to Lorna Schiller. Thankyou!

CHRISTMAS EVE

We will again be having a combined celebration with Bethany-Tabor. Looking for offers from Langmeil people, who might be interested in helping to plan the evening, to join a small combined group. A script has been provided, making this task so much easier. Please speak with Mark Pfitzner, 0428 198 111.

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).

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: August 22

Clean TLC: Judi Schmidt, Leon and Carlene Koch, Jenny Grieger

Yard Cleaning: Ian Jaensch

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

Attendance: 61 (8:45 am) + 40 (FUEL) = 101

Offering: \$1,784.80 + \$1,805.70 = \$3,590.50 (Plus donation to Young Life)

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; Grant Fewster & Cheryl; Keith Koch, Glenda and family; Lutheran Care, Pastor Phil and Jenny

Diary dates:

23 August- Pastor Wayne Kerber

Rowland Flat: 9am HC

Lyndoch: 10.30am HC

Parish Worship @ St Jakobi- Sunday 16 August, 10am. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.

Lyndoch Church Council- Thursday 27 Aug, 7.30pm in the 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
Lyndoch Chair - Steve Fiebiger 0448294696
Rowland Flat Pastoral Assistant– Tania Heinrich 040967916

THE GOoD SEED RE-OPENS

The GOoD Seed Christian Bookshop has been providing Bibles, Christian books, beautiful giftware and Church supplies to the community for 25 years. During that time, the GOoD Seed has continued to adapt and respond to changing circumstances, while keeping its focus firmly on serving God and our community. Most recently the GOoD Seed has moved into a new space in The Hub, next to our Library.

Throughout this time, one thing has remained constant: the commitment of the people behind it. Some of the people who helped begin that journey are still part of the story today. Elizabeth Jaeschke, the GOoD Seed's previous Co-ordinator, is a member of the committee and Christine Giersch, the current Co-ordinator has been with the GOoD Seed for ten years. For 25 years, the dedicated commitment of volunteers, on the committee and in the shop, have been at the heart of this ministry. Their generosity, faithfulness and willingness to give their time and talents have been a living expression of God's love in our community. Their continued involvement is a wonderful reminder that the GOoD Seed's 25-year history isn't simply about buildings or locations — it's about faith, people and commitment to our community.

Some words from Christine Giersch-The GOoD Seed Co-ordinator

This is our 4th move in 25 years, but I believe that it is just another part of our journey. God has been with us on the journey and wherever this move takes us to, God is already there. I thank and praise Him for the generous sales we have been blessed with over the last month, which in turn help us to continue to supply and service our Living Vine congregations and the community.

Last Sunday we had a sermon on Jesus coming out to the disciples in the boat walking on water. The disciples thought he was a ghost and were afraid. Jesus said "Courage, it is I. Don't be afraid". Peter said, "If it is really you, order me to come out on the water to you". "Come" Jesus answered and Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water towards him but when he noticed the strong wind he panicked and began to sink and cried out. "Save me Lord". Jesus reached out his hand and grabbed hold of him. He said "What little Faith you have, why did you doubt". They both got back into the boat and the wind died down. Then the disciples in the boat worshipped Jesus saying "Truly you are the Son of God".

Pastor Phil posed some very important questions to us to think about. "Who is this guy Jesus, the true Son of God"? "Who is Jesus the Son of God to us as Individuals?" "Who is Jesus the Son of God to us as Living Vine Lutheran Church – Lyndoch?" "Who is Jesus the Son of God to us as Living Vine Lutheran Church overall?" Well, I thought about it and "Who is Jesus the Son of God to The Good Seed Bookshop"? He is our Saviour and our Friend. He grabbed us by the hand and pulled us up when we were sinking. He said to me "Chris, why did you doubt? What little Faith you have. We can continue to serve our Lord, our congregations and our community wherever we are in this building. Trust me." And here we are a week later in a brand new exciting and refreshed space.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate with us on Monday. To everyone, including our wonderful committee and volunteers who helped with the move and relocation of the GOoD Seed. A special thank you to Elaine and Jeanette for their moral support and encouragement, for their Faith that we could make it work and to Elaine and her wonderful office staff for the signage etc. to continue our journey where we are.

**BAROSSA SCHOOLS
CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE**

PRESENTS

A CAR BOOTSALE!

**Saturday October 10
8.30am-1.00pm
iSee Church Carpark
Nuriootpa**

\$ 20 per car

Coffee, tea and scones available

**All proceeds go towards pastoral care in
Barossa schools**

For further information or to book a site contact:

Steph- email: stephhoff29@gmail.com

Or call: 0417 887 299