



Living Vine Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday 20 September 2026
Seventeenth 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 20 SEPTEMBER

Bethany - No service
Grace - 9am HC Pr. Phil Joppich
Langmeil 8:45 HC Pr and 10:30 am HC Pr Brian Schwarz
Lyndoch 10am Parish combined with Anglicans
Schoenborn 10.30am Pr Phil Joppich
Tabor 9am + Godly Play

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Phil Joppich
Grace St Paul's 9:00am
Langmeil no services
Lyndoch 10:30am HC Pr. Graham Jenke
Schoenborn no service
Tabor 9am HC Pr Phil Joppich
10:30am German Service Gerhard Ruediger

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

First Reading a) Exodus 16:2-15 Bread from heaven in the desert or
b) Jonah 3:10- 4:11 Jonah is angered by God's mercy
a) Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or b) Psalm 145:1-8
The Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30 Living for Christ
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 The Workers in the Vineyard

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday - Matthew 20:1-16
Monday - Isaiah 55:5-9
Tuesday - Daniel 9:1-4, 18,20-24
Wednesday - Luke 17:5-10
Thursday - 1 Corinthians 1:25-31
Friday - 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Saturday - Psalm 24:1-9

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving and righteous God,
you are far more generous to us, and to all who work in your
kingdom, than we desire or deserve. Make us generous to
others as you have been to us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, thank you for being so generous and merciful to us.
Help us to remember what Christ has done for us, and to give ourselves in love and service as a
response to his love. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LVLC

God, thank you for revealing your plan of salvation to us. Help us to go out into our communities,
showing your love and encouraging them to join us in your vineyard. Holy Spirit, work through us to
inspire others. 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, Bible Society,
German Services, Living Vine Lutheran Church

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

God never said that the journey would be easy. BUT He did say that the arrival would be
worthwhile.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, special and precious offshoots of the true and Living Vine, what do you think of Grace? Not the girl. Not the buildings and people who worship there. God's grace – his undeserved compassion, love and mercy? It's not fair!! And that is the point. How do you feel about being a recipient? How do you feel about others being recipients? (see Matthew 20:1-16).

God bless you and your day,
In Christ, the Living Vine.
Pastor Phil Joppich
Living Vine Lutheran Church



ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEP BACK IN TIME – BAROSSA VINTAGE FESTIVAL – 21-23 APRIL 2027

It's **TIME** to get organised! Planning meeting **5pm Friday 25th September at Bethany Hall.**

'Cheese and Wine Happy Hour'

Looking for Expressions of interest for Committee members, volunteers, new ideas, dob in a friend.
For more information contact Anna 0409 429 507 or Chris 0428 300 775

MENS FELLOWSHIP

The next Men's Fellowship event will be held at the Schoenborn church shed on Friday 25th September. The guest speaker will be our very own Pastor Phil Joppich and this will be a great opportunity to learn more about him and hear his pearls of wisdom. Arrive from 6pm and BYO chairs, drinks, meat and utensils. Contact Trevor Braunack for further details - 0409 633 829

DIARY DATES The 23rd October for a night at Jimmy's (Steve Zimmermann)
and November 27th at Sam Dahlitz's sheds.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION CHANGES

If you currently order and pay for your Lutheran Women's Magazine through the Tanunda Fellowship we would like to advise that there will be changes to this for 2027 editions as the Women's Fellowship will no longer be collecting cash for subscriptions.

The back page of the next edition will contain details of how to subscribe for 2027. It would be much appreciated if you could please order your 2027 Lutheran Women's Magazine via this method.

CAN YOU HELP?

As archivist at St Paul's church, I am trying to locate a lot of missing records, in particular minute books, including records of congregational meetings after 1983. Also missing are photos of the hall. If any member of the Living Vine congregation can help with anything, I'd be most appreciative.
Julie Weckert 0427 311 596

For all interested onlookers

St Paul's Time Capsule

Removal from the wall & opened in the church

Contents photographed, packed into archival box for later sorting

Friday 2nd October- 10am (drilling starts at 9am)

St Paul's Church, Murray Street Tanunda

St John's Time Capsule

Removal from the columbarium

Opened in the onsite chapel

2pm - Saturday 17th October

St John's Cemetery (Gomersal Road)

Enquiries to Sheryl: 0400 105 292

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP! VOTE FOR THE HUB.

The Christian Community Hub has been selected as one of the Co-op Community Choice groups for September. Voting is now open. If you are at Barossa Fresh, the voting QR code is at the Information Desk in the Mall. The organisation with the most votes wins \$1000 in Co-op credit or Gift Cards. Voting closes 25th September. ***Don't forget to vote next time you are at Barossa Fresh.***

HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

Tuesday (22nd September) Hugamugs turn up at Bennos @ Seppeltsfield (730 Seppeltsfield Road, Seppeltsfield) at 10am, and Sprocket Rockets get together at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (24th September) after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am. Others 10.30am at Seppeltsfield.



Good Seed 2027 Diary and Time Out pre orders

The Australian Christian Diary 2027 is now available to order at \$18 each.

Same great features as past editions including Daily Bible verses that match the church lectionary, plus all Australian public and school holidays. Also available to order is a re-usable slipcover for \$10. For additional protection against wear and tear.

Time Out to Re-ignite is now available to pre-order for next year. A selection of short meditations for each day of the year, from Australian writers, including pastors and other faith-filled servants of Jesus. Call in to The GOoD Seed and order yours NOW!

The Christian Community Hub 83 Murray Street TANUNDA

Phone 8563 3748 Email: cchubtan@gmail.com

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

Wednesday - Art Group 10:00am - Front Room



TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH – 22 SEPTEMBER

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



THE REGIONAL LEARNING HUB AT ST PETRI

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

To find out more contact St Petri on 8562 1011.

YOUNGLIFE UPDATE

CAN AND BOTTLE RUN- to be held this Wednesday the 23rd of September from 9.30am to 11am. If you are unable to be there on the day, you can leave them in a safe place, and we can pick them up.

Faith Lutheran College Board Member Vacancies 2027

Faith Lutheran College is seeking nominations for Board members to serve a **three-year term commencing January 2027**.

Serving on the Board is a rewarding opportunity to contribute your skills and experience in support of the College's Christ-centred mission, strategic direction and future growth.

The Board meets **seven times per year** at the Middle and Senior School campus. Board members are required to hold or be willing to obtain a **Working with Children Check, RRHAN-EC clearance and Valuing Safe Communities** training. **Nominations close 4pm Friday, 25 September 2026.**

For further information or to obtain a nomination form, please contact the Board Secretary, Nerida Harris (nharris@faith.sa.edu.au).

We encourage members of the community to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve.

Suz Westlake, Faith Lutheran College Chair.

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

BAROSSA KONZERT – Sunday 20th September 2026

As part of Adelaide German Week, The Barossa German Language Assoc. is delighted to present the 2026 Barossa Konzert, a light-hearted musical concert featuring The Barossa Trio and KaDenCe Choir.

Enjoy beautiful performances followed by an opportunity to connect with the community over Barossa wine and cheese. Location: Nuriootpa Soldiers Memorial Hall 46 Murray St, Nuriootpa SA 5355

Time: Concert starts at 2:00 pm and finishes at 3:30 pm Event closes at 4:30 pm

Tickets: \$35.00 available at the door.

Bible College Open Day – 9:30am-12:30pm Saturday 10th October

Are you considering serving in Christian ministry? Do you want to deepen your Bible knowledge?

Bible College SA has been training people for over 100 years.

Now is your time to come for a world class formation that will prepare you for more effective, faithful service of Jesus.

Come to our Open Day and chat with our faculty, staff and students about our courses and study options at Bible College SA. Enquiries: 08 8291 8188 or admin@biblecollege.sa.edu.au

Shoebbox Season Is Here! The Power of a Simple Gift

When you pack shoebbox 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 shoebbox gift and hear the Gospel presented in their language. There's no better time to start packing shoebbox gifts with your family, church or community group!

2026 National Collection Week 12 – 26 October

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 September:

Sweet/Savory Biscuits

Coffee

Men's Deodorant

Shampoo

Conditioner

or

2 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner

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.

Christmas Eve Service

Langmeil, Bethany and Tabor will again be having a combined Christmas Eve presentation at the Faith Theatre. We are looking for offers from Bethany and Tabor members who might be interested in helping to plan and be a part of the evening.

Please contact Annette Ognjanovic 0499 208778 if you can help in any way.

We Remember in Prayer

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

Families:

Craig & Jo, Haydon & Ryan Ahrens
Scott & Naomi Humphries

Howard Andretske
Jodi & Mark, Archer, Addison, Asher Johnson

Tabor Members - as we prepare to collate the Tabor Roster for the coming year we would like to thank everyone who supports our church with all tasks, great and small.

Church and Yard Cleaning, Church Flowers, Morning Coffee, Wardening, PA Operators and Prayers. If you feel it is time for you to retire, or you would like to be added to the Roster please let us know.

Thank you,

Cheryle Pech - 0408 851219

Chris Bartsch - 0448 702270

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.

St Paul's & St John's Tanunda Time Capsule Event - Sunday 15th November at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Tanunda. 10.30am worship service followed by 'Bring & Share' lunch, viewing of the time capsule historical contents and memorabilia.

For all interested onlookers (all welcome)

-Friday 2nd October St Paul's Time Capsule removal from wall & opened in church, 10am (drilling starts 9am), contents photographed and packed into archival box for later sorting.

-Saturday 17th October St John's Time Capsule removal from columbarium, opened in the onsite chapel at St John's Cemetery (Gomersal Road) at 2pm

(more details see notice in main section of newsletter) Enquiries Sheryl 0400 105 292

Blessings Table - Bring along any excess produce, jams, plants etc and take something home you can use. Donations help support Lutherans in Africa. **There will be an opportunity** to stock the blessings table on Friday 2nd October when we have visitors coming in for the capsule opening. Please drop any items into the church 9am on the day.

We celebrate this week:

Upcoming Birthdays: Elsie Schiller

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries: Graham & Wendy Steinberner

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: Michael Ratsch; Betty Lange

Please pray

Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are sick and in need. We especially pray for Roger Both, 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 Travers & Helen Ratsch; Michael & Judith Ratsch; Coral & Robert Ratsch. 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

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 Kläbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

Birthdays:

Sept. 22 - Paul Graue, 24 - Jim Bryan.

THIS WEEK

Men's Fellowship, Friday Sept 25, 6 pm at the Schoenborn shed
LYFT, Sunday Sept. 27, 4-7 pm. Bowling

FURTHER AHEAD

Kaffee und Kuchen, Monday Sept 28, 1 pm at Langmeil

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: Sept. 26 *(For detailed September rosters follow the link below)*

Clean TLC: Richard and Raelene Graetz, Garry and Carolyn Heintze, Grant and Jo Herrmann

Yard Cleaning: Peter Robinson, Erich Holzknecht

SUNDAY SEPT. 13

Attendance: 61 (8:45 am) + 42 (FUEL) = 103

Offering: \$1,102.00 + \$1,805.70 (REG) = \$2,907.70

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

LYNDOCH LUTHERAN PARISH

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

Lyndoch Songs: Speak O Lord, LH 347, AT 405, The Royal Telephone.

Diary dates: 27 September- Pastor Graham Jenke Rowland Flat: 9am HC
Lyndoch: 10.30am HC

Combined Worship with Anglicans- Sunday 20 Sept, 10am @ Lyndoch. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.

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 0437060719 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

Can & Bottle Run

Do you have any cans and bottles laying around?
We are having another can and bottle run to raise funds for Summer Camp 2027!

WED 23RD OF SEPTEMBER
9.30AM-11AM

Contact:
0466039463 or

tiffanyvoigt@younglife.org.au
for more information or to book
a pick up by Mon the 21st.

YL younglife
Barossa



**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

Grace Congregation Tanunda invites
former pastors, members and those interested to the

ST PAUL'S & ST JOHN'S TANUNDA TIME CAPSULE EVENT

Sunday 15 November 2026
St Paul's Lutheran Church, Tanunda

10.30am worship service with Pastor Phil Joppich
Followed by midday 'Bring and Share' lunch
Viewing of the time capsule historical contents & memorabilia

The St Paul's & St John's time capsules will be removed from their walls prior to the event.
St Paul's has 10 items from 1928 and an additional 21 items from 1975.
St John's has 14 items from 2000.

Enquiries to Sheryl: 0400 105 292