



Living Vine Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday 6 September 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Fathers Day
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 6 SEPTEMBER

Bethany 10:30am
Grace - St Paul's 9:00 am. HC.
Langmeil 8:4am HC and 10:30am HC. Pr. Phil Joppich
Lyndoch 10:30am. Pr. Gus Schutz
Schoenborn 9:00am
Tabor No service

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Grace- St John's - 2pm HC

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Peter Hartwich
Grace - No service
Langmeil 8:45am HC Pr Jim Bryan and 10:30am FUEL
Lyndoch 9am HC Pr. Phil Joppich
Schoenborn No service
Tabor 9am HC Pr Peter Hartwich

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

First Reading a) Exodus 12:1-14 The Lord institutes the Passover
b) Ezekiel 33:7-11 God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman
a) Psalm 149 or b) Psalm 119: 33-40
The Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-14 The debt of love
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 15-20 Steps toward reconciliation

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday - Matthew 18:15-20
Monday - Deuteronomy 19:14-21
Tuesday -Matthew 5:38-48
Wednesday - Matthew 18:6-10
Thursday - Luke17:1-4
Friday - Ephesians 4:25-32
Saturday - Psalm 103:(1-7),8-13

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thank you, heavenly Father,
that through your Son you have reconciled us to yourself and to one another.
Teach us to follow his example by living at peace with each other.
We ask this through 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 having mercy on us and accepting us as your people. Help us to be more and more like you and work harmoniously with one another. Teach us to show love to each other, and to all people as they have needs. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LVLCC

You are a personal, saving God, creating each of us with a purpose, allowing us to feel Your love and extend it to others. May Your love rule our hearts, because all life flows through it. Forgive us for allowing the ways of the world to overwhelm us. Help us to be a consistent source of light for all those around us. 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

A Father's love becomes the strength his children carry through life.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, special and precious offshoots of the true and Living Vine, I don't like confrontation. How about you? God confronts sin because he "[takes] no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live." (Ezekiel 33:11) What might that mean for the way we listen and speak?
God bless you and your day, In Christ, the Living Vine.



Pastor Phil Joppich
Living Vine Lutheran Church
Mob 0438 019 661

A FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PAUL **THE GIFT OF FATHERS**

Being a father is a vocation – a calling – where God calls a man to fatherhood through the gift of a child. The Bible has a lot to say about fathers. Throughout the Bible, we discover that God has given a special focus to fathers. We learn that God wants to be known as our Heavenly Father. Our Lord Jesus not only spoke to his Father but also taught us to pray, 'Our Father in heaven ...'

Even the story of the birth of Jesus is about a father named Joseph. Joseph had tried to figure out how to deal with his fiancée Mary, who was found to be pregnant – but God had other plans and set Joseph the task of providing fatherly care to the child Jesus, who was to be the Saviour of the World. Did you realise that Joseph was the first human to speak the name 'Jesus'?

In the Ten Commandments, we are told how to respond to fathers. The fourth commandment says, 'Honour your father and your mother.'

How do we do that? For some people, that is a hard thing. But God will provide – this was God's command after all.

One way that everyone can do that is to pray for their father and to ask God to guide and bless their father.

And if our father has died, we can commend our fathers to the mercy of God.

If your father is still alive and you are able to, you might take the opportunity to express thanksgiving to God for your father and perhaps say 'thank you' to him for serving in this God-given vocation in the midst of all his human frailties.

Let me guide you in praying:

Eternal Father, thank you for the gift of our fathers. You have worked through fathers from the time of creation, and you have commanded us to honour our fathers and mothers. Give to all fathers what they need to serve according to your good and gracious will. Teach us how to honour our fathers. Forgive us where we have failed them – help us to forgive our fathers for their failings. And finally, where children have lost their fathers: give to those children the consolation of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

In Christ,

Paul

Pastor Paul Smith
Bishop, Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand

LIVING VINE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

And here is the latest SCAM/SPAM report. It's a text message this time.

The text message below is currently doing the rounds. It is from a NZ phone number (+64 ...).

Do not respond to it. Just delete it and if your phone service offers the option click on "delete and report as spam" or "report spam". This action will block the number on your phone and report it as a spam.
the message reads.....

Hello [your name],

Are you occupied at the moment? I have a quick favour to ask. Please get back to me when you get my text.

Pr. Phil Joppich

Message to members of the Living Vine Lutheran congregation from Ceduna and Denial Bay Lutheran congregation following Pastor Phil's recent installation.

- Make sure you look after Phil, and Jenny, we West Coasters will be watching! And –
- This is a time of great change and transition for you, but also a time of great opportunity. Learning to be one congregation, one 'church', will be your greatest challenge, and your greatest blessing. We have been through this process, albeit on a smaller scale, and it has brought unity and a strengthening of faith. We will be praying for you, and for Phil and Jenny as you work through these new times

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Thursday Sept. 10, 1:30 pm at Langmeil

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

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

UPDATE FROM PASTOR GREG SCHILLER AKA PNG GREG

This is my last Term Three update from Lutheran Highlands Seminary Ogelbeng, I'll be flying to SA during next week and will return to PNG for the Seminary's term 4.

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

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

2026 Barossa Zone Lutheran Women's Fellowship Day

Friday Sept 18th at St Petri Lutheran Church, Eden Valley. Host: Spring Valley Women's Fellowship

Theme: Our Cosmic God Guest Speaker: Pastor Greg Pfeiffer "What on Earth is a Dark Sky Reserve?"

9.30am cuppa, 10am worship, BYO lunch, trading table, bookshop display

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



LOOKING FOR THE GOoD SEED BOOKSHOP?

Looking for the GOoD Seed? There is plenty of signage to the Good Seed Bookshop, just follow the arrows down the passage if coming in the front door of the Hub. If coming in the back entrance, we are right there - first door on the right.

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

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



TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH – 8 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

CANCELLED

Acts of the Spirit Retreat weekend with Rev Dr Dean Zweck has been cancelled. There are plans to run a similar one again earlier in 2027. Details will be provided when this has been confirmed.

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.

Take your Dad to the movies for Father's Day this year!

The next movie at Holy Trinity Church in Nuriootpa is "God's Country Song" which tells the story of Noah Bryan who wants nothing more than to be the next big country music star, until his past catches up to him. Noah learns he has a five-year old child with a now deceased woman he barely remembers, leaving Noah sole custody of the boy. Will Noah do the right thing and raise the child or abandon everything in pursuit of his country music dreams? Join us Sunday 6 September for this enjoyable movie. Just \$5 which includes popcorn and a drink – the movie starts @ 7PM.

Hope to see you there!

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

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 to 3:30 pm Event closes at 4:30 pm Tickets: \$35.00

To find out more contact Stefani Traeger on 0408621384

FREINDS OF THE LUTHERAN ARCHIVES

Germanic Furniture in Colonial South Australia Thursday 24th September.

Speaker - John Fourmakis

John has been an avid collector since the late 1960's and opened his first Antique shop in 1979. Having a very enquiring mind and a passion for anything old, his knowledge was broadened and his tastes became very diversified. He has supplied collectors, museums, the South Australian Art Gallery, movie sets & plays and has written articles for national and international magazines.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide

7.30 pm. \$5 donation, supper, ALL WELCOME and - if the system is working, view on: Livestream on

FoLA You Tube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9664/live>

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.

We Remember in Prayer

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

Families: William & Sue Wood
Brian & Lyn Hoklas

Alex & Mary, Lincoln & Edward Worrall
Mark & Tracey, Ryan, Josh, Kalan Hoklas

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

Bethany members: Rosters for September 2026 - February 2027 are now available.

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.

Hymns: LH1; LH872; LH355; LH203

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We celebrate this week:

Upcoming Birthdays: Marie Heinrich; Ruth Rohrlach

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries: Peter & Anne Clarke

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: Wendy Gladigau; Noleen Thom; Jenny Schuster

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 Marie & Michael Nitschke, Lorna Noack; David & Jenny Noll; Loris Pullen. 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. 8 - Michael Zimmermann

THIS WEEK

Young Life leaders, Sunday Sept. 6, 5-7 pm at Langmeil.
Women's Fellowship, Thursday Sept. 10, 1:30 pm at Langmeil
FUEL, Sunday Sept 13, 10:30 am

FURTHER AHEAD

Administration Team, Monday Sept. 14, 7 pm.

A COUPLE OF NEW HELPERS ...

are needed on the roster, to help tidy the cemetery for an hour each month. The main task is raking up fronds from the two Norfolk Island pines. If you can help, please contact Ev Leske, 0448 653 761.

FROM YOUNG LIFE:

Dear Langmeil Lutheran Church, thank you for your generous donations during out 2025-2026 financial year. May you all be blessed this coming year, as we feel blessed of your support. With gratitude, Tiffany Voigt.

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. 5

Clean TLC: Andy and Marlene Thurlow, Robyn Sloane, David and Val West

Yard Cleaning: Ev Leske, Des Schiller

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

Diary dates: 13 September- Pastor Phil

Rowland Flat: no service

Lyndoch: 9:00am Worship

Barossa Women's Fellowship Zone Day- Friday 18 Sept, 9am-4pm @ St Petri, Eden Valley. Please bring your lunch.

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

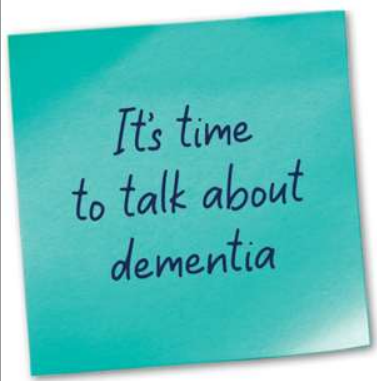
Rosters: Don't forget to check your copy of the roster to see if you are rostered for next Sunday.

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



TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

When: Tuesday 8 September 2026
Time 11:30am-1:30pm

Where: Christian Community Hub
83 Murray St, Tanunda

Cost: Free

Dementia information session at 12:30pm.

***We still don't talk about dementia enough
Let's change that together!***



**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

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

Lambert Estate
55 Long Gully Rd Angaston
Tuesday September 8
10.00 am



Artisans



Sprocket
ROCKETS
SOCIAL CYCLING & COFFEE-ING CLUB

24 Vine Vale Rd
Tanunda

Cyclists –
Langmeil
Carpark 9.30
Thursday
September 10
Others
10.30
at Artisans