

Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday, 13 October 2024 Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Colour - Green
Interim Pastor: Paul Kerber

To be a vibrant church community, passionate disciples of Christ, empowering and equipping our people to share the love and joy of Jesus to all.

Worship Opportunities

THIS SUNDAY – 13 OCTOBER 2024

Bethany 10.30am HC
Pr Paul Kerber
Grace St John's no service
Langmeil 8:45am
Pr Jim Bryan
10:30am
Fuel at Faith Junior Campus
Lyndoch 9:00 HC
Pr Detlev Vosergau
Tabor 9:00am HC
Ps Paul Kerber

NEXT WEEK – 20 OCTOBER 2024

Bethany no service
Grace St John's 9:00am HC
Pr Paul Kerber
Langmeil 8:45am HC & 10:30am HC
Pr Brian Schwarz
Lyndoch 10:00 With Anglicans at Holy Trinity
Schoenborn 10:30am HC
Pr Paul Kerber
Tabor 9:00am
Pr Sam Davis Godly play

Readings for your Devotions

Monday Genesis 18:1–16
Tuesday Genesis 18:16–33
Wednesday Genesis 19:1–17, 24–29
Thursday Genesis 21:1-7, 22:1-18
Friday Genesis 23:1–20
Saturday Psalms 91:9–16

To find the LCA Daily devotions go to
<https://www.lca.org.au/blog/category/daily-devotion/>

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, Bible Society, German Services, Southern Barossa Lutheran Church and Pastor Paul Kerber

This week's quote:

Today I will reach up as high as I can. And God will reach down the rest of the way!

Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Announcements

The new SBLC logo was launched on Sunday 29th September at the combined SBLC service, held at Faith Junior Campus. Following a brief provided by the SBLC Governance Council, designer Sam Rosenzweig has created a simple but memorable logo, which balances visual appeal with versatility. Sam's love for Jesus, his keen understanding of branding and communication, combined with his ability to translate ideas into visuals have resulted in a logo that can be used across various applications. If you missed the video presentation at the combined service you can watch it here.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kFmjtHOJnHh5lqkdilfQ0l-rjEmPn0z/view?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kFmjtHOJnHh5lqkdilfQ0l-rjEmPn0z/view?usp=drive_link)

Offering Envelopes

When worshipping at another SBLC congregation, your offering envelope can be placed on the offering plate, as the money will be returned to your congregation. If you don't have an offering envelope, please use a plain envelope and write your congregation's name on it.

Confirmation Class

Planning for the next Confirmation class, for those in Year 8, is underway, with the aim to begin the class later this year. Volunteers are needed to assist by welcoming young confirmees and parents, helping with afternoon tea, helping with or leading sessions or providing support in any other way.

If there is a young person in your family in Year 8 who could perhaps be a part of this class, if you wish to volunteer your help, or if you have any questions, please contact Jo Herrmann, 0458 065 422 or email justjo76@hotmail.com

Dad's and Kid's Day Out

Sunday October 20 at Blanchetown river block and sandhills. 10 a.m. Devotion, BBQ lunch. We can car-pool! More details from Grant Herrmann: granth97@gmail.com

To Members of our Southern Barossa Lutheran Churches

You are invited to join us in Bethany's 2025 Step Back In Time during Vintage Festival Week. We hold an amazing few days of sharing our early Barossa German history, culture and heritage with the wider community, which is an excellent time to reach out. We are seeking Volunteer Workers, Supporters and team Leaders to assist us for 2025 and have extended the umbrella across the Southern Barossa Lutheran Churches and community.

The Bethany Lutheran Church is our ideal venue for old fashioned children's games, light lunches and Devonshire teas, organ recitals, Bethany village, School and church history displays, Heritage videos, noodle making, butter making, BV Machinery & Preservation Society Displays, hands on rope making experience, old tractors and early farm implements, as well as young animals, honey biscuit decorating and much more. We seek and welcome innovative ideas and your involvement.

Initial Planning meeting for Volunteers and Team Leaders will be held in the Bethany Hall on Thursday 31st October at 7:30pm, discussing our new dates in 2025, Goals and legal Checklists, to make it another great local heritage event.

Convener: Anna Schrapel. 0409 429 507, anna.schrapel@bethanienvineyards.com.au

Friends of SBLC - News and Events

HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL IN TAIWAN

Rev Dr Michael Lockwood is back in Australia this October. He will be visiting the Barossa on October 20th, participating in the Grace (St John's) 9am service, and also giving us a presentation afterwards in the hall over a cuppa (approx. 10.20am start). Everyone is welcome to attend the service or presentation or both, we'd love to see a great crowd to hear of his mission work in Taiwan with China Lutheran Seminary.

China Lutheran Seminary is the only Lutheran seminary in the world that teaches in Mandarin Chinese. It is training pastors, missionaries, and church workers who can bring the Good News to the people of Taiwan, China, and Chinese communities around the world in their own heart language.

There will be opportunity to support his work in several ways, with a free will donation on the day, and please also support this work with your prayers - for the spread of the Gospel in Taiwan, China, and throughout the Mandarin speaking world.

Opportunity also exists to join Rev Lockwood for a small group lunch on the 20th. If you are interested please contact Jeanette Marschall 0403 104 633 jeanette@groomwines.com to book a spot.

What's going on at YoungLife Barossa?

YoungLife Cans & Bottle Run

The Young Life Barossa team will be rallying together on November 30th to collect local Cans + Bottle donations to raise funds that support us in taking local Barossa young people on the annual Young Life Australia national Summer Camp in Jindabyne NSW.

We are calling out to anyone who has a stash of cans and bottles that they haven't had the chance to take to the recycling plant. We would love to take these off your hands! If you are keen to support us in this venture of supporting young people in our local community, then please get in contact with Anneka Wilksch at annekawilksch@younglife.org.au to organise a collection of your donations on the morning of November 30th.

Sprocket Rockets and Hugamugs.

This week Hugamugs gather at 11am on Tuesday (October 15th) at The Greenock (2 Murray St, Greenock) and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (October 17th) again after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

The Hub

Do you know someone in need of some pre cooked meals? At The Hub we have frozen meals available for people in need of support, providing convenient, nutritious options that require minimal preparation, ensuring that those facing challenging times can enjoy a warm meal without the stress of cooking. If you know anyone who might be in need of this service please pass on this information or come in and speak to the friendly staff at The Hub.

Barossa Valley Archives & Historical Trust Inc. presents a talk by noted historian Don Ross with the theme *Tanunda's Story* historical photographs, Don will outline Tanunda's story from European exploration until the early 20th Century featuring some prominent citizens and businesses. Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 2.00pm, Langmeil Centre, Maria Street, Tanunda
All welcome – a cuppa to follow

The Barossa Museum, in the old telegraph station in Tanunda, has been run by the Barossa Archives and Historic Trust since 1963 and tells the story of the Barossa with a particular emphasis on the early Lutheran church and Prussian settlers.

Currently open on Monday and Friday 12-4pm, we are hoping to increase our volunteer numbers and be able to open on a weekend day over the summer and into Autumn. It's a great opportunity to speak with visitors and locals about our history and culture.

For further information, please call 0405 103 156 or pop into the museum on a Monday or Friday

Friends of Lutheran Archives

Don't Argue with Germans: The Curious Case of Three Churches at Neales Flat. Thursday, 17 October 2024 7.30pm to 9pm. Immanuel Lutheran Church, North Adelaide.

Meet an extraordinary group of German Lutherans who, because of faith and infighting, built three church buildings within a stone's throw of each other in a farming district! It is a feat that may be unrivalled in all of Australia. But how did this come to be at Neales Flat? Award-winning historian Samuel Doering will uncover the story of how theological differences, punch-ups along the road, and scandalous court cases divided congregations, schools, and even families in the cemetery. Samuel Doering is a South Australian historian, public speaker, and author. He graduated from the New College of the Humanities, London, in 2021, was the South Australian Runner Up in the 2024 Rural Ambassador Program and is the 2024 HCSA Emerging Historian of the Year. He works as a freelance researcher and as a tour guide and historian at Anlaby Station. He has written two books: 'The Diary of Emilie Appelt, Eudunda. German. Lutheran. Woman.' and "The Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery: The First 25 Years". \$5.00 donation, free supper, all welcome.

The programme can be watched at the time, or later (often better) on:

www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644

Operation Christmas Child

It's Time to Pack Your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts! You can pick up a shoebox from **The Hub**. Every shoebox you pack is a tangible expression of God's love and an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a child, their family, and community!

Now is a great time to pack your shoebox gifts ready for collection from the Hub between 14-26 October.

Lutheran Care

Christmas Hamper Donations needed. A list of items required is available at The Hub.

Chatty Café 9.15-11.15am @ Lyndoch Church hall every Wednesday including School Holidays Tea/coffee available, light snacks and activities. An initiative of Lutheran Care.

Tax Help

Free Tax Help, available through Lutheran Care Tanunda, 8562 2688. Taking appointments now. You are eligible to have help lodging your Tax Return online if you earn around \$60,000 from wages, have superannuation or dividend income, a taxable Centrelink income, or need help with non-lodgement.

LCANZ News

Convention of General Synod regarding the ordination of women and men.

A message for the people of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand from Bishop Paul Smith on the resolution at our Convention of General Synod regarding the ordination of women and men.

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Lutheran Media 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

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: Janet Schwarz, Eric Pfeiffer, Bernard Lane, Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Vera Menz, Howard Klaebe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

SBLC Groups and Pastor Paul Kerber.

Jean Lane passed away in England on Tuesday this week, October 8. Please continue to uphold her husband Bernard and family with your prayers.

BIRTHDAYS

Oct 13 - Neville Steinborner 14 - Joylene Graue, Kathleen Martin 15 - Frank Schapel 17 - Tash Steinert 19 - Kate Herrmann

THIS WEEK AT LANGMEIL

FUEL, Sunday Oct. 13, 10:30 am at Faith Junior School, cuppa from 10 a.m.

BV Archives and Historical Trust, Sunday Oct. 13, 2 p.m. Guest speaker: Don Ross.

Administration Team, Monday Oct 14, 7:30 p.m.

Opals, Friday Oct. 18, 12 noon, lunch at Clare Castle Hotel Kapunda.

Dads and Kids, Sunday October 20 at Blanchetown river block and sandhills. 10 a.m. Devotion, BBQ lunch.

We can car-pool! More details from Grant Herrmann: granth97@gmail.com

FURTHER AHEAD

Kaffee und Kuchen, Monday October 28, 1 p.m. at Langmeil.

Annual Elections Meeting, Sunday November 3, between services.

NOTICES

URGENT! Following the resignation of a **Communion Steward** we are in need of a replacement on the 8:45 a.m. roster. Two or three would be even better, to share the load. The task involves setting up the elements for Holy Communion prior to the service and then cleaning up, as necessary, after the service. There is HC at both services, which makes this a little simpler. If you could help or would like further information, please speak to David Mattschoss or Mark Pfitzner asap.

Langmeil Annual Elections Meeting (AEM) - Sunday November 3, between services.

If you are responsible for writing a 6-monthly report please note that this should be submitted to the Langmeil Church office by Wed. October 16. Items for the Agenda to Emma Hiscock by the same date, please. The Book of Reports will be available on Sunday October 20.

ROSTERS October 20 (For detailed October rosters click the link below)

Clean TLC: Matthew and Kendall Munzberg, Jodie Kalleske, Jeff and Sue Garrett

Yard Cleaning: Harald Sames, Ian Jaensch

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

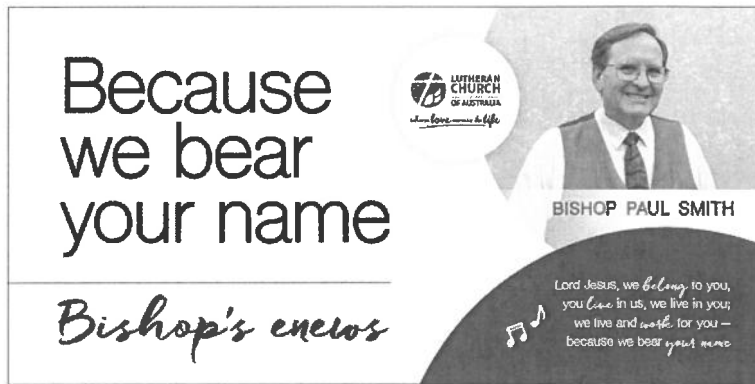
Attendance: 59 (8:45 am) + 62 (10:30 am) = 121

Offering: \$1,422.60 + \$1,585.40 (REG) = \$3,008.00

Church Office: 0493 797 220

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.- 12 noon, Mon – Friday

Admin. Sec.: Colleen Bryan, 0434 247 717



8 October 2024

A message

for the people of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand
from Bishop Paul Smith on the resolution at our Convention of General Synod **regarding the ordination of women and men**

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On the Saturday of our 21st Convention of General Synod, we resolved to ordain both women and men as pastors in our Church. In making this decision we also removed our Church's teaching that has previously prohibited women from serving as pastors.

This is a significant decision, with many matters that need to be worked through. On the Sunday session I read to the Convention a pastoral word for the Convention prepared by our College of Bishops the night before.

In their pastoral word, the bishops confirmed that the tone of the Convention's discussion in making this significant decision was respectful and gentle and measured. The delegates gathered showed their deep love for the Church and an appreciation for what the decision meant, especially for those who did not vote in favour of the decision.

In reflection on what this now means for our Church, our bishops have resolved to ensure that the decision is properly addressed pastorally and relationally across the Church, and so each District Bishop will be reaching out following the Convention to the communities and pastors included in his District.

The bishops thanked delegates at the Convention for their respectful conduct, which followed on from the same respectful conduct of the pastors at General Pastors Conference in the week before the Convention. The bishops also expressed their thanksgiving to our gracious God for our Church's faithfulness to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of their message, the bishops gave some counsel to the people of the Church:

'We counsel our people, and especially pastors, to sit with the decision for the next days and to not act precipitously or in anger. We acknowledge that this outcome has caused suffering for the church. We weep with those who weep, and we rejoice with those who rejoice. We, too, are hurting and are wounded healers. We believe that Psalm 46 speaks into the situation in the LCANZ at this time, and we counsel people to be still before the Lord, as we reflect on what has happened and process the implications and implementation of the decision of General Convention.'

Psalm 46

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah.*

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.*

*God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.*

*The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.*

*The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.*

*Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.*

*He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.*

*"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth"*

*The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah*

Following the Convention, each of our District Bishops will be providing pastoral guidance and resources for their Districts.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

In Christ,
Bishop Paul Smith