



**Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter**  
**Sunday, 15 December 2024 Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Liturgical Colour – Blue/Violet**  
**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 – 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

#### ***Bethany no service***

Grace St John's 9:00am HC Pr Paul Kerber  
Langmeil 8:45am HC and 10:30am HC  
Pr. Brian Schwarz  
Lyndoch 9:00am  
Schoenborn 10:30am HC Pr Paul Kerber  
Tabor 9:00am + Godly Play

### **NEXT WEEK – 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr David Gogoll  
Grace St John's 9:00am HC  
Pr Mark Kleemann Children's Service  
***Langmeil no services***  
Lyndoch 10:30am HC Pr Greg Schiller  
Tabor 9:00am HC Pr David Gogoll

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

#### **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Bethany 5:45pm Family Service  
Grace St Paul's 6:00pm Children's Presentation  
Pr Paul Kerber  
Grace St John's 8:00pm Carols and Readings  
Langmeil 7:00pm Children's Presentation  
Lyndoch 7:00pm Community Carols  
Lyndoch Institute  
Rowland Flat 7:00pm Carols and Readings  
Tabor 6:00pm Living Nativity

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

#### **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Bethany 9:00am Parish Service at Tabor  
Grace St John's 10:00am HC  
Pr Mike Semmler  
Langmeil 8:45am HC & 10:30am HC  
Pr Paul Kerber  
Lyndoch 9:00am Parish Service at Rowland Flat  
Pr Graham Jenke  
Schoenborn 8:30am HC Pr Mike Semmler  
Tabor 9:00am Pr Rob Schubert Parish Service at

Tabor

### **SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Bethany-Tabor 9:00am Parish Service at Bethany Lessons and Carols

#### ***Grace St John's no service***

Langmeil 8:45am & 10:30am Pr Jim Bryan  
Lyndoch 9:00am Parish Service at Lyndoch HC Pr Greg Schiller

### **TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER NEW YEARS EVE**

Combined Service at Tabor 7:30pm HC Pr Paul Kerber

### **BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

The First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 The Lord will renew us by His love

Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6 Surely God is my salvation

The Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice! The Lord is near

The Gospel: Luke 3:7-18 What must we do?

**Readings for your Devotions Monday - Ephesians 1:15 – 2:7 Tuesday - Ephesians**

**2:8–22 Wednesday - Ephesians 3:1–13 Thursday - Ephesians 3:14-21 Friday -**

**Ephesians 4:1-16 Saturday – Psalm 80:1**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. Help us by his coming to serve you with pure hearts and minds. 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.**

**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.

### **Offering Prayer**

Loving God, lead us to listen to the message of your salvation and to live as your people, always ready for the day when Christ will return. Help us to use our time in service to you and to other people. **Amen**

## **Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Announcements**

### **Update from SBLC Call Committee**

From the SBLC Call Committee - A big thank you for such a large number who attended the Combined Service and the Call Meeting on Sunday. Also a very big thank you to members from Grace all those who helped with the service and call meeting, and thank you to members from Lyndoch for the great morning tea with scones, jam & cream & other delights.

Our members at the Call Meeting voted to extend a Call to Pastor Nich Kitchen and his family. Bishop Andrew Brook contacted Nich on Sunday to let him know of our call. We have contacted Nich and emailed further information in support of our call to him. During discussion with Nich on Tuesday, he let us know that St Paul's congregation at Caboolture in Queensland also extended a call to him. We ask that you pray for Pastor Nich and his family as they consider the calls they have received.

### **Update from SBLC Governance Council 5/12/24**

Extension of Pastor Paul's assignment to the SBLC. We are pleased to announce that the SA&NT District Church Council and Pastor Paul have agreed to a 3 month extension of his assignment to the SBLC till 30th April 2025. We thank Pastor Paul for agreeing to this extension and helping to cover the busy Easter period.

### **Affirming Our Faith and Mission Together in the LCA-NZ**

A message from the District Mission Directors, following the 21st Regular Convention of General Synod. Letter available at The Hub.

### **Dutschke Thank You (farewell) Morning Tea**

Karen & Stephen are retiring to Port Victoria after 36years of serving in St Paul's / Grace congregation.

**What-** A special morning tea. Please bring 'a plate' to share, if you wish. On the day, there will be a large card for you to sign / for messages, if you would like.

**When** - Sunday December 15th (about 10:30am)

**Where-** St Johns Church Hall, following the 9am Service led by Pastor Paul and Silas.

The Grace community and friends from other congregations are all welcome.

Enquires to Sheryl Wagenknecht 0400 105292

### **Step Back In Time**

Thinking of participating in the April 2025 Bethany Step Back In Time Event? If so we are looking for Catering Volunteers & Donations. Needed is approx. 25 people to work food prep shifts in the kitchen over the 3-day event for a variety of roles: Preparing light lunches, fresh sandwiches & scones/jam/cream, Dishwashing & keeping areas clean, Waitressing & clearing tables in the Hall. Donations of food prepared at home are also most welcome - Kuchen Slabs, Scones, Jams, Soup & Anzac Biscuits.

If interested please phone Lorna on 0438 844 116.

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## **Friends of SBLC - News and Events**

### **Moculta Live Nativity**

Monday 16th December, 8.30pm start at 798 Moculta Road, Moculta. BYO chairs and torches. Port & Kuchen served after the program and all children receive a honey biscuit. This annual community event is organised by members of Gnadenberg & Gruenberg Lutheran churches.

### **Sprocket Rockets and Hugamugs.**

The Hugamugs Christmas Breakup lunch will be in the Presidents Room at the Tanunda Clubhouse on Tuesday December 17th at midday. The Clubhouse are providing us with the \$17 Seniors Menu. You can order dessert from their Spring Menu. Members get free corkage for BYO wine.

Sprocket Rockets Christmas Breakup lunch in the Tanunda Hotel Bistro Pergola on Thursday December 19th at midday. \$17 Seniors Menu. Bikes can be left safely behind the Bistro Pergola. However, because we leave the Langmeil Church carpark for rides at 10am, most will have time to return home, change and drive to the venue. Those coming from afar are welcome to use our home (54 Hanisch Rd, Stone Well) as a base.

### **Emergency Food Hub at the Lyndoch Lutheran Church**

The Southern Barossa now has an Emergency Food Hub at Lyndoch Lutheran Church which will help support families in need in the region. If you or someone you know, would like to access meals at the Lyndoch Hub here are the contacts:

Wendy Liebelt 0407 244 985   Angela Lange 0416 745 950   Jo Herrmann 0458 065 422

**The Hub** will be closed for two weeks from 4:00pm on Friday 20th December and will reopen at 9:00am Monday, 6th January 2025. The Good Seed will be closed from 2pm on Tuesday 24 December and will also reopen at 9:00am Monday 6th January.

### **Can You Help?**

Will Grosser (Langmeil member) has secured employment in Griffith NSW. Is there anyone who might have contacts in that area who may be able to help him out? He is looking for temporary single accommodation (e.g. a bedroom) for 3-6 months and is willing to pay \$100-150 p/wk.

Will can be contacted on [wkle.grosser@gmail.com](mailto:wkle.grosser@gmail.com) or 0475 141 430.

### **Good Seed Bookshop.**

Don't forget the Good Seed Bookshop has a great range of Christmas cards: packs of eight \$3.50, individual cards from \$2 Nativities, kids' books and mini Christmas Scenes.

2025 Australian Christian Diaries now in stock \$17

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### **Lutheran Care - Items needed this month**

Tea Bags, Deodorant - Men's and Women's (roll on or spray) Cup of soup packets

\*\*\*\*\*Christmas Hamper Donations needed by 16/12/24\*\*\*\*\*

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### **LCANZ News**

**Lutheran Media News** - go to [www.lutheranmedia.org.au](http://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](http://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: Nancy Kurtz, Mary Hentschke, Eric Pfeiffer, Bernard Lane, Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Vera Menz, Howard Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

SBLC Groups and Pastor Paul Kerber.

Pastor Nich Kitchen as he considers the calls he has: Auckland, SBLC and Caboolture.

Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of Asher Drake, another son to add to the tribe of Tahlia Semmler and Troy Purcell, on December 10 2024. *(Provided by Jeff Semmler!)*

## **Birthdays**

December 15 - Leo Garrett, 17 - Kevin Schild, 19 - Brian Zimmermann, Daniel Rosenzweig, Lily Murray, 20 - Rhys Herrmann, 21 - Irene Schubert, Trent Reimers

## **THIS WEEK AT LANGMEIL**

Pack honey biscuits between services, Sunday Dec. 15. We will need a few helpers, please!

## **NOTICES**

### **Changes of December services**

**Christmas Eve – Tues. Dec. 24:** We will have our own service at 7:00 p.m. in the Langmeil Centre. **Sunday Dec. 29:** 8:45 am and 10:30 am, Pastor Jim. (Not a 5th Sunday combined service)

**Bring love to life with a monetary gift this Christmas.** Give to the ALWS Christmas Action Appeal and/or Lutheran Care’s Christmas Appeal, both tax deductible. You will find envelopes with details for both in your letter-box. Please send your donation direct (preferred) or place on the offering plate in a marked envelope.

**Lutheran Care Christmas Hamper Donations:** You are welcome to leave items in our fellowship area until Sunday (Dec. 15).

**Packs of 2025 Offering Envelopes** (\$10) and **2025 L.L.L. Calendars** are available in the fellowship area or from the church office during the week.

## **ROSTERS: December 22**

Clean TLC:

Dean and Annie Chambers, Kate Koch, Lesley Salmon

Yard Cleaning: Peter Robinson, Erich Holzknicht

