



Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday, 22 December 2024 - Fourth 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 – 22nd 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 DAY WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER

Bethany 9:00am Parish Service at Tabor
Grace St John's 10:00am HC
Pr Mike Semmler
Langmeil 8:45am HC & 10:00am 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

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY 24th 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

SUNDAY 29th 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 31st DECEMBER NEW YEARS EVE
Combined Service at Tabor 7:30pm HC. Pr Paul Kerber

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2024

The First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a The shepherd king to be born in Bethlehem

Psalm 80:1-7 or Luke 1:(46b) 47-55 Song of Mary (Magnificat)

The Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10 Christ came to do God's will

The Gospel: Luke 1:(46b) 47-55 Song of Mary (Magnificat) or Luke 1:39-45(46-55) Mary visits Elizabeth

Readings for your Devotions

Monday - Ephesians 4:17–32

Tuesday - Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)

Wednesday - Luke 2: [1–7] 8–20

Thursday - 1 John 1:1–10

Friday - 1 John 2:1–11

Saturday - Psalm 148

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power and come, Lord.
Support and help us, so that what is hindered by our sins may be hastened by your great mercy.
For you live and reign with the Father 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

Lord God, help us to trust in your Son Jesus and be ready to do your will as he was.
Fill us with joy and thankfulness,
so that we live as your people,
made holy through the sacrifice of Christ,
and leading holy lives.
Amen.

**The December 22nd Newsletter will be the last one for 2024.
The next newsletter will be for Sunday 12th January 2025**

This week's quote:

Christmas is not just for a day or week to then be forgotten.
May it reach into the very heart of your being and be lived every day of the year.

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 8th December. 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 that Call Meeting voted to extend a Call to Pastor Nich Kitchen and his family. Latest Update from SBLC Call Committee. This week Nich let us know he has received a third call – this time from Lifeway in Sydney. Thus he now has 3 simultaneous calls - Ours, St Paul's congregation at Caboolture in Queensland, and Lifeway in Sydney.

Nich is going on annual leave in the last two weeks of January. He has decided he will make a decision on the calls in early January so his family can have their holiday time without having to think about calls.

We ask that you pray for Pastor Nich and his family as they consider the three 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.

A further update (**17/12/24**) is in your letter-box as part of this week's bulletin

Friends of SBLC - News and Events

Moculta Live Nativity

The Christian Community Hub Updates

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.

Save the date - Annual Hub fundraiser - Can you help?

Saturday January 18th The Hub will again be holding our Yiros stall at the Hot Rod night. We need helpers for chopping ingredients in the kitchen, and serving etc. If you can spare a couple of hours on the night please let us know, email cchubtan@gmail.com or 8563 3748

Pots for plants needed. If you have spare pots (all sizes) for plants we can use them at The Hub. Please leave them at the back of the Hub (83 Murray St, Tanunda) anytime. Thank you.

The GOoD Seed

10% discount on all Christmas Nativities and gifts until close of business 2pm on the 24th December.
2025 Time Out for the Full Life devotionals available \$23.00.

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

Sprocket Rockets and Hugamugs 2025 start dates

Sprockets start up again next year on Thursday January 2nd. First ride destination, Melba's (29 Valley Road, Angaston) at 10:30am after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am. Hugamugs gather at 10.00am on Tuesday (January 7th) at Barossa Weintal, 235 Murray St Tanunda and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (January 9th) again after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am

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 or 0475 141 430.

Gawler Lutheran Church are seeking applicants for two church office positions:

1. Office Administrator - 20 hrs/week, permanent part-time
2. Office Support Worker - 15 hrs/week, limited tenure of one year, funded by New Life Church grant, focusing on New Life Church activities.

We are open to the possibility of these positions being filled by the same person.

Full advertisement & position description available from gawler.secretary@lca.org.au

Closing date Monday 13 January 2025. Any queries, please contact gawler.secretary@lca.org.au

Creative Word Fellowship Young Adults Retreat - The CWF "Young" Adults Bible Study Retreat will be held once again at Tandara Lutheran Camp in Halls Gap between 16-19 January 2025 with the theme of "Sacred Song – the voice of God's people". Please join us as we explore the richness of Lutheran hymnody and liturgy in a stunning part of God's creation.

For more info <https://cwfellowship.net/young-adults-retreat-2025/>

Thank You - Lutheran Care is grateful to our supporters for assisting with the Christmas Hamper program, especially the volunteers who gave their time to pack, sort and help to distribute the hampers and gifts. On Wednesday morning the Barossa Hampers and toys were blessed by Pastor Adrian Kitson from St Petri and on Thursday over 300 Hampers and children's gifts were distributed.

LCANZ News

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: Nancy Kurtz, Mary Hentschke, Eric Pfeiffer, Bernard Lane, Peter Tucharke, 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 is holding to: SBLC, Caboolture Qld., Lifeway Sydney and his continuing call to Auckland NZ.

Birthdays

December 22 - Ruth Illman, 23 - Louisa Hiscock, 25 - Mary Hentschke, 26 - Jordan Krzoska, 28 - Erich May.

The Langmeil Church office will be open every day over the Christmas-New Year period, except for Public Holidays.



THIS WEEK AT LANGMEIL

Set up the Langmeil Centre for the Christmas Eve service, Monday Dec. 23, 9 a.m. We will need a few helpers, please.

Christmas Eve drama practice, Monday Dec 23.

Music Practice for Christmas Eve (Mark’s group), Sunday Dec 22, 3pm in the Langmeil Centre

Music Practice for Christmas Day (Marlene’s group) Monday Dec 23, 9am in the church



NOTICES

Langmeil Services

Christmas Eve – Tues. Dec. 24: 7:00 p.m. in the Langmeil Centre.

Christmas Day - Wed. Dec 25: 8:45 am HC and 10:30 am HC. Pastor Paul Kerber

Sunday Dec. 29: 8:45 am and 10:30 am, Pastor Jim Bryan

New Years Eve service, 7:30 p.m. with H.C. at Tabor

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.

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 29 (*For detailed December rosters follow the link below*)

Clean TLC: Evan and Bruna Schultz, Julian and Heidi Helbig, Clive and Ivy Ahrns.

Yard Cleaning: John Keil, Brian Zimmermann

SUNDAY DEC. 15

Attendance: 64 (8:45 am) + 60 (10:30 am) = 124

Offering: \$1,676.90 + \$1,585.40 (REG) = \$3,262.30 Lutheran Care hampers: \$100