



Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday, 8 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 – 8th DECEMBER

Combined Service and Call Meeting
9.00am Harvest Centre at Faith Junior Campus, 16 Maria St, Tanunda, followed by Call Meeting

NEXT WEEK – 15th 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

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2024

The First Reading: Romans 8:18-25 Future Glory

Psalm 130 My Soul Waits for the Lord

The Gospel: Luke 1:5-25 The birth of John the Baptist foretold

Readings for your Devotions

Monday - James 3:13 – 4:12

Tuesday - James 4:13 – 5:6

Wednesday - James 5:7–12

Thursday - James 5:13–20

Friday - Ephesians 1:1–14

Saturday - Isaiah 12:2–6

To find the LCA Daily devotions go to

<https://www.lca.org.au/blog/category/daily-devotion/>

Prayer of the Day

Father, you answered Zechariah's prayer, even though he doubted. You speak to us in your Word, but we doubt also. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we trust in you. In Jesus' name we pray.

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.**

This week's quote: God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with.

Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Announcements

Combined Service and Call Meeting

A Combined Service and Call Meeting will be held at 9:00am on Sunday 8th December at The Harvest Centre - Faith Junior Campus, Maria St Tanunda. The service will be followed by the Call Meeting. Paper copies of the SBLC Call Meeting notice and the pastor information available at The Hub and at the Langmeil office.

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.

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 and have agreed to a 3 month extension of his assignment to the SBLC till 30th April 2025. We thank pastor Paul for agreeing to 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. Please read the attached letter.

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.

Dutschke Thank You (farewell) Morning Tea

Karen & Stephen are retiring to Port Victoria after 36 years 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.

Lutheran Care - Circle of Security

Do you struggle with understanding your child's needs? Join us in the Circle of Security Parenting program to support you in responding to your child's emotional needs. A seven week course beginning Wed 11th Feb 2025, 1-3pm, at Lutheran Care, 24 Second St, Nuriootpa. Bookings contact barossa@lutherancare.org.au

Friends of SBLC - News and Events

Christmas Lunch Bunch at the Hub, last Tuesday lunch for this year on 10th December. All welcome from 11am to 1pm at The Hub, 83 Murray St, Tanunda. Come along for a cheery Christmas chat and free light lunch. The more the merrier! Enquiries 8563 3748 or cchubtan@gmail.com

Sprocket Rockets and Hugamugs.

Hugamugs gather at 10.30am on Tuesday (December 10th) at Melba's (29 Valley Road, Angaston) and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (December 12th) again after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

Happening Today

Valley Voices Choir – Christmas Concert

Sunday 8th December, 2024, St Petri Lutheran Church, 21 Second Street Nuriootpa 7.00 pm

Conducted by Elizabeth Sibley the Valley Voices choir will delight us with selected Christmas Songs with opportunity for Community Carol singing. Featuring Annaliese Nietschke, Bedford Family Bell-Ringers, Sarah Afshin Pour (Accompanist), Margaret Schutz. No entrance fee but a retiring offering will be taken up for the Pastoral Care Workers (in our Barossa Valley public Schools)

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the Good Seed Bookshop.

Advent Calendars available \$3 - \$50 ; Advent Candles, various sizes available.
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. Come in and get into the Christmas spirit.



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*******

Chatty Café 9.30-11.30am @ Lyndoch Church Hall every Wednesday. Tea/coffee available, light snacks and activities. An initiative of Lutheran Care. **Last one for 2024 is December 11. Ashton Hurn MP is attending. Sausage sizzle available or bring a plate to share.** Returning 22 January 2025.

Connect and Chat is on again this week. Thursday 1:30pm-3:30pm @ Soldiers Memorial Hall, Nuriootpa. Tea/coffee available, light snacks and fun activities. Bring your friends along or come and make new ones. An initiative of Lutheran Care.

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"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.

Our Call Meeting and for decisions that are pleasing to God and his will.

Birthdays: December 11 - Olyvia Reimers, 12 - Peter Boschen, Belinda Garrett, 13 - Hamish Reimers, 14 - Caitlin Rehn

THIS WEEK AT LANGMEIL

Administration and Ministry Teams, dinner at the Tanunda Hotel, 6:30 p.m., Monday Dec. 9.

Tanunda Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch, Thursday Dec 12, 12 noon.

Opals, Friday Dec. 13, 12 noon, lunch at the Stockwell Hotel.

Pack honey biscuits between services, Sunday Dec. 15.

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)

**** Note that December rosters have changed. Revised rosters have been placed in church letter-boxes

'Carols of Christmas' a daily devotion book for Advent from the Lutheran Tract Mission, is still available from the Langmeil office. Each day the focus is on a different carol and contains a short reflection, Bible reading and prayer.

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.

Honey Biscuits: Thank you to those who have offered to provide the 200 honey biscuits for Christmas Eve. These will be packed between services on Sunday December 15. We will need a few helpers, please!

Lutheran Care Christmas Hamper Donations: You are welcome to leave items in our fellowship area, or bring to the Langmeil office **by Sunday December 15.**

Urgent: We are in need of additional stewards to help with setting up for Holy Communion at the 8:45 am service - first and third Sundays of the month. Your turn would be about every 3 months. Contact David Mattschoss or Mark Pfitzner.

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

2025 L.L.L. Calendars are available from the Langmeil office.

Langmeil Ladies: 'Lutheran Woman' subs \$20 and Membership Fees \$15 are due. Please see Mary Hentschke asap.

ROSTERS: December 15 (*For detailed December rosters follow the link below*)
Clean TLC: Wayne and Jennifer Noack, Kevin Noack.
Yard Cleaning: Harald Sames, Ian Jaensch.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1:

Attendance: 79 (8:45) + 60 (10:30) = 139

Offering: \$2,455.80 + \$1,585.40 = \$4,041.20

Church Office: 0493 797 220
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.- 12 noon, Mon - Friday
Admin. Sec.: Colleen Bryan, 0434 247 717
