



**Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter**  
**Sunday, 19 January 2025**  
**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 19 JANUARY 2025

#### **Bethany no service**

Grace St Paul's 9:00am HC Pr Paul Kerber  
Langmeil 8:45am HC and 10:30am HC. Pr. Brian Schwarz / Pr. Mike Semmler  
Lyndoch 9:00am  
Schoenborn 10:30am HC Pr Paul Kerber  
Tabor 9:00am Pr Peter Kriewaldt

### NEXT WEEK SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2025

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Mark Kleemann  
Grace St Paul's 9:00am  
**Langmeil no services**  
**Lyndoch NO SERVICE**  
Tabor 9:00am HC Pr Mark Kleemann

### SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025

Bethany 10:30am | Grace St John's 9:00am HC Pr Greg Schiller | Langmeil Thanksgiving Sunday 8:45am HC and 10:30am HC Pr Paul Kerber | Lyndoch 9:00am Parish Service at Rowland Flat  
Schoenborn 9:00am | **Tabor no service**

## BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

The First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 God will restore Zion and rejoice in her  
Psalm 36:5-10

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Gifts of the Spirit

The Gospel: John 2:1-11 Jesus at the wedding in Cana

## Readings for your Devotions

**Monday** - Matthew 3:13–17

**Tuesday** - Matthew 4:1–11

**Wednesday** - Matthew 4:12–17

**Thursday** - Matthew 4:18–25

**Friday** - Matthew 5:1–10

**Saturday** - Psalm 19

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God,  
you rule over everything in heaven and on earth. In  
mercy listen to the prayers of your people, and  
give us your peace in our times.

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

## Offering Prayer

Thank you, loving God, for all the good things  
of life, and for your Spirit and his gifts.

Lead us to use the gifts we have in loving  
service to others, and for the common good.

**Amen.**

## This week's quote:

“God is still in the miracle working business. He's still the same God, yesterday, today and forever.”

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## Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Announcements

### Update from SBLC Call Committee – 15th January 2025.

As reported last week, Nich Kitchen declined our Call. He said that after much thought and prayer, he has decided to decline our call to the Southern Barossa, and to accept the call to Lifeway Church in Sydney. Nick felt he was being led to use his skills in the multi-ethnic mission at Lifeway. Nick stressed that declining our call is not a rejection of our vision and actions. He asked us to be patient as he believes we are heading in the right direction.

Pastor Nich will continue to keep us in his prayers. We ask they you include Nich and his family in your prayers as they make the move to lifeway Church in Sydney.

At the Call Meeting in December, the decision was made to extend a 'contingent' call to Ben Hentschke in the event that Nich declined our call. We contacted Bishop Andrew Brook and confirmed we are extending a call to Ben Hentschke. Ben returned from leave on Monday and Bishop Andrew informed him of our Call. We contacted Ben and have emailed the supplemental information regarding our call to him as the Lead Pastor for the SBLC. Ben also has received a call to Golden Grove. He has 4 weeks to consider and respond to the calls.

We ask that you include Ben and his family in your prayers as they consider the two calls they have received.

Please contact a member of the Call Committee if you have any queries.

Kind Regards SBLC Call Committee – Michael Heinrich, Wendy Liebelt, Nevin Nitschke, Dean Hoklas, Katrina Neldner & Phil Hiscock

### **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**

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

Hugamugs gather at 11am on Tuesday - January 21st at The Greenock (2 Murray St, Greenock) and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday - January 23rd after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

#### **Movie Night**

The movies at Holy Trinity are back! Join us Sunday 2 February as we kick off the new year with the movie "Unsung Heros". Based on the remarkable true story, Unsung Hero follows Helen and her husband David Smallbone as they move their family from Down Under to the States with nothing more than their seven children, suitcases, and their love of music. As Helen and David set out to rebuild their lives, they begin to realize the musical prowess in their children, who would go on to become two of the most successful acts in inspirational music history: five-time Grammy Award winning artists for King & Country and Rebecca St. James. Movie starts @ 7 PM and is still just \$5 which includes popcorn and a drink! Looking forward to seeing you all again!

**Chatty Cafe-** returning on Wednesday 22 January, 9.30-11.30am @ Lyndoch Church Hall, 7 Margaret St Lyndoch. Brought to you by Lutheran Care/Community Connections.

**Lyndoch Craft Group-** meets every Thursday in Lyndoch Church hall, 9.30am-12 noon. Everyone welcome to join in. Please contact Margaret Wallace 0437060719 for more information.

#### **Lutheran Church Bells welcome TDU cyclists.**

Tabor, Langmeil, Bethany, & St Michaels Gnadenfrei at Marananga all will have their church bells ringing as the Tour Down Under cyclists pass by.

#### **Funday Sunday needs you.**

We had a year off in 2024, but Funday Sunday is back in 2025. Or at least it will be with your support. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful opportunity for our Barossa Churches to work together to 'bless' our local community with this amazing free event, contact Carly at [carlykroehn@outlook.com](mailto:carlykroehn@outlook.com) or mobile 0421 765 550 or come along to the first planning meeting to be held at The Christian Community Hub, 83 Murray St Tanunda, 7:00pm, Monday 3rd March.

As part of The Leprosy Mission's 150th Year celebrations, we are proud to mark 25 years since the making of 'Molokai - The Story of Father Damien'. FanForce in Partnership with Leprosy Mission's 150th Year globally, are proud to these host this screening on Saturday 15th February, 3:00 pm at Palace Nova Eastend, 3 Cinema Place, Adelaide SA 5000

More tickets must be sold by February 5 for the scheduled screening to go ahead! Buy your tickets at <https://fan-force.com/screenings/molokai-the-story-of-father-damien-palace-nova-eastend/>

### **Thank you from Louise Hickenbotham at Barossa Lutheran Care**

Firstly thank you all for the support over the past year and especially the past few months. Your congregations have been overwhelmingly supportive of our 2024 Christmas Hamper Program, and Lutheran Care Barossa genuinely appreciates all the support that has come our way to help support locals needing a hand up. In total, your congregations helped to support 308 referrals to the Barossa Hamper Program, this included 228 families with 533 Children provided with gifts.

So again, thank you to those who volunteered, donated physical items such as pantry staples, Christmas items, everyday essentials and the wonderful gifts for Children. The physical monetary donations we received were used to purchase the items that we were low in, to make up the Food Hamper Bags and to purchase some extra gifts for the Children we didn't have gifts for. All monetary Christmas donations deposited directly to Lutheran Care, go towards purchasing the 200 Food Bank Hampers that we give to families and extra Toys that we bulk buy to fulfill Children's gift bags.

So again, thank you for your support, we cannot pull off this project without your kindness.

### ***Emergency Relief Pantry - currently very low in Toothbrushes and Pasta Sauce***

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

The Southern Barossa 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

### **Community Bus to Foodbank**

The community bus is now available for transport to Foodbank at Isee Church. The next Foodbank will be on Monday 13th January. The bus will leave from Barossa Co-op at 9.45am and then from the carpark behind the Visitor Information Centre in Tanunda at 10.10 am. It will return from Foodbank at 12.30pm. There are hot beverages and a hot meal available at ISee while Foodbank is in operation.

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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)

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**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, 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.

Asher Drake Purcell, son of Troy Purcell and Tahlia Semmler, baptised at the 8:45 a.m. service on Sunday (19th).

**Birthdays:** January 24 - Leanne Feuerherdt, Corben Semmler, Jan 25 - Zazilia May, Clara Kokegei

## NOTICES

### **THANKSGIVING SUNDAY: February 2**

Haven't we each been blessed in so many ways this past year? Not only within our families, but also everywhere we look, there are blessings from God - in our church, in our schools, work, health, our surrounds. I could add many others!!!

On Sunday Feb 2 we share our gratitude to God and give thanks for our blessings when Pastor Paul leads our Thanksgiving services.

You can also give thanks in practical ways by donating ...

- non-perishable packets/cans (these go to Lutheran Care)
- produce (will go to 'Community Kitchen', a local charity that provides meals)
- or an extra monetary gift

These will be gratefully received at each of our services.

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

**Thank you all** for your care and concern following my knee replacement surgery. I have very much appreciated your prayers and support while I have been out of circulation for the past several months. I'm doing well now! God bless you all. Mary Hentschke

### **ROSTERS: January 26**

Clean TLC: Erich and Sonia Holzknacht, Erich and Kathy May, David and Ann Braunack

Yard Cleaning: John Keil, Brian Zimmermann

### **SUNDAY JANUARY 12**

**Attendance:** 87 (8:45 am) + 55 (10:30 am) = 142

**Offering:** \$1,281.05 + \$1,569.60 (REG) = \$2,850.65

