



Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Newsletter

Sunday, 12 January 2025

Liturgical Colour – White

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 12 JANUARY 2025

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Paul Kerber

Grace St Paul's no service

Langmeil 8:45am and 10:30am Pr. Jim Bryan

Lyndoch 9:00am

Tabor 9:00am HC Pr Paul Kerber

NEXT WEEK 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

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

BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY 12th JANUARY

The First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7 The Lord will be with his people

Psalm 29

The Second Reading Acts 8:14-17 The people of Samaria receive the Holy Spirit

The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22 The baptism of Jesus

Readings for your Devotions

Monday - Matthew 1:1–17

Tuesday - Matthew 1:18–25

Wednesday - Matthew 2:1–12

Thursday - Matthew 2:13–23

Friday - Matthew 3:1–12

Prayer of the Day

Lord, in your mercy listen to the prayers of your people who call on you. Help us to see what we ought to do and give us the strength to do it.

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

Gracious God, we thank you for Jesus and for being made your own children.

Teach us to live as your precious people, filled with your Holy Spirit, doing what you want us to do.

Amen.

This week's quote:

“God always leads us to where we need to be, not where we want to be.”

Southern Barossa Lutheran Church Announcements

Update from SBLC Call Committee

Nich Kitchen contacted us on the 9th January. 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 that 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 call to Ben Hentschke in the event that Nich declined our call. We are contacting Bishop Andrew Brook/Stephen Schutlz to confirm extending a call to Ben Hentschke.

We understand Ben has a call to Golden Grove, and he is on leave till end of January, and will have 4 weeks from then to consider and respond to the calls.

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

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.

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.

Friends of SBLC - News and Events

Annual Hub Fundraiser

Join the fun, check out the cars and help fundraise for The Hub. Saturday, January 18th, the Valley Hot Rodders Cruise On will be taking over Tanunda Main street for another awesome Hot Rod night, and we're bringing back our Yiros stall to feed all those hungry cruisers! We need enthusiastic helpers from 4:00 -8:30 pm approximately for a few tasks: Chopping fresh ingredients in the kitchen, sizzling up tasty yiros meat on the BBQ, serving hungry guests with a smile

Got a couple of hours to spare and want to be part of the action? It's going to be fun, and your help would be greatly appreciated! Contact us at cchubtan@gmail.com or call 8563 3748 to volunteer!

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

Sprocket Rockets and Hugamugs

Hugamugs meet Tuesday January 14th, at 10am at Wanera (65 Murray Street, Angaston), and Sprocket Rockets get together at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday January 16th, after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

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/>

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.

Thank you from Louise Hickinbotham 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

Funday Sunday

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 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.

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.

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

Bethany Tabor Parish

Box 115, Tanunda, 5352. Telephone: 0418 632 006 Child Safe/SMO Coordinator Marilyn Mensforth

Bethany/Tabor Members' Care

If you or someone you know has a need and would like a Pastor, someone to visit or phone, a DVD of the service, prayer, or some other help, please speak to: Dennis Canute 0417 837422, Raelene Falland 0407 632032, Kay Kleemann 04 065425, Helen Menzel 0409 283201, Geoff Nicolai 0401 424503, Trevor Ratsch 0403 561709, Anne Schmidt 0408 002726, Daph Schmidt 0417 834661, Steven Sickerdick 0408 835004, or Dianne Trenberth 0488 558502. The people listed will refer you to Pastor Paul Kerber or another pastor as soon as possible.

Bulletin Notices: email to bethanytanunda@gmail.com by 2:00pm Wednesday

We Remember in Prayer

If you or anyone you know needs prayer or wishes to be added to the prayer list please contact Nathan Semmler 0411598094 or Geoff Nicolai 0401424503 or email your request to bethanytanunda@gmail.com and we will include them in the bulletin prayer list.

The Sick: Matthew Roesler, Emma Habermann, Pat King, Elsie Kroschel, Samantha Bartsch, Anne Schmidt, Des Botten, Michelle Schmidt

Families:

Nanette Staker
Linda, Lily, Alyssa Taylor
Robert, Anna & Ryan Schrapel
Brendon, Justine, Regan & Lucas Schulz

Bethany Church Bell will once again welcome the international competitive cyclists on their 25th Tour Down Under on Wednesday 22 January. Men's Stage 2 begins in Tanunda at 11.10am, cycling 3 circuits through the Barossa. BYO picnic, chairs etc and join us on the church lawns as we cheer the riders along three circuits though Bethany heading to Menglers Hill.

Has my Church departed from the Word of God?

Pr Steen Olsen - A copy of this can be picked up from The Hub.

Tabor 175th Anniversary History Book - 1999 – 2024

Tabor History, the last 25 years currently being written by local historian Samuel Doering is available for pre order. The publication will be available in time for our Anniversary celebration in March 2025.

Need a gift? Vouchers available. History Book 1999-2024 \$30.00 Tabor History Book Package 1849-1999 and 1999-2024 \$35.00

Contact Chris Bartsch to order 0448 702270

Rosters: Don't forget to check your copy of the rosters to see if you are rostered for next Sunday.

Grace – Tanunda

Bethlehem – Schoenborn

For Pastoral Support... Please contact your Pastoral Assistants:

Trevor Braunack	0409 633 829	schonborn@bigpond.com
Elizabeth Jaeschke	0459 472 836	n.jaeschke@bigpond.com
Howard Wittwer	0459 399 967	hrwittwer@aussiebroadband.com.au
Merv Storton	0488 743 323	evries@ihug.com.au

OR contact your A or B leader; if you have any needs, issues or concerns, or require pastoral support.

We believe, teach and confess. Read about forgiveness and The Office of the Keys. Ask at the Hub for a printed copy. *Taken from the Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, CPH, 2017)*

No Service at Grace this week - other SBLC service times at the beginning of this newsletter.

We celebrate this week:

Upcoming Birthdays: Lee Giersch; Martin Kernich; Daniel Schmaal

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries: David & Kathy Saegenschnitter

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: Elaine Leditschke; Doug Vogelsang; Elsie Schiller; David Noll

A Huge Thank You

- from Val Braunack for your prayers and care after my recent surgery

- from Eric & Betty Lange for all your support and prayers during Eric's recent health issues

Please pray

- Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are in need. We especially pray for Merv Storton who is undergoing hip surgery this week. We pray for continued recovery for Jolie Zadow; and for Jan Linke; and also for their families as they support them. We pray for Pauline Fromm.

Note! *If you have any other prayer requests, please, let Pastoral Assistants or your Support Network Group know by end of day Thursday.*

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, 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.
Sam Rosenzweig and Rachael Golder who were married January 11th.

Birthdays

January 12 - Nathan Kaesler, 15 - Ken Lienert, Malcolm Graue, Andy Thurlow, Carl Garrett, Will Grosser,
January 16 - Greg Kokegei

NOTICES

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 19

Clean TLC: Ev and Chris Leske, Michael and Debbie Zimmermann, Darrell and Helen Kaesler
Yard Cleaning: Peter Robinson, Erich Holz knecht

SUNDAY JANUARY 5

Attendance: 65 (8:45 am) + 64 (10:30 am) = 129
Offering: \$1,247.65 + \$1,569.60 (REG) = \$2,817.25

Lyndoch Parish **“WHERE LOVE COMES TO LIFE”**

Keep in your Prayers: Di & Gary Gilson; Amelia Rozycki; Roger & Jenni Edwards; Monica Wohlstadt; George Davies; Ed & Lorraine Schild; Gwen Heinrich; Irene Liebelt; Iris Kies; Ron Fromm

Songs @ Lyndoch: AT 320, Blessed Assurance (all my attempts), Who you say I am, Jesus strong and kind

Diary dates:

	Lyndoch	Rowland Flat	Lyndoch	Rowland Flat
Date	12 January	12 January	19 January	19 January
Service	Lay worship	Lay Worship	Lay worship	Lay Worship
Time	9:00am	10:30am	9:00am	10:30am

Parish Resignations - need to be in writing to the Secretary by **THIS** Sunday 12 January 2025.
Lyndoch Resignations - need to be in writing to the Secretary by Sunday 19 January 2025.

AGM reports Parish/Lyndoch- need to be emailed/printed to Secretary by Wednesday 15 January.
Parish AGM- Sunday 2 Feb, 9am Parish service @ Rowland Flat.

Stamps for mission - please recycle your stamps into the box.

Bottle top collection - please leave in porch for Chris to collect or drop into the Hub.

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

Giving: To give electronically

*lyndoch lutheran church reg account: bsb 704 942 acc. no. 100148638

*trinity lutheran church bank sa account: bsb 105-024 ACC. NO. 112009840

Parish Bulletin: ALL notices must be in to Wendy Liebelt by 7pm TUESDAY. Notices can be emailed to wenedy96@gmail.com

Rosters: Don't forget to check your copy of the roster to see if you are rostered for next Sunday.

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Lyndoch Pastoral Assistants - Grant Fewster 0419854941
- Cheryl Williams 0429916402
Lyndoch Chair - Steve Fiebiger 0448294696
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