

Barossa North Lutheran Parish

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SUNDAY BULLETIN

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

2nd November, 2025

**Strait Gate, Light Pass; Holy Trinity, Nuriootpa; Pilgrim, Neukirch;
St John's, Ebenezer; St John's, Dutton; Immanuel, Truro;
St Thomas, Stockwell; Immanuel, Light Pass.**

Christ's Church of Living Stones.



A parish of the Lutheran Church of Australia



Welcome to all those who are worshipping this week either at home or face to face. The following documents will be emailed or delivered to help you with your worship time;

- * A service order including bible readings and a sermon
- * The weekly Bulletin



This Week's Bible Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11, 12
Luke 19:1-10

Next Week's Bible Readings

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

In Your Prayers Remember

Those who have been hospitalised or are recuperating at home;
Shirley Koch, Una Paech, Amanda Hampel (Lamont),
Trevor Boyce

Our aged members at home and in places of care:
Val Graetz, Colin Gerhardy, Val Handke, Lorna Holmes
(Lutheran Homes Hope Valley), Eileen Laubsch, Phyllis Linke,
Dorothy Rohrlach, Helga Sabel, Audrey Schmidt,
Mavis Schrapel, Barry Steinborner, Margaret Whelan



Additional Prayer Points

- For Year 12 students as they complete their schooling & sit their exams
- For your Holy Spirit to guide all people who are searching for the truth and lead them to the source of all truth, Jesus Christ
- For Australian Lutheran College and the Schools of our Church
- For our Women's Fellowships & the blessings they bring - bless their AGM's and other events
- For the rain and other blessings that we have received
- For those who feel overwhelmed, anxious or overburdened
- For those who have recently lost a loved one or are sick or injured

SAFE CHURCH - Safe People, Safe Programs, Safe Places

Harassment or Abuse is where a person makes an unwelcome advance or an unwelcome request for favours, to another person (the person being harassed). Any form of abuse is not tolerated within our Parish and should be reported.

Find out more: www.childsafe.org.au

For any Child Safe or Safe Place concerns, please contact the Parish Office on 0491 764 651 or Dave Biar on 8267 5211.

Parish

Parish Office Hours: The office will be occupied on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am until 3:00pm. The Parish has a mobile number that is to be used to contact the Parish Office and the number can be found on the front page of the bulletin.

Confirmation: Willow Riebke will be confirmed at St John's Ebenezer on Sunday the 9th of November. Please keep Willow in your prayers and may God continue to bless and guide her in her faith journey.

Parish Directory Update: The Parish Office has started the process of updating the Parish Directory. Each congregation should now have received a print out of their section of the Parish Directory. Staff in the Parish Office have been updating our working copy but ultimately will have missed some changes. Can each congregation please review their information and record any changes that need to be made. Someone from each family needs to put a signature next to their names indicating that the information has been checked, is correct and that they give permission for their details to be printed. Can these lists please be returned to the Parish Office by Monday the 1st of December. Please note that this is an 'Active Member' Parish Directory, not a complete Parish membership list. Thank you for your help with this project.

Light Pass Immanuel Congregation: A meeting after the service on Sunday the 9th of November will be held to discuss the upgrading of the church yard. A substantial donation from a member of our congregation has generously been made. An appeal will be launched to raise the balance of funds to go towards the upgrade.

Holy Trinity Congregation: A retiring offering for the Lutheran Care Christmas Hamper Appeal will be held at the 9:00am worship service on Sunday the 9th of November.

Holy Trinity Congregation: The next Holy Trinity Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday the 11th of November in the Church Hall **commencing at 10:50am!** Members please note the earlier starting time due to Remembrance Day. Elaine Mattschoss is on devotion.

Parish Small Group: The Parish Small Group led by Michael Borgas & Margo John will next meet on Sunday the 9th of November at **2:30pm** at John & Neadra Nietschke's home in Nuriootpa.

Worship Rotation: The new worship rotation for December 2025 until the end of February 2026 is available today. Please note that the December rotation looks different for some congregations. Thank you to everyone for being flexible and supportive of these changes.

From the Parish Exec

Charlie Braunack – Parish Chairperson
Janet Grosser - Secretary
Roger Frahn – Vice Chairperson
Andrew Kleinig - Treasurer



Parish / General



Combined Choir Practice

The Combined Choir & Friends are planning for a Candlelight Service at Strait Gate in Advent.

Choir practices are held on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Strait Gate Hall.

New singers, both men and women, are still very welcome to attend.

Please contact Elaine Schmidt on 0418 317 521 if you have any queries.



CHRISTMAS MARKETS

AT LUTHERAN HOMES
BAROSSA, GRAMP CHAPEL

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
10AM TO 3PM

We would love donations of Honey Biscuits, Assorted Biscuits and Small Cakes.

We are also looking for some wonderful helpers to assist on the day.

On behalf of the Tanunda Lutheran Home Ladies Auxiliary. Please contact Jo Freckelton via 0447 618 568 or email: jo@freckelton.com



LAMBERT

ESTATE

55 Long Gully Rd Angaston

10.00 am
Tuesday
November 4



ARTISANS
OF BAROSSA

24 Vine Vale Rd Tanunda

Cyclists - Langmeil
Carpark 9.30 Thursday
November 6

Others
10.30 at
Artisans



General



Friday 7th November Shed Happens

Men's
night
out

If you require
transport, phone
Ian Rosenzweig
8562 2213

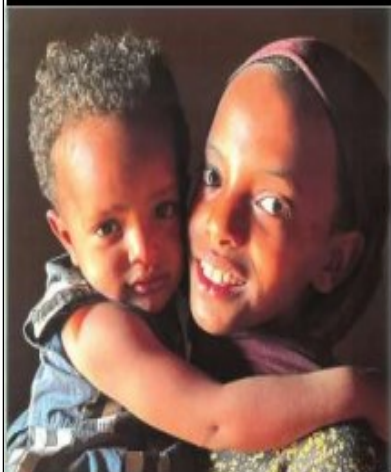
Kym Roocke's Shed
(previously Nuriootpa Traders Shed)
11 Wildlife Road - to get there, turn right off of Sturt Highway
onto Moppa Rd and continue straight on and turn left to
destination

6.30 pm - 9.30 pm BBQ **Cost \$15**
BYO **drinks, chairs and coffee mug**

More info:
Wayne Rohrlach 8562 1911, Viv Fiebiger 8562 3636
or Greg Schubert 8562 2163

Ministry of St Petri Lutheran Church, Nuriootpa

AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE - GIFTS OF GRACE



HOW YOU HELP BRING HOPE FOR A CHILD LIKE IMAN!

The words you see
in **BLUE** in Iman's
story are problems
you can help fix with
gifts from the ALWS
GIFTS OF GRACE catalogue!
Clean water. Fresh food. School!

Gifts
Grace



You receive a **GRACE CARD** for
each gift you buy, just like the one
you see here. Inside the **GRACE CARD** is a beautiful Candle bookmark
you can also hang on your Christmas Tree.

Grace sheets also included this year which tell the full story of the help that
your gift represents.

Order online at alws.org.au/grace

Or post cheque:

Order and donate 1300 763 407

Australian Lutheran World Service

Reply Paid 488

Order by: Fri 5 December

ALBURY NSW 2640

General

Barossa Ark News



As always, in this year's collection of beautiful Children's Christmas books, our children learn about the incredible story of God coming into our world in human form.

Coloured pictures accompany this simple and profound storyline.

These delightful candles come from a local Barossa business, La Bella Barossa.

Suitable as a unique table centerpiece, this makes a great gift. Other scented candles are also available.

You are invited to attend this year's AGM on Sunday the 23rd of November, from 12 noon until 1:30pm. As a Guest Member on this day, you can learn more of the ministry and mission activity that happens in and through this retail site. More details to follow.

 Barossa Ark gift + bookshop	Open Hours
	TUE-FRI 9.30 AM - 5 PM SATURDAY 9.30 AM - 12 NOON PH: 8562 4631 barossaark@gmail.com
47 Murray Street Nuriootpa Barossa Ark CLOSED Mondays	

SEEKING CHURCH PHOTOS

Want to see your church represented at the new Church House in Adelaide? If you have (or can take) high-quality images of your church, its paraments and/or features such as stained-glass windows, we'd love to consider them for use in the exhibition space. It's your Church House, and we're keen to include contributions from across the LCA NZ.

Email your high-resolution JPEGs (preferably 300 DPI) or a link to your files with information about the pictures and your contact details to lca.comms@lca.org.au

General

Dear Congregation Members and
Friends of Faith,

We warmly invite you to join us for
a **Thanksgiving Service and
Celebration on Sunday the 2nd of
November 2025 at 2:00pm** as we give
thanks, reflect on the past, and honour
the relationships and values that have
shaped our community for generations.

There will also be an opportunity to tour
the College:

Junior School: 12noon to 1:30pm
**Middle and Senior School: 3:00pm to
4:30pm**

Thank you for
walking alongside
us. We look forward
to celebrating this
remarkable story
together.



FAITH
LUTHERAN
COLLEGE

**Nuriootpa
Chatty Café**

You're invited!

Join us every **Thursday*** for a chat, cuppa and
a variety of fun activities. Bring your friends or
come along and make new ones.

Nuriootpa Soldiers Memorial Hall (46 Murray Street, Nuriootpa)

1:30pm – 3:30pm 08 8562 2688

lutherancare.org.au/community-connections/

*This program runs during the school term.

Brought to you by LUTHERAN CARE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Movie Night

Holy Trinity Church Hall

Sunday 2nd November

7:00pm

\$5 (includes popcorn & a drink)

As the world teeters on the brink of annihilation, Dietrich Bonhoeffer is swept into the epicenter of a deadly plot to assassinate Hitler.

With his faith and fate at stake, Bonhoeffer must choose between upholding his moral convictions or risking it all to save millions of Jews from genocide.

Will his shift from preaching peace to plotting murder alter the course of history or cost him everything?

General

Lutheran Care Christmas Hampers

As the holiday season approaches, Lutheran Care are excited to extend the invitation for you to participate in Lutheran Care's annual Christmas Hamper Program. This program has been a source of hope and joy for local families who have needed support at Christmas time.


You can help by purchasing long life food items (see listed items) and delivering them to the St Petri Hall on Monday the 8th of December between 9:00am and 11:00am so they can be packed into hampers for distribution.

Quality new or unused children's gifts and stocking fillers are also welcomed and appreciated and can be dropped off at the Tanunda Office before the end of November.

Monetary donations are also welcome that will be used to purchase extra items for the hampers or extra gifts. More information can be found at www.lutherancare.org.au/donate-now.

This year the Hamper Referral Process will be slightly different with an online survey to be filled out with a reminder slip to be given to the person who will receive the Hamper.

If you would like to refer a person/family who needs a hand this Christmas, please have the referrer email Louise Hickinbotham directly and she will share with them instructions, the link to the referral form and the reminder slip to give to the person.



 **LUTHERAN CARE**

2025 Christmas Donations Needed

- Christmas Lollies / Chocolates / Mixed Nuts
- Christmas Pudding / Cake / Mince Pies
- Chips / Crackers
- Sweet Biscuits
- Vegemite / Jam / Peanut Butter
- Long Life Milk
- Long Life Custard
- Long Life Fruit Juice / Soft Drink / Cordial
- Tea / Coffee / Milo
- Tinned Tuna / Ham / Salmon
- Pasta / Rice / Noodles
- Pasta Sauce / Stir Fry Sauce
- Tinned Vegetables / Fruit / Soup
- Cereal / Muesli
- Christmas Crackers / Cards / Wrap
- Toiletries / Cleaning Products
- Quality, New or Unused Children's Gifts

Please deliver to -
St Petri Church Hall, Nuriootpa
Monday the 8th December, between 9am - 11am

General

2025 Special Convention of General Synod Report

On Saturday, 18 October 2025, 300 delegates gathered online for a Special Convention of General Synod established by resolution of the October 2024 Regular Convention. The day-long meeting was the second time the LCA NZ's General Synod has gathered in an online setting, and there was good participation from both pastor and lay delegates from across the church in Australia and New Zealand.

After the opening worship with preaching on 2 Timothy 1:8–14 by Bishop Paul Smith, the Convention began with an Acknowledgement of Country spoken by LCA NZ Secretary, Dr Nigel Long. This was followed by a Te Reo Māori greeting spoken by Bishop Emeritus Mark Whitfield. Bishop Andrew Brook then greeted the Synod on behalf of the South Australia–Northern Territory District from which the Convention was being broadcast.

After preliminary matters, such as the appointment of tellers and minute takers, the first item of business was the proposal for alternate delegates from another parish to be lay delegates. After discussion, this was passed 263 votes in favour to 25.

The second matter on the agenda was the adoption of changes to complaints handling, appeals and discipline proposal. After discussion, this was passed 238 votes in favour to 53. This met the minimum two-thirds majority requirement, which applies due to the need for constitutional changes to enact the resolution.

The third matter before Synod was the adoption of the doctrinal statement on ordination. An amended version of the statement from the General Pastors Conference (GPC) was then considered by the Convention, with 272 votes in favour to 28. After discussion, the final version of the statement was adopted as a statement of the church with 232 votes in favour to 66. This also met the minimum two-thirds majority requirement as a doctrinal matter.

In sessions before and after the lunch break, the matter of accepting the full participation of Specific Ministry Pastors at General Pastors Conferences or equivalents and at Conventions of Synod as pastor delegates was considered. This included discussion on an amendment to the proposal from the 2024 General Pastors Conference. The amendment was not adopted with 87 votes in favour to 210. The original proposal, put by the New South Wales – Australian Capital Territory District, then was passed with 234 votes in favour to 66.

The final matter on the agenda addressed the continuation of the Hidden Hurts Healing Hearts domestic and family violence awareness campaign with oversight and resourcing. After discussion, this was passed with 279 votes in favour to 14.

At the end of the day, before Bishop Paul declared the Special Convention closed, he reminded delegates that the 22nd Regular Convention of General Synod will be held in October 2027 in the Queensland District. In the vote of thanks, he summarised the heart of Synod, saying, 'To God be the Glory.'

Assistant Bishop Stephen Schultz led the closing worship service, highlighting for delegates and other viewers the Lord's encouragement to St Paul in 2 Corinthians 12: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness' (verse 9).

After the Convention, the General Church Board then met with the College of Bishops to ensure the business of the Convention would be properly taken up in the relevant forums of the church.

Following the Convention, Dr Nigel Long published materials on the matters resolved by Synod. This is available on the Synod webpage at www.lca.org.au/synod2025

What's on this week?



Sunday 2nd November:

9:45am **God's Kids** at Dutton
7:00pm **Movie Night** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall

Monday 3rd November:

Pastor Damien's Day of Rest



Tuesday 4th November:

1:45pm **Bible Study** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP
4:00pm **Confirmation Class** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall

Wednesday 5th November:

9:00am **Prayer Fellowship** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP
1:30pm **Strait Gate Fellowship Group** in the Strait Gate Hall
Topic: AGM
Roll Call: Your Favourite Christmas Food/s
Hosts: Christine Schmidt & Elaine Schmidt

Thursday 6th November:

7:00pm **Combined Choir & Friends Practice** in the Strait Gate Hall

Friday 7th November:

6:30pm **Shed Happens** - see notice on page 5 for more information

Saturday 8th November:



Thought For The Week

Being honest may not get you many friends,
but will always get you the right ones!

Unknown

What's on next week?



Sunday 9th November:

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost - service times are on the back page of the bulletin

- 9:00am ***Kids Living in Christ (KLIC)*** in the Ebenezer Hall
- 10:30am ***Confirmation Service*** at St John's Lutheran Church, Ebenezer
- 2:30pm ***Parish Small Group*** at John & Neadra Nietschke's Home, Nuriootpa

Monday 10th November:

Pastor Damien's Day of Rest

- 7:30pm ***Immanuel LP Church Council Meeting*** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP

Tuesday 11th November:

- 10:50am ***Holy Trinity Church Council Meeting*** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall
- 1:45pm ***Bible Study*** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP
- 4:00pm ***Confirmation Class*** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall

Wednesday 12th November:

- 9:00am ***Prayer Fellowship*** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP
- 1:30pm ***Immanuel LP Women's Fellowship*** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP
 - Topic:** AGM & Bring a Special Op Shop Treasure
 - Offering:** Lutheran Media
 - Devotion & Hostess:** Debbie Doering

Thursday 13th November:

- 1:30pm ***Ebenezer-Neukirch Women's Fellowship*** in the Ebenezer Hall
 - Please bring HONEY BISCUITS for Christmas Cheer (NO nuts or sprinkles)*
 - Topic:** Fellowship Afternoon
 - Devotion:** Gwen Ruediger
 - Thought of the Day:** Joyce Heintze
 - Roll Call:** Favourite Biscuit
 - Offering:** Barossa Lutheran Care
 - Afternoon Tea Hostess:** Sue Riebke
- 7:00pm ***Combined Choir & Friends Practice*** in the Strait Gate Hall
- 7:30pm ***Parish Review Group Meeting*** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall

Friday 14th November:

Saturday 15th November:





Sunday 9th November 2025

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

LIGHT PASS - SG

Grounds:

At Ebenezer

Ian Grosser & Malcolm Gogoll

HOLY TRINITY

Readings:

Ushers:

Welcoming:

Grounds:

9:00am HC

Margaret Steinborner

Trevor Crossing & Maria Rothe

Barb Burgemeister

Trevor Crossing

Pastor Damien Martin



NEUKIRCH

At Ebenezer

EBENEZER

10:30am HC

Confirmation

Tracy Bonython

David Freckelton

Daniel, Torie, Kurtis & Noah Riebke

Pastor Damien Martin

Readings:

Musician:

Wardens:

DUTTON

Visiting



TRURO

Visiting

STOCKWELL

Cleaning:

Stewards:

Church Grounds:

10:30am LR

Bev Mattner

Claude Auricht, Stuart & Carla Auricht and Taiden Brown

T Jaeger/C Rosenzweig & Family

LIGHT PASS - IM

Musician:

Readings:

Stewards:

Grounds:

9:00am LR

Tim Hage

Jenny Hartwig

Wes, Steve, Brendon John &

Chris, Zac, Jake, Cooper Dahms

Steve Doecke, Kirk Doecke,

Warrick Doecke &

Stephen Lowke

Margo John



Deadline for inclusion of notices is **Thursdays at 9:00am** to the Parish email barossanorthlutheran@gmail.com or by hand to the office.