

Barossa North Lutheran Parish

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SUNDAY BULLETIN

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9th August 2026

**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.

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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

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28
Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Next Week's Bible Readings

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1,2a,29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

In Your Prayers Remember

Those who have been hospitalised or are recuperating at home:
Mark Linke, Melva Graetz, Lorraine Boyce (Tanunda) & Trevor Boyce (RAH)

Our aged members at home and in places of care:

Colin Gerhardy, Val Graetz, Eleanor Kassebaum,
Royce Kleinig, Eileen Laubsch, Phyllis Linke, Una Paech,
Dorothy Rohrlach, Val Ruch, Helga Sabel, Rhoda Schiller,
Audrey Schmidt, Mavis Schrapel
Lorna Holmes (Lutheran Homes Hope Valley), Barry Steinborner (Gumeracha Aged Care)



Additional Prayer Points

- For the police force and for all those who work in the justice system
- For those people who have had or are having medical procedures
- For our Women's Fellowships - bless their time together and bless all the work they do within our Parish and beyond
- For primary producers & for those suffering from financial/emotional stress
- For the gift of marriage and for loyalty and harmony to all married couples
- For the weak, the poor and the lonely
- For those who have recently lost a loved one or are sick or injured

SAFE CHURCH - Safe People, Safe Programs, Safe Places

Are you familiar with the LCA's Code of Conduct?

Head online to read it: <http://www.lca.org.au/services-resources-training/policies/>

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.

Thank You: A big thank you to Pastor David Freckelton for conducting the worship services at Holy Trinity and Ebenezer this morning so that Pastor Damien can be 'Dad' and enjoy some family time. It is greatly appreciated.

Parish Small Groups: These small group gatherings have now commenced. This year, studies are designed in such a way that it is not necessary to have attended previous studies - so please feel very welcome to attend as you are able. You can contact the Parish Office on 0491 764 651 or Debbie Borgas 0435 505 950 for more details.



Lutheran Care Needs Your Help...

Emergency Relief is a program that supports a large number of locals with food, bedding & toiletries.

We would love your support to replenish our stock with items that we are in need of. Thank YOU for helping US to help OTHERS.

All donations can be dropped off at the Tanunda Office (109-111 Murray Street).

For the month of **August** we would love your support to replenish our Emergency Relief with:

Sweet / Savoury Biscuits

Tinned Tuna

Long Life Milk

Cereal



From the Parish Exec:

Charlie Braunack – Parish Chairperson

Roger Frahn – Vice Chairperson

Janet Grosser - Secretary

Andrew Kleinig - Treasurer



Parish / General

Greg Schiller Volunteer Update – Week 4 (2 August 2026)



Not so much GutNius again this week. Although July and August are normally the dry season in the PNG Highlands, this year the dry weather has become much more severe. Rainfall has been well below normal since about May - June, and there has been almost no rain since I arrived in early July - only one very light shower, which everyone welcomed with great joy. Weather authorities expect the dry conditions to continue at least through August, and many people are already concerned about water supplies and the impact on food gardens if the drought continues. People are fetching water from rivers and filling plastic containers.

At the seminary almost all tanks are dry so there is also a lot of collecting water in plastic bottles going on. The new Southern Cross tank is filling with river water and there will be controlled usage of that water for the seminary community. We have also started to buy rice for the seminary community since food gardens are not producing well.

Prayer Points: Please pray for the long dry season in the PNG Highlands. Ask God to provide rain, protect the food gardens and water supplies that many families depend on, and continue to sustain the students, staff, and surrounding communities as we learn, worship, and serve together in Christ.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support,
Greg

Parish

Liedertafel Mid Year Concert



Sunday 9th August 2026 at 2:00 pm

St Paul's Lutheran Church, TANUNDA SA



Come and enjoy an afternoon of singing and music featuring the oldest male voice choir in Australia.

Special Guests:

Barossa Trio

Greg Pfeiffer, Sarah Afshin Pour and Shae Heinrich

Soloist

Matthew Falland (who is also the choir conductor)

In place of tickets, you will be able to make a donation towards the costs of the day and the ongoing support of the Liedertafel on your arrival, or as you leave.

Ushers will greet you at the door and be available to receive donations.

BAROSSA SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

PRESENTS

A CAR BOOTSALE!

Saturday October 10
8.30am-1.00pm
iSee Church Carpark
Nuriootpa

\$ 20 per car

Coffee, tea and scones available
All proceeds go towards pastoral care in
Barossa schools

For further information or to book a site contact:

Steph- email: stephhoff29@gmail.com

Or call: 0417 887 299



10.30am
Tuesday
August 11

Cyclists Langmeil Carpark
9.30 Thursday August 13
Others 10.30 at Novotel

Novotel BV Resort

42 Pioneer Ave Rowland Flat

How about the view!



Education can change everything.

Step out at Aberfoyle
Park to help protect
refugee girls from
child marriage.

Register today

aberfoylepark.walkmyway.org.au

**Saturday
12 September,
11:30am–4pm**

Our Saviour Lutheran
Church Aberfoyle Park



Finance
with a
mission



Australian
Lutheran
World Service

aberfoylepark.walkmyway.org.au

Step out with friends, family and/or colleagues for some fun, fresh air and a great community atmosphere on September 12, in a free event walking around the Happy Valley Reservoir. Enjoy a sausage sizzle, spot some kangaroos, chat or pray as you walk or simply come and cheer people on.

Walk 2.5km, 5.3km or 10.6 km or simply come to enjoy the atmosphere.

Funds raised will support refugee girls in Kenya and Somalia to stay in school and protect them from child marriage.

Hosted by the Aberfoyle Park congregation, who are inviting all congregations, groups or individuals to participate. All are very welcome!

General

Soul Care Collective

Freedom writing

*Be part of a Soul Care experience that will nurture our souls and keep our cup "topped up" through **Freedom writing** journalling sessions. Explore ways to express our feelings and inner creative self.*

Sue Vogt will be guiding these sessions

Venue: St Petri campus

Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am

Thursday 7pm - 9pm

Starting Wed 12 Aug and Thu 13 Aug, 2026

Sessions weekly during Term 3

Cost - \$40 for 5 sessions, concession available

Art Journal & some resources supplied

Register at St Petri Church Office

by Mon 10 Aug 2026



General

Census 2026: An Opportunity for Christian Witness

Australian Census • 11 August 2026

Do you identify as Lutheran?

When answering the religion question:

1. Select 'Other'
2. Enter **LUTHERAN**

What is the person's religion?

- ☐ No religion
- ☐ Catholic
- ☐ Anglican
- ☐ Baptist

Other:

L U T H E R A N

On August 11 this year, the Australian Government is conducting a census. This happens every five years and provides the Australian people with helpful information about the identity of the 28 million people who call Australia home.

The 2026 Census is also a good opportunity for thoughtful Christian witness, as each Christian living in Australia is given the opportunity to speak directly to the government and the nation through the Census questionnaire.

One key element of this witness is how we identify ourselves as people of faith in Jesus Christ. In particular, we have an opportunity to identify as Christians who confess the Lutheran faith.

In recent times, the 'Lutheran' option in the religion question of the Census has been removed. Instead, 'Lutheran' or 'Lutheran Christian' needs to be written in the 'Other' box.

I encourage all Australian Lutherans completing the 2026 Census to take this simple opportunity to identify their faith and Lutheran confession.

When the outcomes of the 2026 Census are published next year, we are also given valuable information to help us learn about our neighbours so that we might purposefully share with them the hope within us.

We do this to the glory of God, to be salt and light in our communities.

In Christ,
Bishop Paul Smith

General



Barossa Ark News

Gifts, Cards, Books and Locally Crafted Goods

Find something thoughtful for any occasion!

"Our friendly volunteers are ready to help!"

Community Donations Welcome

Have extra oranges, lemons, vegetables or plant cuttings? They can be donated to the Barossa Ark – We'd greatly appreciate your donations to support our mission.

Visit 47 Murray Street,
Nuriootpa 5355 or
call 8562 4631

 Barossa Ark gift + bookshop 47 Murray Street Nuriootpa Barossa Ark CLOSED Mondays	Open Hours TUE-FRI 9.30 AM - 5 PM SATURDAY 9.30 AM - 12 NOON PH: 8562 4631 barossaark@gmail.com
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2026 BAROSSA ZONE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DAY

Friday September 18 2026
at St Petri Lutheran Church,
Eden Valley.

THEME: OUR COSMIC GOD

Guest Speaker: Pastor Greg Pfeiffer
"What on Earth is a Dark Sky Reserve?"

9.30am Cuppa and morning tea
provided

Worship with HC at 10am
followed by Bible Study
with Pastor Peter Ziersch

Spot speakers

Bookshop display/sales from
The Ark, Nuriootpa

BYO Lunch

Lutheran Care Project—
New towels and sheets,
tea towels

Trading Table

Host: Spring Valley Lutheran
Women's Fellowship





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:  

What's on this week?



Sunday 9th August:

9:00am ***Kid's Living in Christ (KLIC)*** in the Ebenezer Hall

Monday 10th August:

Pastor Damien's Day of Rest

4:00pm ***Immanuel LP Church Council Meeting*** in the Meeting Room,
Immanuel LP

Tuesday 11th August:

4:00pm ***Confirmation Class*** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall



Wednesday 12th August:

9:00am ***Prayer Fellowship*** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP

1:00pm ***Immanuel LP Women's Fellowship*** in the Meeting Room,
Immanuel LP

Topic: Bible Bingo

Offering: Lutheran Media

Devotion & Hostess: Margaret Bland

Thursday 13th August:

7:30pm ***Parish Prayer Group*** in the Immanuel LP Church

Friday 14th August:

Saturday 15th August:



What's on next week?



Sunday 16th August:

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

9:45am **God's Kids** at Dutton

Monday 17th August:

Pastor Damien's Day of Rest



Tuesday 18th August:

1:45pm **Bible Study** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP

4:00pm **Confirmation Class** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall

Wednesday 19th August:

9:00am **Prayer Fellowship** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP

1:00pm **Holy Trinity Women's Fellowship** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall

Topic: Guest Speaker - Marie Waechter

Devotion: Elaine Mattschoss

Roll Call: Favourite Second Hand Shop

Hostesses: Elaine Bartlett & Shirley Koch

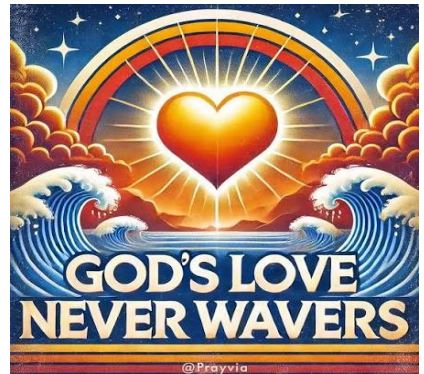
Afternoon Tea: All Members to Provide a Plate

Thursday 20th August:

7:30pm **Parish Prayer Group** in the Immanuel LP Church

Friday 21st August:

Saturday 22nd August:



Thought For The Week

Correction does much,
but encouragement does more.

Johann von Goethe



Sunday 16th August 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

LIGHT PASS - SG

Readings:

Musician:

Warden:

Welcoming:

Grounds:

9:00am HC

Mick Seelander

Carol Kretschmer

Rick Steicke

James & Christine Schmidt and Allen & Debra Schmidt

Greg Kretschmer & Ian Grosser

Pastor Damien Martin

HOLY TRINITY

Readings:

Ushers:

Welcoming:

Grounds:

10:00am LR

Lynette Schiller

Trevor Crossing & Heather Klose

Bev Semmler

George Radley

Janet Krause, Lynette Schiller

NEUKIRCH

Readings:

Warden:

10:30am HC

Jamie & Annaliese Nietschke Family

Adrian Hoffmann

Pastor Damien Martin

EBENEZER

At Neukirch

DUTTON

10:30am LR

TRURO

Visiting

STOCKWELL

Church Grounds:

At Strait Gate

C Auricht & S Auricht Family

LIGHT PASS - IM

Grounds:

Visiting

Lloyd John, Darren John, Matthew Schiller, Ryan Schiller
& Kane Schiller



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