

Barossa North Lutheran Parish

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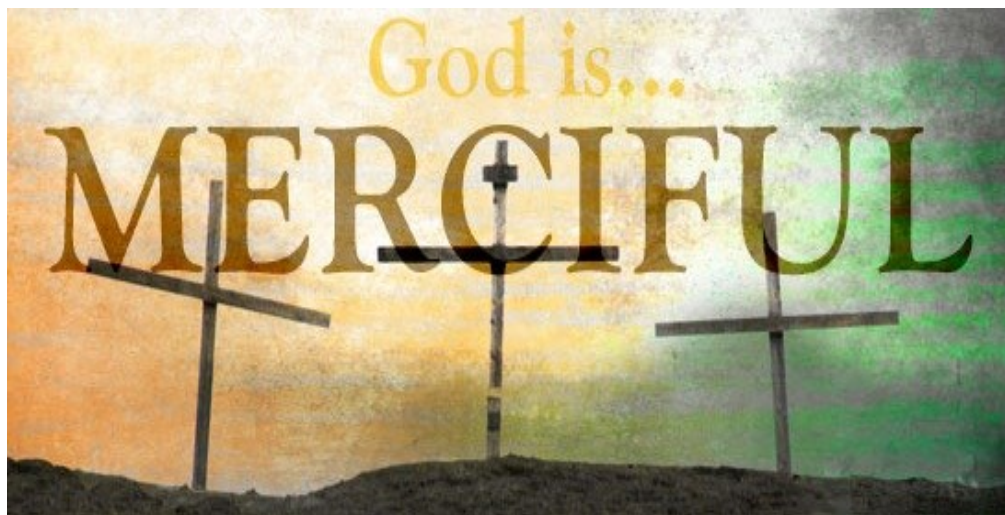
SUNDAY BULLETIN

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

16th 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.



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

Next Week's Bible Readings

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

In Your Prayers Remember

Those who have been hospitalised or are recuperating at home;

Mark Linke, Melva Graetz, Lorraine Boyce (Tanunda) & Trevor Boyce (Gawler)

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 the congregations within our Parish
- For the staff that care for older Australians
- For the gift of marriage and for loyalty and harmony to all married couples
- For those who suffer from misfortune - refugees, the poor & those who are physically or mentally disabled
- For those who have recently lost a loved one or are sick or injured

SAFE CHURCH - Safe People, Safe Programs, Safe Places

When transporting children home or to events, it is important to always have two adults present in the car.

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.

Immanuel Light Pass Congregation: A **Busy Bee** for the Light Pass Immanuel congregation is planned for Saturday the 29th of August (plus an additional one on Saturday September 5th if necessary) beginning at 8:30am to fill in potholes and do a general tidy before our Anniversary Service. Please bring along rakes, spades, shovels and your enthusiasm and energy.

Barossa North Parish Service: On Sunday the 30th of August our next Parish Service will be held at 10:00am at Strait Gate Church, Light Pass with Pastor David Freckelton officiating. Morning tea will follow the service and can all those attending, please bring along a plate of sweet or savoury food to share. All are very welcome!

Parish Service Offering: The offering from the Parish Service on the 30th of August will be donated to Faith Lutheran College for the following situation;

Supporting a Single Mother and Her Child at Faith Lutheran College

We are reaching out to our church family seeking to support a single mother (with a chronic medical condition) whose child is currently attending middle and senior school. Any financial donation, large or small, will help ease the burden of school fees and transport and ensure her child can continue their education. We are hoping to support this family until the daughter graduates from Year 12 in 2 years' time. If you feel able to financially contribute, your generosity would be a wonderful blessing to this family. Thank you for your kindness, prayers, and support.
Steve Wilksch

Strait Gate Congregation: The Strait Gate Church **Busy Bee** will be held on Saturday the 22nd of August commencing at 8:30am. Please bring along your pruning snips. Morning tea will be supplied. Thankyou.

Craig Kirkby Follow-Up: For those who attended Craig's workshop, a follow up to Faith Conversations is being held on Sunday the 23rd of August at Immanuel Light Pass starting at 3:00pm. This will be lead by Pastor Damien.

From the Parish Exec:

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



Parish / General

Parish Small Group Gatherings

The first round of gatherings has occurred and interesting discussion has been had.

Please feel welcome to attend any of the coming gatherings and the details are as follows;

- * Sunday August 16th at 1:30pm at Peter and Jenny Mattschoss' home and the question discussed will be 'How can I recognise God's will vs my own desires?'
This group plans to also gather on Sunday August 30th, Sunday September 13th and Sunday September 27th if you would like to reserve those dates in your diaries.
- * Wednesday August 19th at 7:00pm in the Truro Sunday School Rooms and the question to be addressed is 'How can a loving God send people to hell?'
- * Friday August 28th at 1:00pm in the Stockwell Sunday School Rooms and the group will consider 'Why is there so much suffering in the world?'

Each group has generated a list of interesting questions, some of which they will discuss at future gatherings. Stay tuned and join in as you are able.

Contact the Parish Office or Debbie Borgas 0435 505 950 if you need more information.



Together in Christ
GATHER · GROW · GO

NEW DATE

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026

GOOD SHEPHERD, PARA VISTA

The SA-NT District Mission Team invites you to a conference for all church members to gather together, grow together and go in mission and ministry together through electives and engaging speakers on a range of topics.

Cost \$30 | Registrations open 28 July



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA
NORTHERN TERRITORY**



Finance
with a
mission

Parish



You are cordially invited
to share the 90th
anniversary milestone of
the Strait Gate
Women's Fellowship

Pastor Damien will acknowledge this
special event
at Strait Gate's 20-Sept-26,
10.30am Sunday church service

You are also invited to join
us afterwards at the
Vine Inn Hotel Bistro
for a pay-your-own lunch
at 12noon



Please rsvp to Christine Schmidt
0428 724 061 **by the 4th of September**
(this date is set by the Hotel's request)

Parish

Greg Schiller Volunteer Update – Week 5 (10 August 2026)



Not all learning happens in the classroom

Here students and their families sit with their lecturer around the fire in a comfortable, traditionally constructed building. Tea is brewing, and sweet potatoes are roasting in the ashes. In this natural cosy setting, all kinds of topics and questions arise. There is less lecturing and more discussion. Students

seem less afraid to ask questions. Everyone sits together - no lecturer standing at the front with students lined up behind desks. Sometimes I wish our classrooms were designed more like this!

It reminds me of another important part of teaching here. Students don't learn only from the notes I hand out or from books and the internet. Much learning comes from **watching** — observing how their lecturers act, speak, respond to people, and live out what they teach. I suspect that in years to come, students may remember as much about what they saw in me as about what they heard me say. That is both encouraging and humbling.

A brief update - Following on from last week, we did receive some rain. Unfortunately, it was only a light shower and not the good soaking rain that is needed. The dry conditions continue, as has been forecast.

Thank you also for your prayers for my health. I was out of class for two days, but I have now fully recovered and am back teaching again.

Please pray:

- * Give thanks for the many ways students learn — in the classroom, around the fire, through conversation, and through daily life together.
- * Pray for all of us who teach, that our lives as well as our words will point students to Christ.
- * Pray for good soaking rain for the Highlands, and for families whose gardens and water supplies are being affected by the continuing dry conditions.
- * Give thanks for my recovery and pray for continued health and strength for teaching and serving here.

Pastor Greg

General



September 11th - 13th: "Acts of the Spirit" Retreat will be held at St Petri and include 5 sessions from

Rev Dr Dean Zweck, plus an optional bus trip and dinner on Saturday. We begin on Friday evening at 7:00pm, spend Saturday together with learning, fellowship & fun, and conclude mid-afternoon on Sunday. There are options for part-time participation. See a flyer or the Regional Learning Hub for more information on the program and costs. **RSVP** 2nd September 2026

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



An advertisement for the Barossa Valley Chocolate Company. The background is a scenic view of the company's building, which is a large, modern structure with a blue roof, situated next to a body of water. The text 'barossa valley CHOCOLATE COMPANY' is at the top, with '64 Burings Rd Tanunda' below it. On the left, there is a red mug with 'THE HUGA MUG CLUB' written on it. In the center, it says 'Cyclists Langmeil Carpark 9.30 Thursday August 20'. On the right, there is a logo for 'SPROCKET ROCKETS' which features a bicycle gear and a rocket. Below the logo, it says 'SOCIAL CYCLING & COFFEE-ING CLUB'. At the bottom left, it says '10.00 am Tuesday August 18'. At the bottom right, it says 'Others 10.30 at BV Chocolate Company'.

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



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.

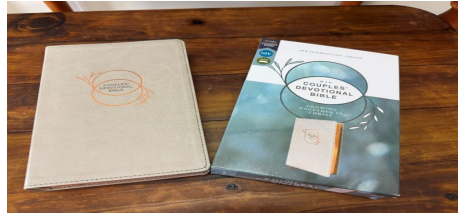
Hosted by the Aberfoyle Park congregation, who are inviting all congregations, groups or individuals to participate. All are very welcome!

General

Barossa Ark News

The Perfect Wedding Gift....

NIV Couples Devotional Bible



Lovely Woman's & Men's Devotional Bibles also available



47 Murray Street, Nuriootpa 5355 Ph 85624631

OPEN Tuesday – Friday 9:30am - 5:00pm SAT 9:30am - 12:00pm



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*



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

What's on this week?



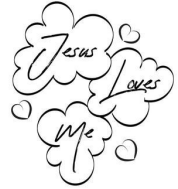
Sunday 16th August:

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

1:30pm **Parish Small Group** at Peter & Jenny Mattschoss'
Home, Nuriootpa

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

7:00pm **Parish Small Group** in the Truro Sunday School Rooms

Thursday 20th August:

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

Friday 21st August:

Saturday 22nd August:

8:30am **Strait Gate Busy Bee** in the Strait Gate
Church Grounds



Thought For The Week

When eating an elephant,
take one bite at a time.

Creighton Abrams

What's on next week?



Sunday 23rd August:

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

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

3:00pm ***Craig Kirkby Faith Conversations Follow Up*** at Immanuel, Light Pass

Monday 24th August:

Pastor Damien's Day of Rest



Tuesday 25th August:

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

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

Wednesday 26th August:

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

Thursday 27th August:

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

Friday 28th August:

Pastor Damien Away on Retreat

1:00pm ***Parish Small Group*** in the Stockwell Sunday School Rooms

Saturday 29th August:

Pastor Damien Away on Retreat

8:30am ***Light Pass Immanuel Busy Bee*** in the Immanuel Church Grounds





Sunday 23rd August 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

LIGHT PASS - SG

Grounds:

At Stockwell

Greg Kretschmer & Ian Grosser

HOLY TRINITY

Grounds:

At Stockwell

Trevor Crossing

NEUKIRCH

Readings:

Warden:

7:00pm NOW Service

John & Neadra Nietschke

Adrian Hoffmann



EBENEZER

10:00am LR

Neil Loffler

Family Service

Readings:

Mandy Hampel

Musician:

Liz Loffler

Wardens:

Nick, Carol, Jake & Elli Riebke and Ian Craig

DUTTON

Visiting

TRURO

9:00am HC

Pastor Damien Martin

STOCKWELL

Cleaning:

10:30am HC

Carla Auricht

Readings:

Diann Auricht

Stewards:

Claude Auricht, Stuart & Carla Auricht and Taiden Brown

Church Grounds:

C Auricht & S Auricht Family

Pastor Damien Martin

LIGHT PASS - IM

Musician:

9:00am LR

Russell Johnson

Readings:

Tim Hage

Stewards:

Lynn Mattner

Steve Doecke, Kirk Doecke &

James Lehmann

Grounds:

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.