



Barossa North Lutheran Parish

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SUNDAY BULLETIN

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

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**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.

WHY IS GOD SILENT?



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

Job 23:1-9,16,17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Next Week's Bible Readings

Job 38:1-7,34-41
Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

In Your Prayers Remember

Those who have been hospitalised or are recuperating at home;
Barry Steinborner who is recuperating at the Mount Pleasant Hospital,
Trevor Boyce, John Nietschke

Our aged members at home and in places of care:

Val Graetz, Pastor Hartley Hage, Norm Hahn,
Val Handke, Eileen Laubsch, Phyllis Linke, Elaine Nietschke,
Malcolm Paech, Dorothy Rohrlach, Audrey Schmidt,
Mavis Schrapel



Additional Prayer Points

- For LCA NZ Staff and key volunteers
- For all Pastors, both local and afar, but especially Pastor Damien
- For the gift of marriage and families
- For those who don't have much, for the unemployed and/or the homeless
- For those facing natural disasters and especially those feeling the brunt of the hurricanes in America
- For those who are lonely or feel unloved and unheard
- For those who have recently lost a loved one or are sick or injured

SAFE CHURCH - Safe People, Safe Programs, Safe Places

If you have witnessed or been informed of poor behaviour from someone working for the church or connected with it, it is important that you report it. This includes both inside and outside of our Parish.

LCA Complaint Contact Details: Email: complaints@lca.org.au
Phone: 1800 644 628

Find out more: www.childsafe.org.au

For any Child Safe or Safe Place concerns, please contact the Parish Office on 8562 1061 or Dave Biar on 8267 5211.

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. The number can be found on the front page of the bulletin.

Light Pass Combined Choir: The Light Pass Combined Choir will be singing at Strait Gate's Candlelight Service on Sunday the 15th of December. Choir practices are held on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Strait Gate Hall. Please contact Elaine Schmidt on 0418 317 521 if you have any questions.

Worship Planning Committee: The Worship Planning Committee will be meeting on Thursday the 17th of October at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room at Immanuel LP.

Holy Trinity Congregation: Holy Trinity's AGM will be held next Sunday after the 10:00am lay reading service.

Holy Trinity Congregation: The Holy Trinity Church Council will meet at the end of **THIS** month on Tuesday October 29th at 1:00pm in the church hall. Elaine Mattschoss is on devotion. **Please note the change of date!**

Holy Trinity Women's Fellowship: Please note that the Mystery Trip date has changed from the 16th of October to the **23rd of October**. Please notify Heather Klose or Bev Semmler if you are able to participate. The cost of the day is \$30 and you will need to meet at 8:30am at the Holy Trinity Church on the 23rd.

Ebenezer Congregation: The Ebenezer Church Council will next meet on **Tuesday October 15th** at 7:30pm in the Ebenezer Church Hall.

Ebenezer Congregation: Our congregation will be hosting a Longest Lutheran Lunch combined with our Sunday School Picnic on Sunday the 27th of October after the 10:00am service. There will be a pooled lunch - please bring a plate of savoury and sweet food and BYO drinks. All are welcome.

Strait Gate Congregation: The next Strait Gate Church Council Meeting is being held on Monday the 21st of October at 7:30pm in the church hall.

Strait Gate Congregation: The Strait Gate Garden Committee needs your help! The garden has now been planted. Lots of newspaper is now required for the weedmat. Please leave all you can spare in the open shed next to the hall as soon as possible! Stones are coming soon so willing volunteers will be needed to both spread the newspaper & stones. Lastly, now is the time we need your donations to cover costs for our beautiful church gardens!
With thanks Lois Hahn, Rod & Yvonne Lindner

From the Parish Exec

- ◆ Pastor Damien is looking for someone to help him bring to reality some of his ideas and plans for our Parish. If you have a spare hour or two and would be interested in organising /researching ground work for events/special projects, Pastor Damien would love to speak with you.

Charlie Braunack – Parish Chairperson
Roger Frahn – Vice Chairperson

Janet Grosser - Secretary
Andrew Kleinig - Treasurer

General

Barossa Ark supports Australian Christian authors, artists and artisans with their unique **Australian designed / Australian made** products. In the lead up to Christmas this year, we are pleased to stock a range of outdoor **garden ornaments and items** specially created from re-used, re-purposed and re-cycled wood.

This year we are delighted to have a range of vibrant and distinctive wall-hanging '**Advent Calendars**'. Why not create a new Family Christmas tradition with this quality handmade calendar - the 24 pockets, representing the 24 days before Christmas, are ready to 'cradle and cuddle' any number of 'special items' ... tiny gifts, chocolates, loving notes, puzzles, tree decorations.

Barossa Ark provides a reliable **Customer Book Order Service**. Our helpful staff can help you order in that special book AS A GIFT in time for Christmas this year!

Every item purchased through Barossa Ark helps us to keep serving the wider Christian community of the Barossa, regional South Australia and of course the continual flow of visitors from Adelaide and interstate.

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

What's going on for Young Life Barossa?

It's the last term of the school year and we would love to see you at our weekly events in Tanunda. Please contact the Young Life team for details on location.

Wyld Life - Students in Years 5-7 meet every 2nd Tuesday night from 6:00pm until 7:15pm on 15th October, 29th October, 12th November and 26th November.

Club - Students in Years 7-12 meet every 2nd Tuesday night from 6:00pm until 7:30pm on 22nd October, 5th November, 19th November and 3rd December.

Nuri High Breakfast Club: Find us every Wednesday morning 8-8:45am serving pancakes outside Open Space. We would love to see you & chat to you.

Faith Breakfast Club: Find us every Thursday morning from 8-9am serving pancakes. We would love to see you & chat to you.

Faith Lunchtime Club: Got nothing to do at lunchtime? Well come and join us on Thursday lunchtimes down in the Retreat for a milo, sweet treat and some God chats. We can't wait to see you there.

Young Life Can & Bottle Run: The Young Life Barossa team will be rallying together on November 30th to collect local Can + Bottle donations to raise funds that support us in taking local Barossa young people on the annual Young Life Australia national Summer Camp in Jindabyne NSW. We are calling out to anyone who has a stash of cans and bottles that they haven't had the chance to take to the recycling plant. We would love to take these off your hands! If you are keen to support us in this venture, then please get in contact with Anneka Wilksch at annekawilksch@younglife.org.au to organise collection of your donations on the morning of November 30th.

General

SCHOOL of the APOSTLES

You ARE INVITED to JOIN the next session in the St Petri Church Meeting Room as we delve into Paul's adventures:

TODAY @ 3:00pm

Rabbi Saul adapts to the non-Jews: Paul in Europe.

This course is FREE.

Session 4 on Sunday the 10th of November concludes this vibrant study series.

2 Murray St  Greenock

THE GREENOCK

ESTABLISHED 1864

 **11.00am Tuesday October 15**
(note time!) *Yummy cake!*

Good coffee!

Cyclists-
Langmeil Carpark 9.30
Thursday October 17

Great company!

Non cyclists 10.30 at The Greenock



LUTHERAN CARE

2024 Christmas Donations Needed

- Christmas Lollies / Chocolates / Mixed Nuts
- Christmas Pudding / Cake / Mince Pies
- Chips / Crackers
- Sweet Biscuits
- Vegetite / 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 16th December, between 9am - 11am

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.

With your help last year, Lutheran Care supported over **480 families** with hampers and over **730 children** with gifts across South Australia. As the cost of living and the housing crisis continues to worsen, the need for support is only increasing.

Please see the list for items that can be donated for the hampers, plus new or unused quality children's gifts.

Monetary donations are also welcome that will be used to purchase extra items for the hampers or extra gifts.

More information will be distributed over the next few weeks.

General

A message for the people of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand **from Bishop Paul Smith** on the resolution at our Convention of General Synod **regarding the ordination of women and men.**

'Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ' (Gal 6:2).

On the Saturday of our 21st Convention of General Synod, we resolved to ordain both women and men as pastors in our Church. In making this decision we also removed our Church's teaching that has previously prohibited women from serving as pastors.

This is a significant decision, with many matters that need to be worked through. On the Sunday session I read to the Convention a pastoral word for the Convention prepared by our College of Bishops the night before.

In their pastoral word, the Bishops confirmed that the tone of the Convention's discussion in making this significant decision was respectful and gentle and measured. The delegates gathered showed their deep love for the Church and an appreciation for what the decision meant, especially for those who did not vote in favour of the decision.

In reflection on what this now means for our Church, our Bishops have resolved to ensure that the decision is properly addressed pastorally and relationally across the Church, and so each District Bishop will be reaching out following the Convention to the communities and pastors included in his District.

The Bishops thanked delegates at the Convention for their respectful conduct, which followed on from the same respectful conduct of the pastors at General Pastors Conference in the week before the Convention. The Bishops also expressed their thanksgiving to our gracious God for our Church's faithfulness to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of their message, the Bishops gave some counsel to the people of the Church:

'We counsel our people, and especially pastors, to sit with the decision for the next days and to not act precipitously or in anger. We acknowledge that this outcome has caused suffering for the church. We weep with those who weep, and we rejoice with those who rejoice. We, too, are hurting and are wounded healers. We believe that Psalm 46 speaks into the situation in the LCANZ at this time, and we counsel people to be still before the Lord, as we reflect on what has happened and process the implications and implementation of the decision of General Convention.'

General

Psalm 46

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah.*

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.*

*God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.*

*The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.*

*The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.*

*Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.*

*He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.*

*"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth"*

*The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah*

Following the Convention, each of our District Bishops will be providing pastoral guidance and resources for their Districts.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

In Christ,
Bishop Paul Smith



General

A brief report from our Parish delegates

Synod endorses the ordination of both women and men

On Saturday afternoon, 5th October 2024, General Synod resolved to support a proposal from the General Church Board and College of Bishops to remove from the LCA's Theses of Agreement the paragraph (VI:11) which prohibits women from entering the pastoral ministry. The resolution incorporates recommendations from the 2024 General Pastors Conference.

In effect this means that the teaching of the Church on the office of the public ministry remains unchanged apart from the requirement of the ordination of men only.

The proposal included the expectation that the Commission on Theology and Inter-Church Relations (CTICR), together with the Church's Pastors Conferences and Districts, will finalise a doctrinal statement on ordination in 2025, to be approved by an online General Pastors Conference and online Convention of General Synod. 'We commend this resolution to God, trusting his mercy, guiding our feet in the way of peace', LCA NZ Bishop Paul Smith said.

The complete wording of the resolutions will follow shortly.

71.35% of the delegates voted in favour of the Way Forward

Many people followed Synod worship and business via the livestreams.

On the Friday and Sunday there were more than 400 unique viewers while on Saturday (the day of the Way Forward discussions and vote) there were more than 650 unique viewers. As there were 377 registered delegates for these days, there were more people watching than were registered delegates!

Pastor Stephen Schultz was elected as Assistant Bishop for the LCA NZ.



PRAY. WAIT. TRUST.

God has a plan

General

MISSION
OF CHRIST
Network



Rev Dr Michael Lockwood



Serving the Lord at
China Lutheran Seminary
in Taiwan

**You are invited to hear
Michael speak about
God's mission in Taiwan**

**Grace St John's Lutheran
Church, 11 Jane Place,
Tanunda**

**On 20th October 2024
9am service, presentation
starts 10.20am in Hall.**

**All welcome,
morning tea provided**



THE NEED

Most people in Taiwan worship gods of wood and stone that can never save them.

The people of China live under a tyrannical government that oppresses its people and squashes their hope.

All these people need to know that there is a God who knows them, loves them and wants to give them hope and a future through faith in Jesus Christ.

THE OPPORTUNITY

China Lutheran Seminary in Taiwan is the only Lutheran seminary in the world that teaches in Mandarin Chinese. It is training pastors, missionaries, and church workers who can bring the Good News to the people of Taiwan, China, and Chinese communities around the world in their own heart language.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

**Jeanette 0403 104 633
jeanette@groomwines.com**

What's on this week?



Sunday 13th October:

3:00pm **School of the Apostles** in the St Petri Meeting Room,
Nuriootpa

Monday 14th October:

Pastor Damien's day of rest

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

7:30pm **Neukirch Church Council Meeting** in the Neukirch Hall

Tuesday 15th October:

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

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

7:30pm **Ebenezer Church Council Meeting** in the Ebenezer Hall



Wednesday 16th October:

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

Thursday 17th October:

7:00pm **Light Pass Combined Choir Practice** in the Strait Gate Hall

7:30pm **Parish Worship Committee Meeting** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP

Friday 18th October:

Saturday 19th October:



Thought For The Week

It's the little things that usually have
the greatest impact in life;

A smile, a hug, a thank you and a compliment!

Unknown

What's on next week?



Sunday 20th October:

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

Annual General Meeting at Holy Trinity
9:45am **God's Kids** at Dutton



Monday 21st October:

Pastor Damien's day of rest

7:30pm **Strait Gate Church Council Meeting** in the Church Hall

Tuesday 22nd October:

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

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

Wednesday 23rd October:

8:30am **Holy Trinity Women's Fellowship Mystery Trip** meeting at the Holy Trinity Church

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

Thursday 24th October:

7:00pm **Light Pass Combined Choir Practice** in the Strait Gate Hall

Friday 25th October:

Saturday 26th October:





Sunday 20th October 2024

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

LIGHT PASS - SG

Readings:

Musician:

Warden:

Welcoming:

Tea & Coffee:

Grounds:

9:00am HC

Lyn Schmidt

Carol Kretschmer

Sam Schmidt

Barry & Lyn Schmidt and Sharon Schmidt & Family

Yvonne & Rodney Lindner

Barry Schmidt, Sam Schmidt & Ricky Schmidt

Pastor Damien Martin

HOLY TRINITY

Readings:

Ushers:

Welcoming:

Grounds:

10:00am LR

Janet Krause

Elaine Bartlett & Elaine Mattschoss

Ann Schulz

Chris Pietsch

Janet Krause, James Verrall

NEUKIRCH

Readings:

Warden:

10:30am HC

Allan & Tania Norton Family

Adrian Hoffmann

Pastor Damien Martin



EBENEZER

At Neukirch

DUTTON

10:30am HC

Pastor Paul Lohe

TRURO

Visiting



STOCKWELL

Church Grounds:

At Strait Gate

Doecke Family

LIGHT PASS - IM

Grounds:

At Strait Gate

Steve Doecke, Kirk Doecke, Warrick Doecke & Stephen Lowke



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