



Tidings **NEWSLETTER**

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**LUTHERAN WOMEN OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
and
NORTHERN TERRITORY**

MARCH 2018

**Lutheran Women of South Australia and Northern Territory
Fifty-second Convention
Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 9:30 am
Lutheran Centre, 21 Adelaide Road, VICTOR HARBOR SA
Hosted by Coffee & Chat Group, Victor Harbor**

**Theme: “Bloom where you are planted”
Text: Colossians 4:5-6**

**Guest Speakers: Morning: Pastor Peter Miller
Topic: Chaplaincy Ministries**

**Afternoon: Pastor Michael Prenzler
Topic: Adelaide Deaf Community Church**

*Be wise in the way you act toward
outsiders; make the most of every
opportunity. Let your conversation
be always full of grace...*

Colossians 4:5-6

Our vision:

***“To provide encouragement and support for all women that they may know Jesus and
grow in his love.”***

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Convention Program

9:30 am Opening Worship: (Hymns will be on the screen)

10:00 am Opening of Convention

Business session

Allocation of Offerings: Recommendations from LWSA-NT Executive Committee

- * Adelaide Deaf Community Church
- * Chaplaincy Ministries
- * Australian Lutheran College Women's Auxiliary

Morning Offering

Guest Speaker: Pastor Peter Miller – Chaplaincy Ministries

Minutes of 51st Convention held at St Michaels Lutheran Church, Hahndorf 20th May 2017

Memorial Hymn

Lutheran Women of Australia Report: President -Tuula Contarino

LWSA-NT President's Report: Grace Kroehn

LWSA-NT Treasurer's Report: Ruth Kaesler

Election of Executive Committee

Motions:

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LWSA-NT membership donations be increased to \$5.00 per member in 2019.** *(Executive, LWSA-NT)*

Reasons for the Proposal:

As membership of the LWSA-NT is decreasing and expenses are increasing it is necessary to raise the membership donations.

- 2. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lutheran Secondary Education Encouragement Awards be added to the LWSA-NT Projects list for 2018-2019.** *(Executive, LWSA-NT)*

Reasons for the Proposal:

A decrease in membership donations has resulted in difficulty in raising the funds required for these awards.

Announcements: Morning attendance
Morning offering
Displays

12:00 noon: Table Grace

Lunch: Please bring your own lunch and a cup.
Tea, coffee, sugar, milk & water (hot and cold) will be provided.

1:30 pm: Afternoon session commences

Devotion

Item:

Guest Speaker: Pastor Michael Prenzler – Adelaide Deaf Community Church

Afternoon Offering:

Reports: Retreat Committee
Lutheran Community Care & Clothing Committee
Aged Care: Fullarton Lutheran Homes
Glynde Lutheran Homes
Tanunda Lutheran Home
National Council of Women
World Day of Prayer
Australian Church Women – SA unit

Election of Representatives

Projects for 2018

LWSA-NT (Recommendations from the Executive)

Adelaide Deaf Community Church
Alice Springs Aboriginal Women's Support Worker
Alice Springs Town Ministry
Lutheran Aged Care: Fullarton
Glynde
Riverview
Tanunda
Lutheran Community Care - *Includes Christmas Hampers*
Lutheran Disability Services
Lutheran Media Ministry
Blueprint Ministries (Children and Families, Youth and Young Adults)

LWA (*Determined by the Convention in 2015*)

Aboriginal Missions: Aboriginal Ministry SA,
Finke River Mission
Far North QLD Aboriginal Mission
Australian Lutheran College – Pastoral Ministry Students Assistance Fund
Australian Lutheran College Women's Auxiliary
Australian Lutheran World Service
Bethany Home for children/people with severe disabilities, Malaysia
Debora Orphanage, Indonesia
Home of Praise in the slums of Bangkok, Thailand
Lutheran Church Australia Mission International, Cambodia
Papua New Guinea Lutheran Health Services Solar Panels
Papua New Guinea Wok Meri Trening Skuls
Scholarships for students from overseas to study through Australian Lutheran College

Vote of thanks

Announcements: Afternoon attendance
 Afternoon offering
 Total offering

Next Convention:**Closing Worship**

Installation of Executive Committee members

NOTES:**Convention Reminders**

All Lutheran Women's Fellowship/Guild members attending the Convention are entitled to vote.

- * Bring this copy of the March 2018 Tidings Newsletter;
- * Bring the Minutes of the 2017 Convention (sent out with July 2017 Tidings);
- * Wear your name tag;
- * Bring a pen and notebook;
- * Bring your own lunch and a cup.



LWSA-NT President's Report



Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In this my first annual report to you as President of LWSA-NT, I give thanks to God for his guidance and also wish to thank so many of you for your kind words of encouragement.

St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf, was the venue for our 51st Convention, and the ladies of St Michael's & St Paul's Women's Guilds, Hahndorf and the Lutheran women from Grace Bridgewater were our very capable hosts. With a chosen theme of "The Best is Yet to Come," based on the text from 1 Peter 1:3-9, Pastor Stephen Schultz emphasised in his message that we have to spread the message that life isn't all doom and gloom and that there is hope out there for all of us.

We were inspired by our guest speakers. Andrew Weiss, a teacher from Cornerstone College, shared his experience of travelling with ALWS service members and some other teachers, to the East African nation of Djibouti. The goal of the ALWS project in this nation is to improve the life of those in the camp through the power of education. Celia Fielke spoke on the work of Lutheran Media Ministry, highlighting the "live-streaming" of services from St Michael's Hahndorf. Convention day is enhanced by various spot-speakers and the many displays from various sectors of our wider church, which provide an excellent opportunity for us to learn how we can better support and use these various groups.

On behalf of the Executive Committee I thank God for the membership of LWSA-NT. Whether you meet as a small group or in one with larger numbers, your enthusiasm is to be commended for spending time together in prayer, Bible Study and fellowship with one another, and also your involvement in your congregations and the opportunities to be seen and be involved in the wider community. Our sincere thanks to you all as you contribute to the work of LWA, LWSA-NT and, more importantly, the work of our Lord and Saviour. I pray that those groups formed in recent years for the benefit of younger and working women, may continue to be blessed in their endeavours.

The Zone Fellowship/Rally Days are a wonderful opportunity to come together with members across your region and these occasions provide important encouragement. For those of us belonging to smaller fellowships, these days of meeting in larger numbers are indeed uplifting. Thank you to the organisers, or convenors, for making these days most meaningful. I have really enjoyed those occasions on which I was able to be present during the year and I look forward to the opportunities that arise this year. Your support for many local causes, together with their respective guest speakers, has been most interesting. Keep up the good work!

Throughout the state, we have various auxiliary committees made up of dedicated ladies and ably serving in addition to their fellowships. These committees help to provide many extras in our various aged care facilities, and at Lutheran Community Care and organise our state retreat. We also have representatives attending World Day of Prayer, National Council of Women and the SA Unit of Australian Church Women. Sincere thanks to you all.

The Nominations Committee, made up of a representative from each Zone, meets twice a year with its duty to seek persons to serve on the state executive and be the representatives to the above mentioned organisations. As we as an executive are about to continue the review of our constitution, we will also review the conduct/composition of the Nominations committee.

Ruth Kaesler, elected to the position of Treasurer at the last convention, is very capably serving in this role, vacated by Beryl Smith who has provided valued assistance to Ruth in this first year. Your contributions this past year have totalled \$109,311.37, of which the sum total of \$94,385.96 has been forwarded to the various LWA and LWSA-NT projects. This amount does not include any financial support that you may have given to your congregations or local community. Our heartfelt thanks to you all for this amazing effort. Our membership for the past year was 1501 Members from 101 fellowships. This past year saw the four Tanunda fellowships combine as one, and the Gruenberg and Gnadenberg Fellowships have

combined to form the Moculta Fellowship. We praise God for these transitions and ask his continued blessings on their activities.

In very, very warm conditions – some would call it hot – the annual State Retreat was held in January at Australian Lutheran College. The chosen theme ‘Are we there yet?’ saw Pastor Murray Smith lead three very interesting Bible Studies, which were all discussed in small groups before coming together to share the responses. As a first-time attendee, I wish to say a very sincere thank you to the Retreat Committee for all its planning and preparations, to provide a most inspiring and up-lifting experience. A special thank you to Sigrid Burford for her inspiring leadership of this committee for the past six years. Some zones also hold retreats at various times during the year and the organizers of these are also accorded thanks.

At convention we welcomed three new members to the executive: Grace Bock, Tracy Smith and Rosalie Polkinghorne, and together with serving members, I thank God for all of these ladies who are using their God-given talents to further the work of our Lord in the Lutheran Women of SA-NT. A special thank you to Pastor Paul Lohe, our Spiritual Advisor for his devotions and spiritual leadership. Our Secretary Joan Schiller also very capably serves as the Editor of the ‘Tidings’ newsletter. As a result of the motion passed at the last Convention, the ‘Tidings’ will now be provided to you 3 times a year: March, July & October. Please use this medium to advertise and report activities in your zones, as there are often good ideas of speakers to share.

In July 2017, Joan Schiller and I attended a Council meeting of LWA in Nundah, a Brisbane suburb. It was a most inspiring time spent with the executive under the leadership of Tuula Contarino, along with representatives of Lutheran Women in every state, as we shared in the preparations for the National Convention to be held in Rosehill, NSW from 30th September – 2nd October 2018. We will meet under the theme of “Faith, Freedom, Future, - HOPE”. You are all encouraged to attend and a group travel package is being arranged and co-ordinated by Tracy Smith.

By God’s grace, let us work together in our fellowships/congregations and communities, enjoying time in studying God’s word during Bible studies, sharing in prayer time or with a cuppa over fellowship or helping someone in need in our immediate community.

May God bless you all as you continue to work in his name, sharing your faith with those around you, and may you all bloom where God has planted you.

Grace Kroehn, President LWSA-NT

LWA Presidents Report

Greetings and blessings in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:1

Lutheran Women bring glory to God when we work together serving and doing his will. May we continue to serve the Lord with gladness.

Membership numbers for LWA in 2017 are 3,950.

MEETINGS

The LWA Executive has met twice this past year: in March at Toowoomba QLD, and in October at Buderim QLD. A mid-term Council meeting was held in Brisbane in July, with all members of the LWA Council in attendance. Reports were heard from all the States, business conducted and Convention planning decisions were made. Jonathon Krause (ALWS) and Debbie Venz (Business Manager Lutheran Church of Australia) also gave us some of their precious time while they were in Brisbane to update us on ALWS news and Convention thoughts and ideas. This was such a valuable time to get to know each other, plan the forthcoming Convention and to share and encourage each other in our faith and mission walk.

CONVENTION 2018

The theme is “Faith, Freedom Future – HOPE”. (Hebrews 10:23)

Four Guest speakers and our two LWA Spiritual Advisors will help us explore our theme at beautiful Rosehill Gardens, Sydney NSW from 30th September – 2nd October. Plan to come and enjoy the blessings which flow on from attending such an event.

I am pleased to announce that at the mid-term Council meeting it was decided that the offering from Convention 2018 would be divided ½ to Lutheran Media and ½ shared between NQ Aboriginal Mission, SA Aboriginal Mission and Finke River Mission. I encourage you to be a blessing to these worthy causes by sending a love offering from your Guild or Fellowship to your State Treasurer prior to Convention.

All information regarding the Convention will be available on the LCA General Convention of Synod site with a link to the Lutheran Women registration page. Registrations will be open from 5th June to the 31st August.

Return travel from the airport to the Convention site and recommended close by accommodation will be available at a cost. Any additional information will be forwarded on as soon as it comes to hand from the LCA General Synod organising committee.

STATE CONVENTIONS

In the past 12 months I attended the NSW 51st State Convention in Canberra in April (Theme: “Salvation not for Sale” – Gal 2:16), SA/NT 51st State Convention in Hahndorf in May (Theme: “The best is yet to come”) and also WA women’s 48th State Convention in Perth in May (Theme: “Living in the Grace of God” - Ephesians 2: 7-10). Unfortunately VIC-TAS had their State Convention on the same day as the SA-NT Convention and Qld only has State Conventions ever second year. This year Qld will have its State Convention in July at Hervey Bay with the theme: “A whale of a time”. Hervey Bay is noted for whale watching, particularly at this time of the year, so if you would like to “whale watch” then July would be the time in QLD.

LWA MAGAZINE

Subscription numbers for the Lutheran Women magazine have dropped slightly in NSW, QLD, SA, and WA but Victoria-Tasmania has had an increase which is a pleasant surprise. Please

encourage the women of our church to read our magazine and ask them to share their faith stories with us in this way. Editor Robyn Kuchel would love to hear from as many women as possible. We thank Felicity Evans of Creative Minds who is happy to continue producing this wonderful little magazine for us throughout 2018.

ALC PASTORAL MINISTRY STUDENTS ASSISTANCE FUND

Monies donated to ALC Pastoral Ministry Students Assistance Fund go directly into an account now managed by the LWA. On behalf of the LWA Executive, Joan Zilm has been appointed as co-ordinator (local contact) to the students and meets with them and their wives to let them know of the support from Lutheran Women with our prayers, and also to offer financial help should an emergency arise. Copies of the Lutheran Women Magazine have also been given to the students and their wives. A gift of \$200 was given to each of six Pastoral Ministry Students at the beginning of the year (2017) to encourage them as they begin their studies.

PROJECTS

All eleven LWA projects have been well supported and a total of \$53,365.40 has been distributed where allocated. Thank you LWA members and friends for your generosity. We give thanks to God, appreciating the fact that all States, Zones and local Guilds and Fellowships have their own Projects as well to support.

Luke 6:38 Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

May God bless you all.

*Respectfully submitted Tuula Contarino,
President*

Lutheran Women of South Australia - Northern Territory

2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1st December 2016 - 30th November 2017

<u>LWSA-NT PROJECTS</u>	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Aboriginal Women's Ministry Support Worker	\$1,403.95	\$1,403.95
Alice Springs Town Ministry	\$3,519.50	\$3,519.50
Lutheran Disability Service	\$3,852.95	\$3,852.95
Lutheran Community Care (Note 1)	\$7,195.55	\$7,195.55
Lutheran Media Ministry	\$7,426.80	\$7,426.80
Deaf Ministry SA	\$4,046.95	\$4,046.95
SA Director for Ch. Y. & Fam M	\$2,763.50	\$2,763.50
Lutheran Aged Care (Note 2)	\$2,152.50	\$2,152.50
	\$32,361.70	\$32,361.70
<u>LWA PROJECTS</u>		
Aboriginal Missions (Note 3)	\$5,948.66	\$5,948.66
Australian Luth World Service (Note 4)	\$11,853.05	\$11,853.05
ALC Pastoral Min St Assis Fund	\$3,841.45	\$3,841.45
ALC Women's Auxiliary	\$1,983.50	\$1,983.50
Bethany Home Malaysia	\$3,709.85	\$3,709.85
Cambodia Luth World Mission	\$3,836.40	\$3,836.40
Debora Orphanage	\$3,382.50	\$3,382.50
Home of Praise - Bangkok	\$3,181.00	\$3,181.00
PNG - Meri Wok Trening	\$2,566.00	\$2,566.00
Scholarships - OS stud. at ALC	\$2,063.50	\$2,063.50
Solar Panels - PNG	\$2,766.70	\$2,766.70
	\$45,132.61	\$45,132.61
<u>OTHER PROJECTS</u>		
Birthing Kits - freight	\$100.00	\$100.00
Lutheran Bible Translators	\$510.00	\$510.00
Lay Ministry	\$300.00	\$300.00
Convention Offerings (Note 5)	\$12,144.60	\$12,144.60
Convention Proposal - Archives		\$1,000.00
Bible League - Adelaide Show	\$100.00	\$100.00
Bible Society	\$319.00	\$319.00
Leprosy Mission	\$150.00	\$150.00
Lutheran Archives	\$500.00	\$500.00
Lutherans for Life	\$250.00	\$250.00
Lutheran Seminary Appeal	\$300.00	\$300.00
Tract Mission	\$1,506.05	\$1,506.05
Mid Murray Support Services	\$84.00	\$84.00
YMAM - Mexico Base	\$500.00	\$500.00
Royal Society for the Blind	\$128.00	\$128.00
	\$16,891.65	\$17,891.65
<u>Total Project Income and payments</u>	\$94,385.96	\$95,385.96

Other Receipts and Payments

LWSA Member Donations 2017	1501	\$4,503.00	\$0.00
LWA Member Donations 2017		\$7,505.00	\$7,505.00
Lutheran Secondary Education Administration	(Note 6)	\$300.00	\$2,100.00
Convention Inc / Exp		\$525.00	\$2,023.86
Tidings		\$53.80	\$259.36
Tidings Honorarium		\$0.00	\$1,336.24
Bank Interest / Fees		\$0.00	\$500.00
BAS Round off loss		\$85.61	\$0.00
Auditor		\$0.00	\$0.95
Loss for the year		\$0.00	\$200.00
Total Receipts / Payments		\$1,953.00	\$0.00
		\$109,311.37	\$109,311.37

**Lutheran Women of South Australia - Northern Territory
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT - 30th November 2017**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Income	\$ 107,358.37	\$ 119,104.75
Expenses	\$ 109,311.37	\$ 121,018.37
Operating Profit/Loss	-\$ 1,953.00	-\$ 1,913.62
Other income	\$ -	\$ 30,320.96 AS
Other expenses	\$ -	\$ 30,320.96 AS
Net Profit / Loss	-\$ 1,953.00	-\$ 1,913.62

BALANCE SHEET - 30th November 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Bank SA - cheque account	\$365.74	\$74.96
Bank SA - Business Access Saver	\$1,504.36	\$2,930.13
LLL	\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00
Total Assets	\$9,370.10	\$11,005.09
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Prepayments	\$0.00	\$160.00
Provision for Hermannsburg Paraments	\$500.00	\$0.00
Provision for Hospital Cheer	\$170.65	\$331.75
GST Liabilities - GST Paid	-\$23.52	-\$12.63
Total Liabilities	\$647.13	\$479.12
Net Assets	\$8,722.97	\$10,525.97
<u>Equity</u>		
Retained Earnings	\$10,525.97	\$12,439.59
Stale cheque returned	\$150.00	\$0.00
Current Year Earnings / Loss	-\$1,953.00	-\$1,913.62
Total Equity	\$8,722.97	\$10,525.97

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

		Receipts
Note 1. Lutheran Community Care	General	\$3,620.85
	LCC Hampers	\$2,136.50
	Mothers Day	\$235.00
	Ingle Farm	\$508.20
	Barossa Valley	\$445.00
	Winter Appeal	\$250.00
		\$7,195.55

Note 2. Lutheran Aged Care	Fullarton Lutheran Homes Auxiliary	\$522.25
	Glynde Lutheran Homes Auxiliary	\$471.75
	Loxton Riverview Rest Home	\$271.75
	Tanunda Lutheran Home Auxiliary	\$886.75
		\$2,152.50

Note 3. Aboriginal Missions	General	\$1,024.50
	Far North Qld	\$350.00
	Finke River	\$1,663.76
	South Australia	\$2,910.40
		\$5,948.66

Note 4. Australian Lutheran World Service	General	\$8,034.05
	African Women Suffering Violence	\$375.00
	Gifts of Grace	\$2,798.00
	NZ Earthquake	\$100.00
	South Sudan Appeal	\$546.00
		\$11,853.05

		Payments
Note 5. Convention Offerings	Aboriginal Women's Support Worker	\$4,048.20
	Aust Lutheran World Service	\$4,048.20
	Lutheran Media	\$4,048.20
		\$12,144.60

Note 6. Lutheran Secondary Schools

Encouragement Awards of \$2,100 ie \$150 were paid to these thirteen schools/colleges. (One of the colleges misplaced its cheque from 2016 and a replacement was then issued)

Crossways Lutheran School, Ceduna	Immanuel College, Novar Gardens
Concordia College, Highgate	St Martins Lutheran College, Mt Gambier
Cornerstone College, Mt Barker	Unity College, Murray Bridge
Encounter Lutheran College, Victor Harbor	Navigator College, Pt Lincoln
Endeavour College, Mawson Lakes	Tatachilla Lutheran College, McLaren Vale
Faith Lutheran College, Tanunda	Yirara College, Alice Springs, NT
Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Palmerston NT	

Retreat

Lutheran Women SA-NT Retreat held at Australian Lutheran College 19th – 21st January, 2018



There it was, up on the wall: *Walk Straight-Feel Great! Walk, Move, Live!* It was on the wall at my physiotherapist's reception area. It struck me that it could be an extension of the 2018 LWSA-NT Retreat. With the theme, 'Are we there yet?' much of the focus was on a journey, not just any journey but the one to our ultimate destination. A journey is more than going from A to B. Along the way there are things that happen. Each person's journey is unique but we have many similar experiences including the unexpected heights of joy and depths of grief and what happens in between.

Tracy Smith, wife of retreat chaplain, Pastor Murray Smith, shared something of her journey so far. With never a dull moment, Tracy has held many roles as a keen sportswoman possessing many trophies. Tracy's gifts have led to many clerical-type jobs, but her main role now is supporting Pastor Murray and growing in knowing and caring for people.

In three separate times of reflection, Pastor Murray unpacked the theme: '**Are we there yet; Now Tell Me Where Are We Going? THE JOURNEY'S UNDER WAY.** It begins at baptism, getting dressed for the journey *Galatians 3:27*, and like many journeys through life, it can seem pretty straightforward. But along the way things happen that can cause it to be anything but that! We lose the way, become distracted by the many things that living in this world put in our path. We overload ourselves instead of allowing Jesus to hold us in his grace embrace. Remember your baptism daily and God's incredible love for you in Jesus.

LOSING FOCUS ON THE JOURNEY. On this amazing trip, God fills it with all kinds of people and experiences, some quite overwhelming. We can't control all our circumstances because we sometimes lose sight of what God does around us, even while he continues to do things in us and for us and even through us. The call of Jesus is '*to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*' *Micah 6:8*. Look up, God is watching you like a proud parent. He sees you at all times. You are never out of his sight '*til we've seen this journey through.*'

LEARNING TO ENJOY THE JOURNEY. Every journey has some wonderful sights but sometimes you need help to notice them. On your faith journey, it is just as important to be aware of the many surprises that jump up at you. The excitement and invigoration of the shared journey and the shared displeasure will be less burdensome together. Sharing the burdens and joys of others is your privilege as

you meet them on the road '*and you will be obeying the law of Christ.*' *Galatians 6:2* There is an awesome end to our destination - JESUS, whom we will see face to face!

Interspersed with this journey were inspiring speakers. Anna Doecke works as a counsellor and in personal development. Anna, with her sparkling enthusiasm spoke on *Self Care - 'a life long journey that may never be mastered, and so it needs to be practised.'* It is about learning to say 'no' as well as 'yes.' Do not feel guilty about having time for yourself - time to play and have fun. Seek the freedom to do what God wants you to do.



Singing, praying, talking and renewing or making friendships are paramount at retreat. They are all a part of the amazing journey of friendship and fellowship as sisters in Christ. Numbers attending retreat were 46 full time and 20 part timers. Offerings of \$1,539.00 will be divided between Debora Orphanage, ALWS and Asia Focus Australia (Vietnam). Christian resources, Archives, and LLL were all pit stops along the way. Eating together is another pleasantry on the journey, whether it is family, friends or at retreat. Everyone enjoys a rest from food preparation, to sit down and enjoy food as we listen to each others' stories.

Marion McCall was described on the programme as Pilot, Poet and Performer, and did she ever live up to that title! With much humour, Marion regaled retreaters with her



journey of learning to fly an aeroplane so she could fly her bishop husband around the huge Diocese of Willochra and other places as well. Marion's journey led her to meeting royalty and rubbing shoulders with interesting people. Sharing fun and laughter

is so good for us on our journey - there was plenty of that with Marion!

Saturday evening is always a much-anticipated leg of the journey. Colours of Faith is a group of interdenominational Christian singers. Colours of Faith embraces people of all kinds, to love them, sing together and care for each other. Fay Rohrlach was sight-impaired from birth and her life is an inspiration as she plays her piano accordion, singing and enjoying her journey with Jesus, while being lovingly embraced by the Colours of Faith choir community. In sync with the Colours of Faith, the Retreat Committee members dressed up in colourful outfits bought from Op Shops. They proved you don't have to spend a lot to look good for the road!



Retreat concluded with Worship and Holy Communion in the Australian Lutheran College chapel, sending us on our way rejoicing (Jesus Way) with all the blessings of a wonderful weekend.

Submitted by Joy Christian

Lutheran Community Care & Clothing Committee



Recently we celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving, thanking God and sharing with others our abundant supply of food.

Do we take time to also thank God for our clothes, shoes, bedding, household goods and the roof over our head? How blest we are! The Holy Spirit has moved many people to share these goods so that others may also be blest through God's love by receiving these items. Give thanks unto the Lord for he is good. The need for such items is not diminishing. Through your support Lutheran Community Care is enabled to meet the needs of many of our fellow human beings.

Reminder – it can save a lot of double handling if boxes and bags of goods are labelled, e.g. men's / women's / children's clothing. If you have a particular destination or project e.g. emergency care / Hermannsburg / Alice Springs, these also need to be labelled. Generally goods are directed to where the greatest need is perceived.

Thank you to everyone who was able to collect bags and boxes of goods from Lutheran Community Care and deliver them to Alice Springs during their trips north. This has been a

great help and is an ongoing need. I personally witnessed how grateful they were to receive warm clothing, quilts, rugs and beanies during the cold weather. Thank you to everyone, please keep the need for transport to Alice Springs in your prayers.

Christian greetings, Marie Kruger

(Special requests from Lutheran Community Care can be read on page 20.)

Fullarton Lutheran Homes LWSA-NT Sub-committee



The LWSA-NT Fullarton Sub-Committee met four times this year, in January, April, September and November. The chief business of these meetings was the planning of our annual Freudentag fair. The meetings also enabled us to keep updated with developments around the Fullarton Homes, and to be informed of LWSA-NT news.

Freudentag continues to grow in popularity. The blend of good German style foods and entertainment mixed with quality stalls and a very generous raffle ensures an enjoyable, fun day. The buzz around the Homes speaks for the pleasure being experienced. We extend warm thanks to all who helped to make the day such a success. Very special thanks must go to Leony Jones (the Leisure and Lifestyle Co-ordinator) and to the staff at FLH for their enthusiastic support and help.

The current committee consists of Val Schirmer (President), Naomi Muegge (Secretary), Myra Materne (Treasurer), Rosalie Polkinghorne, Ruth Noack, Irene Leske and Rosemary Sims. We also welcomed Grace Kroehn as the LWSA-NT Committee representative for our first two meetings, and then Grace Bock after the May Convention. We are truly blessed to have such an enthusiastic and harmonious team.

Financial Statement

<u>Income:</u>	Freudentag profit:	\$ 4,970.35
	Bank Interest:	\$ 132.62
	Donations from LWSA-NT	\$ 186.00

Expenditure:

	2 Jeanie Pill Crushers	\$ 2,144.00
	3 Air foam mattresses	\$ 5,712.50
<u>Current Balance:</u>		\$ 2,273.03

Val Schirmer, President



Glynde Lutheran Homes

Auxiliary



Our Lutheran Home Incorporated (LHI) Glynde Auxiliary continues to go from strength to strength, even as we anticipate the changes we will experience with having a new Community Hall complex at least a year away. As our main functions, Mid-Year Luncheon and Spring Fair are held in this facility, we still will hopefully arrange replacement venues for this year.

Our Auxiliary is an enthusiastic group of seven members, which meets 4 times a year, and is fortunate to have the new CEO, Mr Graham Reed, attending, along with John Boland, Catering adviser, and Yasmine Ruysen GM Residential Care Services. We are kept well informed on happenings within the village and advised on how the monies we donate to the Nursing Home are used.

Besides our usual Fund-Raisers, the Auxiliary is also involved in the various Plant Sale days. Thanks go to Marion Schubert and Petra Williams and their work in preparing plants throughout the year and for organizing the sale days. The day is usually complimented with a Devonshire Tea, where the residents enjoy the social meeting with family and friends. All of this resulted in an unbelievable financial success.

The 'sold-out' Auxiliary Luncheon was a great success with a Hat Theme. Most people participated in the Best Hat, Formal, Funniest, Quirkiest and Prettiest competition. The tables were beautifully decorated, as was the stage and surrounds, all with hats that were begged, borrowed and given for the display.

The Auxiliary is indebted to the many village folk, along with the Auxiliary men, who help members to stage the Spring Fair, and for the financial success at the end of the day. The many stalls are well patronized, and we look forward to the changes we may have to make when we stage our next Spring Fair.

We wish to acknowledge the LWSA-NT Representative, Mrs Ruth Kaesler, who is an inspiration to us all, as she meets with us, and where possible helps with our fund-raising. We wish her well in her role as Treasurer of the state, and look forward to many more times we meet with Ruth.

We continue to support our Residential Care Facility (Nursing Home), and this past year saw \$13,042.00 donated, with a later donation of \$17,461.00, making a total of \$30,503.00.

We thank all who continue their support of our Auxiliary, and look forward to another successful year ahead.

Marina Fielke, President

Tanunda Lutheran Home

Ladies Auxiliary



Many thanks to the fellowships/guilds of the Barossa Zone for continuing to support the Auxiliary and therefore the Tanunda Lutheran Home (TLH) with both time and money.

There are still 14 fellowships giving their support to the TLH by helping with mending, sewing and sorting excess linen and curtains, which is a great help and appreciated by TLH. Over 140 hours of volunteer work has been given in this way during the last year, which is great! Thanks to all concerned. It can be a few hours of fun and fellowship often finishing with a great lunch at the Courtyard Cafe. The Tanunda Ladies Fellowship (now a combined fellowship) has continued to be on the sewing/mending roster as 4 separate groups.

The biscuit roster has been changed as it is no longer possible to donate home baked biscuits because of laws regarding the certification that is necessary for aged care residents. Individual fellowships are encouraged to continue to adhere to the roster and send money to the TLH Auxiliary, and it will continue to be used for the benefit of the home. Before Christmas, the Auxiliary spent a day baking honey biscuits at the home. This was hard, but enjoyable work and over 1000 biscuits were made for the residents, who were very appreciative. The cost of the honey was paid for by the Auxiliary.

Two members of the Auxiliary are now meeting regularly every two months with the CEO (Lee Martin) and Hotel Services Manager (Rob Hutchinson) to discuss different ways that we can work together. The possibility of doing more baking at the home is one such issue to be considered, with the hope of involving more fellowship groups. One development of these meetings is the hosting of the 2019 Barossa Zone Fellowship Day at TLH.

The Auxiliary currently consists of the following members: Eileen Bartel, Debbie Borgas, Helen Fiebiger, Jo Freckelton, Ann Schulz, Jeneth Secker and Hedy Stanley. Joan Schiller was thanked for her five years of service and Faye Jenke is acknowledged as the LWSA-NT representative. The Auxiliary is also grateful to have Joan Lindner as the TLH board representative.

With the completion of a full set of Liturgical Banners for the Chapel designed and made by Mrs Jan Kaesler, she is now writing explanations of these banners. These explanations will be displayed in the Chapel during the appropriate season.

In the past year, the Auxiliary has purchased two special needs shower chairs for a total of \$3,000.00 and an amount of \$900.00 has been expended for the chapel banners. Christmas cakes for the residents have again been supplied as in previous years. Another "wish list" of suitable projects will be received from the home in early 2018. The annual strawberry fete trading table raised \$511.40 last year. The current financial balance of the Auxiliary is \$2,386.63.

We thank God for being able to continue in this work and that he continues to bless the efforts of the Auxiliary.

*Yours in Christ
Jo Freckelton, President*

National Council of Women

The National Council of Women South Australia (NCWSA) is a representative network of women working together to create a better life for all women. It has been a busy year for the Council, which meets on the second Thursday of each month at NCWSA rooms at 95 South Terrace, Adelaide.

An interesting group of speakers were again engaged to make presentations at these meetings. At the first meeting in February, our advisors for Aging, Education, Nutrition, Environment, and Rural and Remote Women outlined their goals for 2017. In March, author, Anne McLeod, spoke about her book "The Summit of her Ambition", which tells the story of the spirited life of Marie Byles, first woman lawyer of NSW, feminist activist with Jessie Street, environmentalist, mountaineer, and early Western Buddhist.

In May we had a group discussion about the NCWA resolutions, which were to be presented for ratification at the Midterm Conference of NCWA in Canberra before being presented to Government. In June the guest speaker was Dr Luscombe Marsh, a biomedical research scientist at South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute. Her subject was nutrition for older women. She stressed that good nutrition and being active are the key to good health.

In July our delegates to the NCWA Midterm conference in June who were Wendy Abigail, Margaret Flint, and Maureen Oborn, reported that the 17 resolutions submitted were approved. At this conference, the National Council of Young Women of Australia was launched by the Hon Michaelia Cash. The NCYWA is an initiative of NCWA to provide opportunities for young women to have a voice on issues of concern for young women.

At the August Meeting, Associate Professor Ann Harrington spoke about support services available to older people. She recommended consulting the Aged Care Website www.myagedcare.gov.au for information on services available.

In September, Nina Sivertsen spoke about the Uluru National Convention "From the Heart" held in May. Indigenous people would like to have a voice, a treaty, recognising their value as people and move away from the Referendum results of 1967, which gave the Australian Parliament the power to make laws for Aboriginal people.

The AGM was held in November. Margaret Flint will continue as President for 2018. Vice-President is Wendy Abigail. Treasurer is Helen Pointon.

The December meeting was a social evening of activities celebrating Christmas. A gold coin donation and non-perishable food items were collected and donated to the Hutt Street Centre.

Two Seminars were held in 2017. In April, the seminar on "Women in STEM" (science, technology, engineering and maths) highlighted stories from successful women in science today. In August the topic was "Women and Environment". This seminar highlighted the connection between women's health and wellbeing and environmental issues. Both were well attended and inspiring.

NCWSA continues to support Priscilla Corbell in her quest to establish a memorial to victims of domestic violence in Adelaide.

The International Women's Day lunch in March held at the Convention Centre was attended by ten members of NCWSA. A panel of speakers, Stacy Nelan, Judith Cross, and Vicky Walgreen took part in a discussion entitled "Talking about Domestic Violence". These ladies have all been involved with this problem in some way, either personally or as a carer.

In May NCWSA again held Open House during the SA History Festival. The four affiliated organisations presenting displays this time were Australian College of Midwives, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Dominican Old Scholars' Association and Girl Guides SA. In general the attendance was good. A number of students attended on Friday. On Saturday a cocktail reception was held to which the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Theseira Haese and the Hon Kelly Vincent MLC were invited.

In November, the Lady Mayoress of Adelaide hosted the event HERSTORY at the Adelaide town hall, which celebrated centuries of Women's achievements. During the lunch representatives of NCWSA, Soroptimists, YWCA, ZONTA and BPWSA spoke about the aims and achievements of their respective organisations.



A large number of NCWSA members also attended the Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast at the Convention Centre in November. The guest speaker was Dr Michael Kaufman PhD, the International Cofounder of the White Ribbon campaign 'MEN-GENDER EQUALITY NOW'

Each year the NCWSA together with the Ruth Gibson Memorial Fund Committee provides financial assistance for a SA woman to further her career. In November I attended the formal presentation when awardee Megan Lock presented a report on her student exchange trip to Japan in 2016. Nina Sivertsen also received an award for her project "Culture and Spirituality" of older Indigenous Australians – how it is maintained at two urban Aboriginal aged care facilities in SA.

Negotiations by Associate member, Claudia Crean, enabled a group of NCWSA members to be interviewed on radio by Peter Goers on his evening programme on 15th November. This was an opportunity to speak about NCWSA activities and achievements to the general public. The ladies chosen for this task were Nina Sivertsen, NCWSA State coordinator, Fiona Dorman NCWSA Mass Media adviser, Myra Materne delegate for LWSA-NT to NCWSA, and Lois Brock OAM, Hon Life member of NCWSA. It was a very satisfying exercise.

I am honoured to be LWSA-NT delegate to the NCWSA. I find the meetings and associated activities very interesting and informative and enjoy the friendship of the members.

Submitted by Myra Materne

Australian Church Women – SA Unit Inc.

Thank God for Australian Church Women! The SA unit meets regularly to serve God and the community. LWSA-NT is an associate member of this group which means we attend meetings but have no voting rights. This could be changed by a resolution at convention.



Australian Church Women Inc.

The 2018 President is Rev Nita West [UCA], Secretary Aileen Aldridge [UCA] and Treasurer Barbara Grear [CoC].

Detailed below are some ACW -SA's projects:

JUBILEE 150 TRUST – *the trust that keeps on giving*

Last year three women were assisted with a small grant for study/self-improvement programs. These grants are paid from the interest gained from invested funds. Due to the very low current interest rates only a small amount can be allocated. Maybe to us the grants are an insignificant amount [maybe \$250+] but reports indicate they are gratefully

received and used. What a delight it is to see these small contributions making an incredible difference to lives.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Each unit meeting we donate the "least coin" we have to an offering. These in turn are given to people in need throughout the world. ... "From little things big things grow". Maybe your Fellowship could display a FOLC money box at each meeting and you could donate the smallest coin in your purse. We do this at Magill and last year amassed \$51! If you would like a guest speaker to tell you more, contact Rev. Nita West 8431 0145 or nitawest@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CONCERN EVENT

Each year a new non-government supported charity is chosen. This year it is OzHarvest SA. This is a food rescue business, delivering food, that would otherwise go to waste, to more than 130 charitable organisations. Please plan to attend the fundraiser in your area.

[See diary of events on Page 19]

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships assist women in ministry. In 2017 recipients were from Thailand and India. This year support goes to a young lady in Queensland to offset the costs of completing a Master of Theology and a young SA woman who is completing her PhD. Both are very worthy recipients.

Submitted by Desma Wedding

Aboriginal Women's Support Worker – Alice Springs Lutheran Church

(The italicized text below quotes aims and responsibilities from my position description.)

I love my job, and I thank God that I can work to support and empower Aboriginal Lutheran women in Alice Springs. Thanks too for your encouragement. Our women's ministry benefits so much from the prayers, donations and interest of LWSA-NT members. Of course, none of what I do would be possible without the commitment of our church team: Pastor Ken Schultz, Ingkaarta Mark Thiel and our other congregation leaders and members.



My position enables me to:

1. Support *Aboriginal women to participate fully in the life of the ASLC and take an active part in pastoral ministry and leadership.*

As needed, I

- Give women lifts to church cleaning and other church events if they don't have transport;
- Organize ladies to prepare the children's colouring boards before service each week;
- Create Plain English summaries of church documents and position statements;
- Support women to take part in meetings and consultations;
- Encourage women to attend Sunday worship and act as stewards, Holy Communion assistants, tea and coffee servers etc;
- Encourage women to bring their children down to Kids Come time, and to take the activity sheets home and use them with their families;



- Organize ladies to put together Welcome packs for visitors;
- Facilitate the ladies' collecting refundable containers to support the congregation budget.

Many of our congregation members have actively welcomed the ladies into their activities and mentored and encouraged them.

Goals for 2018:

- With our USA volunteer (Hope Rust), we intend to complete the Lectionary Year B Kids Come activity sheets including plain English reading and a key text in Alyawarr, Anmatyere, Arrarnta, English, Luritja and Pitjantjatjara

2. Enable *Aboriginal women to actively engage in ministry.*

This includes helping Aboriginal women to take leadership roles in the congregation by providing support in formal ministry activities and facilitating multi-lingual worship; leading Bible Studies, including those which focus on the spiritual needs of women and children; supporting Aboriginal women to lead Bible studies and do Bible teaching in their own

languages; identifying potential leaders and facilitating choir practice.

I regularly

- Encourage ladies to act as Pastoral Assistants and provide transport and support for meetings;
- Edit Language liturgy PowerPoints in Arrarnta, Pintupi/Luritja and Pitjantjatjara;



- Help women practise Language gospel readings during Thursday Bible Studies;
- Facilitate choir practices, singing at funerals and other occasions (and lead when conductor is unavailable);
- Pick up Language liturgists and readers early before services;
- Organize and lead the annual women's Aboriginal Language Bible Study Camp with the help of other ladies; also one-day retreats in particular communities;
- Provide transport and resources for ITECA (Indigenous Theological Education Central Australia) Christian courses (Alice Springs);
- Supply tracts to ladies to share with family in hospital;
- Engage ladies in providing formal and informal orientation to new workers and volunteers;
- Organize ladies to help with Language singing, readings and prayers in Old Folks' Homes.



Goals for 2018:

- Create multilingual support materials for Bible studies and devotions;
- Expand multilingual support materials for hospital visiting;
- Identify women to lead daily devotions in hostels and communities and mentor them to lead these independently;
- Identify more women who have the time and flexibility to take part in hospital visiting, Old Folks' services and other regular ministry activities;
- Start a regular young women's group, perhaps based around ex-Yirara students;
- Help Nungalinga College students to share their learning with others through supported study groups.

3. Participate in general pastoral ministry and leadership by interacting with the wider congregation and advocating for Aboriginal members.

I participate in many ways in the ministry of the congregation when I

- Attend both worship services on Sundays;
- Attend weekly Leadership devotions, Pastoral Assistants' meetings, and Ministry Team in turn;
- Take turns on roster for Kids Come, readings, Holy Communion, lay reading and church cleaning;
- Attend monthly women's coffee mornings;
- Assist with worship in the Correctional Centre and in Old Folks' Homes;
- Visit in the hospital and other places, offering prayer and support (bereavement etc);
- Assist with baptism and funeral meetings and services;
- Let hospital chaplains in other cities know when members are sent there;
- Connect women with support agencies (eg Lutheran Community Care) and provide practical support (transport, food, electricity etc) on occasion;
- Help manage the hall when it's used to accommodate ladies for church purposes;
- Work closely with our USA volunteer.

4. Liaise with other agencies and advocate for Aboriginal Lutherans.

I promote the Alice Springs Aboriginal Ministry in the wider LCA and advocate for Aboriginal members within the structures of the LCA.

- Attend weekly Mission Block devotions with other Lutheran agencies and take turns to lead;
- In absence of Yirara chaplain, take turns to lead chapel and confirmation lessons;
- Organized choir to sing at Yirara confirmation service, LCC Anti-Poverty celebration, Tangentyere Artists' Christmas Exhibition opening;

- Supported artists to attend Bible Society launch of Our Mob, God's Story;
- Lead Arrarnta lessons for FRM and other interested staff;
- Liaise with FRM re hospital visits and other ministry;
- Serve on FRM and Yirara boards, and liaise with other church groups (OWL, YAGM etc);
- Attended national Lay Workers' conference;
- Help women write articles for LCA publications;
- Led PD sessions at Yirara, including Aboriginal women in the process;
- Attend Living Waters special events;
- Engage with visiting organisations and schools;
- Help organize orientation sessions for new volunteers;
- Liaise with interdenominational ITECA group;
- Attended part of LCC retreat, and also Mandatory Reporting training;
- Engaged Aboriginal people in reading scripts for Hermannsburg Historic Precinct tapes;
- Engaged with playgroup families and workers and promoted playgroup to families;
- Attended Hermannsburg events.

Future goals:

Please pray that we can

- Engage a wider group in Bible study and ministry;
- Offer education targeted to women's and children's issues;
- Identify future Aboriginal women leaders who could be mentored into the Women's Support position.

*Yours in Christ's name,
Suanne Tikoft*

NOTICES

Plastic for Birthing Kits

Plastic sheeting (which can be cut into metre squares) is available from a local hospital linen room and can be brought to Convention on Thursday 3rd May at Victor Harbor. Let me know if you would like me to bring supplies for your fellowship. Please let me know the number required by email or phone me.

Kay Braendler.

Email: keithkay29@bigpond.com

Phone: 0429 622 140.

Birthing Kits

PLEASE NOTE: ALL completed birthing kits and spare items MUST be delivered to the LCA National Office, 197 Archer Street, North Adelaide. Deliveries are NO LONGER to be taken to Lutheran Community Care.

Any queries to: Joan Koster,

Phone: 08 8336 2309 or

Email: joankoster@bigpond.com



Still in need: 1 metre squares of plastic, able to be folded and put into zip lock bags 27cm x 33 cm (with the other items) are always appreciated.

PLEASE DO NOT make any more nappies from flannelette material at this time.

There are still plenty on hand at present.

If you still want to make nappies, use them to make up COMPLETED KITS.

For a list of items to include in the BIRTHING KITS check the detail on the SANT District Website www.sant.lca.org.au

On that page, click on the following:- About us, Our Mission, Departments, Ministry Partners. Lutheran Women of SA-NT – then look for the reference to “PNG Birthing Kit contents” and a [Click here](#) link. This link will download a document with the details.

Looking For a Guest Speaker?

As many of your groups are planning your calendar for the coming year, I would like to remind you that I am more than willing to come and share with your group, no matter how large or small.

We at Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) are so THANKFUL for your continued generosity in bringing ‘love to life’ in so many places where vulnerable people are struggling, suffering and stuck in poverty.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the course of the year and again thank you for your support – we cannot do our work without you!

Julie Krause,
Email: Juliek@alws.org.au
Phone: 0448 818 129



Note from your LWSA-NT Treasurer

- * Please make all cheques payable to LWSA-NT - not to the projects.
- * Membership fees - please pay before 31st March 2018.
- * Membership is \$8.00 annually per member which is to be sent to the LWSA-NT Treasurer.
- * Zone Treasurers: \$50 from each Zone, not from Individual fellowships/guilds
- * Donations towards Hampers for Lutheran Community Care and ALWS funds can also be sent to the LWSA-NT treasurer.



Ruth Kaesler Phone (08) 8388 7784
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DATES



2018 Zone Days

- * Lower Murray Rally
Wednesday 11th April at St John's Lutheran Church, Lameroo
- * Metropolitan South Fellowship Day
Thursday 21st June at Calvary Lutheran Church, Morphett Vale
- * Upper North Fellowship Day
June at Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Augusta
- * South East Rally
Wednesday 1st August at St Martin's Lutheran Church, Mount Gambier
- * Metropolitan North Fellowship Day
Thursday 16th August at Zion Lutheran Church, Glynde
- * Riverland Rally
Wednesday 5th September at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton
- * Light Zone Fellowship Day
Wednesday 12th September Immanuel Lutheran Church, Point Pass
- * Adelaide Hills Fellowship Day
Wednesday 19th September at Lutheran Church, Strathalbyn
- * Barossa Fellowship Day
Friday 21st September at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Tanunda

2018 Zone Retreat Days

- * Riverland
Saturday 24th March at St Johns-Trinity Lutheran Church, Renmark
Theme: “Women of God – Sink or Swim”
- * South East
Thursday 31st May at St John's Lutheran Church, Naracoorte
- * Barossa
Friday 8th June at Lutheran Church, Lyndoch

**Lutheran Woman of
Australia Convention**
Sunday 30th September –
Tuesday 2nd October, 2018
Rosehill Gardens, Rosehill, NSW



*“Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess,
because we can trust God to keep his promise”
(Hebrews 10:23)*

Opening Service 1:00 pm 30th September 2018
Closing Service 11:30 am 2nd October 2018
<http://www.convention2018.lca.org.au/lwa-convention/>

LWSA-NT presents a 5 Day Tour to the LWA Convention. Details have been included with this issue of the Tidings. Fill in booking form and return before 1st July 2018.

**For details, contact Tracy Smith, 38 Smith St,
BORDERTOWN SA 5268**

Mobile: 0419 810 408

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Australian Church Women – SA Unit Inc.

Community Concern Events – 2018 (see reference on Page 15)

Charity – OzHarvest SA

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Friday,	10:00 am	11 th May	Launch of Events for 2018 Pilgrim Hall, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide
Wednesday,	10:00 am	16 th May	St Mary’s Anglican Church 1167 South Road, St Marys
Tuesday,	10:00 am	5 th June	St Catherine’s Anglican Church Corner Docket and Kentish Roads, Elizabeth Downs
Friday,	10:00 am	15 th June	Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church 13 – 15 High Street, Glenelg
Wednesday,	10:00 am	20 th June	St Plus X Catholic Church Avoca Street, Dernancourt
Wednesday,	1:30 pm	4 th July	Noarlunga Churches of Christ 165 Beach Road, Noarlunga Centre
Wednesday,	1:30 pm	11 th July	Woodside Uniting Church Nairne Road, Woodside
Thursday,	10:00 am	26 th July	St Jude’s Anglican Church 444 Brighton Road, Brighton
Thursday,	10:00 am	2 nd August	Victor Harbor Lutheran Church 21 Adelaide Road, Victor Harbor

Additional venues are yet to be confirmed

All enquiries regarding this program to Convenor Dorothy Ferrier,

Email: rdferrier@bigpond.com Phone: 08 8333 2011

Lutheran Community Care – Op Shop Alice Springs



Dear ladies of the LWSA-NT,

Greetings from Lutheran Community Care Op shop in Alice Springs.

We would really like to thank all the wonderful women who take the time to contribute making items to help and aid the people, especially the Aboriginals here in the centre. Everything that comes to Alice Springs from you is very much appreciated. We thank God that you are using your talents, which are many and diverse to glorify God, and help the people he has called to be His.

We would like to suggest a few things that would be very helpful for the people here.

- * They love anything made with the colours of black, yellow and red as they are the colours in their flag. Anything sent with those colours get snapped up first. But all colourful material is greatly accepted. 
- * We have run out of crochet blankets, so anyone who loves making them it would be very much appreciated.
- * We also do not have any beanies left here in Alice Springs. Beanies are required for the coming winter. 
- * The elastic skirts in very bright colours are very popular and the sizes needed are L, XL and XXL. However can they please be finished as the people who get them do not know how to sew to adjust them and staff does not have time to finish them off. Pockets sewn on the skirts would be an added bonus. So as a guide XXL – Length top of waist band to bottom of hem – 80cm (31.5 inches); finished waist – 98cm (38 inches)
- * Little children's leggings (preferably homemade) are needed, especially now with winter coming in a few months. 

I would also like to let you know that all items that come here just don't go through the Op shop. Beanies are sent to communities with Pastors who work in the areas. Financial workers from Lutheran Community Care also take bags of items to the communities they visit. We send items to the Lutheran community of Ti Tree where the school now has an Op Shop which was set up to help provide children with educational needs. Hetti Perkins the aged care facility also receives items as does the Purple House which is a place for community people to come in and have dialysis. A Mobile Nurse visits schools to help children who suffer from incontinence due to trauma and abuse. She also is given items that come to the Op Shop.

The homemade bags have been given to people with their items purchased from the Op Shop and they are surprised and overjoyed to get this gift.

If you have any questions in regards to anything mentioned, please contact Ginger Meredith Op Shop Coordinator Email: gmeredith@lccare.org.au or Mobile Phone: 0447 573 164

Or - Lyn Schultz Email: lyn.j.schultz@gmail.com

Again our deepest appreciation for all that you do to contribute to us. God Bless as we all serve God where he plants us.

Sincerely

Ginger Meredith – LCC Op Shop coordinator, Alice Springs
Lyn Schultz Alice Springs Lutheran Church

An opportunity

If you are travelling to Alice Springs by vehicle at some time and you have space for additional luggage, Lutheran Community Care has clothes and other goods that need to be sent to the Op Shop in Alice Springs. Please contact Di Gerrie 0439 223 376 if you are able to provide assistance in this respect.

Nominations for Executive Positions - 2018 Convention of LWSA-NT.

The following is a profile/resume for each nomination as supplied to the Nominations Committee:

President: Grace Kroehn, Springton

Married to Neil, involved in a family farming business.
Member of St John's Lutheran Congregation Springton
Women's Fellowship member since 1978, having served as secretary, currently president and treasurer.
Served as secretary of Good Shepherd Lutheran School Council at Angaston and then secretary of Faith Lutheran Secondary School Board from late 1980's until 1999, while our children were students at these schools.
Served 2 years as 2nd Vice-President of LWSA-NT from 2006-2008
Served 6 years as Secretary of LWSA-NT from 2008-2014
Served 1 year as 1st Vice-President of LWSA-NT 2016-2017
Serving as President of LWSA-NT, elected May 2017
Served 4 years as President of Barossa North/Barossa Zone of Lutheran Women
Voluntary assistant in Angaston Lutheran Parish Office since 1998 - preparing weekly pew bulletins.
Secretary (14 years) & Treasurer (7 years) of Holstein Australia SA Branch (1996-2010)
Convener of Cookery Section at Mount Pleasant Show

First Vice-President: Josie Hunt, Keith

My name is Josie Hunt and I am a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Keith. At the moment I am Treasurer of St. Paul's Ladies Guild after serving ten years as President. I have been the South East Zone rep and President of the LCC "Care and Clothing" Committee several times and believe attending the meetings helps us to understand how valuable this branch of the Lutheran church is in our communities and how we can help in so many ways. It has amazed me at how generous the ladies of our church are with gifts of clothes, food, goods and money. This is my second year on the LWSA-NT executive, originally serving as an extra member.

I am a mother of three and grandmother of five at the moment with twins arriving soon, yay! I work on the farm with my husband Bruce, which makes for long days, but it is one of the occupations which bring you closer to God and nature. Over the years we have done a lot of youth work for our local and zone members, I have taught Sunday school and helped with Confirmation classes in the absence of a Pastor. I have helped deliver the Christmas and Easter message and helped with "Joy" club at our local school over the years and love to get the children excited with fun activities. As a volunteer for Australian Red Cross Community Transport, I have the pleasure of driving people to specialist appointments in Adelaide, Mt. Gambier, and Nhill or locally to Keith, Bordertown and Naracoorte.

You may think I am busy enough but after attending District Conventions and the last two LWA Conventions I realise the need for support of our remote sisters and the fellowship gained by attending the wider church functions, and for small groups to "hang in there", your meeting and Bible study are never in vain. With God's help, I hope I can be of service to you, the Lutheran Women of SA & NT.

Second Vice-President: Grace Bock, Adelaide

Residence: Torrens Park, a suburb of Adelaide, South Australia

Home Congregation: Bethlehem Adelaide

Guild membership: Bethlehem Sanctuary Guild (President 10 years, currently Secretary 3 years)

Activities: Editor of periodicals for the Lutheran Church of Australia for over 25 years, including seven as editor of *Lutheran Women* and four years as the first female editor of *The Lutheran*.

Served on various committees and councils of the Lutheran Church of Australia on congregational, state, national and international level.

Served on several committees of Lutheran Women of South Australia.

Extra member Lutheran Women of Australia Executive 1997-2000, President LWA 2009-2013.

Volunteer at Lutheran Community Care

Other Interests: Sewing, reading, a variety of word puzzles, gardening, family time.

Personal: Married to Robert. Two daughters, two sons-in-law, four wonderful grandchildren.

Secretary: Joan Schiller, Light Pass

I grew up in Hahndorf and attended the local St Michaels Lutheran School for my primary education followed by secondary education at Oakbank Area School. After leaving school, I worked for ten years in the office of an earthmoving company in Hahndorf.

My husband is Pastor Wally Schiller who was ordained in December 1976 and we have lived in various locations serving the Church in different parishes. In 1989 he began work as a Defence Chaplain in a part time capacity as a reservist. In 2001 he accepted an offer to work as a full time Chaplain in the Army to fill a vacancy for twelve months. This was then extended to nearly eleven years and he is now once again back in a Parish and again working as a Reserve Chaplain.

I first became a member of a Guild/Fellowship forty years ago. My membership for most of those years has been in SA but for four years I was a member of fellowships in Victoria (one year) and New South Wales (three years). At present I am a member of Immanuel Lutheran Women's Fellowship at Light Pass, SA. Over the years I have served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, additional member and I am currently the Secretary.

My first experience on the LWSA-NT Executive was from 1992 – 2001 where I served for three years as an additional member and six years as Treasurer. In 2014 I again joined the LWSA-NT Executive - as the Second Vice-President and in 2017 I was elected as the Secretary. I was the Editor of the Tidings Newsletter from April 1993 to September 1996 and in April 2016 I returned to this position which I now still hold.

We have four children who are all married and six grandchildren. Over the years some of my interests include singing in choirs, knitting, cross stitch and volunteer work when time permits.

Assistant Secretary: Heather Zimmermann, Loxton

I have been a member of LWSA for over 40 years. Have held all positions over the years, presently President. Involved in all aspects of St. Peter's congregation. Presently President of the Riverland Zone, LWSA/NT. Married to Les - 3 adult children, 4 gorgeous grandchildren. (16-18 yrs.) Retired - oh no, retreated! House cleaner by trade? Have been involved with local Loxton North Primary school the past 10 years, 7 years as a CPSW (Christian Pastoral Support Worker) and now a volunteer. I enjoy all aspects of church involvement. I love people especially children (involved with St. Peter's Children's Ministry). I know the Lord needs me to work with him as long as I am able.

Treasurer: Ruth Kaesler, Hahndorf

I am a member of St. Michael's Lutheran congregation at Hahndorf. I am the current President of our Women's Guild. I am married to John, have two grown up sons (1 married) and 2 grandchildren. I am now retired but spent 27 years working part-time at St. Michael's Lutheran School as a Teacher Aide/School Support Officer. Over the years, I have served on various committees of the church being the Treasurer for the Property & Maintenance Committee, the Women's Guild and LWSA/NT Retreat Committee. I am involved with the local community through the CFS and Meals on Wheels. I spent 2 years as an extra member of LWSA-NT Executive Committee and the past year as Treasurer.

Additional Member: Faye Jenke, Cambrai

I grew up in Lyndoch SA and after finishing my Secondary Schooling at Nuriootpa High I worked at a winery followed by 12 years as Manager of the Tanunda Lutheran Bookshop/Open Book. I married Graham Jenke in 1982 and we lived in Tanunda until 1988 and then life changed dramatically as Graham finally answered God's call for him to attend Seminary. My involvement with Ladies Guild began in 1992 Graham's Vicarage at Henty NSW. I have been actively involved in various Guilds since then. I am currently the President of the Cambrai Guild. For the past 7 years I have been a Pastoral Care Worker at Palmer Primary School and also work at the Cambrai Hotel on weekends. I am a Community Member on the Governing Councils at Cambrai and Palmer Primary Schools. We have 2 married daughters, a son at University and 3 grandchildren. In my little bit of spare time I enjoy knitting, reading and baking. I feel blessed to be in my third year as an Additional Member on the Executive.

Additional Member: Rosalie Polkinghorne, Morphett Vale

I have been an active member of Calvary Lutheran church at Morphett Vale for 44 years. My involvement there is multi-faceted and includes pastoral assistant, prayer ministry, phone and personal counselling, befriending newcomers and contacting infrequent worshippers, bereavement counselling, communion serving, board of ministry, kindergarten council member, ushering, flower arranging and women's fellowship, of course. Extra church involvement includes Fullarton Homes fundraising committee, LWSA-NT Women's retreat committee & counsellor, LWSA-NT executive. Outside of the Calvary campus I am a chaplain at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and also on the World Day of Prayer committee.

To be where I am today, I have worked in many varied roles and have been trained in many fields, as well as having an extensive range of life experiences. God has blessed me in many ways to be a blessing to many of the people He loves.

Additional Member: Tracy Smith, Bordertown

I grew up in Murray Bridge, SA. For schooling I attended Murray Bridge North, Murray Bridge Lutheran, and Murray Bridge High Schools.

I am married to Murray Smith (pastor at Bordertown Lutheran Parish). We have two children; Aaron (Mt Barker, married, 1 son) and Tegan (Toowoomba).

I enjoy basketball (playing/umpiring/coaching), cooking & baking, card making, scrapbooking, and photography.

I began my involvement with Guild/Fellowship at Chinchilla, Qld (Murray's first placement) in 2011. During our time in Qld I served as an Additional member (Chinchilla – 2 years, Darling Downs Zone – 1 year), and 2nd-Vice President (Darling Downs Zone – 1 year). Since mid-2016 I have been a member of Trinity Women's Fellowship, Bordertown. At present I am serving as an Additional member. In 2017 – present I serve on the LWSA-NT Executive as Additional member.

LWSA/NT Lutheran Community Care and Clothing Committee Zone Project List

At the October meeting in 2017 zone representatives chose the following 2018 Zone Projects:

Adelaide Hills – Children’s Toys and Books – [For 0 – 12 years]



Barossa – Packets of Seeds [vegetables] and Men’s & Boy’s Clothes



Eyre Peninsula – Monetary Donation



Light – Pillows and Pillow Cases [plain colours the best option]



Lower Murray – Children’s Winter Clothes



Metropolitan North – Children’s Undies and Christmas Toys

Metropolitan South – Socks, Jocks and Baby Clothes



Mid North/Yorke Peninsula – Knitted or Crochet Rugs and Quilts



Riverland – Undies, Socks and Pillow Cases [plain colours the best option]



South East – Baby Clothes



Upper North – Towels, Men’s & Children’s Clothes



These items are for **Emergency Relief, Baby Bundles** and **Christmas Hampers** and they need to be **NEW**. You may like to give a **Monetary Donation** instead of items. Lutheran Community Care can then purchase items that are still required.

Bring these Project Items to your Zone Fellowship/Rally Day. This list is a guide to give a variety of items that are needed.



While all address details have been checked against the 2018 Statistics Forms please check again that your details are correct. If corrections need to be made, please let me know. A few Statistic Forms have not been returned. Please return them to the Secretary, Mrs Joan Schiller, who is also the Tidings Editor (details below).

A 2018 list of President and Secretary details will be given out at the Convention in May.

All Information for the July issue of the “Tidings” must be received by

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