

# *Tidings* **NEWSLETTER**

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

**OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2021**

## **Presidents Message**

Hello everyone, and welcome to the latest *Tidings Newsletter* of the LWSA-NT.

I thought that spring had arrived with some lovely weather to lift the soul, especially watching nature coming to life, lush green and flowers opening with every sunny day. But spring has a habit of changing back to frosty mornings, drizzly afternoons, and wild windy days, bringing me back to my coat and beanie for any outside chores and outings. Changing seasons are a gift made by God to provide us with food and nature's cycle of regeneration.

There are changes in the life of our Guilds and Fellowships, changes in the way we meet, study the Bible, cater, farewell members and welcome new ones, encourage congregation members and enjoy our fellowship. Thank God for his unchanging love for us, as we provide encouragement and support for all women that they may know Jesus and grow in his love.

Of course, time will go swiftly with day light saving looming. Advent season comes shortly after and then the full joy of Christmas celebrations! Yes, the celebration of the birth of Jesus brings joy to some and dread to others. The secret to my favourite season of the church year comes from a little rhyme we taught children at Kids club. "J-O-Y, J-O-Y, this must surely mean, Jesus first, Yourself last and Others in between." By honouring Jesus first and spending time with others, we can enjoy Christmas. Don't fret about the decorations, sending cards, buying gifts or the food that will happen. May Jesus, the Prince of Peace and Joy, bless you with joy and happiness as you prepare for his coming and may he bless your year to come.

Thank you to everyone who has supplied a report of their Zone Fellowship/Rally days, it is interesting to hear of the different speakers and activities our Zones prepare for the occasion. I hope I will be able to attend a few more in the future once there is no need to cancel activities because of restrictions. Thank you to all those who attend or represent us at LWSA-NT sub-committees.

The Adelaide Retreat is being planned for 2022, keep an eye out for the details and bring along a friend.

Thank you to all the ladies who have kindly donated to the LWA projects for the cancelled 2021 LWA Convention. Our Treasurer, Ruth Kaesler, has reported that your generous gifts have been coming in.

Honey biscuit time again. Never underestimate the love shared through a small packet of biscuits and the joy of knowing someone cares. Thank you to everyone who bakes these delicious treats for others.

I am looking forward to meeting with you all on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Lobethal for our 55<sup>th</sup> annual Convention and the Executive would love to hear from a fellowship group that might like to host the 2023 convention.





Joy to the World! The Lord has come, let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing.

*Peace be with you and God bless, Merry Christmas,  
Josie Hunt. LWSA-NT President*

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**Our vision:**

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

**LWSA-NT Retreat 2022**

**Rejoice! There’s a Retreat coming!**

So many women regretted the absence of a retreat at the beginning of 2021. The good news is that a retreat is planned for January, 2022 – but not the usual live-in event. This will be a different kind of retreat to be held at the excellent facilities at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Para Vista.

The retreat will run from Friday evening, 14<sup>th</sup> January until Saturday evening, 15<sup>th</sup> January. The Friday evening will begin at 6:30 pm for a 7:00 pm start with the aim of finishing at 9:00 pm. The Saturday will begin with registration at 8:30 am and will also conclude at 9:00 pm. These timings will allow those who live nearby to go home for the evenings and those living a little further away to also get home on Saturday evening. The whole day’s yummy food will be prepared by the local catering group at Para Vista. This catering group has a weekly ministry, providing meals for the community, so it has had plenty of practice!

You may either choose to make arrangements to stay with relatives or friends who are close enough, or we will aim to have some willing hosts nearby to accommodate you. For this reason the committee will need to know your accommodation needs by 15th December 2021, so that we can make suitable links between hosts and guests. *(See enrolment form.)*

**Suburban hosts within cooee of Para Vista willing to billet attendees for two nights are also sought to make it possible for country or outer metro women to attend – just like the good old days of billeting for synods! Contact Lois Kupke if you are willing to be a host.**

Total cost for full-time: \$70.

There will be all the usual benefits that retreats provide: fellowship, spiritual growth, singing, laughter, viewing stalls, buying books, renewing friendships and making new ones, etc. The only thing missing will be the camaraderie of an overnight stay. But that’s something you can share over two bed ‘n’ breakfasts with your host or guest, whether it be a friend, relative or a new friend.

The retreat will have a great theme: ‘Stop, listen, lean on Me.’ I am sure you know who is meant by the word ‘Me’ with a capital M! Our chaplain, Pastor Michael Dutschke, will lead some sessions on listening to God. There will also be input from some women speakers: Karen Pietsch and Kerry Norman.

No formal Sunday session is planned, so you will be free to worship wherever you wish.

An enrolment form is included with this **Tidings Newsletter**.

Lois Kupke - 0410 590 012; [kupkell@yahoo.com](mailto:kupkell@yahoo.com)

*Lois Kupke  
President, Retreat Committee*

## Metropolitan South Zone Fellowship

### Day

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June,  
2021

On arrival all were given a red heart to wear.

Our Theme verses were from Hebrew 13: 15-16 **“SHARING JESUS’ LOVE”** through Celebrating, Growing, Caring and Telling.



The Fellowship Day was hosted by St. John's Unley and St. Mark's Underdale Fellowships held at St. John's Church, Unley. Pastor Andrew Brook's presentation was from Philippians 2:1-5, shaping of our Christian community needs harmony, unity and an attitude the same as Jesus Christ. We sang "May the Mind of Christ My Saviour".

Guest Speakers for the day were;

**Mr Craig Heidenreich**, the Cross Cultural Ministry Facilitator at LCA/NZ, spoke of many cultures - one faith. The aim is building up trust, being a good listener, remembering names and sharing the gospel.

**Mrs Joan Schiller**, the representative from LWSA-NT, who brought greetings and updated all with the latest events.

**Mr David Modra** who works at LCA media- 'Go and Tell', who addressed the need for various ways of spreading the word.

**Mr Andrew Waldhunter** from LLL and Tract Mission who put on a display, updating about aid to families in need and the growth of our schools.

In the afternoon Ms Tessa Joppich spoke about Lutheran Care and Foster care, working to help children find suitable foster homes to give them a better life and some of the difficulties that may need to be faced with their placement. We felt Tessa's dedication and her care in the role.

Mrs Ruth Noack from Lutheran Care and Clothing Committee gave a comprehensive report.

We were privilege to be entertained by the Concordia College years 7, 8 & 9 choirs, and 32 students in all. They performed many religious and pop songs. Congratulations to the choirs, Lee Pfitzner and her piano accompanist.



The Offering of \$735 will be shared between the Adelaide Deaf Community Church and the Australian Lutheran College Pastoral Ministry Students Assistance Fund.

The attendance was 60.

We prayed the Lutheran Women of Australia Prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer. We closed with the Blessing by Pastor Andrew and singing of "Lord Thy blessing send us". It was a wonderful day of Fellowship and Friendship.



## South East Zone Lutheran Women's

### Rally

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at St John's Lutheran Church, Naracoorte.

The rain paused, as ladies from across the South East gathered at Naracoorte for the annual South East Rally Day to explore the theme **“Loving Our Neighbour”** Matthew 22:37-40.

Naracoorte Guild President, Ruth Pfitzner, welcomed ladies from Bordertown, Keith, Mt Gambier and Penola and invited local Pastor Shaun Manning to lead the Opening Devotion on the above theme.

Before we can truly love our neighbour we need to look toward our heavenly Father who loved and forgave us first, through Jesus our Saviour. The love of Jesus comes to each one of us through faith in him and he walks with us as we share love and forgiveness with our neighbours. Pastor Shaun expanded on this theme using thoughts from the German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *'Life Together'*.

Rally Committee President Sue Zwar thanked the Naracoorte ladies for hosting the day and Ruth Pfitzner, who, as we were unable to sing, played the beautiful "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" for our meditation.

Apologies and greetings were received and we were pleased to welcome Josie Hunt, president of LWSA-NT. Josie brought greetings and news from the district committee.



Kay Braendler (Naracoorte) introduced the first guest speaker, Craig Heidenreich, Cross Cultural Ministry Facilitator for the LCA and his wife Beverley. It was an interesting coincidence that Kay had taught Craig when she was a very young Sunday School Teacher in the city. Craig suggested three simple but very important steps in establishing relationships.



1. Listen to God and feel his heart. He loves all people.
2. Listen to people. They all have a story.
3. Remember what they say - it's a sign that you are listening.

We all live in communities with many new arrivals. They want to be welcomed and become good citizens. A smile and 'Hello' shows we are interested and care about them. They have rich cultures and families which they have left behind for the chance to build a new life. There is no need for programs - just love and share with them. 'Love one another as I have loved you' John 13:34. Craig and Beverley were models of loving care who took every chance to share Jesus as God moved them.

After a warming lunch and lots of sharing between the ladies, a lively Ragtime piece played by Ruth Pfitzner brought us back into the church to hear from Chelsea Pietsch who spoke with love and passion about Lutherans for Life. She brought a set of models of the human foetus depicting the various stages from conception to birth.



This group was first established through the efforts of Dr Daniel Overduin in the 1960s, a time of great social change with the introduction of the contraceptive pill and initial efforts to legalise abortion and euthanasia. How should Christians react to these changes knowing that our God is there breathing life at our conception until the breath of life leaves at our dying? Psalm 139. The Lutherans for Life Committee led by Pastor Josh Pfeiffer, advocate, educate and prepare materials to inform the wider church on these important matters.

Abortion laws which are now in place are not designed to favour life and the child, but only the choice of the woman. Groups such as 40 Days for Life, a prayer group and the "Love Adelaide" march give us an opportunity to be

more supportive and loving for those women confronted with this difficult choice.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill came into law on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021. As Christians we also have many opportunities to pray for and speak with those facing the end of their earthly lives. They need to be assured that there is Palliative Care available and most importantly a loving Jesus who knows and cares for them in their suffering.

Both our guest speakers received gifts and a warm vote of thanks for their presentations. A vote of thanks was given by Tracey Smith to all who prepared the day. We in turn prayed God's blessings on her and Pastor Murray as they leave to take up his call in Papua New Guinea.

The day closed with a devotion again led by Pastor Shaun who blessed the gifts for Lutheran Care and the Hermannsburg mission and installed the Rally Committee into their roles.

The total attendance for the day was 34. The next Zone Rally will be hosted by Millicent ladies.



*Gifts for Lutheran Care & Finke River Mission NT*



*L to R President Sue Zwar, Secretary Shelly Koch, Treasurer Gail Kubenk, Extra members, Barb Smith, Wendy Hartmann, Lynette Lauterbach, Retreat Com, Noreen Knauerhaus, Lutheran Care & Clothing.*

Funds raised were: Offering \$390, Luncheon \$305, Trading Table \$220.

The two projects, Lutherans for Life and St Paul's Shepparton Support for African Arrivals were each given an amount of \$457.50.

*Submitted by Pam Oster*

## **Metropolitan North Zone Rally Day**

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Women's Fellowship at North Adelaide invited all congregations in the Northern Zone to a delayed Zone Rally of 2020 on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

It was fortunate that this year it could happen and so the attendance of our special friends from the fellowships of Albert Park, Elizabeth, Glynde, Hampstead, Magill, Para Vista, Salisbury and North Adelaide was appreciated.

The theme for the day was **"Together we can change lives"** which reflected on the state of the world at this time. It was also a statement for the guest speaker.

The day started with morning tea and scones before the North Adelaide President Betty Paech and Secretary Pam Griffiths opened the event.

The resident music co-ordinator Joseph Ingram accompanied the opening hymn "Here we are" - a Robin Mann song.

Lorraine Kempf spoke on the work of Lutheran Care. Pam Griffiths spoke on volunteering as she works

on a Tuesday at the Blair Athol Centre.

Following this, Tracey Smith spoke on behalf of LWSA-NT and encouraged members to consider a position on the Executive as she was retiring and leaving for Papua New Guinea with her husband, Pastor Murray Smith.



*Betty Paech,  
Lorraine Kempf,  
Tracey Smith, Pam  
Griffiths*

Pastor Mark Worthing read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and gave a very entertaining study on his perspective of the verse. The memorial Hymn 455 "For all the Saints" was sung as people remembered past members who had died in the last eighteen months.

The first guest speaker was Brooke De Bois from Lutheran Care who spoke on the various aspects of the work of Lutheran Care in the community.

During the lunch break participants were encouraged to walk around the church and check out all the beautiful hand painted pictures etc. of the Living Waters display and also to see the yarn bombing on three of the trees in front of the church on Archer Street. This has been

our theme for August. Many of our members knitted, crocheted, painted etc. for this project.

The special guest speaker for the day was Kim Findlay from Maranatha Health. She provided a power point presentation on some of the wonderful stories that have happened in the past. She told us of the journey they had to take to get the Heath Centre going in Uganda. She was thankful for all the help of her Para Vista parish and others had given them to get it off the ground. Even through COVID the centre is still a huge part of caring for the people, but they have been unable to visit in the last eighteen months. An offering received on the day was presented to Lutheran Care and Maranatha Health. Pastor Mark Worthing closed the day with prayer.



*Betty Paech, Kim Findlay, Pam Griffiths*

## **Riverland Zone Rally**

Theme: You're Welcome

On a beautiful sunny day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021 at the newly refurbished town hall at Swan Reach, 30 members and visitors gathered for the annual Zone Rally.



We were very thankful to be able to hold the Rally this year after the cancellation last year due to Covid-19.

A warm welcome was extended by the Swan Reach fellowship and the local parish pastor, Peter Traeger, led the opening service. Pastor Peter based his address on Matthew 25:35-36 and used the symbol of 'God's work, Our Hands' to illustrate the theme.

Spot Speaker – Taryn Grieger spoke on ways that strangers can be welcomed into congregations. Time was spent in small groups sharing what works in congregations and ways that people can welcome others.



It was a blessing to hear the first guest speaker, Leonie McNeil speak about her lifelong desire to be a mother and her experiences as a foster carer. She has three children of her own and is mother to nine foster children. Her desire to make a difference to the lives of these children by giving them her love and including them in her family touched our hearts.



The second speaker was John Robertson, who is currently the Principal of Swan Reach Area School. John shared his story of being an orphan in Vietnam

and his journey to Australia to loving new parents. He gave thanks for later being able to meet some of the nuns in Vietnam and nurses in Australia who looked after him as a small child.

A memorial hymn was sung for those members who are no longer with us and then it was time for a BYO lunch. A Christian book stall provided the opportunity to browse and buy some lovely Christian cards and support a fundraising table for Leprosy Mission.

It was a blessing to be able to share in fellowship together and hear about the lives of these interesting people.

*Submitted by Andrea Kalisch*

## **Lutheran Women formalise dissolution of Light Zone**

Members of the Light Zone were encouraged by God's Word and by each other when they met to formally dissolve the Light Zone.

This meeting took place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at the Robertstown Church Hall. Robertstown President Audrey Ruediger welcomed representatives of Fellowships from the Light Zone and especially LWSA-NT President Josie Hunt and Secretary Joan Schiller, and their husbands Bruce Hunt and Pastor Wally Schiller.

Pastor Joshua Muller led with an opening psalm and the singing of the hymn 'In You is gladness'. His devotion was based on 'the healing of Namaan' with the Bible reading read by Helen Wittwer. Pastor Joshua led a prayer for departed members, followed by 'I heard the voice of Jesus say' which was sung for departed member Betty Menzel of Kapunda.

LWSA-NT President Josie Hunt shared the promise of God's peace from John 14:27 and words of encouragement in light of the Light Zone's fifty-four years of history coming to a close. She also reflected in a light-hearted way

on the changes that have occurred over the years.

Greetings to the Lutheran Women of the Light Zone were extended by Pastor Peter Pfitzner of Robertstown, and Josie Hunt on behalf of the LWSA-NT Executive committee.

Audrey Ruediger presented a short history of the Light Zone since it began in 1967.



*LWSA-NT President Josie Hunt, LWSA/NT Secretary Joan Schiller, Pastor Joshua Muller, Audrey Ruediger, Judy Milde, Helen Wittwer*

The formal dissolution of the Light Zone was moved by Gloria Schutz of Carlsruhe, and seconded by Carolyn Doering of Neales Flat. The motion was carried.

The meeting also resolved to close the Light Zone bank account, and that the balance of the account be donated to the LWSA-NT.

Bruce Hunt and Elaine Leditschke expressed sentiments of encouragement to the members of the Light Zone to continue in serving the Lord.

An enjoyable afternoon tea of fellowship, with reminiscing on gatherings in the Light Zone, completed the day.



*Back: Ellie Altus, Elaine Schutz, Deborah Myers, Helen Michalk, Elaine Leditschke, Desma Wilksch, Carolyn Doering, Val Kruse, Helen Wittwer, Daphne Schmidt, Barb Neindorf, Pastor Joshua Muller. Seated: Fay Grosser, Judy Milde, Audrey Ruediger, Gwen Ruediger, Val Mosey, Josie Hunt, Joan Schiller, Marie Heinrich, Gloria Schutz.*

The Robertstown, Neales Flat and Carlsruhe Fellowships continue to meet normally in their enthusiastic groups with Bible study, activities, making honey biscuits for Hospital cheer, and supporting LWSA-NT and LWA projects.

*Submitted by Secretary Judy Milde*

### **Barossa Zone Fellowship Day**

A terrific gathering of 53 women was held on Friday 17th September at St Mark's Lutheran Hall, Freeling. It was an opportunity for fellowship, a chance to take care of some Zone business and to hear from some guest speakers.

Pastor Les Pfeiffer opened the day with a devotion regarding links we make, based on John 4:49 where Jesus meets the Samaritan woman.

Reports were presented on the activities of fellowships in the zone as well as Lutheran Care activities. Lutheran Care packed many hundreds of hampers that were given to people for Christmas. The "Elcies" Op Shops are doing well in Norwood and Tanunda. Funds raised by these shops are then used to assist people in need. Over 1,100 packets of honey biscuits were packed for Christmas Cheer last year by guilds/fellowships in South Australia.

A memorial Hymn was sung in honour of those members who had died since our last Fellowship Day - and the singing sounded great, despite masks!

The first guest speakers were Jeannette Mann and Joanne Chamberlain from Blueprint Ministries. This mission seeks to create relationships with Children, Youth and Families. One of the ways to connect is through Camps which are hosted for all ages- aiming to create links between fellow Christians.

A fantastic display was set up by the Open Door Community Christian Bookshop which is located in the arcade off Murray Street, Gawler, near the big red gum tree and Big W. This included cards, gifts, toys, and lots more. Many women commented that they didn't realise it was even there and were so pleased to know it. The shop is manned by volunteers and has been operating for twenty four years. People were able to purchase from the stall on the day.

The second speaker was Chris Kuchel. She spoke about the "Streams in the Desert" website which seeks to honour and support the contribution of women to the ministry of the Gospel. It also operates the Margaret Pech Scholarship Fund which aims to support women who would like to do theological study through the Australian Lutheran College. It was very interesting to learn the history of this group.

Lunch was supplied during the day - soup followed by cake and slices.



*Chris Kuchel, Sue Schuster (President Freeling) and Jeanette Mann*

There was ample time for a good chat amongst the women present as well as participating in some games that resulted in some laughs.

The next Zone Fellowship Day is in September 2022 and will be combined with the Zone Women's Retreat.

*Submitted by Sherinne Schuster*

## **NOTICES**

### **Honey Biscuits**

This year, the completed Honey Biscuit packets can be left at either:

**Lutheran Care,  
309 Prospect Road,  
Blair Athol, SA.**

Office hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**OR**

**At the home of LWSA-NT Secretary,  
Mrs Joan Schiller,  
28 Kalimna Road, Nuriootpa, SA.**

*(Please phone 0439 481 510 before making the delivery to this address.)*

**PLEASE pack completed Honey Biscuit packets into boxes and clearly write on the outside of each box the number of packets that the box contains.**

**If delivering the boxes to Blair Athol please add:**

**Attention:**

**Babs Deane or Salwa Wardeh.**

**Deliver by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**

Thanks to you all – your help is much appreciated.



## Lutheran Care (LC)



After consultation with Babs Deane, Manager LC & Elcies Op Shops SA/NT, she has provided the following list of items that would be welcomed at LC:

### **Knee rugs:**

Bright colours that work together.

(As previously indicated)

Would be good to have some made using the same colour, different shades pallet.

### **Throw rugs:**

Navy, pale blue, pale grey, dark grey and white;

Cream, beige, champagne, coffee;

Earthy tones, soft milk chocolate, dark chocolate, fawn, butter cream, beige;

Black, white, slate grey;

Soft pink, white, rose pink; or

Cream, sage, olive.

### **Scarves for Men:**

1,200 cm long x 30cm wide (ribbed pattern). No Mixed colours.

Black

Navy

French navy

Cream

Slate grey

Beige

### **Ladies berets:**

Black

French navy

Cream

Red

Chocolate brown

White

### **Beannies:**

All colours as above for berets

### **For the ladies who sew:**

Tote bags are always needed.

Our customers just love them and we often run out. Thank you for your help in supplying these items.



## Elastic Wasted Skirts

At this time no other arrangements have been made to deliver these skirts to Alice Springs. If you have some completed skirts at this time, please arrange to get them to the LWSA-NT Secretary. Instead of continuing with this project at this time, perhaps the sewing of cloth bags for Lutheran Care Op Shops may be a better option. These are used in the shops and are well received as indicated above.

*LWSA-NT Secretary Joan Schiller*

## Notes from LWSA-NT Treasurer

The LWSA-NT end of financial year is 30<sup>th</sup> November and any 2021 donation money should be sent before that date.



\* Please make **ALL** cheques payable to LWSA-NT.

**Cheques must NOT be written to the name of the projects you are supporting.**

\* Donations towards Hampers for Lutheran Care and ALWS funds can also be sent to the LWSA-NT treasurer, BUT such monetary donation cheques **MUST STILL** be made payable to LWSA-NT.

\* Use the Remittance Book to list the names of the projects.

\* If you need another Remittance Book, ask the LWSA-NT representative who attends your Zone Fellowship/Rally Day or contact the LWSA-NT Treasurer.

\* Donations towards LWA projects must be sent to the LWSA-NT treasurer with cheques **ALSO** payable to LWSA-NT.

\* Check the current LWA projects list in your *Lutheran Women* magazine.

Payments can be by Internet Banking to Lutheran Women of SA-NT LLL Account.

LWSA-NT Bank Details:

BSB 704 942

Account Number: 100944302

Account Name: LWSA

If transferring funds from an LLL Account use Account Number 21071S1

Reference: Name of Guild/Fellowship and Town

Details of the projects you are supporting need to be sent to the LWSA-NT Treasurer either by email or by posting the remittance slip.

**Membership donations** for 2022 are due after 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, but please pay them before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Membership is \$10.00 annually per member and this is to be sent to the LWSA-NT Treasurer.

This also applies to **Individual members** who also need to pay their \$10.00 annual donation by the same date.

### ***Lutheran Women Subscriptions –***

These subscriptions **MUST NOT** be sent to the LWSA-NT Treasurer.

Please see details in the December 2021-January 2022 edition of the magazine on the last pages. Follow the details given on that Subscription Form.

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## **Projects for 2022**

### **LWSA-NT**

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

### **LWA (*Determined by the LWA Council Meeting held June 2021*)**

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  
Home of Grace, Thailand  
Home of Praise in Bangkok, Thailand  
Lutheran Study Centre, Indonesia  
Meri Wok Trening, Papua New Guinea  
Women's Care and Counselling Centre, Malaysia  
Women's Ministry, Myanmar

## **Birthing Kits**

Many thanks to all the Guilds and Fellowships who have continued to put Birthing Kits together for Papua New Guinea.



Recently Kevin and I went to the Churchwide Office and packed 12 cartons, (400 kits). There were still about 100 kits left but there was no more room in the shipping container. There was a lot of other items that had to go with this shipment.

I also found lots of metre squares of old linen. This is the one item that is not hard to get so there is no need to specifically supply these. I have never been asked to supply linen squares. However, it is the other items that are needed. When I mentioned that surplus items can be left with the completed kits, it is ONLY the few items that you may have left over.

Please remember to pack items in a press seal or zip-lock (27 cm x 35 cm) plastic bag. This size plastic bag (27 cm x 35 cm) is the correct size as they pack easier into cartons for despatching to Papua New Guinea rather than having all different sizes.

**Please contact me if you need any further information.**

**Phone: (08) 8336 2309 or**

**Mobile: 0400 235 158**

**Or check this website:**

<http://www.lcacommission.org.au/join-gods-mission/birthing-kits/>

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL completed birthing kits are to be delivered to the LCA Churchwide Office, 197 Archer Street, NORTH ADELAIDE SA. Phone (08) 8267 7300 if you want to check that the office will be open.**

*Regards, Joan Koster*

## **Lutheran Women of SA and NT - Guild/Fellowship Statistics - 2022**

This form has been included with this edition of the *Tidings Newsletter*. Please use this **new form** to fill in the details and return it to the **LWSA-NT Secretary** soon after your AGM.

## **Reminder: Secretaries of Committees/Auxiliaries**

After your committee has held its Annual General Meeting, please send the name, postal address, email address and phone number of the President, Secretary and Treasurer to:

**LWSA-NT Secretary, Joan Schiller**

## **Reports for 2022 Convention**

**President's** reports from Committees/Auxiliaries must be sent to the Editor of the *Tidings Newsletter* by 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

**Representatives** must also send in a report by the due date.

## **Items for the LWSA-NT Convention**

If any Fellowship/Guild has a matter to present to the 2022 Convention for consideration, please send a proposed motion and supporting detail to the **LWSA-NT Secretary, Mrs Joan Schiller, 28 Kalimna Road, NURIOTPA SA 5355**

**Phone: 0439 481 510, or by email:**

[secretary.lwsant@lutheranwomenofaustralia.org](mailto:secretary.lwsant@lutheranwomenofaustralia.org) by 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, for review by the Executive Committee prior to the printing of the Convention Agenda in the March *Tidings Newsletter*.

## **Nominations**

The Nominations Committee had a meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November and the committee requires expressions of interest for the following positions:

For the LWSA-NT Executive Committee (5 meetings a year);

**Assistant Secretary**

**One Additional Member**

Send nominations to the Secretary of the Nominations Committee:

**Mrs Wendy Hartmann,**

**12 Gaynor Avenue, KEITH, SA 5267**

**Phone: 08 8755 1688 Mobile: 0419 996 264**

**Email:**

[nominations.lwsant@lutheranwomenofaustralia.org](mailto:nominations.lwsant@lutheranwomenofaustralia.org)

Nominations for Convention 2022 information are included on a separate sheet with this ***Tidings Newsletter***. Any nominees must fill out a Nominations Form (on the reverse of the Nominations details sheet) and return it by 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. Copy as many Nominations Forms as required.

## **KEY POSITIONS**

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## **DIARY DATES**



### **Retreats**

**Lutheran Women SA-NT** - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 388 Montague Road, PARA VISTA SA.

**Theme: “Stop, listen, lean on Me”**

### **Upper North Zone**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at Camp Willochra, MELROSE SA

### **South East Zone** [Weekend] - Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

February - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at Tarooki Camp, ROBE SA

### **Riverland Zone** - March, 2022 at LOWBANK SA

**South East Zone** [One day] - May, 2022 at St John’s Lutheran Church, NARACOORTE SA

### **World Day of Prayer**

**Venue:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 170 Flinders Street, ADELAIDE SA at 10.00 am, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

**Country in Focus:** *England/Wales/Northern Ireland*

**Theme: “I Know The Plans I Have For You”**

Jeremiah 29:1-14

### **2022 Zone Days**

**Eyre Peninsula Rally** - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Lutheran Church, COWELL SA

**Metropolitan South Fellowship Day** - at Lutheran Church, VICTOR HARBOR SA

**Adelaide Hills Fellowship Day** - at St Michael’s Lutheran Church, HAHNDORF SA

**Upper North Fellowship Day** - at St John’s Lutheran Church, JAMESTOWN SA

**Lower Murray Fellowship Day** - to be advised

**South East Rally** - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at St Paul’s Lutheran Church, MILLICENT SA

**Metropolitan North Fellowship Day** - August at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, PARA VISTA SA

**Riverland Rally** - September at Concordia Lutheran Church, LOXTON SA

**Barossa Fellowship Day** - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at St Petri Lutheran Church, NURIOOTPA SA

## LWSA-NT CONVENTION

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Lutheran Church, LOBETHAL SA

Host: Lobethal Lutheran Women's Guild

Theme: "From Age to Age the Same"

Psalm 90:1-2

## Thank you messages

### Lutherans for Life

Message received in July 2021.

On behalf of **Lutherans for Life** thank you sincerely for your generous gift of \$4,430.00, which has been gratefully received.

The committee is currently working on resources for its website which it is hoped will be used by schools to educate students on life issues. It has also been working to produce an action plan to help reduce abortion.

The committee will also continue to produce *Life News* which is also a valuable resource in sharing life issues with the wider church community.

May the Lord continue to make you a blessing in your community.

Yours in Christ,  
Janet Scholl, Treasurer

### Adelaide Deaf Community Church

Message received in August 2021.

Thank you very much for your generous donation from LWSA-NT to the Deaf ministry.

You might also be interested to know that Julian Mazzoo's studies towards becoming an Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) are progressing well. In the first half of this year the focus has been on Lutheran theology and spirituality, the liturgy, church history and the Scriptural basis for the office of pastor.

In the latter part of this year the focus will be on the Lutheran Confessions and Biblical studies.

On the practical side of Julian's training, he has been increasing his involvement in worship to the point where he is able to lead full services. To support him in this area, Bishop David Altus officially licensed him to administer Holy Communion and preach (although Julian still has a way to go before preparing his own sermons, he does a good job of preaching sermons I have prepared). If you are interested, you can watch the service here (it is interpreted, so hearing people can follow along):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVdq40RgUrg&t=551s>

A further update will be provided at the end of the year as part of the Deaf ministry annual newsletter. Please let anyone who



wants to receive the newsletter know that they can subscribe by providing an email or postal address to Bev Corner in the Pilgrim office (Email address: [pilgrim.magill.sa@lca.org.au](mailto:pilgrim.magill.sa@lca.org.au) Postal address: 19 Edward Street, Magill, SA 5072).

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### Mannum Interchurch Council

Message received in August 2021.

Dear Sisters in Christ,

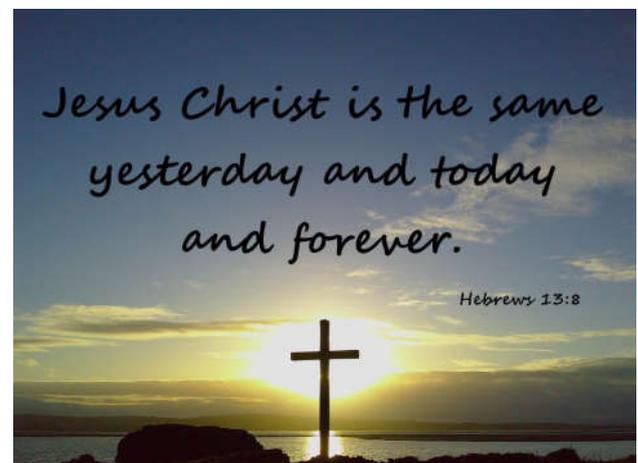
I want to thank you for your generous support of the Mannum Interchurch Council following your recent gathering at Mannum. Your support assists in making a significant impact on the lives of young people in the wider Mannum area.

A primary role of the Interchurch Council is the support of the Pastoral Care Workers (PCW) in our schools at Mannum, Swan Reach, Cambrai and Palmer. These positions attract some government funding, but we continually seek to supplement their hours and provide funding for seminars to assist to build up the children's wellbeing and resilience and to share God's love with them.

As a direct result of your generous donation our four PCW's have been advised that funds are now available for Christmas Seminars without compromising support for extra hours.

Thank you and our appreciation of your generous donation.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Colin Nieass,  
Treasurer - Mannum Interchurch Council



## **I'M JOINING IN GOD'S MISSION THROUGH** *Stamps for Mission*

God has wonderful ways of turning simple gifts into great blessings. The Lutheran Church of Australia's Stamps for Missions project has raised nearly \$464,000! All proceeds are donated to LCA International Mission programs and projects. This is possible due to the dedication of volunteers who collect, clean, package and sell the stamps.

Stamps for Mission was established in 1938 through the efforts of Pastor Ted Koch and Mr Ern Unger. Ern became the first stamp receiver and did this for the next 65 years, encouraging many others along the way. In 2018 marked ten years since LCA International Mission (formally Board for Mission) took over the Stamps for Mission project from the Lutheran Youth of Australia. It is overwhelming to think how much money has been raised from those seemingly worthless used stamps. We thank God for his blessing through this project.

If you would like to join in God's mission in this way, please send your used stamps to one of the volunteer stamp receivers in South Australia:

Erica Bowden, Box 1926, **McLAREN FLAT SA 5171**;  
Joy Mules, Unit 36, 3 Conyngham Street, **GLENSIDE SA 5065**

Geoff Roocke, 15 Chitunga Road, **EDEN HILLS SA 5050**  
Jackie Standish, 7 East Parkway, **FULHAM, SA 5024**  
Sadie Voigt, 12 Stuart Street, **NURIOOTPA SA 5355**.

Stamps can also be left at the LCA Churchwide Office, 197 Archer Street, **NORTH ADELAIDE SA 5006**.

National Project Director: Mr Peter Nitschke,  
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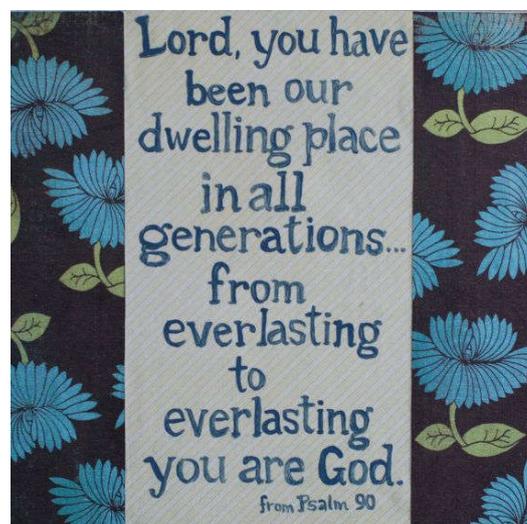
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Look at the following Link for more information:  
<https://www.lcamission.org.au/join-gods-mission/stamps-for-mission/>

### **2022 Lutheran Nurse of the Year Award**

It is time to start thinking of who to nominate for the Lutheran Nurse of the Year award for 2022. The award was launched in 2020, to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, who is recognised as the founder of modern nursing. It recognises faithful and outstanding service during the preceding calendar year by a Registered or Enrolled Nurse who is an active member of a Lutheran congregation in Australia or New Zealand. The inaugural winner in 2020 was Angela Uhrhane, of Albury/Wodonga and NSW/VIC. The recipient for 2021 was Wayne Kroker, of Nundah, Qld.

Nominations may be submitted by congregations, schools, aged-care facilities or other bodies or agencies within the LCA. Nominations must be lodged with the LNAA secretary, Mrs Rose Howard, on the official nomination form by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, together with a separate sheet giving details of the service that forms the basis of the nomination, and references from three people, including the congregation's pastor. A nominations form can be found at this link: <https://www.lca.org.au/ministry-groups/lutheran-nurses/>



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