

# Tidings NEWSLETTER

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LUTHERAN WOMEN OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
and  
NORTHERN TERRITORY

JULY 2020

## President's Message

Dear members of LWSA-NT,  
Greetings to you all.

As I write, we are now into the 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> week of times never before experienced in our world in our life-time. They are certainly times of much uncertainty, but times when we as Christians know that we have a God who loves and cares for us and gives us assurance. Yes, we have a hope, when many in our world are struggling.



When doubts  
filled my mind,  
your comfort  
gave me renewed  
**hope and cheer.**

-Psalm 94:19

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- C** – We have been confined to our homes, with strict limits on social interaction. Our regular worship in our churches had to be abandoned, and we have seen the cancellations of many programmed events, those in our communities and our church circles.
- O** – Many of us have been on our **O**wn, for longer periods of time than usual, as we have **o**beyed the restrictions and rules put in place by our government and health officials to lessen the spread of the virus in the time of this pandemic. We certainly need to thank these officials who have brought our country to our present times, with many fewer lives lost than in other countries.
- V** – This **V**irus which has affected communities world-wide, has challenged each of us, and none less than the scientists and medical aficionados who worked tirelessly to put in place protocols, and now continue to work for the development of a **V**accine to resist further outbreaks. Our **V**olunteering

came to an abrupt halt – helping in op-shops, **V**isiting the sick, the lonely, our aged care residents who proved to be the most **V**ulnerable. Many of you, our members are in the **V**ulnerable age bracket.

- I – **I**solation – forced on many, particularly the most susceptible, and then those returning travellers to Australia, fleeing countries which had a much higher **I**ncidence of this virus.
- D – **D**istance of 1.5 metres – or 4 square metres (*Ed. – and now it is 2*). When we have ventured out (or been aided by family or carers) as we have needed to re-stock our pantry shelves and procure necessary essentials, it has seen us adhering to the X marked on shop-floors for the social **d**istancing requirement and the use of sanitisers.
- 19 – so after all these weeks, many of you will be longing to be able to visit, or have visits from interstate relatives. Come 20<sup>th</sup> July, it will be **19** weeks, since restrictions were imposed.

So what is happening to the membership of Lutheran Women in South Australia and Northern Territory?

Hopefully, fellowship/guild secretaries have been able to relay messages/information from our executive. Our meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May, which was the planned convention date, was conducted on-line. A further on-line meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, when we regretfully, made the decision to cancel the 2020 Convention after initially considering a postponement. We have dutifully respected the decision by the ladies of the Mid-Murray Parish, who have not yet met since the pandemic restrictions, and were not comfortable with the limited time frame to host an event in October which was a date being considered by the executive. Therefore the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of LWSA-NT will, God-willing, be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Mannum.

Our executive will meet again shortly, and among our business will be issuing the Encouragement Awards to our Lutheran Colleges, which the principals assure us are deeply valued and appreciated by recipients. Contributions so far this year are less for many of our projects and we expect this is due to not meeting or being able to raise funds in ways we would usually do. If your fellowship is able to help specifically with the Encouragement Awards project, that would be wonderful, and if needed, some of our surplus receipts will fund the remainder.

Quite a number of the Zone Fellowship/Rally days have also been cancelled and thank you to the hosts who have subsequently advised the fellowships/guilds in their zones. The members of LWSA-NT on Eyre Peninsula may be the only zone to hold their rally/fellowship day in 2020. I was pleased to be able to join them on 1<sup>st</sup> March in Port Lincoln and renew acquaintances, together with meeting some new faces. Please read the report provided on page 5 – 6. Thank you in anticipation to Judy Buchold and her assistants who have offered to host next year's gathering at Tumby Bay.

I know some fellowships have met for meetings/bible study time on-line. Praise God that you have and that media formats have enabled this. Some of you are resuming meetings – fortunately my own fellowship has only missed 2 programmed meetings, as dates worked out. What joy when we were able to meet face-to-face after 'phone calls and text messages. No doubt there are some interesting stories of what you have done during the pandemic. I have heard that some sewing machines are still busy making needed goods for LCC. Perhaps the knitting needles/crochet hooks too!! Fortunately most of these weeks have been cooler, and we thank God for the rain which has fallen in most agricultural areas where it has been necessary for our farmers to continue tending their livestock and planting crops for food-stuffs.

So, we have probably had lots of 'think-time', 'catch-up on jobs' time – the ones that would otherwise keep for another day. Then we have all had 'me-time'. Good for some, perhaps reading more thoroughly (or more than once!) *The Lutheran* or *Lutheran Women* magazine – and your *Lutheran Women* magazine may have arrived directly into your mailbox, to the delight of many I have been told. However, as an executive, we have a concern where fellowships are ceasing or in recess and have chosen to discontinue their subscription. We plan to follow this up, but we also ask your assistance, should you know of someone in this position, by reminding them or asking them to continue their

subscription to this wonderful publication. Encourage them to take up an individual subscription and have it arrive direct to the mailbox. Alternatively, if they are computer-literate, they can take out an on-line subscription.

For many of our long-serving volunteers, I pray that you have been renewed as you have had time to rest, and re-evaluate your service to the Church and the wider community.

So we say thank you to our government and health officials and workers for keeping us safe and developing procedures to open our communities safely here in SA. Let's pray for the communities where there have recently been an increase in virus cases, that residents respect their neighbours and families and follow the directives of their leaders.

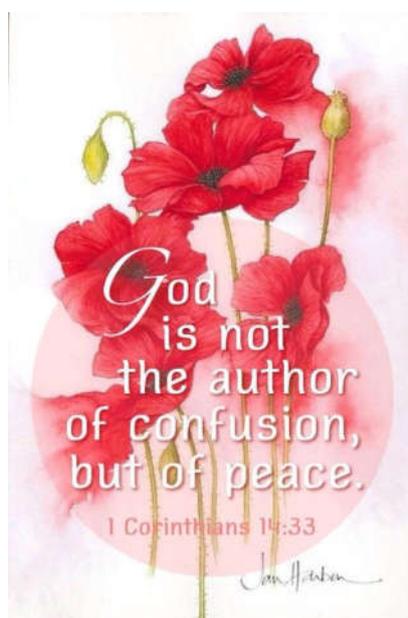
So, above all, we give thanks to our loving God for his care and love for us all as we live our lives in hope of better times to come.

*Grace Kroehn, 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."***



## South East Zone Retreat

The beautiful Robe Tooroki Camp site was the venue again for our retreat with the chapel overlooking the native bush and lake and the main building veranda looking out to the sea.

“Rest, Restore and Refresh” was the theme of the South East Zone Retreat on 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February. More than 30 ladies from around the region, a visitor from Lobethal, and Wendy Habel – our LWA president from Victoria - joined in the studies and activates between Friday night and Sunday morning.

Our guest speaker Pastor Richard Fox from Lutheran Media led the church service on Saturday morning based on the Bible text Matthew 17: 1-9. “The transfiguration of Jesus” which also tied in with the studies for the weekend.



On Saturday afternoon Pastor Richard gave us an insight into the “Messages of Hope” and the amazing mission opportunities and growth of Lutheran Media. He shared with us the various technology platforms that the “Messages of Hope” are now using which brings the gospel to an audience of millions around the world. We also learnt about the broad range of topics covered by Lutheran Media.

Our studies were spread over Saturday morning, afternoon and Sunday morning. The first 2 studies commenced with a short video from “Messages of Hope”. Focussing on how we deal with stress. The first session was based on Matthew 11: 28-30. “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give your rest” and 1 Peter 5: 6-11. – casting our anxieties on God.

Session 2. Matthew 18: 21-22, Luke 15: 11-32 and Romans 5: 6-10. Second chances and our relationships with God and other people. Small groups shared their discussion observations and examples of second chances.

Session 3 on Sunday was based on John 4: 1 -42. The woman at the well. It is not who you are but what you do. God comes to us wherever we are. A most scintillating discussion followed and all felt enriched by the input of Pastor Richard and our wise sisters in Christ.



*From Left: Josie Hunt, Pastor Richard Fox, Zoe Fischer*

A short worship gathering was held on Sunday morning. As it was the week before Ash Wednesday and the lead up to Easter we shared the “Stations of the Cross” readings, reflections and singing which had been prepared by Lynette Lauterbach.

Food was great. Company was wonderful. Friendships renewed. Walk on the beach was therapeutic and stimulating. Lots of laughing balanced with sincere caring and sharing. What an amazing weekend!!! I was truly inspired by the strength, resilience and amazing faith of these beautiful ladies that attended the weekend.



*From left: Judy Fischer, Josie Hunt and Wendy Habel*

We invite all ladies to join us again next year. Same time same place. You will not be disappointed.

*Submitted by Shelley Koch*

## Upper North Zone Retreat

50 years of Retreat

More than 30 Women from the Mid North, Whyalla, Barossa and Adelaide attended the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Upper North Zone Lutheran Women's Retreat held near Melrose at Camp Willochra.



The Golden Anniversary weekend opened with a worship service and games on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Saturday the ladies were kept busy with bible studies lead by Pastor David Christian based on the theme "Refined Like Gold".

Guest speaker Trevor Scholz from Wudinna talked about his struggle with dyslexia and his uncanny ability to find things, in particular precious metal and gems. Joy Crawford from Jamestown spoke on her recent tour of the Holy Land where she visited a number of important Christian historical sites.

A Rite of Memorial ceremony to remember loved ones who have died was conducted by Pastor Christian.



Saturday night had us in fits of laughter with a challenging quiz that was interspersed with bites of history from the last 50 years. Dressing up for dinner (bling). Des Theologou and Peg Breton, the oldest attendees, from Whyalla cut the anniversary cake.

Sunday commenced with a worship service where the women gifted \$783.00. This offering was donated to the Lutheran Community Care Domestic Violence program. The third and final guest speaker was local Hawker artist Jeff Morgan who has painted a panorama of the Flinders Ranges which is displayed in his gallery. Jeff, also dyslexic, enthralled us with his life filled with "golden opportunities".

The final task of the weekend was the packing of clothing, shoes, toys, etc., items collected for 'Containers of Hope' which are sent to African countries in need.

*Submitted by Chris Jaensch*

## Eyre Peninsula Zone Rally

Lutherans from as far away as Ceduna to the west and Yaninee and Cowell to the north and Springton from the east travelled to Port Lincoln on 1<sup>st</sup> March to attend the 53<sup>rd</sup> EP Lutheran Ladies Fellowship Zone Rally. The congregation of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church were most welcoming and had quite a spread of morning tea ready for worshippers on their arrival. Port Lincoln's Pastor Joppich was liturgist for morning service and Pastor Schubert delivered the sermon, based on the Gospel reading of the day, the temptation of Jesus. We all have desires that can cause us to focus on them at the exclusion of other things, thus becoming temptations. Our temptations are usually for pleasure; Jesus' temptations were about his identity and, in his temptations by Satan to which he did not succumb, Jesus is revealed as the Son of God. The morning offering went to Navigator College.

Following time out for a cuppa, the gathering convened again to begin the Rally, with the theme of the day being: 'Learning to follow in his steps' (1 Peter 2:2a).

First guest speaker Steve Jude, principal of Navigator College, gave his testimony of life leading to his appointment at Navigator and then told of the events going on at the college.

Second speaker for the morning was Andrew Waldhuter from Lutheran Tract Mission who also brought along three stands of various tracts for people to take. The Tract Mission is funded by donations but is a valuable outreach tool for all to use. Andrew also brought news from LLL, the churches financial institution.

Following the singing of Grace, we adjourned to the hall to enjoy lunch, catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

At 1:00 pm, we again gathered to sing the Memorial Hymn for our departed sisters in Christ, take the Roll Call and have Bible Study with Pastor Joppich. The study was on the theme of the day. Beginning with our own stories about learning we moved on to what we have learned in relation to following in Jesus footsteps. After looking at the Bible verses Luke 2:41-52, we then answered questions about what Jesus had learned from his time in the temple and what we need to learn to follow in his footsteps.

Tony Peters, principal of Crossways at Ceduna followed the study, telling us of his journey through life to where he is now again in Ceduna. Crossways has 165 students and goes from Early Learning through to Year 10. As part of the curriculum, the school follow the Reggio Emilia approach to learning which is play oriented based on natural learning, thus developing social skills. The school funds a music teacher and students are leaning instruments and have a choir. The school also runs a healthy recess programme.

L.I.F.T. (Living In Faith Together) speakers Jackie Lutz and Gaye Scholz told the gathering about their group which meets monthly and does various activities together. They follow the Bible Study printed in "Lutheran Women" magazine and have also done fundraising.



Grace Kroehn, president of LWSA-NT brought greetings from the executive and thanked the Port Lincoln Guild for the invitation to attend this Rally. Along with her report, Grace showed photos of various events she attended in her role from the past year, showing that there is still plenty of life in Women's Fellowships.

Crossways school at Ceduna will be the beneficiary of the afternoon offering and the Zone Project for 2020 is also Crossways.

An invitation from Tumbly Bay Guild to host the 2021 Rally next March was joyfully accepted.

During the day all guest speakers were thanked and presented with baskets of goodies to take home. The day concluded with Heather Schubert delivering the closing devotion based on 1 Peter 2:21, where we were encouraged to look to Jesus and strive to follow his example.

Singing the loved song, 'May the feet of God walk with you' concluded the Rally for another year.

*Submitted by Julie Magnay*

## **Lutheran Nurses Honoured**

Two Lutheran nurses have been honoured by the Lutheran Nurses Association of Australia (LNAA). Angela Uhrhane, of Wodonga, Victoria, was named the inaugural Lutheran Nurse of the Year. Lynette Wiebusch, of Adelaide, was named an honorary LNAA Life Member. The awards were officially announced on 12<sup>th</sup> May -- International Nurses Day, and this year, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale.



Angela is currently serving as Pastoral Care Nurse at Lutheran Aged Care Albury (LAC). The award comprises a certificate and a gift of \$100. In submitting Angela's nomination, the Managing Director of LAC, Wendy Rocks, wrote that over the years LAC was without a chaplain,

'Angela took the lead role in organising a schedule of visiting pastors to provide services and the sacraments over this extended period. This was a tremendous feat of organisation on Angela's behalf, coordinating as she was, the Pastoral Care Team and work at LAC at the same time. Angela was an active part of the Management Team during these two years, and was a source of ideas and beneficial discussion about resident care and spiritual care particularly.

She added that Angela has 'participated in considerable study, both theological and clinical, to support her practice. She has been a leader in helping to establish a spiritual care framework as part of the policy and practice at LAC, embedding a comprehensive Spiritual Assessment of each resident within our resident care policy and practice. She devised and conducted the training for our RNs and Admissions staff in this regard.'

Angela has served as Pastoral Care Nurse at congregations in Wodonga, and Perth, WA. Last year she was appointed to the Lutheran Church of Australia's Committee for Ministry with the Ageing, and to the board of the ecumenical Australian Faith Community Nurses Association. In addition to her nursing qualifications, she has a Graduate Diploma in Theology in Parish Nursing from Luther Seminary (now Australian Lutheran College). Lynette Wiebusch was LNAA's founding president, and served in that role for 10 years, and edited the LNAA newsletter, *IN TOUCH*, from 1992-2018. She was responsible for introducing the concept of what is now known as Pastoral Care Nursing to the LCA, and was the LCA's first Pastoral Care Nurse, serving at both Mount Barker and Dernancourt, in SA. She was a founding board member of the ecumenical Australian Faith Community Nurses Association, and chaired the board for several years. She was also a founding board member for the global network, Lutheran Parish Nurses International. She was one of the first three graduates in Luther Seminary's Graduate Diploma in Theology (Faith Community Nursing) and co-wrote LNAA's *Introduction to Pastoral Care Nursing* course. Last year, the Parish Nursing Council of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod adopted this course as its Distance Education program.

*Submitted by Pastor Robert J. Wiebusch*

## **Hospital Cheer Committee**

The following is a brief historical background of the work of Lutheran Women through the distribution of Hospital Welfare Christmas Cheer in the form of packets of honey biscuits at Christmas time and the later establishment of the Hospital Cheer Committee.

The first account of this distribution shows us that it was begun in 1968 when 3,250 bags of cheer were distributed. At that time, the bags contained ½ lb. honey biscuits (some iced) & 1/3 lb. soft sweets. Currently, only 125 gm. /4 oz. of biscuits are included in each bag, but no sweets. It was in 1969 that the LWSA Welfare Committee of four members was elected. This Committee worked under the direction of the SA District Social Welfare & Relief Committee at that time. Some years later the committee name was changed to 'Hospital Cheer Committee'.

It was in 2011 that I (Lorraine Kempf) was invited to join this committee which consisted of five members. The aim of the Committee was to oversee the visits of Women's Fellowship/Guilds to Glenside Hospital and Strathmont Centre where they were allocated to provide a programme of entertainment, fellowship and concluding with an afternoon tea for the residents and staff. Eventually, Government regulations and rules prevented the bringing in of food and the visits then also ceased.

At the 2013 LWSA-NT State Convention, it was then proposed that the Hospital Cheer Committee be disbanded and in 2014 a sub committee was formed to facilitate the distribution of the much loved honey biscuits Christmas Cheer.

Most of our dear Lutheran ladies will know of the baking of honey biscuits for Christmas Cheer during November. The current arrangement is that packs of cellophane bags are distributed to Women's Fellowships/Guilds at the Annual Convention. The honey biscuits are packed in these bags and beautifully tied up with ribbons and usually a Christmas Tract or card attached with the name of the fellowship which prepared them. They are then delivered in boxes to Lutheran Community Care at Blair Athol by the end of November.

During November, I also phone each of the organizations to see how many packets of biscuits are needed for their residents. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in December, packing occurs at Lutheran Community Care. Recently the packers have been Ruth Kaesler, Shirley Teusner

and myself (Lorraine Kempf). Boxes are marked with the name of the organization and they are then collected in the days that follow. The information is recorded for future reference.

Some of the comments received from recipients:

- \* *Thank you for all the wonderful biscuits, they are very much appreciated.*
- \* *Oh, it's that time of the year. Are you still doing them, I love them!*
- \* *The men in prison are happy to be thought of!*
- \* *You are wonderful!*

The organizations that receive Christmas Cheer currently are:

Minda Home; St. Pauls Glenelg Outreach; Warradale Outreach; Albert Park Sewing Group; Shout for Joy; Aboriginal Ferryden Park; Fullarton Homes; Strathmont Aged Care; Remand Centre; James Nash House; and Women's Prison.

In 2019 a total of 1,219 bags of honey biscuits were distributed. Any packets of biscuits not allocated for Christmas Cheer distribution are included with Christmas Hampers packed by Lutheran Community Care.

I would like to thank each and every one for their wonderful contributions. Thank God for all the loving hands which bring Christmas Cheer to so many.

May God bless you.

*Submitted by Lorraine Kempf  
(with added historical information - editor)*

## Honey Biscuits

Thank you to all the wonderful people who are prepared to make Honey Biscuits. This year, the executive members will help to distribute a pack of cellophane bags to the fellowship/guilds which are prepared to undertake this activity. Included with the bags will be a series of stickers listing the ingredients. These need to be stuck onto the bags. The Honey Biscuits can be iced, or you can make them special with long sprinkles, choc bits or cherries. Please do NOT use hard cachous, 100's and 1,000's, or toppings that can get stuck between teeth, or under mouth plates. Please NO NUTS.

You are asked to pack 125 grams [4 oz.] of biscuits into each bag. Close the bag with curling ribbon, and you may attach a Christmas tract/small card, telling the recipient which Fellowship has prepared the packet.



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

**Lutheran Community 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 in boxes and clearly write on the outside of each box the number of packets that the box contains. Deliver packets by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.**

Thanks to you all – your help is much appreciated.



## Lutheran Community Care & Clothing Committee

The Committee of Zone representatives held a meeting in June where those present were given a report by Steph McGarrigan, the overseer for Emergency Relief. It had been quiet at the start of the COVID-19 lock down but it is now very busy and the available food and other supplies are in high demand. She noted that this demand will increase in September when the extra help given by the government decreases or comes to an end. During these restrictions the handling of food has become stricter. Previously, bulk food items were used to repack into smaller portions. This now cannot happen. So smaller packaged items are better to avoid individual handling. Even bath soap cannot be handed out unless it is individually wrapped.

Some food items that are in need are the following:

Long life milk, small boxes of cereals, tins of vegetables, pasta and rice, toilet paper in small packs, 2 minute noodles and other small meal packs.

Other items in need:

Blankets, gloves, fingerless gloves, socks for all ages and men's underwear.

Cotton skirts with elastic waist are still requested for Alice Springs. A table with the main sizes required follows on the next page:



## Sizes for skirts

Size	Waist measurement	Cut Elastic	Finished length
22	41 inches 105 cm.	40 inches 102 cm.	80 cm.
24	44 inches 112 cm.	42 ½ inches 109 cm.	80 cm.
26	47 inches 119 cm.	45 inches 115 cm.	80 cm.
28	50 inches 126 cm.	47 inches 120 cm.	80 cm.

A pocket added to the skirt is handy.

The Op Shops are open for business and are following strict instructions during this pandemic. The shops are doing well and the volunteers are now coming back to help. Winter clothing is in great demand and such donated items are very welcome.

The cloth bags for use at the Op Shops and for Emergency Relief will be gratefully received. Keep sewing and may God continue to bless your work.

## Projects for 2020

### 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 Community Care - *Includes Christmas Hampers*  
 Lutheran Disability Services  
 Lutheran Media Ministry  
 Lutheran Secondary Education  
 Encouragement Awards

### LWA (*Determined by the Convention in 2018*)

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 in Cambodia  
 Papua New Guinea Lutheran Health Services Solar Panels  
 Papua New Guinea Meri Wok Trening Scholarships for students from overseas to study through Australian Lutheran College

## NOTICES

### Notes from your LWSA-NT

#### Treasurer

- \* Please make **ALL** cheques payable **ONLY** to LWSA-NT. **They must NOT be written to the projects you are supporting.**
- \* Donations towards Hampers for Lutheran Community Care and ALWS funds can also be sent to the LWSA-NT treasurer, BUT such monetary donations **MUST STILL** be made payable **ONLY** to LWSA-NT..



Ruth Kaesler

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### Birthing Kits

I have the following surplus items for Birthing Kits:

Face Washers; Cotton Tape;  
 Disposable Gloves and LLL PNG Tracts.

Please let me know if any Guild/ Fellowships can make use of them.

**Please contact me by  
 Phone: 0400 235 158  
 if you are interested.**

If you are not sure of what goes in the kits please give me a ring.

**Or check this website:**

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

*Regards, Joan Koster*

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL completed birthing kits are to be delivered to the LCA Churchwide Office, 197 Archer Street, NORTH ADELAIDE SA.**

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions the office is not always open so please phone 08 8267 7300 BEFORE making a delivery.**

### A thank you note from Erin Kerber, at the LCA International Mission Office on the packing of birthing kits:

*Last week, Nevin and I spent a few hours in the sun packing the birthing kits into boxes- it has been wonderful to continue to receive them even though many (if not all) Lutheran women's groups would have had restricted meetings during the last few months.*

*There will be a story about the birthing kits featured in the next edition of the LWA magazine, to keep you informed about how important they are for the PNG women.*

## KEY POSITIONS

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## DIARY DATES



### **Retreat 2021**

Your Retreat Committee is making preparations for the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at Immanuel College. We know that it is 5 months out and we can't know for sure what will happen at that time, as far as COVID-19

restrictions are concerned. However, we are confident that Immanuel has excellent spaces, allowing physical distancing, and has cleaning and catering staff who know all the correct procedures.



# Peace!

Our theme is '*Lean on Me – Peace in troubled times*'. Here is an opportunity to be refreshed in many ways, as women from all around the state come together for spiritual food, singing, laughter, meeting old and new friends and having someone else do the cooking and dishes!

We have a modern venue, which we tried for the first time in January 2020. It has excellent catering, cooling if needed, and individual bedrooms. The cost is likely to be about \$190 for the whole weekend, depending on enrolment numbers. The larger the numbers, the more economical it is to hire the venue. A good idea is to gradually put aside money during these next months to save for the weekend. If you are someone who would love to come, but hardship prevents you, please feel free to contact the committee President. (Lois Kupke - Email: [kupkell@yahoo.com](mailto:kupkell@yahoo.com) Mobile 0410 590 012)

Here's a quotation from a participant earlier this year: 'Every year I wonder, "How much better can retreat be?" I go to find out and I'm blessed beyond belief!'

It is certainly our prayer that many, many women could receive the same kind of blessing by attending next year. Talk about it with your friends or relatives, especially encouraging younger women to attend with you. It is open to all women, whether or not they are part of a women's fellowship or guild.

Enrolment form and other details will be included with the October Tidings.

*Submitted by Retreat Committee,  
President Lois Kupke*

### **LWSA-NT CONVENTION**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

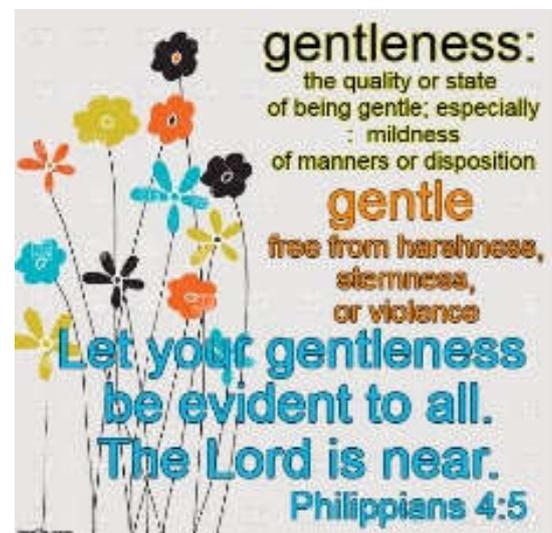
**St Martins Lutheran Church, Mannum, SA**

**Host: Mid Murray Parish Lutheran**

**Women's Fellowship/Guilds**

**Theme: "The Strength of Gentleness"**

**Philippians 4:5**



## A Thankyou letter:

5<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear faithful supporters

On behalf of Australian Lutheran College, thank you for your recent donation.

Your financial support for our College during these especially troubling times is vitally important. We do not know what the future will bring. To be honest, we never have. But we do know that God will be with us into that future with all of its new and unexpected challenges, and at ALC we will continue to step up and move forward. The Church needs its leaders and servants, people who are prepared and ready to serve in a new world, now more than ever.

May God who is our refuge and strength, continue to be an ever-present help to each and every one of you in the days ahead and bless and keep you safe always.

Yours in Christ Jesus

Pastor James Winderlich, Principal



## Address Details



While all address details have been checked against the 2020 Statistics Forms please check again that your details are correct. If corrections need to be

made, please let me know.

Secretary, Mrs Joan Schiller, who is also the Tidings Editor (details below).

Please make the following changes to the **President and Secretary List 2020 – 2021:**

### **Barossa Zone**

Lyndoch Women's Fellowship Secretary,

Email: [k.b.clarke@bigpond.com](mailto:k.b.clarke@bigpond.com)

### **Metropolitan South Zone**

Glandore Calvary Women's Fellowship Secretary, Mrs Lois Shepherd: Mobile number 0408 832 005 replace with: 0472 687 219

Email: [siol@intemode.on.net](mailto:siol@intemode.on.net)

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 \$447,000! 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, Box 141, **BARMERA SA 5345**

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,

24 Gameau Road, **PARADISE SA 5076**

Phone: 08 8365 7717

Email: [pnmitschke@bigpond.com](mailto:pnmitschke@bigpond.com)

Look at the following Link for more information:

<https://www.lcamission.org.au/join-gods-mission/stamps-for-mission/>



## An ongoing opportunity



If at any time you are travelling to Alice Springs by vehicle and you have space for additional luggage, Lutheran Community Care has clothes and other goods that need to be taken to the Op Shop in Alice Springs. Please contact the Manager of LCC Op Shops SA-NT, Babs Deane 0439 223 376 if you are able to provide assistance in this respect.

## LWSA-NT Lutheran Community Care Zone Project List

At the October 2019 meeting of Lutheran Community Care & Clothing Committee the Zone representatives chose the following for the 2020 Zone Projects:

**Adelaide Hills** – Towels, Children’s Clothes & Men’s Clothes (Monetary donation)



**Barossa** – Children’s Toys and Books – [For 0 – 12 years]



**Eyre Peninsula** – Monetary Donation



**Light** – Packets of Seeds [vegetables] and Men’s & Boy’s Clothes (Monetary donation)



**Lower Murray** – Pillows and Pillow Cases [plain colours the best option]



**Metropolitan North** – Children’s Winter Clothes



**Metropolitan South** – Children’s Undies and Christmas Toys



**Mid North/Yorke Peninsula** [This Zone does not hold an annual Zone Day but continues to support LCC] – Knitted or Crochet Rugs and Quilts



**Riverland** – Socks, Jocks and Baby Clothes



**South East** – Undies, Socks and Pillow Cases [plain colours the best option]



**Upper North** – Baby 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.

The **Packets of seeds** are used to grow vegetables at different locations where people are taught gardening skills and then given lessons how to use the produce.

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

**\*\*Please Note:** Support these projects if you are able and deliver goods to Lutheran Community Care.

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**30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**

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