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

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2023

Presidents Message

Hello, how are you? Are you ready for the marathon?

It begins on the first Sunday in Advent and the pace steps up as we near the high point of the Christian year – Christmas Day – the birthday of Jesus and the celebration of his coming to this world. God promised a Saviour, and with him we continue the marathon through the uphill, cross country, deep valley moments of another year. How blest we are to know the story and how blest we are to know Jesus, our Saviour, our marathon partner, the cornerstone of our faith. He is there for us from our beginning to the end!

We often say how fast another year has come and gone, so our marathon must have been all downhill since Christmas. The members of LWSA-NT have packed a lot into the year and thank you to everyone who has made it an enjoyable year in God's service. I have enjoyed meeting people at retreats, rally and fellowship days and pray you have all been blessed at these gatherings.

Don't give up meeting together, to encourage and support one another and to study God's word. In doing that you may be given strength to invite others to meet with you and to meet Jesus. The LWSA-NT Retreat at Mount Barker was a great opportunity for this.

The 57th Convention of Lutheran Women of SA & NT is another great event coming up early next year on Saturday 18th May at Zion Lutheran Church, Glynde. The theme, "**No longer strangers**" encourages us to embrace all people with Christ's love, inviting them into God's family, no longer a foreigner or stranger. Ephesians 2:19 *"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household."*

So, do you need more events on your marathon through 2024? Lutheran Women of Australia will meet for the triennial Convention in Murray Bridge on 2nd & 3rd October. Don't be a stranger but join us with our interstate sisters and brothers in Christ for this major event of praise, celebration, fellowship, and learning. The convention is the closest it can be for South Australians, so please come along.

My prayer for you is a safe and peaceful Advent and Christmas celebration with family, many friends and maybe some new members of our Father's household. May our Lord bless us and keep us in his care through the marathon of life.

Merry Christmas, love, and peace as you provide encouragement and support for all women that they may know Jesus and grow in his love.

Josie Hunt, LWSA-NT President



PEACE

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Our vision:

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

Metropolitan South Zone Fellowship Day

The Bethlehem Sanctuary Guild and Bethlehem Women's Guild hosted the LWSA-NT Metropolitan South Zone Fellowship Day on Thursday 1st June 2023. Some fifty-six attended, meeting under the theme of **'God's promises are Ageless'** (Isaiah 46:3b-4). God says: *"I have created you and cared for you since you were born. I will be your God through all your lifetime, yes, even when your hair is white with age. I made you and I will care for you. I will carry you along and be your Saviour."*

Morning Tea and Registration were held in the Stables. The morning program began in the church with Judith Ortlepp, Sanctuary Guild



President, welcoming all and noting that the day also marked the 130th Anniversary of the Bethlehem Women's Guild. Pastor Stephen Pietsch led the Opening Devotion based on Isaiah 46:1-4.

Pastor explored the question "Who is carrying whom?" Like the people of Israel we too have false idols (reputation, money, possessions) that we think will carry us through life and on which we can rely. But idols, no matter how promising or permanent and reliable they look, are all the same. In the end they don't carry you, you have

to carry them. God lovingly reassures that it is 'I who will carry you, who has always carried you, even when you turned your face away from me.' Through every stage of life, from before we are born until after our life here in this world ends, those eternal hands carry us, bearing us to himself and the glory he has been preparing for us. This is the God who created (made) each one of us, who will carry us, who will save us through his Son Jesus Christ, the one who literally carried our burden on his shoulders and bore our sins on the cross through death to life. The morning hymns were 377 'Take my life and let it be' and 855 'Brother let me be your servant' with Dorothy Zweck as the organist.

Helen Hassold, Vice-President of the Sanctuary Guild, introduced Dr Tania Nelson the keynote speaker for the morning program on the topic of 'Growing Older in the 21st Century'. Dr Nelson is the Executive



Officer for Local Mission of the LCA and Director of Care Ministries. She began her presentation with a look at 'now and then, how times have changed', which was light-hearted and entertaining. Then she gave a very informative talk on the challenges, both positive and negative on ageing. She explored a range of topics including the benefits of living longer, health challenges, wisdom and experience, financial matters, social isolation and 'ageism.'

As Christians she emphasised speaking with family about spiritual matters such as preparing for your funeral which can lead to precious conversations. She encouraged congregations to promote intergenerational activities and interactions to give opportunities for older members to pass on the faith and strengthen the value and respect of the elderly.

Newly elected Secretary of Lutheran Women of South Australia Chris Kuchel extended greetings from the LWSA-NT Executive Committee and gave details on convention and areas of need on various committees as well as details of the October Retreat to be held at Mt Barker. Ruth Noack, the representative and chairperson of the Lutheran Care and Clothing Committee gave a brief report.

We were sublimely entertained by a musical recital from Charles Klein (oboe) and Joseph Ingram (piano) of 'Three Miniatures' by English composer York Bowen.

The afternoon program was held in Bethlehem House and during lunch there was the opportunity for fellowship and catching up with friends as well as perusing various displays from the Lutheran Tract Mission, Lutheran Media, Lutheran Disability Services and Care Ministry Resources. There was a special historical display of Guild photos to mark the 130th anniversary of the Women's Guild, which was set up by the Archives Committee. A trading table was also held.

After the singing of Hymn 819 'Wake us, oh Lord, to human need', Helen Hassold introduced the afternoon keynote speaker and congregation member Ann Pietsch, speaking on



'Living and Volunteering with Dementia'. Ann gave a deeply moving talk on her journey with dementia giving unique insights into the world of dementia and valuable information and advice on this complex and varied condition. From a background in nursing, particularly in geriatrics, and working as a Manager of Aged

Care Services, Ann found herself at age 59, diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. Her Christian approach to this life changing situation is truly inspiring and based on the words of

Jesus from John 15:12 "My command is this: 'Love one another as I have loved you'." Ann aims to be 'Christ-like' and shine in her volunteering as a Dementia Advocate. She currently serves on ten Advisory Committees and Boards helping raise awareness and giving vital practical information on dementia. Just two examples - confusing signage in public places and working with the Ambulance and Fire Departments to help their officers better understand when their work involves dealing with a dementia patient. A dementia friendly church might include special services for the elderly, coffee groups and using hymns that people know well. Little things help like introducing who you are when you are engaging in conversation, being respectful, helping with hymnbooks and service orders. Ann acknowledged the wonderful support of her husband Timothy, one of the 1.5 million carers in Australia currently supporting a person with dementia. Her advice is to be upfront and honest with family as talking and sharing gives a better understanding to those caring for you. Ann lives one day at a time trusting and knowing that "Christ helps me in all that I do."

Following the singing of a 'Seniors' version of Jesus loves me, Grace Bock led an interesting panel discussion on volunteering. She interviewed congregation members Julia Borgas, Elva Mutton and Annette Wessling exploring the different aspects of volunteering based on their wide range of volunteering roles.



The offering for the day totalled \$803.00 and together with the proceeds of the Trading Table, \$500.00 was given to Care Ministries Resources and also to Lutheran Disability Services. Judith Ortlepp and Helen Hassold presented gifts to the guest presenters.

Pastor Stephen Pietsch led the closing devotion and a wonderful day of fellowship concluded with the singing of Hymn 543, 'Abide with me'.

Thanks to all who helped in so many ways to ensure this day was a blessing.

Submitted by Elizabeth Buck

Upper North Zone Fellowship Day

On the 6th July, this day was hosted by Whyalla St James Lutheran Women's Fellowship. Di Zimmermann opened the proceedings with a big warm welcome. The



outside temperature may have been cold and wintry but inside St James Church, the air was warm and cosy filled with the joy of friendships.

The theme was '**With Dignity and Care**', and the chosen guest speakers

epitomised this amazingly.

The local Lutheran Pastor Lee van Rossen opened with a devotion including the Lord's Supper.

The attendance numbers may have been down on last year with 27 attending and 17 apologies which reflected the time of year when winter colds and coughs abound. The women came from Jamestown, Laura/Appila, Port Pirie, Booleroo Centre, Crystal Brook and Whyalla.

The state President of LWSA-NT, Josie Hunt travelled from Keith. Another member of the LWSA-NT executive, Margaret Sallis, a member from Salisbury Fellowship group, also attended.



Happy moments from the President LWSA-NT Josie Hunt

After the business formalities were conducted and elections held, there was one position that was left vacant: the position of treasurer. It was resolved to ask the current treasurer, who had already served 10 years, to stay on in the interim until the position could be filled. It was then resolved to redefine the role and responsibilities of the treasurer. This may

be a sign of the times with members getting older and wiser and few new members joining.

In keeping with the theme, the guest speakers included Amy Quist from the organisation called: **Heartfelt**. This group works on giving the gift of photographic memories of still born babies, critically sick premature babies or children with a terminal illness up to the age of 16 years. Her passion for this work was clearly evident and she said it was a privilege to help families capture photographs so they could acknowledge their babies as real and loved.

www.heartfelt.org.au

Sonja van Rossen read out a statement from the **Lutherans for life** which is a group within the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) established in 1987. This group emphasises the dignity of every life, through joining together in a common desire to promote the sanctity of God's gift of human life.



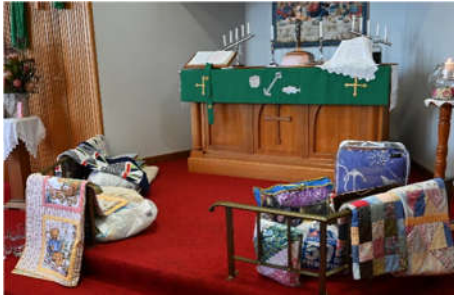
Sonja van Rossen and visitor Margi Wait

<https://www.lutheransforlife.lca.org.au>

A special moment for the lighting of the Memorial candle: for friends and family of loved ones who have died was performed by state President Josie Hunt and followed with the hymn '**Nearer my God to thee**'.

Delicious hot soup was served by the men in the kitchen and there was a good variety of savoury and sweets from which to choose. This was followed by the **Whyalla Singers** singing golden tunes known to bring joy to happy hearts.

The next guest speaker was Ali Zimmermann who talked about the **Share the Dignity** charity which she fully promotes to help address the great period poverty. Amongst young homeless teenagers, single mothers and women facing adversities, many are faced with having to choose between a meal or sanitary products. Dignity Drives are conducted each March and August in certain supermarkets around the state. You can donate a preloved handbag - fill it with 7 essential items: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and sanitary products and any other suitable items and take these to collection points. www.sharethedignity.org.au



For the Zone Fellowship project this year, members were invited to donate

doonas, rugs, blankets and patchwork quilts to be sent to the Lutheran Care centres to help disadvantaged folks endure the cold winter months. A beautiful collection of these was on display at the altar.

The offering of \$800.00 received on the day was a magnificent achievement which will be shared between the Heartfelt and Lutherans for Life charities.

Next year, the 57th Upper North Zone Fellowship Day will be held in Laura. It is a great way to share with other Lutheran women and visitors in dignity and caring Fellowship.

Submitted by Carolyn Ronan

South East Zone Rally

On Wednesday 2nd August South East Zone members gathered at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Keith SA with the theme: **'Knit Together'** based on Colossians 2:2 *"I want them to be encouraged, being knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself."*



In Pastor Joel Grieger's opening devotion he emphasised the pastoral concern of the apostle Paul for the church at Laodicea. He is concerned about their spiritual welfare. He had words of encouragement for the church. Knit together is being instructed together by strong ties of love. *'I will be their*

God and you will be my people.' Unconditional love has been freely given through Jesus Christ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

It was great to have LWA President, Grace Kroehn with us for the day and she sent greetings on behalf of the executive. LWSA-NT President Josie Hunt gave an overview of convention held at Glenelg in May. The *Tidings Newsletter* keeps us well informed and is sent out via post or email. God's blessings for fellowship groups, days and travel, said Josie.



Two local ladies were our guest speakers and both took us on a faith journey. Christine Rosenzweig spoke about small beginnings with 'Out and About' clothing to the well-established business that it now is. Field days and pop up shops are the go with a bigger trailer to match. Christine has

a huge combination of rugby tops for everyone with individual bright contrasting collars and trims. 'God has been with me through the ups and downs of life and business,' said Christine.



Sally Lush opened the 'Beyond Words' bookshop. She has new and second-hand books which she collects from Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. Sally realised that she could serve other people, using books as a vehicle to do that. The shop is quirky, unique and has something for everyone.

In his closing devotion Pastor Joel said 'Rejoice, living as you should, living out your faith in Christ, being knitted together, and instructed together by strong ties of love.' Your faith is strong enough.

Although we were small in number it was a warm and uplifting time of fellowship. *Altogether Now* song, 174 - 'Bind Us Together Lord with cords that cannot be broken' was sung.



L to R: Kathy Peucker, Sue Zwar, Shelley Koch, Judy Fisher, Wendy Hartmann

Election of office bearers: President - Sue Zwar; Vice-President - Pam Oster; Secretary - Shelley Koch; Treasurer - Kathy Peucker; Lutheran Care & Clothing Rep. - Judy Fisher; Nominations Committee - Wendy Hartmann.

Proceeds from lunch, trading table and offering were directed to Lutheran Care Emergency fund, Lutheran Media and freight for the PNG Birthing kits.

Submitted by Wendy Hartmann

Metropolitan North Zone Rally Day

The Metropolitan North Zone Fellowship Day was hosted by "The Ark", Salisbury Lutheran Church, on Thursday, 17th August, 2023, where 41 guests were welcomed with warming "cuppas" and biscuits.

After President, Annette Wilksch, welcomed all present, Pastor Joel Cramer, in his devotion, introduced our theme based on Psalm 145: "Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power".



This psalm invites us to praise God, tells us of his character and shows God's glorious kingdom. While we know of this, it is also important to speak and teach this to the next generation. This Psalm reminds us that our stories are important, as others are watching and listening to us. When we tell of God's goodness in our lives, this encourages others who may be struggling.

The morning speaker was Mark Underwood, the Pastoral Care Worker at Lake Windemere School in Salisbury North. We were captivated as he shared with us his personal story of coming to faith, and to his current work situation. Sharing some "treasures" of this journey, he stressed that life's difficulties (the "messiness" of life) actually shape us.

As a Secondary School chaplain in previous schools, he was able to help and counsel students in their spiritual needs by being available, listening and so showing God's love to them. In his current ministry role he deals with many high-needs children and their severely disadvantaged families. Working with Primary students, he seeks ways to be creatively involved in the lives of the students and their families, and is part of the "well-being team" with staff, demonstrating God's love in many ways.

We were amused as he demonstrated fun techniques he uses to teach the children to calm them down and control strong emotions. These involved imaginatively blowing bubbles into a



pretend "milkshake", smelling a "flower" and then blowing out a "candle", in order to control breathing and anxiety!

He also uses small soft toys called "Kimochis" as a means to identify and

understand "big feelings". These toys are available to staff, students and their families too, so that their effectiveness in creating a positive culture goes well beyond the classroom. Another popular ministry tool is "Mark's Multi Media Minions" using video cameras, especially targeting and engaging children with special needs.

Many local needy families have been blessed by his on-site food pantry (especially during COVID), and over 20 Christmas hampers, distributed annually, have been "an answer to prayer", witnessing to the love and support of church members as we share God's love and power.

Mark concluded by encouraging attendees to continue to find many ways themselves to tell others, especially the young, of God's amazing love and power.

Attendees provided their own packed lunches which were supplemented by bread and a choice of three soups. Lunch provided time for socialising, and inspecting displays from the Tract Mission and Blueprint Ministries, as well as the well-stocked trading table.

Immediately after lunch we were delighted by a presentation of songs and musical instruments by children from the adjacent Lutheran Kindergarten. Led by an enthusiastic parent, we were encouraged to join in the singing and actions. This involved much stretching and no chance to nod off after lunch!



Spot speaker, Chris Kuchel, the Secretary of the LWSA-NT, reminded us to “never underestimate your impact on others” in witnessing to God’s love and power in our lives. She referred to the strong messages presented at the recent LWSA-NT Convention at Glenelg on the “Storms of life”.

A few dates were highlighted:

- Next LWSA-NT Convention at Glynde - 18th May 2024; and
- LWA Convention at Murray Bridge – October 2024

Susan Richards from “Lutheran Care” used a video to show us the history, services and programs that enable Lutheran Care to make a difference. With the increased cost of living, they are now faced with many emergencies (in fact at 260% increase!). So the donations of food and quality goods are greatly appreciated, as well as the support from government and churches. It was informative to hear some case studies of homelessness and the helpful services available to these people through Lutheran Care. She thanked us very sincerely for our continuing support.

“Blueprint Ministries” was represented by Jeanette Mann, who is the Pastoral Care Worker at the Callington Primary School. She referred to Ephesians 2:10, reminding us that we are all

God’s blueprint or masterpiece. Therefore we are all committed to sharing this with children and family. The aim of Blueprint Ministries is “that children and young people will know Jesus as their Saviour and grow in him”. On the display table were many resources freely available to equip and encourage us in this.

Jeanette outlined the many ministries they offer: camps, seminars, conferences, training and “Facebook” to cover the age range of Primary to young adults. She stressed how important it is to be an intentional Christian grandparent by praying, making time for children, and continuing to share and encourage them.

The hymns sung during the day were:

- One by One – ATN 38
- Pass my Love around – ATN 93
- Tell out my soul – LHS 903

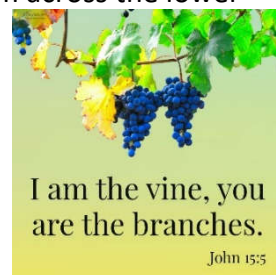
Pastor Joel concluded our inspiring day with his devotion “Our God is good”. He encouraged us to remember the times God has heard our prayers and continues to welcome us with his warmth, grace and forgiveness. His eternal kingdom is our gift, and so we will praise and tell of him all of our days.

The offering received on the day was \$514.00 which will be divided between the groups represented by guest speakers.

Submitted by Betty Wilhelm

Lower Murray Zone Fellowship Day

The president of the Ladies Guild, Daphne Miegel, welcomed ladies from across the lower Murray and Mallee regions to St John’s Lutheran Church, Lamerook on Tuesday 29th August, with the church decorated in grapes and vine leaves, setting the scene for the day.



Pastor Tony Traeger led the opening devotion which was followed by Bible study, focusing on John 15:5 “*I am the vine; you are the branches*” - the branch cannot bear fruit of itself; it must abide in the vine.

The ladies were able to renew acquaintances while they enjoyed their own LAP lunch and soups made by the Lamerook ladies. Opportunity was given to browse the display from the LLL and Tract Mission. Following lunch, the ladies were entertained with a piano solo and a bracket of songs by students from the local Lamerook Regional Community School, under the leadership of Cathy Miegel.

The business meeting then took place during which Josie Hunt, LWSA-NT President, gave an overview of LWSA-NT news, hi-lighting the upcoming retreat at Mt. Barker and the LWA Convention at Murray Bridge in 2024. The next Zone Fellowship Day for the zone is to be held at St Martin's, Mannum. Due to circumstances, beyond her control the guest speaker, Wendy Bartlett, Pastoral Care Worker for Zerella Fresh, was unable to attend. But at short notice, Tony Miegel shared his experience as an ambulance volunteer with two other volunteers coming later to demonstrate various equipment used in emergencies.



Pastor Peter Heintze led the memorial time of lighting a candle for each departed sister in Christ with the gathering singing Hymn 213 - "For all the saints". He also led the closing devotion, once again reminding us to stay connected to Christ - The True Vine.

Various hymns were sung during the course of the day and ATN 103 - "Send your servant" brought to a close a wonderful day of fellowship, centred on God's word.

Submitted by Heather Pfeiffer

Barossa Zone Fellowship Day



"The Fruit of Love"

(1 John 3:18) was the theme for the day which was hosted by Gawler Lutheran Ladies Fellowship on

Friday 15th September, 2023.

The opening worship service with Holy Communion was led by Pastor Anthony Price. This included the singing of the memorial hymn "We are Family" for Zone members who had passed away during the last year. Gawler President, Judy Jericho, welcomed the 46 members, visitors and members of the LWSA-NT Executive. Bible Study based on the theme was conducted by Pastor Anthony.



After a warming morning tea in the hall, the first guest speaker for the day was Susan Richards from Lutheran Care Community Services. She spoke on the topic "Dealing with Homelessness" which has increased by 8.9% in the last few years, and a 50% increase in people accessing crisis relief.

Spot Speaker from Elcie's Op Shop, Tanunda, was Halia Maynard advising that the shop sells high quality clothing as well as cheaper merchandise.



Liz Kleinig & Halia Maynard

During a brief interlude, a song on video explaining our theme entitled "Fruits of the Spirit" was played.

The LWSA-NT President, Josie Hunt's report was read by Chris Kuchel. Reminders were given about up-coming events next year, and an overview of the projects that are supported.

This was followed by lunch, sitting around tables and enjoying fellowship with each other, as well as checking out the stalls which had been set up.



The afternoon's guest speaker was Erin Kerber, LCA International Mission, who gave a comprehensive report on the Care and Counselling Centre in Malaysia. A video outlining the many ways of sharing the love of God and support given there was shown. The example of the Parable of the Sower described ways that change lives and show that God does not

give up on anyone. Through prayer and projects, including the sale of stamps, much is able to be done to support the women in this centre.

Val Mew and Ruth Dean performed a humorous skit called "It's a Banana" which conveyed a possible make-believe conversation between Eve and the snake.

The business part of the day then followed with the various reports from representatives of several of the Zone LWSA-NT committees, including the Nominations Committee, Lutheran Care and Clothing Committee, Tanunda Lutheran Home Board, Tanunda Lutheran Home Ladies Auxiliary, and also the Barossa Zone Co-ordinator and the Barossa Zone Treasurer. The Barossa Zone consists of 16 Fellowships.

The offering for the day will be shared between the two projects: Lutheran Care and LCA International Mission.

A vote of thanks was given to the Gawler Ladies Fellowship by Faye Jenke from St John's Lutheran Church Fellowship, Cambrai, where the next Fellowship Day will be held on 20th September 2024.

Submitted by Betty Mangelsdorf

NOTICES

Honey Biscuits

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

Please deliver them to the office.

OR

**At the home of
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. Seal the boxes and deliver them by Thursday 30th November, 2023.

Thanks to you all – your help is appreciated.



Lutheran Care (LC)

Staff member at Blair Athol, Elizabeth Penny,



attended the meeting of the Lutheran Care and Clothing Committee meeting on Monday 16th October. She gave an update of the Blair Athol Op shop and distribution centre. Thanks to the Lutheran people for the donations of good quality and clean goods ready to help those people in need. The Op shops are all doing very well. Emergency relief is always in need of home-ware as well as toiletries and underwear (new) items. It is very helpful to label all donations as this makes it a lot easier for the volunteers to sort. Volunteers are always welcome to join the teams. Even an hour or two a week can be a huge help to keep the shops open for longer times.

At the February 2024 Committee meeting Zone projects will be allocated in the same way as it was done some years ago. Please give your Zone representative some ideas of what projects your Zone would like to consider.



Keep sewing the cloth bags as they are always being used in the shops. Consider making some small cloth bags for packaging jewellery purchases. [For example:

sizes between 4 cm - 6 cm High and 4 cm - 6 cm Wide with a drawstring.]

Larger cloth bags are used for Emergency Relief when distributing hampers. Suitable material for bag making is often available at the Op shops and distribution centre at Blair Athol.



Good quality donations of NEW items are needed for Christmas Hampers. These items need to be in by the beginning of December so that packing can be completed before the distribution in mid-December.

Many thanks for your help in supplying these items.

Birthing Kits



PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the overwhelming love and generosity of Lutheran women in the preparation of birthing kits for Papua New Guinea, there is an oversupply at the present time. It is requested that for the present no more birthing kits be sent to LCA International Mission in North Adelaide.

In the meantime, if you would like to contribute to the cost of shipping you are most welcome to make a donation to LCA

International Mission 'earmarked freight' for this purpose.

PLEASE send monetary contributions for shipping costs to the LWSA-NT Treasurer who will then forward donations to LCA International Missions.



It is with thanks to God for the incredible support and generosity of Lutheran Women as you partner with LCA International Mission for the sake of the gospel.

Notes from the LWSA-NT Treasurer

Please note the details for the new Treasurer:

**Faye Jenke Box 175, SEDAN SA
Mobile: 0429 175 453**

Email:

treasurer.lwsant@lutheranwomenofaustralia.org

The LWSA-NT end of financial year is 30th November and any 2023 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** made payable to LWSA-NT.
- * Check the current LWA projects list in your *Lutheran Women* magazine.

Payments can also 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 2024 are due after 30th November, 2023, but please pay them before 31st March 2024. 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 make these payments to *Lutheran Women Magazine* and post to Box 1194, PASADENA, S.A. 5042. Subscriptions for 2024 are due by 31st December, 2023.

Projects for 2023

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
Lutheran Secondary Education
Encouragement Award

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
Indonesia - Lutheran Study
Malaysia - Women's Care and Counselling Centre
Myanmar - Women's Ministry
Papua New Guinea - Wokmeri Trening Skuls
Support for overseas students to study through Australian Lutheran College
Thailand - Home of Grace
Thailand - Home of Praise

- * It is noted that this project has plenty of funds earmarked for Australian Lutheran College - Pastoral Ministry Students Assistance Fund. Please consider donating to other projects listed.

Lutheran Women of SA and NT - Guild/Fellowship Statistics - 2024

This form has been included with this edition of the ***Tidings Newsletter*** to all Fellowship/Guilds. 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 the **LWSA-NT Secretary**

Items for the LWSA-NT Convention

If any Fellowship/Guild wishes to present a matter to the 2024 Convention for consideration, please send a proposed motion and supporting detail to the **LWSA-NT Secretary, Mrs Chris Kuchel, Box 30, FREELING SA 5372**

Phone: 0427 765 580, or by email:

secretary.lwsant@lutheranwomenofaustralia.org

This must be received by **29th January, 2024**, for review by the Executive Committee prior to the printing of the Convention Agenda in the **March *Tidings Newsletter***.

Reports for 2024 Convention

President's reports from Committees/Auxiliaries must be sent to the **Editor of the *Tidings Newsletter*** by 15th February, 2024.

Representatives are also asked to send in a report by the due date.

Nominations

The Nominations Committee met on Monday 9th October and the committee particularly requires expressions of interest for the following position:

* LWSA-NT Executive Committee (5 Meetings a year):

One Additional Member.

Send nominations to the Secretary of the Nominations Committee:

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12 Gaynor Avenue, KEITH, SA 5267

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Email: hartmann.wendy@live.com or nominations.lwsant@lutheranwomenofaustralia.org

The Nominations Position Sheet with information for 2024 is included on a separate sheet with this ***Tidings Newsletter***. Any nominees must fill out the Nominations Form

(on the reverse of the Nominations Position Sheet) and return it to the Secretary of the Nominations Committee by **28th February, 2024**. Copy as many Nominations Forms as required.

The Nominations Committee encourages each Zone to please nominate someone to be the receiver of information for that Zone so that information can be distributed to all fellowship groups in the Zone through this person.

Since the Convention in May 2023 it is pleasing to announce that Marilyn Koch has accepted to be an additional LWSA-NT representative to attend the National Council of Women - SA monthly meetings in Adelaide.

KEY POSITIONS

(Please note the Email addresses for all positions and these will remain even if there are personnel changes)

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DIARY DATES

2024 Zone Retreats

Upper North Zone - Friday 23rd February - Sunday 25th February, 2024 at Camp Willochra, MELROSE, SA.

South East Zone [Weekend] - Friday 23rd February - Sunday 25th February at Tarooki Camp, ROBE, SA.

South East Zone [One day] - Thursday 30th May at St John's Lutheran Church, NARACOORTE, SA.



2024 Zone Days

Eyre Peninsula Rally - Sunday 3rd March.

Venue to be advised

Metropolitan South Fellowship Day - At St Peter's Lutheran Church, BLACKWOOD, SA.

Upper North Fellowship Day - Thursday 15th August at Redeemer Lutheran Church, LAURA, SA.

Lower Murray Fellowship Day - August/September at St Martin's Lutheran Church, MANNUM, SA.

South East Rally - Wednesday 7th August at St Martin's Lutheran Church, MOUNT GAMBIER, SA

Metropolitan North Fellowship Day - Thursday 15th August at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, SEMAPHORE, SA.

Riverland Rally - Wednesday 4th September at St Paul's Lutheran Worship Centre, BARMERA, SA.

Barossa Fellowship Day - Friday 20th September at St John's Lutheran Church, CAMBRAI, SA.

Adelaide Hills Fellowship Day - At St Mark's Lutheran Church, MOUNT BARKER, SA.

LWSA-NT CONVENTION



Saturday 18th May 2024

Zion Lutheran Church, GLNDE SA

Theme: "No Longer Strangers"

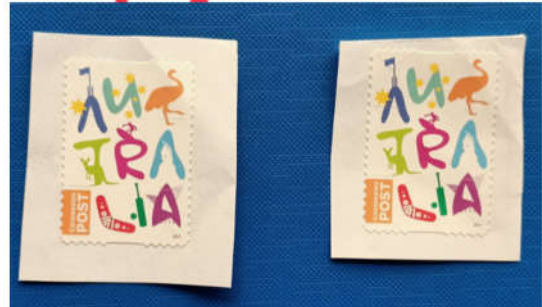
Ephesians 2:19:

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household."



Did you know that?

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



- * Stamps with nicks and cuts in them (peel and stick stamps) are left on paper. Cut around them with a centimetre of paper all around. These are then sold as is "on the paper".
- * Generally, all other Australian stamps can be soaked off the paper. However, stamps on yellow/brown paper should be soaked separately and not too long, as these can colour the stamps if left too long in water.

God has wonderful ways of turning simple gifts into great blessings. The Lutheran Church of Australia's Stamps for Missions project has raised nearly \$506,000! 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 he did this for the next 65 years, encouraging many others along the way. In 2008 the LCA International Mission (formerly 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.

Programs and Projects supported by Stamps for Mission in 2023:

Pastor Murray and Tracy Smith, Papua New Guinea; Lutheran Study Centre, Malaysia; International Lutheran Seafarers' Mission, Singapore; Ogelbeng Seminary in Papua New Guinea; Immanuel Orchestra - Music for Life Foundation, Thailand; and LCC Sports Ministry, Cambodia.

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: (see next page)

Andrew Cecil, Box 47, **LITTLEHAMPTON SA 5250**
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 Phone: 08 8383 0009
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 Mobile: 0414 997 411
 Des Ottens, 7 Stephen Street, **PORT LINCOLN SA 5606**
 Mobile: 0458 520 515
 Geoff Rooke, 15 Chitunga Road, **EDEN HILLS SA 5050**
 Phone: 08 8278 3391
 Jackie Standish, 7 East Parkway, **FULHAM, SA 5024**
 Mobile: 0450 346 625
 Sadie Voigt, 12 Stuart Street, **NURIOOTPA SA 5355**
 Phone: 08 8356 3994

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**
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 Email: pmnitschke@bigpond.com
 Look at the following Link for more information:
<https://www.lcamission.org.au/join-gods-mission/stamps-for-mission/>



Changes: Address Details



LWSA-NT Executive Committee
Second Vice-President
 Mrs Lynette Pech
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Please make the following changes to the President and Secretary List 2023 - 2024:

Metropolitan North Zone

Glynde Zion Lutheran Women's Fellowship
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The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd - *That's Relationship!*
 I shall not want - *That's Supply!*
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - *That's Rest!*
 He leadeth me beside the still waters - *That's Refreshment!*
 He restoreth my soul - *That's Healing!*
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - *That's Guidance!*
 For His Name sake - *That's Purpose!*
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - *That's Testing!*
 I will fear no evil - *That's Protection!*
 For Thou art with me - *That's Faithfulness!*
 Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - *That's Discipline!*
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - *That's Hope!*
 Thou annointest my head with oil - *That's Consecration!*
 My cup runneth over - *That's Abundance!*
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - *That's Blessings!*
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - *That's Security!*
 Forever - *That's Eternity!*

JERUSALEM PRAYER TEAM

All Information for the March 2023 issue of the "Tidings Newsletter" must be received by

15th February, 2024

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