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

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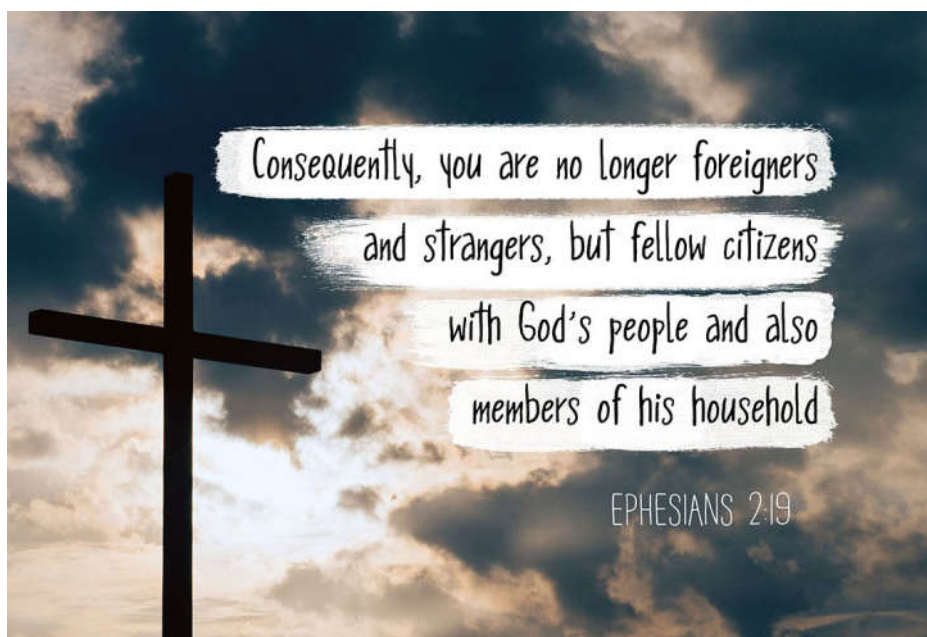
**Lutheran Women of South Australia and Northern Territory
Fifty-Seventh Convention
Saturday 18th May 2024
Zion Lutheran Church, 15-17 Glynburn Road, GLYNDE SA**

Hosted by Zion Lutheran Women's Fellowship, Glynde

Theme: "No Longer Strangers"

Ephesians 2:19

*'So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners.
You are citizens along with God's people. You are members of God's family.'*



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Convention Program

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

Offering will be received during the opening worship.

10:00 am Welcome to Convention and Opening of Convention

Business session

Allocation of Offerings: Recommendations from LWSA-NT Executive Committee

* Wycliffe Bible Translators

* Glynde Lutheran Church Cross-cultural Ministry

* \$1,000.00 to Australian Lutheran World Service

Minutes of Fifty-sixth Convention held at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenelg 3rd May 2023.

Guest Speaker: "Audrey" Wycliffe Bible Translators

Memorial Hymn

Lutheran Women of Australia Report: President – Grace Kroehn

Lutheran Women South Australia – Northern Territory Report: President – Josie Hunt

Lutheran Women South Australia – Northern Territory Report: Treasurer – Faye Jenke

Election of Executive Committee

Election of Representatives

Spot Speakers: Lutheran Media

LCA International Mission

Australian Lutheran World Service

Blueprint Ministries

12:00 noon: Table Grace

Lunch: Please bring your own lunch.

Tea, coffee, sugar, milk & water (hot and cold) will be provided.

1:15 pm: Afternoon session commences

Devotion

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

Projects for 2024

LWSA-NT (*Recommendation from the LWSA-NT Executive Committee*)

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, and Tanunda;
Lutheran Care - *Includes Christmas Hampers, Emergency Relief, and Foster Care*;
Lutheran Disability Services;
Lutheran Media Ministry; and
Lutheran Secondary Education Encouragement Awards.

LWA (*Determined by the LWA Council meeting in June 2021 but may change in October 2024*)

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

Vote of thanks:

Announcements: Attendance
Total amount of Offering received

Next Convention:

Closing Worship: Installation of Executive Committee members and Spiritual Counsellor.

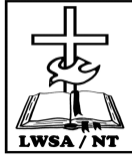
NOTES: Convention Reminders

All members of Lutheran Women SA-NT who attend Convention are entitled to vote.

- * Bring this copy of the *Tidings Newsletter* March 2024;
- * The Minutes of the 2023 Convention (sent out with *Tidings Newsletter* July 2023);
- * Wear your name badge;
- * Bring a pen and notebook; and
- * Bring your own lunch.



LWSA-NT President's Report



I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ as we come to the close of the year since the 56th Convention of Lutheran Women SA-NT held at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenelg.

"But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you." 2 Thessalonians 3: 3a, unlocked the theme for the day of "Storms of Life." I hold in awe our members as they share their "storms" and adventures in life with others and how they know their God is with them throughout any ordeal. Thank you to our hosts, speakers, display representatives and others who made the day thought provoking and gave us a spirit of thankfulness.

Our Executive has been blessed by a very enthusiastic team of new members, Dagmar Preusker, Merrilyn Koch, Margaret Sallis and Pastor Keith McNicol. Chris Kuchel began her role as secretary, Faye Jenke her new role as treasurer and I wish to thank the members of the Executive for their support and willingness to represent LWSA-NT and their guidance and great ideas for the future. Special thank you to Pastor Tim Ebbs for leading our worship and devotions on Convention Day and Pastor Mark Welke who finished his time with us as our spiritual counsellor. We have appreciated Pastor Keith McNicol's eagerness to guide us through his first year with our Executive committee. We farewelled Joan Schiller, Ruth Kaesler and Pam Oster and they still remain a wealth of knowledge upon whom the Executive may call.

Thank you for the invitations to meet and speak at Zone and fellowship days. The Executive members and I have enjoyed visiting the different Zone functions and hearing of your highlights and struggles, your celebrations and farewells. I have also appreciated personal contact with members and hearing their concerns and good news. The Lord is faithful and will strengthen and protect you, God knows our weakness, and he understands that our faith may fail, but the Lord is faithful, he will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

The Lutheran Women of SA-NT covers many missions and ministries and I would like to thank all the members who stand on our committees and those who represent us on the different groups. Your work does not go unnoticed, and we thank God for the excellent work you do in his name. Thank you to the zone members on our Nominations committee and Lutheran Care "care and clothing" committee, the members of Glynde, Fullarton and Tanunda aged care auxiliaries and the representatives on National Council of Women, World Day of Prayer committee and the Australian Church Women-SA Unit. Do not hesitate to ask any of these

ladies about discussions at their meetings or offer your services to share a turn sometime. There is a small group of ladies who dedicate themselves to arranging the honey biscuit bags and to pack and disperse boxes of biscuits for Christmas cheer. We have heard several times of how this lifts the spirits of the recipients and the blessings given to the bakers of these delicious biscuits. Thanks to you all!

Our retreat committee held a restful retreat weekend themed "Beside still waters" in October at St Mark's, Mount Barker. The speakers, food and fellowship flowed well for the weekend, with many good reports coming in about the event. Thank you to the Retreat committee for your tireless enthusiasm and I know you are on the way to planning the next inspirational event.

A lot of effort and work goes into producing the *Tidings Newsletter* for our members and I encourage you to give a copy to all ladies in your congregation, whether they are members or not. This can easily be done via email these days, and I understand that some members don't have that facility but check with them if they would like a paper copy, please. Thank you to Joan Schiller for her untiring work towards not only creating the newsletter for you to enjoy, but acquiring the reports and messages, through to delivering to all the fellowships, guilds, and groups, which also means having the address list up to date. There is no fee for the newsletter, so all the postage and associated costs come from the membership funds that we receive. Postage is always on the rise, so we need to be aware of how our funds are distributed and be good stewards of the membership fees we receive. (Your membership donation is divided between LWSA-NT and the LWA.)

It was reported that we had 1071 members for 2023 and I am hoping we can get a big number of you to our 57th Convention on Saturday 18th May at Zion Lutheran Church, Glynde and to the Lutheran Women of Australia's Convention on the 2nd and 3rd of October at Unity College, Murray Bridge. The LWA Convention is the closest national gathering we will have for a few years, so I hope you can make an extra effort to come to Murray Bridge.

Our Treasurers report shows we sent an amazing \$90,396 to the projects of LWSA-NT and LWA and various other projects. You have been able to bless many people through your generosity and I thank God for your faithfulness to answer the call of the needy, the orphan, the widow, the alien, or stranger both overseas and among us. Through your kindness you welcome all into God's family, so they are no longer strangers. How fitting for our theme for the 57th LWSA-NT Convention to be "No Longer

Strangers" – "So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with God's people. You are members of God's family." Ephesians 2:19

God bless your year in his service, hold fast in the faith and stand firm in the truth of the Gospel so that you may provide encouragement and support for all women that they may know Jesus and grow in his love.

Josie Hunt, LWSA-NT President

LWA Presidents Report

*Lutheran Women of Australia
"Women loved by God, sharing this
love with others"*



By the grace of God, we have journeyed through another year, coming together for times of bible study, fellowship, worship and in support of one another – in our home fellowships/guilds/groups and then at zone activities and state conventions and retreats – and also our communities. I pray that you have all been encouraged and supported by your attendance and participation.

Executive members were delighted to join with activities across the states throughout the year – Beryl Smith, attending LWNSW & ACT Convention in Jindera; Maureen Turner & Val Schild attending the LWSA-NT Convention at Glenelg; Maureen Turner travelling to Warrnambool to be with LWVic & Tas ladies; Dianne Adams and myself making our way to be with the ladies of LWWA in Geraldton; and my travels by air, via Melbourne to Maroochydore on the Sunshine coast for the LWQ Convention/Retreat. Thank you to all of the organising committees for each of these special days/weekends.

The mid-term meeting of the LWA Council was held in North Adelaide on the 26th and 27th July, 2023 at the Lutheran Laypeoples League, and our executive members and Counsellors were pleased to welcome two representatives from each state. Pastor John Gerhardy and Pastor Paul Fielke presented the opening and closing devotions, and provided valuable support to our discussions over the two days which saw us complete an update of the Constitution, and hear from representatives of various LWA Projects, and meet some of the officials from LCA National Office. Attention to financial matters, enabled the distribution of accumulated funds (totalling \$60,000) to various projects, the full details being provided in the October/November issue of the *Lutheran Women Magazine*.

\$10,000 from the Pastoral Ministry Students Assistance Fund has also been given to support the work of Pastor Julian Mazzeo, recently ordained as Pastor to the Adelaide Deaf

Community Church whose worship base is Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Magill, SA.

Accumulated Funds in the ALC Pastoral Ministry Students Assistance Fund are invested in Term Deposits with the LLL. With only a small number of students, call for assistance has been minimal. There is presently in excess of \$50,000 in this fund and we suggest that at this time, you may like to choose to direct your financial support to some of the other listed projects. The ALC Women's Auxiliary has chosen to go into recess while the review of the Lutheran church properties in North Adelaide continues. Only two units have been occupied by ALC student families, with all other units being commercially let and some also sold. So this project also requires minimal support at this time.

Through the pages of the *Lutheran Women Magazine*, we have been kept informed of activities in the mission fields of South-East Asia and Papua New Guinea, which have continued through the generous support of you all throughout the year. Our treasurer Beryl Smith has advised that at 31st December, 2023 we have 2316 members, and a total of \$93,661.26 was distributed during 2023 to the LWA nominated projects. Thank you for your generous 'mission hearts'.

Upon the invitation of Erin Kerber, from LCA International Mission, several of our executive members have been able to meet with representatives from projects supported in Indonesia and Malaysia. These representatives have extended their thanks for support given, and told us about further work in their respective churches.

We are indeed very blessed to be the recipients of a wonderful magazine for our organisation. Many thanks to the team of Grace Bock, Felicity Evans and Maureen Turner, who put together a most informative and encouraging publication, with the Devotions and Bible Studies lovingly prepared for us and especially appreciated when and where there are pastoral vacancies. Thank you to Dee Simons for the devotions, and Pastor Peter Klemm, Sal Huckel and Anne Hansen for the studies on the "Fruits of the Spirit". Many hours are given by the editorial team – all voluntary – to provide this magazine. Thank you also to the groups who share of their activities via the State Link pages. Last year you were made aware of increasing costs – especially postage - which necessitated a rise in the subscription cost. Thank you for your renewals, and please encourage on-going subscriptions or consider gifting a subscription.

The plans for the LWA Convention in Murray Bridge SA on 2nd and 3rd October are progressing well and you will be kept informed

via the *Lutheran Women Magazine*, together with news from executive members attending your conventions/retreats. In anticipation I thank newsletter editors in our states for also providing convention information. Registrations will be available on-line and paper registration forms will be available upon request. I look forward to seeing many of you at Murray Bridge, when you will hear from an array of guest speakers who will acknowledge our chosen theme of 'How great thou art' in their addresses to convention.

I thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement. I thank God for the faithful service of those who have been called to their heavenly home during this past year and pray that you are all given time and good health to serve as sisters in Christ for yet another year in his earthly kingdom.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!
No one can measure his greatness.

Psalm 145:3 (NLT)

God's blessings to you all.

*Grace Kroehn,
LWA President*

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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

—MATTHEW 5:3-5



A Request from the Nominations Committee



The Nominations Committee is tasked with finding people who are willing to accept a position on the LWSA-NT Executive. Currently, there are no nominations for the position of **one Additional Member**.

The Nominations Committee is mindful of the fact that a number of other position holders will be retiring in the near future.

The request is for people to consider the position of Additional Member with a view to gaining some experience on the Executive Committee. This may then lead to the option of later moving into another position when a vacancy occurs. The request is therefore that all members give this some prayerful consideration. Maybe God is challenging you to consider this option, or, perhaps you are in a position to challenge someone you know who could be suitable to consider this role.

Any expressions of interest should be directed 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

A further note from the Nominations Committee as a reminder:

The executive of LWSA-NT is encouraging all zones to have a named representative for the Nominations Committee. This enables information about position vacancies to be passed on to each fellowship and to receive from them names for nomination to take to Conventions. The Nominations Committee is still of the view that there needs to be a representative from each Zone for the best operation of this nominations work. The pressure of distance is understood, but as the guidelines state, “each representative is encouraged to attend, if possible, the two meetings a year, in March and October”. Of course, the more members present, the better the outcome from the discussions during the meeting.

Faye Pfeiffer

President, Nominations Committee

Lutheran Women of South Australia / Northern Territory

2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1st December 2022 - 30th November 2023

LWSA PROJECTS		RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Aboriginal Women's Ministry Support Worker		\$3,254.00	\$3,254.00
Alice Springs Town Ministry		\$3,041.00	\$3,041.00
Blueprint Ministries		\$3,908.50	\$3,908.50
Deaf Ministry SA		\$5,090.00	\$5,090.00
Lutheran Aged Care	(Note 2)	\$2,155.00	\$2,155.00
Lutheran Community Care	(Note 1)	\$9,017.75	\$9,017.75
Lutheran Disability Service		\$3,842.00	\$3,842.00
Lutheran Media Ministry		\$5,048.95	\$5,048.95
Lutheran Secondary Education	(Note 5)	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Total		\$36,757.20	\$36,757.20
LWA PROJECTS			
Aboriginal Missions	(Note 3)	\$4,499.00	\$4,499.00
ALC Pastoral Min St Assis Fund		\$2,969.60	\$2,969.60
ALC Women's Auxiliary		\$1,631.00	\$1,631.00
Australian Luth World Service	(Note 4)	\$7,499.00	\$7,499.00
Indonesia - Lutheran Study Centre		\$2,610.00	\$2,610.00
Malaysia - Women's Care & C Centre		\$2,888.71	\$2,888.71
Myanmar - Lutheran Women's Ministry		\$2,135.00	\$2,135.00
PNG - Wokmeri Trening		\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
Support for Overseas Students Studies ALC		\$2,785.00	\$2,785.00
Thailand - Home of Grace		\$4,157.00	\$4,157.00
Thailand - Home of Praise		\$2,555.00	\$2,555.00
Total		\$36,929.31	\$36,929.31
OTHER PROJECTS			
Australian Lutheran College		\$264.50	\$264.50
Bible League - Adelaide Show		\$100.00	\$100.00
Bible Society		\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
Birthing Kits - freight		\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00
Christmas Shoe Box Postage		\$60.00	\$60.00
Convention Offering	(Note 6)	\$9,512.00	\$9,512.00
LCA Disaster & Welfare Fund		\$335.00	\$335.00
LCA International Mission		\$750.00	\$750.00
Leprosy Mission		\$150.00	\$150.00
Nungalinya College NT		\$200.00	\$200.00
Royal Flying Doctor Service		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Schools Ministry Group		\$32.00	\$32.00
Lutheran Tract Mission		\$1,541.00	\$1,541.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators		\$180.00	\$180.00
Total		\$16,699.50	\$16,699.50
Total Project Income and payments		\$90,386.01	\$90,386.01

Other Receipts and Payments	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
LWSA Member Donations 2023 - 1071 members	\$5,355.00	
LWA Member Donations 2023 - 1071 members	\$5,355.00	\$5,355.00
Administration		
Affiliation Fees		\$120.00
Auditor		\$200.00
Bank Interest	\$339.47	
BAS Roundoff		\$0.52
Christmas Cheer Exp. (Bags & Labels)		\$253.69
Convention Inc / Exp		\$416.92
Meeting Travel		\$745.00
Photocopying		\$165.75
Quickbooks Subscription		\$109.09
Stationery		\$30.00
Tidings Honorarium		
Tidings Printing & Postage		\$1,076.73
Travel from Zones	\$500.00	\$350.00
Total Other	\$11,549.47	\$8,822.70
Total Receipts / Payments	\$101,935.48	\$99,208.71

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT as at 30th November 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Income	\$101,935.48	\$111,830.99
Expenses	\$99,208.71	\$113,137.93
Operating Profit/Loss	\$2,726.77	-\$1,306.94

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th November 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Bank SA - cheque account	\$0.00	\$1,007.07
LLL includes \$5000.00 Reserve Funds	\$19,297.56	\$15,021.34
Total Assets	\$19,297.56	\$16,028.41
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Advanced income for 2024	\$710.00	\$150.00
GST Liabilities - GST Paid	-\$29.76	\$12.14
Total Liabilities	\$680.24	\$137.86
Net Assets	\$18,617.32	\$15,890.55
<u>Equity</u>		
Retained Earnings	\$15,890.55	\$17,199.34
Current Year Earnings / Loss	\$2,726.77	-\$1,306.94
Total Equity	\$18,617.32	\$15,892.40

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2023			
			Payments
Note 1. Lutheran Community Care			
		Emergency Relief	\$6,857.95
		Hamper Fund	\$1,654.00
		Winter Appeal	\$505.80
			<u>\$9,017.75</u>
Note 2. Lutheran Aged Care			
		Fullarton Lutheran Homes Auxiliary	\$535.00
		Glynde Lutheran Homes Auxiliary	\$650.00
		Tanunda Lutheran Home Auxiliary	\$970.00
			<u>\$2,155.00</u>
Note 3. Aboriginal Missions			
		General	\$1,348.00
		Far North Qld	\$200.00
		Finke River	\$1,015.00
		South Australia	\$1,936.00
			<u>\$4,499.00</u>
Note 4. Australian Lutheran World Service			
		General	\$4,475.00
		Gifts of Grace	\$2,184.00
		Christmas Action Appeal	\$540.00
		Local Initiatives for Community Empowerment	\$300.00
			<u>\$7,499.00</u>
Note 5. Lutheran Secondary Schools			
Encouragement Awards of \$1400 ie \$100 was paid to these 14 Schools/Colleges			
Crossways Lutheran School, Ceduna		Immanuel College, Novar Gardens	
Concordia College, Highgate		Maitland Lutheran School Inc.	
Cornerstone College, Mt Barker		Navigator College, Port Lincoln	
Encounter Lutheran College, Victor Harbor		St Martin's Lutheran College, Mt Gambier	
Endeavour College, Mawson Lakes		Tatachilla Lutheran College, McLaren Vale	
Faith Lutheran College, Tanunda		Unity College, Murray Bridge	
Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Howard Springs, NT		Yirara College, Alice Springs, NT	
Note 6 - Convention Offering			
		Glenelg Community Care	\$1,000.00
		Lutheran Disability Services	\$4,256.00
		Lutheran Media Ministry	\$4,256.00
			<u>\$9,512.00</u>

Audited and found correct, Marcel G. Smith CTA

Retreat Committee

I thank God for the wonderful tone present among participants at our last retreat, which was held in Mt Barker in October 2023. The St Mark's congregation hosted us in fine style, accommodating all our needs, and producing amazing, tasty meals. It seemed people were glad to be there, and to have fellowship with each other. The retreat theme was 'Beside Still Waters'. Our chaplain Karen Pietsch led us in several quiet times – a true 'retreat' from the day-to-day world of busy activity in which most of us are usually engaged. Spending so much time in reflection was a challenge for some, but ultimately of benefit to all.

Other speakers told us of their involvement with various ministries. Emma Graetz gave information on all the variety of courses and programs being offered at Australian Lutheran College. Andy Traeger opened our eyes to the challenges of chaplaincy in our Lutheran secondary schools. Pastor David Christian spoke passionately about the faithful few Christian believers in Vietnam. (He is one of the Australian pastors who have gone to teach Vietnamese pastors and lay workers.)

Sing-alongs were appreciated, with fantastic accompaniment on the organ and piano. Saturday evening was a relaxed time of entertainment, mixing people up with ones they may not know, and having a lot of laughs.

I thank the committee members who made this all run smoothly. As a committee we farewell Margaret Reimann and Joy Becker, who have served their term on the committee so well. God bless you for your faithfulness, and give you the energy to serve in some capacity elsewhere. By the way, we are searching for a Treasurer to come onto our committee. The work is not year-round, and there is help available for orientation into the role.

Your retreat committee has met a couple of times since the Mt Barker retreat. When we looked at this year's calendar of events, and at the feedback given after the last retreat, we decided it would be better to return to the original timeslot for retreats – in January. Instead of retreating in spring, we would encourage all women to take the opportunity to attend the Australia-wide LWA Convention in Murray Bridge at the start of October. Having the event in SA is a bonus for us. Plan to take a younger woman with you, to be able to participate in the inspiring program being prepared by the LWA executive.

We are planning a live-in 2-day, 2-night retreat at Nunyara, a conference centre at Belair. As it is cheaper on weekdays, and with a view to freeing up women for their frequent



duties at their home congregations on Sundays, we have chosen Wednesday 8th January to Friday 10th January. All meals are included, but participants bring their own bed linen and towel, etc. (as we used to do at ALC.) There will be the opportunity to attend just on the Thursday, for those who live near enough, and who cannot commit to the full retreat.

Start to think of a woman you can invite to come along, to experience a retreat for the first time. Pray for her. The Retreat promises to be a valuable time of fellowship and learning.

*Lois Kupke
Retreat Committee President*

Lutheran Care & Clothing Committee

Zone representatives from areas of SA meet three times a year. At these meetings, information is given by staff on the best way that Women's fellowships can assist Lutheran Care in providing much needed community support. This includes emergency food, counselling and much more.

Your generous support is appreciated in supplying good quality Op Shop items, emergency food items and monetary support.

The Op Shops are going well, especially with the more recent 'Elcies' shops helping immensely with vouchers so necessary to assist clients.

There is an urgent need for volunteer help in the Op Shops, even if it is only for a part of one day a week. For those of you who like to knit beanies and scarves, plain colours (such as shades of brown or grey) are more desirable. Your efforts are nevertheless most welcome.

Another urgent request is for cloth bags for use at shops and for emergency food hampers. See pages 15-16 for more information.

Here is the LWSA-NT Lutheran Care Zone Project List for 2024:

Adelaide Hills: Tea towels, children's clothes, men's clothes;

Barossa: Children's toys and Books;

Eyre Peninsula: Monetary donation;

Lower Murray: Undies and socks for adults and children, pillow slips;

Metropolitan North: Children's clothes, tea towels;

Metropolitan South: Children's undies and Christmas toys;

Riverland: Undies and socks;

South East: Tea towels, pillow slips, towels;

Upper North: Rugs, quilts and toiletries.

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

Thank you all for your outstanding support for those in need in our community.

Ruth Noack, President

Fullarton Lutheran Homes
Sub-committee [FLH]



During the last twelve months we have continued as an auxiliary of LWSA-NT to fulfil our charter to raise funds for the benefit of the residents at Fullarton Homes. As time goes by it is a noticeable fact that support, other than from the committee, comes from a decreasing number of guilds. Support continues to come from Unley, Pasadena and Blackwood, and to a much lesser extent Bethlehem, Adelaide. We acknowledge the monetary donations that continue to be received through LWSA-NT.

It is also worth noting that apart from the much loved and appreciated representatives from FLH, the committee has been almost the sole source of support for the homes. Nevertheless, our members have rallied to the cause and have been responsible for raising a goodly amount of funds to supply much appreciated "extras" for the homes. In view of the ages of our committee members, their efforts are remarkable. The length of service to the committee by some members is also noteworthy. Our secretary has served us for some 12 years and deserves our thanks.

The committee has met on a regular basis and has organised three fundraising activities. Items that have been purchased for the benefit of residents are: Billiard and carpet bowls equipment \$1,470.00; Green song book bundle \$842.00; and more recently a mobile mini projector for about \$1,000.00 (the exact amount is not known at this stage).

We recognise that many changes have been and continue to be made through the amalgamation of the various Lutheran Aged Care facilities and we pray that God's loving care will continue to be shown by all involved throughout the Lutheran Aged Care system, and especially at Fullarton.

*Respectfully submitted,
Grace Bock, President*

Glynde Lutheran Homes Auxiliary



The Auxiliary has once again been fortunate to experience quite a successful year, and our gratitude goes to those who enabled and made this happen. The committee members are, Delyse Henderson, President; Meg Ramsey, Secretary; Joy Hack, Treasurer; Athalie Pfitzner, Joan Koster, Marlene Rodway and Marion Schubert. The LWSA-NT Rep. is Di Schlenk. The Auxiliary meets four times a year to plan fund raisers. The proceeds of these are put to the

purchase of equipment for the benefit of the residents of the Lutheran Homes, Glynde, Care Facility. This is the sole purpose of this group.

Our 2023 fund raisers consisted of 4 functions. The main event at each was the Plant Sale organised and run by Marion Schubert and her helper Petra Williams. They devote 12 months of the year to tending, raising and gathering thousands of plants with a small group of helpers. Without their dedication and generosity we would never be able to raise this amount of money and we thank them most sincerely.

At each plant sale there is a Raffle and a Devonshire Tea, which is very popular with the plant buyers and the Residents of the Village. For the last sale of the year, a Cake Stall with a variety of goods and Christmas cakes was added - all of which disappeared very quickly.



L-R: Joy Hack (Treasurer), Marion Schubert, Joan Koster, Megan Oudshoorn (GM Residential Care Glynde and Hope Valley), Meg Ramsey (Secretary), Delyse Henderson (President), Athalie Pfitzner.

In December 2023, the Auxiliary made a donation of \$17,000 towards the purchase of Room Monitors for the safety of the residents of the Care Facility. These are estimated to cost \$600 to \$800 each and many are needed. Work will continue on this project in the coming year.

The many volunteer helpers for functions are a blessing. Without them, these functions would not be possible. There is a big team of men who help with the heavy work of setting up the gazebos and carrying the plants to and from the Plant Sale area and then packing it all up and putting it away at the conclusion. They also set up and put away tables and chairs for Devonshire Tea and Cake stall. There is also a wonderful band of women happy to help with the cake stall, Devonshire teas and Raffles. All these people deserve most sincere thanks and gratitude.

It is the prayer of the Auxiliary that it will be blessed with success in the coming year and that it can once again be of service to the Care Facility and the residents who live there.

The first Plant sale for 2024 is scheduled for 6th April from 8:20 am to 12 noon at the Lutheran Homes Glynde, 22 Avenue Road.

Delyse Henderson, President

Tanunda Lutheran Home Ladies Auxiliary [TLH]



The Auxiliary is still active, although not as much as before, and is continuing with mending at the home. Some members go into the laundry most weeks in order to manage this work.

As fellowships members are getting older, it is much more difficult for them to come in. Added requirements for volunteers due to COVID restrictions have added to this difficulty. Some groups have offered to take mending home and this has been much appreciated and can be arranged in future by ringing me.

For the last couple of years the Auxiliary has also taken on mending for the residents and this involves 2-3 hours every 3-4 months in the Protea area. This has been rewarding, as it not only helps residents, but also allows time for talking with them. Thanks to the staff for assisting with the setting up of machines and notifying residents when mending will happen.

Another casualty of COVID is the annual Strawberry fete, and this had meant no fund raising since 2019. Therefore any donations from guilds and fellowships are very much appreciated. The LWSA-NT was very generous towards Aged Care and the Auxiliary received \$3,007.00 during 2023. With this and including donations from various fellowships, the Auxiliary was able to purchase an outdoor setting for

\$2,450.91 for the home. This has been well received, as it is in an enclosed area where residents can have a number of visitors at one time in the outside area.



The Auxiliary currently holds a balance of \$2,098.96 and this will allow us to spend about \$1,500.00 on the "wish list" still to be supplied by TLH.

The Auxiliary was saddened by the death of one of its members, Hedy Stanley, during 2023, but has welcomed Lyn Albrecht as a new member. Helen Fiebiger has retired from the Auxiliary and thanks are extended to her for many years of service. It is the prayer of the Auxiliary that it can continue to be of assistance to the residents of the home.

Please also note the change of address and phone number:

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Jo Freckelton, President

National Council of Women - SA

National Council of Women South Australia serves to advocate for the rights and advancement of women and girls. Membership is drawn from a diverse range of church, business and community women's organisations. It provides a bond between these groups and the opportunity for a unified voice on matters concerning women and girls.



I became the representative of LWSA-NT toward the end of last year after long-serving rep Myra Materne retired. Betty Paech is a life-member of the council but no longer attends meetings. Meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday at NCWSA headquarters on South Terrace, Adelaide.

After a somewhat hesitant and uncertain beginning I am now thoroughly enjoying my association with this organisation. The other members have been very friendly and welcoming, and I am finding the business content stimulating and meaningful. In November last year NCWSA joined with a march against coercive control (I was unfortunately unable to participate in this). Our end of year function was a delightful Chinese meal hosted by member affiliate Teo Chew Association. The most recent meeting was held at the Port Adelaide football club where Afghan refugee Erfan Abidi gave an inspiring talk about his advocacy for Afghan women's rights and his work with underground schools for girls in Afghanistan.

I look forward to my continuing involvement with NCWSA as the representative for LWSA-NT.

*Your sister in Christ,
Merrilyn Koch*

World Day of Prayer (WDP)

The Theme for 2023 was "*I have heard about your faith*". It was prepared by the WDP committee of Taiwan.



The city service was held in The Salvation Army Congress Hall, 277 Pirie Street Adelaide. The service was led by Lyne Castle, supported by the music team from North East Salvos. Guest speaker Erica Jones concluded her message on the theme for this year "I have heard about your faith" from Ephesians 1:15-20 with a wonderful reminder that in God's love, we find hope, identity and power. The venue was decorated with a world globe, a Bible, a WDP candle, a Taiwanese flag and other floral decorations.

*Submitted by
Lorraine Kempf*

Riverland Zone Rally

On 6th September 2023 this annual rally was held at the Peace Hall at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton with an attendance of 41 members and visitors.

The theme for the day was "Trust in the Lord".

Pastor Jason Sander, from St Peter's Loxton, led the worship service and his address was based on Proverbs 3:5-6.

The first guest speaker was Marg Phillips who shared her life journey, including spending two years living and working in the Solomon Islands as part of Australian Volunteers Abroad. Marg worked in the school and ran a health clinic and her husband Shane taught agriculture.

Marg has also been a midwife at Loxton and has been involved with the Renmark Flinders Teaching Hospital, Resthaven and then onto Mental Health. Marg is currently working for the Nightingale Programme in the South East and Riverland area. Judy Falting thanked Marg for her interesting story.

The Rally was privileged to have the LWSA-NT President, Josie Hunt present for the day. Josie updated the gathering with Convention and Retreat news. Three other members of the executive were also present: Faye Jenke, Merrilyn Koch and Margaret Sallis.

The second guest speaker was Mary Hutton. Mary was 60 years old when she felt called to go overseas to Columbia to witness and help the local people. Family and friends told her it was a dangerous place, but she still felt called to go. Along with other missionaries she taught young girls to sew. Young boys aged between 12-16 years were often very vulnerable, but someone taught them soccer and it turned the lives of the boys around. Mary spent 14 years in Columbia, travelling back to Loxton every two years for Christmas. Heather Zimmermann thanked Mary for her courage in taking on such a dangerous journey later in life.

This Rally was another day of fellowship and blessings to those who attended.

Monica Jericho gave a vote of thanks to the Loxton hosts and invited everyone to the next Fellowship Day on September 4th at Barmera to be hosted by Berri/Barmera fellowship.

*Submitted summary by Andrea Kalisch,
Secretary Riverland Zone*



South East Zone Women's Retreat

Wow, what a great weekend when 29 Ladies and Pastor David Kent arrived at Tarooki Camp on Friday afternoon, 24th February 2023. The weekend kicked off with pizzas, pavlova and cheesecake followed by games and fellowship in the evening.

On Saturday we were joined by another 15 ladies and the Bible studies led by Pastor David began. The weekend theme was "Commit your way to the Lord" based on Psalm 37:5. The first study gave us an insight into the various interpretations and understanding of the bible using ancient languages. The question is: Do we see it literally, contextually, or both? The answer is to always look at all areas of the Scriptures to increase understanding. Pastor David then considered the many complexities of the Greek language which are foreign to us but are used in the Bible.

In the second study Pastor David provided two different translations of Psalm 37 and explored the variations in a few verses and the applications to our lives. We lingered on the first part of verse 7: "Be still before the Lord". The final verses of the Psalm reassure us of God's continual grace, no matter what wickedness may be faced in the world.

The third study explored the deeper meaning of verse 5 by understanding the historical language used in the various interpretations, and relevant passages aligned with this verse. The second part of verse 5 says "trust in him and he will do this". In truth, Jesus died to demonstrate that point by dying in that trust and faith in his Father. As a result, he was raised from death to eternal life. All we have to do is trust, the rest has been done for us.

Conclusion: The wisdom of Psalm 37 is intended to reassure the reader of God's embracing and continual grace through life's journey. No matter what wickedness the world might bring upon us or how successful the wicked may appear to become, God's eternal love will overcome our worries, anxieties and bring us his everlasting peace.

In between the studies we were given a short book review by Sue Zwar on Francine River's book "A Lineage of Grace" in which she detailed the stories of 5 women of the Bible.

Kay Braendler gave a short talk promoting the "The John Drama" being presented at the Naracoorte town hall on Saturday 24th March and Sunday 25th March by Wycliffe Bible Translators and local performers.





Kathy Peucker, Shelley Koch, Heidi McLeod (guest Speaker) and Ruth Pfizner.

The guest speaker for the day was author Heidi McLeod who shared an interesting PowerPoint and summary of her book "Wilf" which outlines the early life of Pastor Wilf Fritsch, Pastor John Dohler and Pastor Carl Reuther who were interned in Germany when World War 1 broke out while they were studying at the Lutheran seminary in Neuendettelsau, Germany. Many of the ladies present had connections with Heidi's family and Jacqui Manning was interested to hear the story of her great grandfather Pastor John Dohler.

The Saturday afternoon concluded with a meeting. The Secretary is Sue Zwar, and the Treasurer is Kathy Peucker. The 2024 organising committee will be chosen by the Naracoorte Ladies Fellowship. Evening fellowship of games completed a full day of activities.

On Sunday morning approximately 40 Lutherans and local Uniting and Anglican members shared a church service with Holy Communion in the Tarooki Chapel.

The studies were inspiring, the speakers were interesting, the food was great, the weather was perfect, the fellowship was amazing and we invite all women to join us at the same place, same time next year.

Submitted by Shelley Koch

Upper North Zone Women's Retreat

On the weekend of 23rd to 25th February 2024, the annual Lutheran Women Upper North Zone Retreat was once again held at the beautiful Camp Willochra near Melrose, with lovely comfortable weather as a bonus.

Approximately 30 women from across the Zone and several from further afield thoroughly enjoyed the weekend, with the theme of 'Drawn to the cross'. Being in the Church season of Lent, our chaplain Pastor Lee van Rossen helped us focus on the nature of being "drawn" to the cross of Christ. He explained that we as humans are not naturally drawn towards the cross (as we should be), rather Father God calls us to the cross of Jesus for hope, comfort, forgiveness and to 'take up our own cross'.

The weekend began and ended with a service including Holy Communion. Each year too, we have a Rite of Memorial where we can remember and thank God for the people in our lives who have gone before us. Offerings were donated to the Lutheran Archives.

Songs/hymns chosen reflected the somewhat subdued nature of the theme and the focus on Christ and his sacrifice for you and me.



The Saturday afternoon saw us having personal quiet reflective time as part of three Bible Studies on the Passion of Christ and a short business session. Later we took part in giving and receiving hand massages, making crosses out of palm fronds, completing a jigsaw, and catching up with long-time friends.

On Sunday we were blessed to have Rachel Kuchel from the Lutheran Archives as our Guest Speaker. As well as learning all about the care taken to store our documents and the effort that goes into all the Archives involves, we had a quick history lesson on the route our current LCA has taken over the last 140 years or so, to what it is today. Simple, healthy but filling meals were provided for us by Elaine and Brian Keller - thank you so much!

The Retreat committee, ably led by Sandra Wittwer, did an excellent job of organizing and running the whole weekend.

With Christian greetings, Merrelyn Zanker

NOTICES

Birthing Kits

PLEASE NOTE:

Information supplied for Birthing Kits in previous editions of the Tidings Newsletter remains current. Further information on any changes to these arrangements is awaited in the near future and will be communicated either at Convention or in the next edition of the *Tidings Newsletter*.



Notes from the LWSA-NT Treasurer

Please note the details for the Treasurer:

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- * 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
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Account Name: LWSA

If transferring funds from an LLL Account use
Account Number 2107151
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 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 were due by 31st December, 2023.

Lutheran Secondary Education

Encouragement

Awards

Thank you!

The Lutheran Women of SA-NT award recipient for 2023 at Cornerstone College was Heidi Fopp, a talented and appreciative young lady who has a love for music. Heidi is studying music at the Conservatorium of Music, Adelaide University and is also teaching piano lessons. Her goal is to study, and hopefully teach music.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of the graduation service at Cornerstone College and to present the award to Heidi.

An interesting comment from Principal, Tom Brennen – he informed the gathering that he was the recipient of that same award in 1996 when he was a student at Tatchilla Lutheran College where he learnt about Jesus. He really appreciated the award and commended the Lutheran Women for having an interest in Lutheran Colleges and students. He continued his studies which has now eventually led him to be Principal of Cornerstone College in Mt Barker.

God bless Lutheran Women.

Faye Pfeiffer



Lutheran Care (LC)

Urgent request:



Keep sewing the cloth bags as they are always being used in the shops. Larger cloth bags are used for distributing hampers for Emergency Relief and at the Op Shops. Suitable material can be obtained from the sorting area at Blair Athol.



The ideal size for larger bags is 53 cm (21 in) long x 46 cm (18 in) wide with 46 cm (18 in) length handles sewn on similar to a shopping

bag. Emergency relief bags need to be made in a similar size, but from stronger material as food parcels are heavier. Sew the corners to make a box shape at the bottom of the bag.

Consider also making some small cloth bags for the use of putting jewellery purchases in them. [For example: sizes between 9 cm - 12 cm High and 7 cm - 10 cm Wide with a drawstring.]



Material bags need not be new material it can be good, clean recycled material. Keep sewing and may God continue to bless your work. Thank you all for your support and contributions.

Statistics Forms



While all address details have been checked against the 2024 Statistics Forms, please check again that your details are correct. If corrections need to be made, please advise the Editor of the *Tidings Newsletter*. A new 2024-2025 list of Presidents and Secretaries/Contacts will be available at the Convention in Glynde.

Urgent Request

At the time of putting this newsletter together a large number of Statistic Forms for 2024 have not yet been returned. Please check if your Guild/Fellowship has returned its form to the secretary's email address as indicated on the Statistics Form. As this email address has presented some problems, the secretary has not been receiving these emails so **please resend** it to Mrs Chris Kuchel, LWSA-NT Secretary, Email: cekuchel@tpg.com.au

Honey Biscuits for Christmas Cheer

In 2023, the following organisations received packets of biscuits for distribution: Remand Centre, Shout for Joy, Northgate Aged Care, James Nash House, Fullarton Lutheran Homes, St Paul's Glenelg Community Care, Warradale Outreach and St Paul's Aboriginal Fellowship at Ferryden Park.



A total of 854 packets of biscuits were distributed. Approximately 230 packets were left at Lutheran Care Blair Athol and 513 packets at Lutheran Care Barossa to include in the Christmas Hampers.

Thank you to all who do the baking, decorating and packing the biscuits into bags and tying them up with ribbons and attaching a card or tract. The packets always look attractive.

It is very important that the boxes are clearly marked on the outside with the number of packets inside to save recounting them. Please ensure also that boxes are securely closed for transit.

Thanks go to you Shirley Teusner, Ruth Kaesler and Joan Schiller for assisting in this labour of love.

Submitted by
Lorraine Kempf

Editor's Note: Let me know if you would like to receive LESS packets for honey biscuits. The packets will again be distributed at the LWSA-NT Convention in May.

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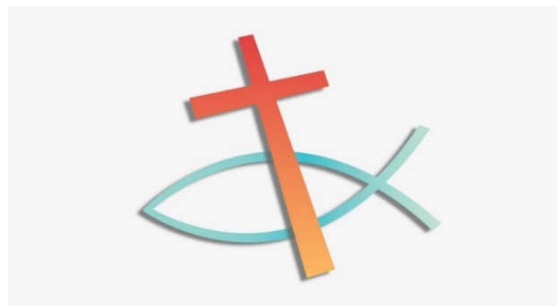
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DATES for the Diary

2024 Zone Days

57th Eyre Peninsula Rally - Was held on Sunday 3rd March at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, PORT LINCOLN, SA.

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



Editor's Note:

Follow the suggestions on page 10 above for 2024 Zone Project list for Lutheran Care.

2024 Zone Retreat Days

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

Lutheran Women of Australia General Convention



Wednesday 2nd October and Thursday 3rd October, 2024.
At Unity College (Senior Campus)
Owl Drive,
MURRAY BRIDGE, SA



Theme: **"How Great Thou Art"**



Watch for further information in upcoming issues of the *Lutheran Women Magazine*.

All Information for the July 2024 issue of the "Tidings Newsletter" must be received by

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