

Blair Athol: - **Praise for** the individuals and companies that have donated to the BA Building Fund. To the congregations for their support with food and clothing. To all providers that are assisting people less fortunate through this winter. To the staff that have shown patience and understanding to clients accessing services for the first time. **Pray for** staff to have the strength to work with clients with difficult issues. Pray for funders to see that monies are required to assist those in need. Pray for the homeless that are struggling through the cold nights. More volunteers to join the team .

Family Accommodation & Support Services(Calvary):- Praise God for our new Manager Dianne Frail whose 1st day will be 21st July. **Pray for** Diane as she meets with the team at Morphett Vale this week and over coming weeks as she gets to know staff in other LCC Programs. Pray for the Team at Morphett Vale as we continue to support families with high & complex needs who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and in crisis. Pray for the Lord's continual guidance as we go through significant change in service delivery over the next 6-12 months. Praise our Lord for His faithfulness.

The Centre for Learning: - **Praise God** for our new Project Manager, Money Workers and volunteers who are involved in establishing our office in Alice Springs and for all of those who are supporting this project with prayers and willing hands. The clean up of the yard and the setting up of the office space has transformed the site into a welcoming space for our clients. **Pray that** people in Town Camps in Alice Springs will be open to receiving our Money Management Services and assistance in finding out how to make their money work for them in better ways. We pray for people attending parenting courses in North Adelaide that they will learn new and enjoyable ways of relating to their children. We pray for people who have sought care in Domestic Violence Shelters that you will show your love and compassion through our counsellors who help them work for a safer future.

Alternative Care:- Praise for the new Alternative Care Program for Lutheran Community Care, Thank God for his guidance through the process of becoming a licensed Foster Care Agency and being on the Panel of Providers. **Pray for** God to continue to guide us as we recruit new staff in the program. The new premises at Glynde as we develop the office space

Alice Springs:- Praise for the employment of our Money Workers Marlene Boko and Mark Lockyer who both bring great strengths and knowledge to our program. We give thanks too for the continuing support of Finke River Mission in our endeavours to establish the program and our new premises in Alice Springs. **Pray for** support to promote our service and to continue to establish our networks and relationships, and to begin to help those in need of our program

Lutheran Community Care Building Strong Caring Communities

August & September Prayer & Praise Points



*The prayer of a righteous person is
powerful and effective.*

James 5:16



Director's Request: - **Pray for** Helen Lockwood as she moves into the Director role. May she feel the support of all the staff and may she have a deep seated peace that God is, and will continue to, lead her as she represents LCC. Praise God that Lutheran Community Care is in a strong & healthy place at present and ready to embrace whatever God has planned for the coming year.

The Counselling Services: - **Praise for** the way that God's Spirit leads counsellors in their work providing insight and direction to best help those they are supporting and challenging. It's remarkable how often counsellors say: "It suddenly became apparent..." or "I instantly knew that...". **Pray** with thankfulness that all programs in counselling have met their targets in terms of funding requirements but pray that the seeds sown in the Men and Relationships area will bear fruit and that in the Murraylands and beyond, men in the area will use the resources of Peter Surguy. Pray for Addi Stark as she redirects her gifts and skills having concluded with the Kangaroo Island counselling program after eight years. We give thanks for her tireless efforts in serving over this time.

The Family Zone: - **Praise God** We give thanks for the funding for the Family Zone being extended for another three years. We also give thanks for the increased in funding. **Pray for** more volunteers are drawn to the Family Zone, and particularly to the Mobile Creche Service. We pray that we are able to appoint an extraordinary Parent Educator

Low income & Support Program & Emergency Relief Blair Athol: **Praise for** the successful small grant application to provide financial literacy training to people experiencing disadvantage in the Kilburn / Blair Athol area, and for the support of the agencies and workers in this local area who are striving to make a difference to the lives of those in need in our community.

Pray for further development of community services in the most disadvantaged areas of Adelaide based on networking, the sharing of resources and the growth of partnerships to provide services and to apply for greater funding. Pray also that funding bodies including State Government become more aware of the real need for further work in these areas through the combined efforts of community workers. **Praise for** the new ER Workers that have joined the team at Blair Athol. To the congregations that continue to support with groceries and clothes. **Pray for** To the growing number of clients requiring assistance. To the financial counsellors who have demanding work load

Murray Bridge: **Pray for** Joylene Crouch, Site and Communities for Children manager, as she continues to recover from surgery and in her journey to recovery. For staff at Murray Bridge and the Murraylands Office as they continue to provide LCC services in Joylene's absence. Prayer to enable us to work through this transition and continued prayer for Peter Surguy and his family as his daughter Cara makes recovery and continues on her rehabilitation at Hampstead.

Refugee Services: - **Praise for** the valuable Refugee Services staff and volunteers who work hard serving those who have come to South Australia from refugee backgrounds. **Continue to pray** for those new arrivals experiencing, job losses, difficulty finding suitable employment, and those at risk of homelessness due to the economic downturn. Also continue to pray that we will be provided with a people mover to assist us in our work.

Promotions: - **Praise for** all the people who have contributed so wonderfully to the Blair Athol refurbishment, work has now begun and we will hopefully see the work concluded in the near future and the dream of a community centre realised. **Pray for** members of the church, volunteers and their families and friends would have the desire and commitment to be involved in our 40th Anniversary Events in the second half of this year, details are in the Winter Update, For Churches and Individuals to get on board with our Shopping Bag Fundraising program and buy the bags we have in stock (\$2 each). For safety in travels while speaking publicly and for good health, That those who hear our message will respond to the needs of LCC

Volunteer Management: - "**Praise for** the new volunteers that have joined the team at Blair Athol. To the congregations that continue to support us. **Pray for** the volunteers that have been ill and going through treatment. And for more volunteers to join the team . Please pray that God will bring to LCC the right person for the role of Event Manager & Volunteer Coordinator.

Administration: - The workload here at LCC grows by the day, but we are unable to add extra staff to the administration team, budgets are tight and funding tighter. **Please pray** that these conditions improve and we are able to stretch our current resources to meet the ever-growing demand.

IT Department: - **Pray** for guidance for the selection of a new IT staff member, as the work load grows and as they continue to upgrade the various sites and the finance to achieve these goals. The setting up of the Alice Springs Office is continuing and Alternative Care office at Glynde is about to commence..

Barossa Valley: - **Praise** God for the generous community response to the Winter Appeal. Our cupboards are now well stocked with blankets, linen and food which is appreciated by many people seeking help. Thanks God for the meeting our needs and sustaining the Barossa Regional Office. We thank you for grant funding, a great office site and wonderful volunteers that enable LCC to serve widely in the region. **Pray for** the rural communities eg Swan Reach/Cambrai/Eudunda, who are experiencing a time of economic change and challenges. The drought has resulted in some people needing to find alternative work, often far away from their families and some people becoming redundant. Due to financial pressures some people are working longer hours with little opportunity for recreation or family time. These changed are potentially very stressful and whole communities can be affected. Please pray for Barossa staff: Dianne Kupke, Lynn Gosling, Judy Searle, Anne Roennfeldt, Rose Hegarty, Annie Chambers, Karen Grieger, Robyn Richter. We thank God for these gifted and caring people who work together to bring the hope and healing of Jesus to the community.