

Blair Athol: - **Praise for** the congregations, for their support with food and clothing. To the staff that are dealing with more complex issues with clients, their patience and understanding is commendable. **Pray for** people living in hardship as employment becomes more difficult. Pray for people to work and live together in harmony. Pray for the homeless that are struggling through the cold nights.

Calvary Housing & Family Support Services: **Praise God** for our Pennywise Cooking group which continues to provide a great time of not just cooking but sharing and laughter for the families in our service. This runs weekly on a Tuesday morning at CLFFS office. **Pray for** our Manager Belinda as she leaves us for a sea change in Tasmania. Pray that God will continue to guide the steps of her journey with Him. Pray for God's wisdom in the selection of a new Manager for CLFSS and for His peace for the team with the change.

Mount Barker:- Praise & Prayer for the continued work that LCC does with disadvantaged young people in the Adelaide Hills region. And continuing a positive relationship with the college.

The Centre for Learning: - **Praise God** for the LCC staff and the 79 volunteers who do an amazing job of providing residents in aged care facilities with friendship and support in the metro area and in the Hills and the Barossa and for the joy that this scheme brings to people. **Pray for** our new venture with the extended money management project in Alice Springs. We ask for guidance as we work in partnership with Finke River Mission and the Alice Springs church to select staff, set up a new office and begin offering training sessions in the Town Camps.



Lutheran Community Care Building Strong Caring Communities

June & July Prayer & Praise Points



*For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit
in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing
I make mention of you always in my prayers.
Romans 1: 9*

Director's Request: - **Pray for** Lutheran Community Care and the Strategic planning process. Our desire is for greater solidarity within the agency, greater solidarity with the wider church and to provide the best possible service to those in our community. May God show us where he wants us to concentrate our efforts so that we have a distinct and certain vision for the future. May our contribution continue to be unique, may we continue to be Christ-centred and that this is recognised and accepted by all those we connect with.

The Counselling Services: - **Praise for** the volunteer luncheon held at Australian Lutheran College which went well with approximately 150 volunteers attending. Pray for the many families struggling with basic needs of food, housing and financial issues who come through our door each day. **Pray** that they may experience Gods love and provision though our service and serving during this difficult time. Pray for continued support and provision of food as our food supplies run low due to an increase in the number of people in need that we are serving. Pray for the homeless as winter approaches that their needs will be met and many will be moved with compassion to respond.

The Family Zone: - **Praise god** for bringing Trudy Stewart-Cook to the position of Mobile Creche Coordinator and pray that her time with LCC is rewarding. We give thanks for our superb volunteers and pray that more special volunteers will be drawn to the Family Zone. **Pray for** our staff who will be uplifted by new colleagues at the Family Zone. That social work students will be drawn to a placement at the Hub

Personal Support Program: - **Pray for** all PSP staff as we wind-down the program in June that they remain energised in their work and they stay safe and well over the next two months and into what is held for them in the future. Pray for participants as they transition from LCC to their new service provider or find supports elsewhere with PSP assistance, and that they continue to receive support and care.

Low income & Support Program & Emergency Relief Blair Athol: **Praise for** the continued funding of the Low Income Support Program for a further three years and for the many opportunities to connect with people who wish to grow personally and make a positive difference in their community. **Pray that** the Anti-Poverty forums will continue to grow in numbers and momentum and that new and innovative ways of serving those who experience poverty and financial hardship will be discovered and implemented. **Pray for** affordable housing, the aged being abused by family and friends, the wonderful volunteers that so freely give of their time. For food for emergency relief.

Murray Bridge: **Pray for** Joylene Crouch, Site and Communities for Children manager, as she recovers from surgery and in her journey to recovery as she commences chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatment over the next few months. For staff at Murray Bridge and the Murraylands Office as they continue to provide LCC services in Joylene's absence. Again, as funding for many of the programs of

the Murraylands conclude on June 30th we need prayerful support that we will receive ongoing funding or new sources of funding for us to be able to carry on the work of LCC in the area, and also to be able to maintain our current staff at the site. 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. **Pray for** those new arrivals experiencing, job losses, difficulty finding suitable employment, and those at risk of homelessness due to the economic downturn

Promotions: - **Pray that** people reading the current Update Newsletter will be motivated to give to our Winter Appeal and support our Volunteer Program which is also featured. That 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 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 the Promotions and Community Relations department as it begins to plan and set the financial budget for 2009 - 2010. For the plans in the second half of next year, 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: - **Thank you** to the new volunteers that have joined the team and are add valuing to the programs. **Pray for** more volunteers to join the team .

Administration: - **Pray for** the Administration Team, we are undergoing significant changes in workplace operations and procedures and these can be unsettling for all concerned. Please keep us in your thoughts as we strive to faithfully seek Gods leading, that he will take the stress from us so we can better serve our people and each other.

IT Department: - **Pray** for the health and welfare of IT staff, as they continue to upgrade the various sites and the finance to achieve these goals. Also for the setting up of the Alice Springs Office.

Barossa Valley: - **Praise for** our terrific Volunteers, we give thanks for their contribution to LCC work and celebrate National Volunteer Week with them. 83 people attended the Barossa Volunteer lunch, which was wonderful. Thanks to God for the fun and enjoyment of our Bush Dance (16th of May) . A good team building experience and enjoyed by lots of local families. **Pray for** safety on the roads, particularly for youth . Our community has been greatly affected by the loss of young people through car accidents in recent weeks . We pray especially for the family and friends of Lachlan and Marty.