

LDS COMMUNITY

Winter 2024

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Welcome to our Winter Edition!

A warm welcome to our community. In this edition we hear from our CEO, celebrate achievements, and read all about the latest LDS news from the past quarter.

In the picture above, we have LDS clients Bruce and Tracey going out to play mini-golf!

From the desk of the CEO

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Early this year I had the chance to visit Bali for the first time – a quick trip away with my wife just after Christmas. While we had a wonderful time reading and enjoying the beaches we also went on a temple tour to learn about how the Balinese worship their gods in their temples. Some of the temples were magnificent – huge buildings – and some had stunning beachside (instagrammable) locations. Others were a couple of huts within a sanctuary. But what made me think was the ritual of prayer.



Michael Kromwyk

The Balinese when they speak to their god always start with being thankful. Thanking them for the blessings, trials and their everyday life. How many times when we speak to God do we lay upon the Lord all of our woes rather than just saying thank you?

At LDS this year we have a lot to be thankful for. Firstly our clients and you their families, guardians and circle of support. We are thankful that you have chosen LDS to be your service provider and we try every day to live up to your expectations. We are also thankful for our team. From Support Workers to Team Leaders to the back office team and our Managers we are truly thankful that you chose to work at LDS and that you share our values of excellence, empowerment, faith and fun. We are thankful for our Board who support our mission and our connection with the Lutheran Church.

During the 2023-24 year LDS has continued to expand services including supporting more new SIL homes and clients, the new Independent Living Options (ILO) product and we purchased a new house in Mt Barker. We are thankful for the opportunities to work with congregations and community organisations and we look forward to new houses at Tea Tree Gully (St Johns Lutheran Church) and Morphettville (Cornerstone Housing) in the coming year.

Thank you to everyone involved with LDS this year and I look forward to seeing you all at one of our future events or visits to your homes.

God bless
Michael

EMPOWERMENT

Over the last couple of months, many LDS clients have achieved great accomplishments, achieving some milestone goals, and doing great things in the day to day activities out in the community, at work, and at home. Below we have some recognitions:

- Jack made a fantastic business deal at cafe La Crema, for his business Jack's Delights! He recently dropped off his first order of delicious apricot balls to the cafe. See the image below of him shaking hands with the manager Tony, who was very impressed!
- David and John, existing LDS clients, have moved from smaller individual units to a new SDA house in the Adelaide Hills. This transition empowers them with a more accessible and secure home, complete with comprehensive support and a housemate to share their lives with.
- Mathew recently moved into a share-house with some fellow young men where he has settled in wonderfully, made new friends, and is loving being able to share his passion of cooking with others and show off the recipes he has learnt at cooking class. This move has been fantastic for developing his independence skills, socialisation, and adaptability to a new environment and living with others. Well done, we're very proud!



FAITH

daily word

Future

by Tatiana Overduin

*Go into the village ahead of you ... you will find a colt tied there ...
If anyone asks you ... say, the Lord needs it (Luke 19:30,31).
Read Luke 19:28–40*

We worry about the future, don't we? Well, I do sometimes. Even when I don't want to worry, it still creeps in. So many things can trouble us in this world in which we live. So, what jumped out at me from this Scripture text today was Jesus' confident foreknowledge of what was to come. He told his disciples to fetch the colt and even told them they would be asked about their actions and what they should say. Most importantly, everything would be as it should be – just as he had instructed.

God knows everything: our past, present and future. God knit us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13). He was there and he is here. He is here for us today, so we can be assured that he is also already there in our future. How often do we contemplate this truth? That God is already there before us, holding us in the palm of his hand. There are countless examples we can read about in the Bible of 'God's foreknowledge', but just one other that can be referred to in this devotional account is when Jesus foretells his death and resurrection (read Mark 9:30,31). Jesus knew that was his mission; he was born to bear our sins and bring them to the cross. Jesus was born to die for the atonement of our sins, and he knew this from the very beginning of time.

Jesus tells us that we, too, are born to bear the struggles in our daily walk with God. The Scriptures warn us that we will suffer persecution because of our faith in God (2 Timothy 3:12). But we are also reassured that God will be there with us through these struggles (1 Corinthians 10:13).

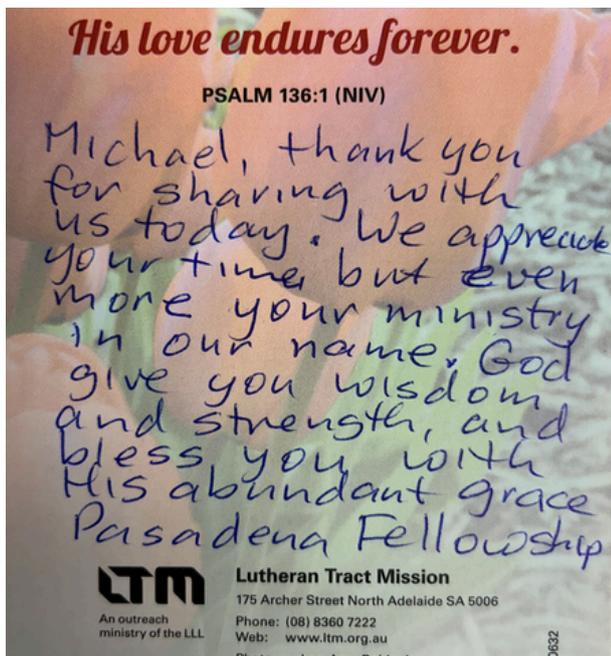
We do not need to be afraid of the past: Jesus has redeemed us (Isaiah 43:1). We do not need to fear today: Jesus walks with us (Matthew 14:27). We do not need to be anxious about the future: God promises to us that he is already there (Matthew 6:25–34).



FAITH

In the Community

In early July CEO Michael Kromwyk spoke to the Pasadena Fellowship about Lutheran Disability Services and our mission. After the talk they presented LDS with a donation and this lovely note. Thank you to everyone at Pasenda for your prayers and support of LDS, our staff, clients and mission.



Bradly, dressed very smart to attend church service.

WE WILL BE UNCONDITIONALLY LOVING AND ACCEPTING OF ALL PEOPLE.

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If the thought of opening your home and your heart to someone sounds like an exciting opportunity to you, register with us today.

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A story about Judy & Norton

“One of the great things about being a Client Service Manager here at LDS, is that I often get the opportunity to catch up with our lovely clients and learn about them and the deeper impact services have on their lives. I met up again recently with Norton and Judy, who shared their beautiful story about how they met, and gave the approval for me to share it with you.

Norton was a payroll officer at Bedford back in 1984 when he visited Phoenix and first laid eyes on Judy. Norton mentioned how he felt when he described the beautiful young lady as she went along packing the magazines into boxes. Time went by and Norton joined the Lutheran Dating site and unbeknown to him, Judy was also a member. Judy smiled as she recalled asking her support worker at the time to give Norton a call for her and this then led to many nights where the two of them would chat for hours on the phone getting to know each other.

In 2001, Judy and Norton finally decided to meet on their first date together. Norton recalled with a smile he felt that Judy had the most perfect teeth, a Colgate smile he called it. Their first date was in Kapunda at the duck pond. Norton described shouting Judy lunch as he bought some Coke, Hot Chips and Ice cream. They walked to the duck pond together nervously talking as they went. They both recalled a young single mother that had two little children with her and they sat and got to know her a little. The two children looked hungry and so Norton and Judy both decided to give the children their hot chips and ice cream. They felt happy inside as they watched the children devour the food. Whilst enjoying the time they shared together, the shop owner at the time came out to meet them and said that he had noticed the kind act and handed Norton and Judy more Coke, chips and ice cream.



In 2007, Norton and Judy married at St Pauls Lutheran Church and described a beautiful wedding. Judy described Norton as being a funny guy, ‘he always makes me laugh’. Judy recalled how Norton has always loved his ice cream and each time he went shopping, he would come out of it licking one!

Norton and Judy haven’t had it easy in life and both are currently looking after each other as best they can. Norton can no longer enjoy his ice cream due to health concerns and in the last year Norton has sadly lost both parents and Judy her mother and sister however, despite their troubles, here they were; smiling and lovingly talking about each other and making the most of what they have together. They were openly appreciative of their ability to remain independent and able to live in their own home together.

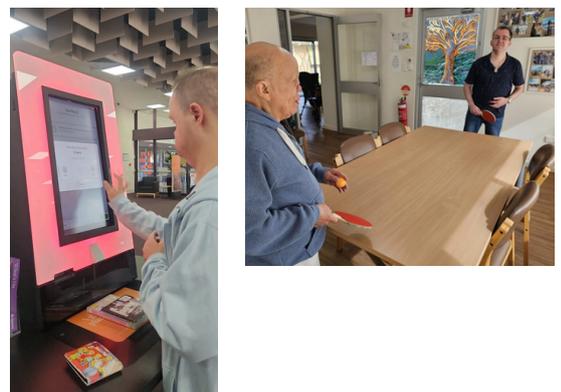
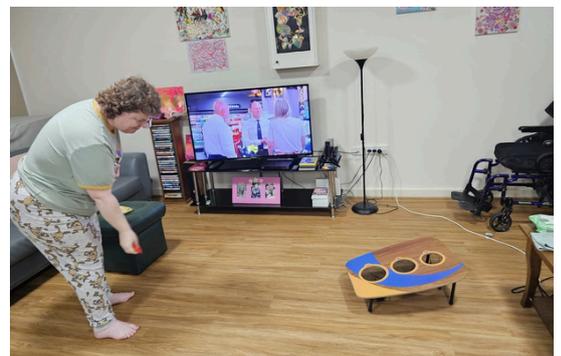
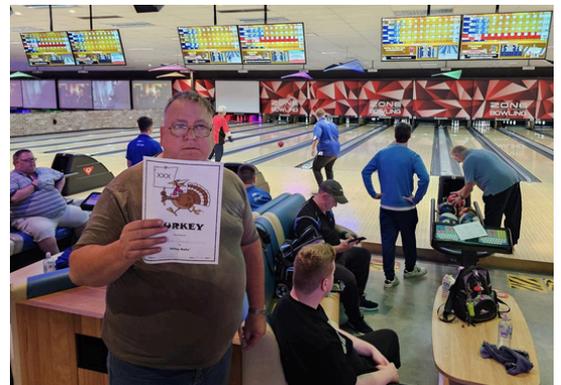
I resonated at how amazing and gracious love can be when its shared and the impacts this can have on each other. Within this story there were so many examples of the effect love can have. The support worker that made the first call, Norton and Judy’s impact on the mother and two children, the shop owners selfless response and Norton and Judy’s commitment to each other.”

- Laura Duffield, Client Services Manager (North West)

EXCELLENCE

Our clients love going out into the community and developing their skills - here are some examples of recent excellent activities that we're very proud of.

- Anthony received a Service award from Orana, celebrating 35 years of supported employment.
- Congratulations to Wayne who won the Turkey award at his league bowling. (3 strikes in a row!)
- The team at RIV know how to have a great time indoors - setting up bean toss, table tennis, and other indoor fun! No matter the weather, they sure do find different ways to have a great time. Plus, they're fantastic fun games for improving one's coordination!
- Michael has been enjoying going to the library and using the self-checkout feature to scan his own items - fantastic independence skills.
- Annika and Michelle were among the Poco Tutti members performing at Big Sing McLaren Vale. What a huge choir, so many beautiful voices!



EXCELLENCE

Welcoming our newest clients:

Introducing Grace! Grace and support worker Kat had great fun recently making some seafood soup pictured and serving it at their teddy bears' picnic.



We also introduce Tonja to our Hillcrest community. We are excited to see her settle into her new home and find a housemate to live with!

Tonja is a Port Power fan, loves the show 'Friends', and enjoys going out with her close friends and family. Welcome!



Family Forum

The Family Forum held at the end of May was a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, share updates, and engage in meaningful discussions about our community's future. It was great to see such strong support and meaningful discussion, reflecting our shared commitment to positively impacting the lives of South Australians living with disabilities. Thank you again to all those that joined in person and online.

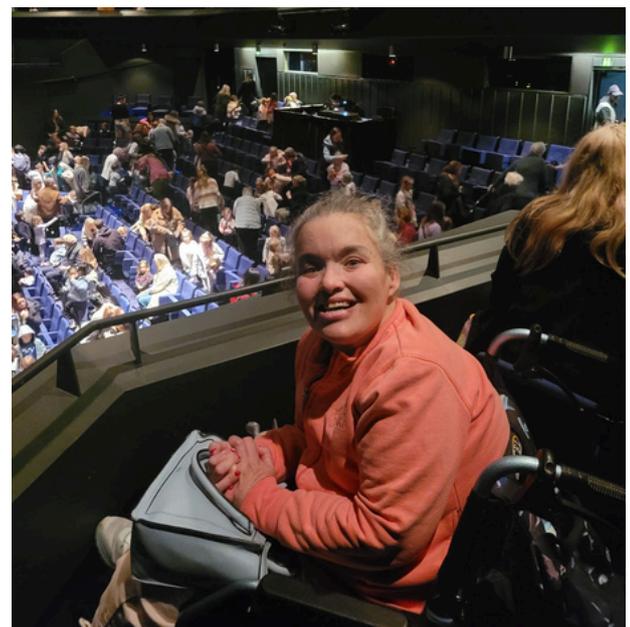


FUN

This past Winter brought together many great events across our community.

- Lots of social fun at EBC Tuesdays, TGIF Fridays, Club Cool & Club Slick, where many of our clients love to see their friends;
- Many house gatherings for BBQ's, birthday parties, family dinners;
- Concerts, theatre, the circus and expos;
- Illuminate Adelaide putting on a fantastic light and fire show for clients to explore the city this Winter;
- Clients meeting up at the footy!

To keep in the loop with all our fun activities, make sure to follow our Facebook page or request to join our private Facebook group if you are family.



Building Bonds, Celebrating Friendships, and Creating Memories

It's wonderful to see our clients connecting, being social, and enjoying life to the fullest! Moments like these remind us of the importance of community and shared joy.



MER House outing: Gen, Naomi, and Kristin going bowling!



Garton Family Photo: Liam, Lauren, Therese, and Michael



Hillcrest cluster: Mathew's farewell BBQ with his friends as he moves into his new home at RAF house!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Megan, Elizabeth, Emily, and Carol worked very hard over the weekend to prepare a fantastic 'Christmas in July' family and friends lunch. From the shopping, food preparations, cleaning, to decorating, the ladies did an exceptional job to get ready. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and lovely to see everyone all together for a joyous afternoon. Well done DOR House!

VACANCY ALERT



Oakden

Seeking a SIL (Supported Independent Living) client for a home with 1:3 passive overnight support, in Adelaide's Inner-Northern suburbs. The beautiful home is large and homely with an expansive games room and outdoor living for extra breakout space.



Edwardstown

Seeking a female SIL client for an established accessible property located in Adelaide's inner southern suburbs. Our existing clients are female in their 40s-50s with a 1:3 support ratio and a passive overnight sleepover.



Hillcrest

Seeking a female housemate to share supports with our existing client or drop in supports, and do not require sleepover support. Situated close to all public amenities, shops and public transport, while also being in a quiet cul-de-sac means that this will be a wonderful home for the right client.



Unley

There is a vacancy available now and we are taking on expressions of interest for the opportunity to live close to the city and in a lovely, leafy suburb.

The accessible home is fully supported with 24/7 passive overnight support. Applicants will need SDA funding and funded for a 1:3 ratio of supports.

Do you know of someone looking for a safe and secure happy home?
If interested in any of the properties or future opportunities, please contact Celina Groom:
cgroom@ldssa.org.au or 0402 756 492

VACANCY ALERT



Tea Tree Gully

LDS has two exciting new upcoming vacancies at our new SDA build in Tea Tree Gully. This three-bedroom brand new home is suited for people with SDA Improved Livability in their plan, with 1:2 support ratio. Clients will be fully supported with a 24/7 passive overnight support team. Bedrooms include ensuites, for convenience, comfort, and accessibility.



Morphett Vale

LDS is currently seeking SIL clients for an all female house with 1:3 passive overnight support, in Adelaide's Southern suburbs. The property is a four-bedroom home, purposed for three housemates each with an ensuite and an overnight passive sleepover room for support staff.



Seaton

LDS is currently seeking SIL clients for a new SDA accessible home in the western suburbs with 1:2 and 1:3 passive overnight support. The property is a four-bedroom home, up to three clients living together with an ensuite each, and an overnight passive sleepover room for support staff.



Morphettville

An exciting new SDA build near Glenelg is underway for clients who require an SDA home with 1:2 passive overnight support. The property is a three-bedroom home, purposed for two housemates, each with an ensuite and an overnight passive sleepover room for support staff.

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Make sure that you follow LDS on our Facebook page! It is wonderful to see clients out-n-about and experiencing life to the fullest.

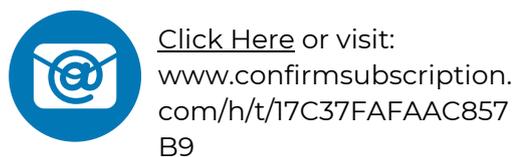
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PRAY FOR OUR MISSION

Include LDS in your prayers and ask God to bless our mission of delivering Faith, Empowerment and Excellence to people living with disability.



VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Do you have a special skill that you'd love to share with a LDS Client? Our Clients love to cook, create, play sport and help in the community. If you'd like to be involved in our mission please contact us on 08 8212 7766 or visit our website.



SERVING COMMUNITIES

Do you have community activities, projects, jobs where people living with a disability can be involved? Reach out to us as our community is looking to serve the wider community and to work with you to build strong, integrated communities.



HELP BUILD OUR NETWORK

LDS wants to positively impact in the lives of people with disability. If your community has a disused building, land or other facility that could be converted to disability housing please talk to us.



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