

2019 has seen the school focus on the improvement journey of writing. Teachers started working on explicitly teaching technical vocabulary in their subjects. After 13/12 2.15 Dismissal our professional learning day with the external expert, Stephen Graham, this focus 28/01 School Resumes for 2020 has now moved to providing scaffolds for students in their writing tasks within a range of text types relevant to each subject area. This work will continue in 2020 and will include work on formative assessment and Learning Design. During the year we will also begin some whole school work on Numeracy. The Maths faculty has looked at how to address misconceptions that our Year 8 students have. This targeted improvement journey has resulted in improved learning outcomes for our students as evidenced through NAPLAN and other data, including teachers' stories about how their students are progressing.

As we look back on this successful year, some of the celebrations for students, staff and the whole school community at large include:

- Shrek the Musical was a highlight for the year. This was an outstanding performance - one that I have heard was one of the school's 'best ever'. The students and staff are to be congratulated on this success.
- Continued high level SACE completion rates and high achievement at all year levels. VET involvement and completion continues to be a key component of the flexible nature of our educational program designed to support all students. The completion of SACE at the Flexible Learning Centre and in the Disability Unit has also been a highlight.
- The valued contributions of the SRC who play such an important role in our school, organising and running school and community events, formalising and acting upon the ideas and opinions of students and developing connections with community organisations. Personally, I have valued their input into school decisions - their voice has been important.
- The achievements of students at a state and national level in sport, academic and community awards was outstanding. Student leadership of the year level graduation assemblies has been very positive – students, staff and parents have commented on how this has had a positive impact on these events.
- Students have also continued to be involved in a wide range of extra curricula events including debating, camps, excursions and overseas travel. These add to the richness of our educational tapestry.
- The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) facility has been utilised very effectively – there are many positive learning stories form this area and we know that there are even more planned for 2020.
- The Doctors on Campus program has continued to provide outstanding services for students on-site. There have been many students able to re-engage with their learning through the support of this service.

12/12 1.30 Y8/9 Presentation Assembly

# **UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES**

(normal opening times) **Every Thursday from** 8.30 - 11.00am 1.00 - 3.45pm Our full uniform can be viewed by visiting the school website

www.nurihs.sa.edu.au

# FRONT OFFICE **HOLIDAY** OPENING TIMES

13 Dec open 8am - 3pm 16, 17, 18 Dec open 9am - 3pm 13, 14, 15 Jan open 9am - 3pm 20-24 Jan open 8am - 4pm (closed Mon 27 Jan - Australia Day Public Holiday) Students first day Tue 28 Jan

THE FINANCE OFFICE AND UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES ARE LISTED ON PAGE 4 OF THIS **NEWSLETTER** 



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL - continued

- The Flexible Learning Centre has continued to provide a targeted service for their student cohort with outstanding results. The team approach of education and case management staff from external service providers has supported students to successfully undertake SACE, VET, school based apprenticeships and middle school curriculum. The model of delivery was successfully changed for 2019 and has proven to be very effective.
- The annual wine vintage and launch saw another fantastic evening, again using a less formal format, providing opportunities for guests to mix with each other. The school wines continue to receive gold, silver and bronze medals at state and national competitions. The Hospitality students provided an Asian Street Food theme for the evening which was very positively received by the guests. Again, congratulations to all of the staff and students involved.
- The new school electronic sign was installed. This was very well received by the SRC who had undertaken fundraising for the sign. We were also joined by a representative from the Soroptimist Club at the launch as they also contributed to fundraising for the sign.
- The House Competition continues to be valued by the students, adding a new dynamic to the Sports Day and throughout the year as points have been allocated to the different teams. The SRC are to be congratulated on re-introducing this initiative.
- Enrolments for 2020 indicate that we are continuing to grow as a school of choice in the local area. We have had another very successful transition process this year culminating in the Year 8 Student Led Conferences. So many parents walked away from this event very proud of the achievements of their student.
- We continue to receive extreme generosity from the local community through sponsorship and generous donations, including time. The school is much richer for this generosity and are very grateful for these contributions.

Some further staffing update since our last newsletter:

- 1. Olivia Porteous, has won the 12-month position of Female Wellbeing Leader. Olivia comes to us from Gawler and District College B-12. She is a Psychology teacher who has undertaken a range of acting leadership roles. Olivia was also a registered psychologist in the first part of her career.
- 2. Alex Hoffmann has won the 12-month position of Year 9/10 Coordinator. Alex will be stepping up from her current role as Year 10 Year Level Manager and we wish her well in this new leadership role.
- 3. Peter Shute will continue for the next 12 months as Coordinator in the Disability Unit. We wish Peter well in this role which will include the introduction of the Special Class.
- 4. Damien Jones, Samara Wyten, Angus Magarey and Tanya Bowley on winning the Years 8, 10, 11 and 12 Year Level Manager positions for 2020. The second Year 8 Year Level manager and the Year 9 Year Level Manager are yet to be appointed.
- 5. Brad West continues in the role of Sports Manager for the next 3 years. Brad has competently undertaken this role for the past few years which has allowed many students to represent the school in a range of sporting events
- 6. Fiona Ramsey will continue as Wine Manager for the next 12 months. She has done a wonderful job again this year and we are pleased to have her continuing in 2020.

# My thanks to the:

- Wider Nuriootpa High School community who have been exceptionally generous with their donations of time and money. Many of our programs would not run without their ongoing generosity.
- Governing Council members for their contributions to the school community, representing the families in a positive manner
- Staff for their ongoing commitment, dedication and passion Families and community for your support and encouragement
- Students for your willingness to engage and stretch your learning

Working as a team has meant there are far more successes for our students – I look forward to this ongoing partnership in 2020.

At this time of the year we also wish to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the staff that are leaving us. We wish each one of them every success in their next role. To date staff who are confirmed to be leaving are:

- Jay Ferrin is relocating to Queensland
- Ruth Bedford has won a position at Adelaide Botanic High School
- Duan Christie-Maguire is taking a year's leave
- Brad Westley is returning to Urrbrae High School
- Vicky Menelaou is moving back to Victoria
- Nancy Xavier will be on Maternity leave



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL - continued

We would also like to thank our dedicated Ancillary staff who are leaving for the wonderful way in which they have supported our students this year.

We say goodbye to:

Kate Skarstrom, Dianne Charman, Sonia Abdelmalek, Lindy Grigg, Rachael Shute, Dani Chmielewski, Bernie Keogh, Amy Rosser and Peter Ward.

Once again we have a number of contract teachers awaiting confirmation of positions for next year. We hope and expect many to be at NHS in 2020 and thank them for their commitment and passion for supporting the education of our students, along with the numerous extra curricula activities in which they have been involved.

I wish everyone associated with our school a safe and happy summer break and send the compliments of the season to all.



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Gerri Walker Principal

# SENIOR SCHOOL ASSESSMENT MATERIALS, STUDENT REFERENCES and SCHOOL REPORT COLLECTION DAY THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 11:00am - 3:00pm

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are asked to return to school to pick up the following items from OL:

Year 12: Student Achievement Records and Assessment Materials - (note that Assessment Materials sent to Moderation will be available for collection on Tuesday 17 December)

Year 11: Term 4 Report and Assessment Materials

Year 10: Term 4 Report and Assessment Materials

# **YEARBOOK**

Students in Years 10-12 who have ordered yearbooks will be able to collect them in OL on Thursday 12 December.

# STUDENT LEAVERS

Any Year 8-10 students not intending to return to Nuriootpa High School in 2020 need to bring a signed note from their parents verifying this, show the note to their Year Level Manager and then take it to Student Support to obtain a Leaver's Checklist. Year 11 and 12 students not intending to return to Nuriootpa High School in 2020 need to collect a Leaver's Checklist from Student Support.

# **SCHOOL SURVEY**

Each year a sample of parents/caregivers is randomly selected and asked to complete the annual parent survey. Likewise, students are randomly selected to complete the student survey. Parents would have either received an email or a letter with the link to the survey and a unique login code. Students would have received a Daymap message with the link to the student survey and a unique login code.

If you have received an email/letter/Daymap message but have not yet not yet done the survey we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete it, as we would like to get as broad a range of views as possible. When finishing the survey, please ensure that you have submitted it by clicking through to the final screen, otherwise your answers are not included in the results.

We appreciate parents and students taking the time to give their feedback about the school. Please be assured that all responses are anonymous.

Thank you

Ann Hargreaves Assistant Principal



# FROM THE NHS GOVERNING COUNCIL

Every year it is the role of the Governing Council to review the Materials and Services charges for the new year. These funds support each student's curriculum resources required for their school year.

In November, we asked parents and caregivers to participate in a postal poll to vote on the Materials and Services charges for an increase of \$10, setting fees at the prescribed amount of \$480 per student for 2020. We had a fantastic response to the poll, and the results supported the new charges. The full \$480 per student in payable unless parents and caregivers are eligible for School Card.

On behalf of the Governing Council we would like to thank those parents and caregivers who took the time to vote, and support the new charges.

Tarnya Eggleton Governing Council Chairperson

# FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

As mentioned above, the Materials and Services Charges for 2020 will be \$480 for Year 8-12 students, as approved by Governing Council.

In mid-January 2020 an invoice for \$480 will be posted home.

For 2020 all school information and forms will be available on the school's website and will also be emailed via Daymap. If you don't have access to the internet at home, computers are available in public libraries or you can contact the Finance Office from 20th of January next year and forms can be posted to you. If you require any assistance please contact the finance office by phone on 85622022 or email <a href="mailto:dl.0788.finance@schools.sa.edu.au">dl.0788.finance@schools.sa.edu.au</a>

The following forms will be available on the Nuriootpa High School website in 2020. Go to the School Information page (from home page click on School Information in the top menu):

- School Information letter
- Payment By Instalment form
- ♦ Apply online School Card Form A
- Other School Card application forms
- ♦ Stationery list
- ♦ BYOD Bring Your Own Device Information

Included in this newsletter on page 10 are the 2020 Stationery requirements. The stationery packs & individual items can be purchased locally from newsagents in Angaston, Tanunda & Nuriootpa as well as Office National in Nuriootpa. These businesses will advertise in January 2020 when the packs are available.

# UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES DURING HOLIDAYS THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE SITUATED IN THE RESOURCE CENTRE

Monday 20th January 2020 9:00am to 3:00pm

Wednesday 22nd January 2020 2:00pm to 6:00pm

Thursday 23rd January 2020 9:00am to 1:00pm

TERM 1, WEEK 1 2020 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS Tuesday 28th January 2020 8:30am to 9:30am

# FINANCE OFFICE OPENING TIMES DURING HOLIDAYS

Monday 20th January 2020 9:00am to 3:00pm

Wednesday 22nd January 2020 9:00am to 3:00pm

Thursday 23rd January 2020 9:00am to 1:00pm



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# YEAR 11 KAYAKING CAMP – RIVER MURRAY

After undertaking a days training at Pt Noarlunga Aquatic Centre, a group of enthusiastic Year 11 Outdoor Education students took to the River Murray to a tackle a 3 day kayaking expedition on the beautiful River Murray and its tranquil backwaters.

Some highlights included surviving a 'freak' hail storm that saw us retreat to our tents as it passed through and then 'awaken' to all this white snow and lots of slippery mud – some tried their talents at skating mud while others sought to carve out an ice man! We managed after much ingenuity to land a few 'big' fish (unfortunately they were carp)!!

# Peter Welford - Outdoor Education Teacher



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# YEAR 7 WELLBEING DAY

On Friday 22 November 2019, over 150 students and staff from Department for Education Barossa Partnership schools gathered at Barossa Impact Church to attend the annual Year 7 Wellbeing Day coordinated by local Pastoral Care Workers (PCWs).

The focus was on positive education and wellbeing, with practical sessions around Mindfulness, Character Strengths, Gratitude, Flow (Engagement), Goal-Setting, and Relationships. Sessions were introduced by PCWs throughout the day, and featured guest speaker Nathan 'Dubsy' Want, Schools Ministry Group's (SMG) 'Hope Downloaded', as well as the Nuriootpa High School Wellbeing Team and students with engagement activities.



This highly successful day could not have happened without the support of Impact Church Barossa with the venue and volunteer support (including Impact Youth with lunchtime activities), NHS (Wellbeing Team, Students, Grounds/Maintenance) with engagement activities, local churches and businesses (Barossa Fruit Shed) with morning tea, and the Barossa Ecumenical Ministers Association Schools Chaplaincy Support Group with funding for the gift bags for each student.

Rose Hegarty NHS Pastoral Care Worker

# JAPANESE LANGUAGE AWARD

Congratulations to James Sandford who was presented with the Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in the study of Japanese Language at the Adelaide University on Tuesday 26 November. James studies Japanese after school on Tuesdays and hopes to travel to Japan in 2020.

Natalie Axo AET



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# PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

Year 10 students who nominated to become Peer Leaders in 2020 participated in a full day of training last Friday at the Trinity Church. These students will work with Year 8 Home Class teachers and students to improve peer relationships and to help these students make connections with others through positive, fun activities during Student Development Time. These students will also gain 10 SACE credits at Stage 1. Year 10 Peer Leaders were taken through a variety of activities by the Wellbeing Team.

These included sessions by YACSA, Youth Affairs Council of South Australia Senior Engagement Officer, Ms Melanie Munday on the Anti-bullying strategy and hand-over, Pos Ed and Sense of Self by Ms Jenelle Draper (School Counsellor), Discussion and a team building activity by Ms Amy Rosser (Youth Worker), Leadership and Communication Skills by Mr Rob Moresi (Year 8 Manager), Rock and Water training by Mr Rick Lane (School Counsellor), Drumming and Sticks session by Ms Anne Barclay (AP Student Wellbeing) and making connections games and activities together with an overview of the next year's program presented by the day's organiser, Peer Support Facilitator Ms Natalie Axo.





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# **SPORTS UPDATE**

# **VIVA SA All Schools Athletics Games**

Congratulations to Nuriootpa High School representatives at the recent All Schools Athletics Games held at Mile End on the 26th and 27th October. On behalf of all staff and students, we commend your commitment to Athletics and wish you well for the future.

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Results are:

Finn Reed U16 Boys 1st in Javelin and 200m Hurdles Tate Manning U18 Boys 1st in 400m hurdles, 2nd in 100m hurdles and triple jump, 3rd in javelin, 4th in long jump and a finalist in the 100m

Eloise Doecke U16 Girls 6th in hammer throw and 3rd in 200m. Also com peted in U18 hammer throw and finished 5th Laken Heading U16 Girls 400m finalist

Brad West Sports Manager



# 'ARE YOU SMARTER THAN AN 8TH GRADER'

Congratulations 8H winners of the 'Are you Smarter than an 8th Grader Competition'.

Congratulations to winning Home Group 8H who were the overall winners of the Year 11 Peer Support SD initiative, 'Are you Smarter than an 8th Grader' which was run over Term 3 this year.

Ms Axo Peer Support Mentor



# **WORKABOUT CENTRE CAREER WALK**

Students were pleasantly surprised by the activities they were able to participate in at the Kaurna Plains Career Walk. Students participated in a Virtual Reality BAE systems session, native animals and habitat protection future careers pathway talk,

where they had the opportunity to pat and handle a number of native animals. Students also had a short Barista making course which resulted in delicious hot chocolates and coffees. Activities were also provided by the University of South Australia, the Defence Forces and Ambulance Paramedics'.

"I really loved the whole day but my favourite was the Barista course as I can now make really good coffee's and hot chocolates at home!" James.

# Natalie Axo AET







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# NHS FLEXIBLE LEARNING CENTRE NEWS

In Term 4 FLC students and staff have participated and enjoyed a range of activities and learning. Some of these experiences are pictured below.

On behalf of the FLC I would like to congratulate our graduating Stage 1 and Stage 2 students of 2019 and wish them all the very best for their futures. We are looking forward to seeing many continuing students' faces as well as new students who will begin with us in 2020.

# Sarah Afshin Pour - FLO Coordinator







A group of FLC students and staff joined Mr. Welford's mainstream classes on an Aquatics excursion in Pt. Noarlunga



A group of about 20 FLC students attended a Drug and Alcohol Education workshop run by the Sammy D foundation



Case manager Francesca and FLC students, Ruby and Sara at the Expo Connect held by Lutheran Community Care. The FLC student committee created wellbeing bags as a way of promoting young peoples' health.

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education

# FROM THE FLC - continued





FLC students taking part in the Anti-bullying project meeting this term that was run by YACSA throughout the year



Some students participating in a weekly Art workshop run by TaraKate



FLC student Cameron was one of eight students to successfully complete Barista training at TAFE and six other students are completing their RSA training this week.



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FLC students and staff attended an excursion to the Munno Para Snap Fitness gym





# NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL RECOMMENDED STATIONERY 2020

The required stationery for each year level is listed below. Stationery packs and individual items can be purchased locally from newsagents in Angaston, Nuriootpa, Tanunda and Office National in Nuriootpa. This is an initial supply – additional items may be needed later in the year.

#### YEAR 8

4 Book, ruled, 96 page, A4 To label - see below\* Book, ruled 48 page, A4 To label - see below\* Book, graph, 96 page, A4 Maths Graph Pad Maths 1 Lined pad 50 leaf, A4, punched Various 1 Book, music, interleaved, 48 page, A4 Music A4 Visual Art Diary Art Geoliner and Compass Maths

#### Additional items not included in pack

Blue Pen, Black Pen All Pencil, Ruler, Eraser, Glue Stick All

\*96 page: 2x English, Science & Ag, LOTE

\*48 page: History, Geography, Home Ec/Health & PE

#### YEAR 10 and 11

Book, ruled 48 page, A4
 Book, graph, 96 page, A4
 Graph Pad
 Maths
 Maths

2 Binder. A4, 3 ring, PVC cover 1 for each semester 2 Zip folder for organising handouts 1 for each semester

2 Subject Divider, A4, set 5 All 2 Lined pad 50 leaf, A4, punched All 10 A4 Sheet Protector All

# Additional items not included in pack

Book, music, interleaved, 48 page, A4 Music
 A4 Display Folder Music
 A3 Visual Diary\*\* Art

1 A3 Display Folder\*\* Art (Year 11 only)
1 A4 Visual Diary\*\* Research Project

Geoliner Maths Blue Pen, Black Pen All Pencil, Ruler, Eraser, Glue Stick All

## YEAR 9

4 Book, ruled, 48 page, A4 As per Timetable
1 Book, ruled, 48 page, A4 Home Ec / Health
1 Book, graph, 96 page, A4 Maths
1 Graph Pad Maths
3 Lined pad 50 leaf, A4, punched Various
10 A4 Sheet Protector Various

# Additional items not included in pack

Book, music, interleaved, 48 page, A4 Music
 A4 Display Folder Music
 A4 Visual Art Diary\*\* Art

Geoliner Maths
Blue Pen, Black Pen All
Pencil, Ruler, Eraser, Glue Stick All
Coloured Pencils, scissors 135mm All

#### YEAR 12

2 Binder. A4, 3 ring, PVC cover 1 for each semester
2 Zip folder for organising handouts 1 for each semester

2 Subject Divider, A4, set 5 All 2 Lined pad 50 leaf, A4, punched All 10 A4 Sheet Protector All

# Additional items not included in pack

1 A3 Visual Art Diary\*\* Art
1 A3 Display Folder\*\* Art
1 Book, graph, 96 page, A4 Maths
1 Graph Pad Maths
1 Music (manuscript) pad, A4 Music

1 A4 Display folders Food & Hospitality

Blue Pen, Black Pen All Pencil, Ruler, Eraser, Glue Stick All

Year 8 – 10 Maths students and year 11 Essential Mathematics students need a scientific calculator which can be purchased on-line through Abacus Calculators.

See Nuriootpa High School Website for information and how to order. (cost \$25.50)

Year 11 Mathematical Methods, students studying a whole year of Year 11 General Mathematics and all Year 12 Maths students

require a graphics calculator. This can be ordered on-line through Abacus Calculators.

See Nuriootpa High School Website for information and how to order.

(cost \$236.50)

\*\*A4 & A3 Visual Art Diaries & A3 Display Folders are available from Finance Office NHS (A4 - \$4.00, A3 - \$6.00)



# COMMUNITY NEWS







LinkSA are operating

Lobethal Lights Evening Tours from:

- Murray Bridge
- Nuriootpa
- Victor Harbor/Goolwa
- Adelaide

# Adult \$30 I Concession \$25 I Family \$85

For service & bookings please contact LinkSA Goolwa goolwa.admin@keolisdowner.com.au 08 8555 2500



www.linksa.com.au



Between Dec 14th 2019 to Jan 27th 2020 every bus ticket purchased.

Available On All LinkSA Bus Route Services in these Regions

🛱 Murray Bridge 🛱 Barossa

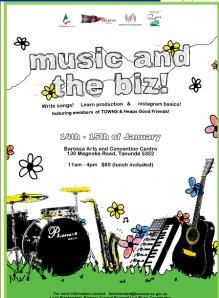
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Mention this special to the driver in order to receive 1 free child bus ticket (4-15 years)



For timetable information check





# NURIOOTPA WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

#### **KEY SUMMER EVENTS**

Movie Night Saturday 7th December

Triathlon Events

Friday 31st January, Sunday 16th February, Sunday 15th March

Australia Day Splash

16 years and under swim for free during school holidays

For more information on events, please come in and see us

# LAP SWIMMING

Monday to Friday Saturday

10am to 12pm

**GENERAL USE** 

Monday to Friday Saturday / Sunday 12pm to 6pm

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS / SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

12pm to 6pm

(Note: On Public Holidays the pool will only open if the

rature is over 28 degre

Pool will be CLOSED on Christmas Day and New Years Day.





# WILLIAMSTOWN SWIMMING POOL

#### **KEY SUMMER EVENTS**

Movie Night Friday 21st Febru

Australia Day Event Saturday 25th January

School Holiday Period

16 years and under swim for free during school holidays

For more information on events, please come in and see us

Week days

Weekends 1pm - 6pm

Extended opening hours during school holidays 1pm - 6pm

Open when forecast is 27 degrees or higher (as predicted for Mount Crawford).

# PUBLIC HOLIDAYS / SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

(Note: On Public Holidays the pool will only open if the

Temperature is over 28 degrees Celsius

Pool will be CLOSED on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

### OPEN BETWEEN 1st DECEMBER 2019 - 31st MARCH 2020



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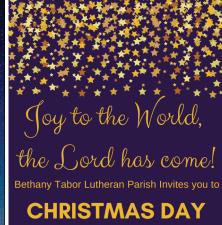


Christmas Eve 5:00pm & 6:30pm

Magnolia Rd. Tanunda

All children are encouraged to participate (costumes provided)

All welcome. Pastor David Gogoll 8563 2089



with Barossa Community Church

9:00am

At Faith College Chapel (Magnolia Rd, Tanunda) All welcome. Pastor David Gogoll 8563 2089

MOCULTA LIVE NATIVITY "Follow the Star" Monday 16 December @ 8.30pm Please note NEW VENUE - on Moculta Road, Moculta (on property of Michael & Sue Falkenberg)

> BYO chairs, torch. Port & kuchen served after the program. All children receive a honey biscuit

This is a community event organised by members of **Gnadenberg & Gruenberg** Lutheran congregations



