*Messages of Hope* in **September 2024**

**Lutheran Media Calendar 2025**

We’re excited to announce the winners of Lutheran Media’s 2025 calendar competition.

**First prize** and cover honours goes to Terri Stringer, Adelaide, SA with ‘Shifting Shadows’.

**Second prize** is awarded to Rodney Witmitz, SA.

**Third prize** goes to Rudolph Kotze of Wellington, New Zealand.

Thank you to all those who entered!

Please visit <https://lutheranmedia.org.au/your-2025-calendar/> or call 1800 353 350 for more details.

**Calendars will be ready to order soon.**

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| **1st September** | **Fathers and Daughters** | **(Interview)** |
| How can dads find the balance between protecting their daughters and empowering them towards independence? And what can you do when you, inevitably, get it wrong? Matthew shares his story as a dad of 4 children. | | |
| **8th September** | **Single Parenting: Resilience and Faith** | **(Interview)** |
| Raising children can have its challenges, but raising a baby on your own is tough. Steph shares her journey of single parenting from pregnancy and how resilience and faith helped her in the face of the unknown as a first-time parent. | | |
| **15th September** | **Bethany’s Story** | **(Interview)** |
| From 20 weeks pregnant, Jo and Luke knew their baby would need urgent heart surgery, but no one prepared them for a life with a child with special needs. Hear Jo and Luke share their story of hope, challenge and resilience in caring for their beautiful daughter Bethany. | | |
| **22nd September** | **Early Onset Dementia** | **(Interview)** |
| Early onset dementia can come as a shock. Hear Ann and Tim’s story of challenge and discovery after Ann’s diagnosis of dementia. | | |
| **29th September** | **Families Coping with Dementia** | **(Dr Chris Materne)** |
| Coping with a diagnosis of dementia is difficult for families but there is hope. Dr Chris Materne reflects on what she has learned through her doctorate and her own family story. | | |
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**Prayer Requests**

* **For parents facing challenges.**
* **For those who are impacted by Dementia.**

Videos in **September**

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| <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6rAvbQOF_A&t=4s> | <https://youtu.be/HC7fuzjgDjI> |

Booklets in **September**

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| <https://www.messagesofhope.org.au/parenting-with-purpose-booklet/> | <https://www.messagesofhope.org.au/dementia-booklet/> |

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