

# LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Welcome!

Who do you say I am?

Dare I say, the most important question that all people need to answer?

A question that leads us in our ministry to share Jesus with others.

A question the people of God need to respond to daily.

Our response is not to test our faith but to strengthen our faith as we confess Jesus as our one true Lord. It leads us to the cross to turn away from sin and reveal the power of our Lord as He speaks those life-giving words – you are loved, you are accepted, you are forgiven.

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**If you are new, visiting or returning, it is awesome to have you here today.**

If there is anything we can do to help you, please do not hesitate to ask an usher who is wearing a purple lanyard. If you would like us to follow up on your visit today, please fill out a connect card and place it in the offering box/bag.

**If you have questions about Christianity** or want to learn more about Jesus, please don't hesitate to contact our Pastor.

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# Today in Worship

**Lectionary Bible readings set for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:**

**OT:** Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 **NT:** Romans 12:1-8 **Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

*Next week: Exodus 3:1-15; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28*

## In our prayers this week:

- † Glenis Albrecht, John Hampel, Maureen Rosenzweig, and Gavin Hunwick.
- † Those members in nursing homes in the area: Betty Bradtke, Daphne Winter, Gloria Farley, Rowly Lange, Glenis Albrecht, Jeff Pfitzner, Desma Altmann, Gwen Chapman and Shirley Lipacis.
- † The family of Audrey Kruschel as they mourn her death.
- † Warren and Jill Falting as they mourn the death of Allan Todd.
- † Please pray for our (LCA) church plants and sending churches, missional opportunities and the many people behind these missional initiatives.

## S.O.A.P Journal

Scripture: **Matthew 16:13-16**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

Observe: Underline any words or phrases that stand out to you in this passage.

Ask: What is going on in this passage? What is Holy Spirit saying to me? Is there something I need to change? What is the good news for me?

Pray: Record any prayer points that have surfaced through your study

## FAQ

**Holy Communion** is an important aspect of our meeting together in worship. Jesus meets us in an intimate way giving himself to us, his body and blood, in the bread and wine. It is a gift of grace where we receive forgiveness and are strengthened in our faith. We warmly invite those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord to join us in this special meal.

**Children** are very welcome at St Peter's, and we love to see them join in worshipping God with their gifts. The pray-ground is for younger families to be closer to the action and have more room to move. Colouring and activity sheets are also available for children in the dark green plastic tub.

**The freewill money offering** is part of our worship service and shows our thankfulness and trust in God. We give in response to God's blessings and ask him to bless our money but also our time and our gifts for his glory.

## Serving in Worship

Ministry Area	10am (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept)	10am (10 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
Steward Teams	Neil Harvey & Darren Z	Neil Harvey & Darren Z
Tea and Coffee Cart	Judy & Barry	Grant & Deanna
Bible Readers	Merrilyn & Les Burgy	Janice S & John G
Computer Operator	Oscar Burgy	Aimee Oldman
Welcoming	Clarke S, Stan Z, Heather Z and Raelene G	Clarke S, Stan Z, Heather Z and Raelene G
Holy Communion Asst.	Bec Arnold & Heather Z	Tania Klix & Julie Fielke
Organ/Band	Youth Band & Delphie B	Jenni Sander & Win Hansen

*Are you ready to get involved or change your involvement in the worship life at St Peter's?  
If so, Contact Jo at the Ministry Centre on 8584 5522.*

## Worship Resources

*Interested in going deeper?*

Follow the QR code on the right to discover more resources based on today's readings and sermon to help you, your small group, or your family dig deeper into the word. There are also videos for the kids. This link will take you to our 'Padlet' page.



# St Peter's News

**Governing Council** *Contact Kelvin Burgemeister*

A graphic with a light blue and pink background. On the right, a blue triangle contains the Lutheran Church of Australia Child Safety logo. The text is in bold red and black. A photo of children is in the bottom right corner.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**

**STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY**

The Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) is committed to providing a safe church environment for children and young people. The LCA acknowledges that children are a precious gift from God, with special vulnerabilities, that they require nourishment and nurture in their spiritual development and that they are to be protected from all forms of abuse.

The LCA also affirms that it has no tolerance for child abuse and that all its people have an important responsibility to care for children and to keep them safe. The way we care for children reflects our genuineness of faith. It is also a reflection of God's love and his divine protection.

**Small groups** *Contact Jo Oldman*

- "StarWest" care group next meets TODAY, 4.30pm in St Petri Hall

## Children and Youth

Thrive: (Pre and Primary Schoolers) meets in term time in Peace Hall at 9.30-10am.

Noah's Ark Playtime: 9-10:30am, Thursdays during term time for pre-schoolers and their carers.

St Peter's Youth: To be announced

## Coming Up This Week

<b>Today</b>	8.30am- HC Traditional Worship 10.00am – HC Contemporary Worship 2.30pm – Pastor Matt Eckermann installation @ Concordia
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall – Jo Oldman) 10-3pm – Office Reception Open
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Office Closed 10.30am – Allan Huck's funeral in St Peter's (Ps Avito)
<b>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup></b>	9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall – Jo Oldman) 9-10.30am – Noah's Ark Playtime (St Petri – Lauren Grieger) 10-3pm – Office Reception Open
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup></b>	11am – Audrey Kruschel's Funeral
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	FATHER'S DAY 10.00am – HC Worship

## From The Ministry Centre

Please Note: Due to the yearly planner and cupboard on the western wall of the main office, the coffee cart is now parked over by the window by the couch near Pastor Jason's office (not by the Photocopier as in the past). Thankyou!

Photocopying: is available at the office for 10cents per side. Please arrange a time with Brenton.

Rosters: You can view the master roster by logging into [stpetersloxton.elvanto.com.au](http://stpetersloxton.elvanto.com.au). Questions/problems? Contact Brenton!

## St Peter's Staff

**Lead Pastor: Jason Sander** (Tuesday's off)

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**Pastoral Care Director: Jo Oldman** (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday)

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**Office Secretary: Brenton Reimann** (Monday & Thursday)

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*Reception attended Mondays and Thursdays 10am - 3pm*

*(Please contact the Ministry Centre 8584 5522 to make an appointment with Pastor outside these times)*

## Announcements

- You are Invited: St Peter's Women's Fellowship are hosting a Riverland Lutheran Zone Rally at Peace Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 9am – 3pm starting with a cuppa and biscuits. The theme is "Simply Trust – Letting God be God in your life". Guest speakers are Mary Hutton who has travelled as a missionary to Colombia, and Marg Phillips. A display of tracts will be available as give aways. Please bring a lap lunch.
- Loxton Lutheran Parish Half Yearly POSTPONED: the Parish Half Yearly and tour of the new school building will be postponed to a later date (was scheduled for this afternoon), yet to be confirmed.
- Installation at Concordia: You are invited to attend the installation of Pastor Matthew Eckermann at Concordia Lutheran Church TODAY @ 2.30pm.
- Installation of our new Bishop: You are cordially invited to Pastor Andrew Brook's installation as Bishop of the SA-NT District of the LCA. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September @ 2pm. Concordia College Chapel, Highgate. A live stream is also being provided, please see the Ministry Centre for more information.
- Listening and responding to God's voice workshop: –Pastor Michael Dutschke is leading this workshop on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 9am – 4.30pm in Peace Hall.
- Living Water Men's Conference: Are you interested in joining a small group of men attending this event – 6-8<sup>th</sup> October, at Balaklava. Contact Brenton.
- Looking for a billet: For Pastor Michael Dutschke for 2 nights, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please contact the office if you can help in this way.
- Can you help?: We're wanting to have a lit up nativity display of some sort out the front of St Peter's ready for Loxton Lights Up (Nov 24/25<sup>th</sup>). Can you help?

### LCA/NZ PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS *Reflecting God's Love*

## REPORT ABUSE

If you have experienced abuse or have witnessed poor behaviour from someone working for, or connected with, the Lutheran Church in Australia or New Zealand, or if you believe that someone else in the church is at risk, it is important that you let us know.

**Phone** 1800 644 628 (Australia)  
0800 356 887 (New Zealand)

**Email** [complaints@lca.org.au](mailto:complaints@lca.org.au)

**Post** PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070 Australia  
**Mobile** phone text message  
+61 (0) 438 320 218



## Growing FAITH at home

27 August 2023

THIRTEENTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST –  
PROPER 16

JESUS IS  
GOD'S SON



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### CONVERSATIONS

*Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:*

1. What does it mean to have an opinion about something?
2. Share about a time when you had a different view from someone else.



### BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

1st reading

**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Birth of Moses

2nd reading

**Romans 12:1-8**

A living sacrifice

Gospel reading

**Matthew 16:13-20**

Peter's confession of Christ

### DISCUSS

What are some of the different ideas people have about Jesus? Who do you say Jesus is?





### ACTION RESPONSE

Romans 12:6-8 lists a number of different gifts that God gives to his people: telling others the gospel and Bible stories, helping others, teaching, encouraging, sharing or giving, leading, and showing kindness to others. Name the gifts you see at work in different members of your family. Talk about ways you can use these gifts to serve God in your church, family and community.



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to show that we believe you are God's Son through what we think, say and do today. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Son of God, come be our guest, our thanks to receive and these gifts to bless. Amen.



### BLESSING

May the Lord make you strong and brave to speak up for him.

THEN JESUS ASKED THEM, "BUT WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?" SIMON PETER SPOKE UP, "YOU ARE THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

MATTHEW 16:15-16

VERSE OF THE WEEK

