

# LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

## Welcome!

Happy Father's Day!

As I greet those among us who celebrate this day, I'm also reminded of how those words can be a painful reminder of past hurts, abuse, or neglect. They can also be words of grief for those who haven't been able to have children or have lost a child to death or separation. They can be painful words for those who mourn the death of their father. In the church community, Father's Day has different meanings to different people, but it also reminds us to unite together to love and support one another in the joy and sorrow the day brings. It calls us to lift our eyes to God our Father, who is perfect in love and who affirms our identity as his children, forgiven, redeemed, and loved.

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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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:**

**OT:** Exodus 3:1-15 **NT:** Romans 12:9-21 **Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-28

*Next week:* Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

## 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.
- † Lutheran Women of Australia who faithfully and generously support LCA International Mission ministries including Meri Wok Trening and Birthing Kits for Papua New Guinea, Home of Praise and Home of Grace in Thailand, Women's Care and Counselling Centre in Malaysia, Lutheran Study Centre in Indonesia, Biblical Lutheran Women Conference in Myanmar and scholarships

## S.O.A.P Journal

Scripture: **Romans 12:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

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 (10 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	10am (17 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
Steward Teams	Neil Harvey & Darren Z	Neil Harvey & Darren Z
Tea and Coffee Cart	Grant & Deanna	Robin & Bec Schaefer
Bible Readers	Merrilyn B & Chris G	Stan Z & Marg P
Computer Operator	Aimee Oldman	Cruise Goodhand
Welcoming	Clarke S, Stan Z, Heather Z and Raelene G	Clarke S, Stan Z, Heather Z and Raelene G
Holy Communion Asst.	Chris G & Julie Fielke	John G & Tania Klix
Organ/Band	Sanders & Delphie	Doeckes & Rosemarie H

*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*

At the recent half-year meeting, it was decided to trial one service until our AGM in 2024. If you have any concerns or questions about this please contact one of our Governing Council members:

Kelvin Burgemeister, Sam Hentschke, John Gladigau, Scott Gillett, Theo Kaesler, Jan Kernich, Delphie Biele or Clarke Schober.

Or you're very welcome to speak with Pastor Jason.

## Mission and Ministry Team *Contact Pastor Jason*

Next Sunday (10/9) we will be looking at how we serve with our gifts and talents in our worship ministry. During worship, there will be time to fill out a gifts survey. The survey will be available to complete the following Sunday and at the Ministry Centre. This survey will assist us in discovering where people would like to serve in future worship rosters. We look forward to discovering how God is calling each of us into ministry here at St Peter's!

## Small groups *Contact Jo Oldman*

- "Merv Gladigau's" care group meets today in St Petri Hall @ 5pm
- "Chappies" care group meets next on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 12.30pm @ Trevor and Judy Falting's home.

## 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>	10.00am – HC Combined Worship 2.00pm – Installation of Bishop Andrew Brook (online event)
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall – Jo Oldman) 10-3pm – Office Reception Open
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Office Closed
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9am -3pm Riverland Women's Fellowship Zone Rally, Peace Hall
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</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 10.30am – Hospital Worship (Chris George) 2.30pm – Loxton Lutheran School Worship – LIFE centre
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am – HC Combined 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!

Handmade cards and Christian tracts are available at the Ministry Centre. Drop in and have a look at what's available.

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 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.
- Installation of our new Bishop: You are invited to Pastor Andrew Brook's installation as Bishop of the SA-NT District of the LCA. Today @ 2pm. Concordia College Chapel, Highgate. A live stream is available.
- 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?
- Mr Ophie Renner's funeral service available online: Taylor and Forge Funeral Directors in Gawler have written to us to let anyone interested in watching Mr Renner's service online. This is available for the next 3 weeks or so. Printed letter available at the Ministry Centre or the front of the church.
- Dementia Australia: Paul Nitschke will be at the Riverland Field Day (9-5pm both days) for informal chats about memory or supporting a loved one.

### 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  
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## Growing **FAITH** at home

3 September 2023

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### CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is something you find difficult to do?  
What makes it so?
2. Why do people wear crosses?



### BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Exodus 3:1-15**

Moses and the  
burning bush

2nd reading

**Romans 12:9-21**

Love in action

Gospel reading

**Matthew 16:21-28**

Take up your cross  
and follow

### DISCUSS

Jesus says, "if you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it" (Matthew 16:25).  
What do you think he means by this?



#### ACTION RESPONSE

Work together as a household to make small crosses out of card or popsicle sticks. Write the words 'Take up your cross and follow me' on each cross. Commit to carrying your crosses with you this week as a reminder of Jesus' call to follow him in all things.



#### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to never give up on you. Keep us excited about serving God. Amen.



#### MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you for all we eat and all we wear, for daily bread and nightly care. Amen.



#### BLESSING

May God keep your faith in Jesus alive and strong.

THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES,  
"IF ANY OF YOU WANTS TO BE MY FOLLOWER,  
YOU MUST TURN FROM YOUR SELFISH WAYS,  
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME."

MATTHEW 16:24

VERSE OF THE WEEK

