

LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

September 17th, 2023

Welcome!

As a follower of Jesus Christ, you are part of the body of Christ – the church. The body is made of different parts and all parts are important. Each person is important. Each person is needed. The church is the people of the new creation, empowered by the Holy Spirit to work in God's kingdom. The Holy Spirit has gifted each of us to serve in God's mission. Today we are continuing to explore how we can use our spiritual gifts in the worship ministry of our congregation and beyond. I look forward to discovering how God can bless us as we serve one another in the gifts he has given us.

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

OT: Exodus 14:19-31 **NT:** Romans 14:1-12 **Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

Next week: Exodus 16:2-15; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

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.
- † We thank God for the noisy babies and the restless toddlers, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to each of these. Protect the children and teens in our communities. Grant them safe and loving homes and opportunities to know of your saving love. Bless the young adults in our midst. Help us to foster their passion and provide opportunities to join with you in your mission. May we be encouragers of all young people, freeing them to pursue their passion for you and ministry. Give us, and the young people we know, eyes to see your kingdom. Amen.

S.O.A.P Journal

Scripture: **Romans 14:1-3**

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ²One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.

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 (24 th Sept)	10am (1 st Oct)
Steward Teams	Neil Harvey & Darren Z	Terry J & Phil A
Tea and Coffee Cart	Robin & Bec Schaefer	Max & Lynn Wishart
Bible Readers	Oscar B & Chris F	Caudis K & Helen R
Computer Operator	Elise Schaefer	Natalia B
Welcoming	Clarke S, Stan Z, Heather Z and Raelene G	Cathy C, Chris G, Geoff & Beth H and Gordon Z
Holy Communion Asst.	Heidi L & Chris F	Delphie B & Lynn W
Flowers	Deanna Chapman	Pat Lange
Organ/Band	Hampels & Dulcie S	Merrilyn & Jenny P

*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 our recent (August 6th) half-yearly 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*

Last Sunday (10th Sept) in worship service we looked at how we serve with our gifts and talents in our worship ministry. During worship, there was time to fill out a gifts survey. The survey is available to complete this Sunday also, 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*

- "Harrier's" small group meets next on Sunday 24th September, 3pm in the Ministry Centre Meeting Room.
- "StarWest" care group meets next on Sunday 24th September, 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

Today	10.00am – HC Combined Worship 1pm – Parish Half Yearly Meeting (Loxton Lutheran School)
Mon 18th	9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall – Jo Oldman) 10-3pm – Office Reception Open
Tues 19th	<i>Office Closed</i>
Wed 20th	
Thurs 21st	9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall – Jo Oldman) 9-10.30am – Noah's Ark Playtime (St Petri – Lauren Grieger) 10-3pm – Office Reception Open
Sat 23rd	9-4.30pm – Listening & Responding to God's Voice Workshop (Peace Hall – Michael Dutschke)
Sun 24th	10.00am – HC Combined Worship (Michael Dutschke preaching)

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. Questions/problems? Contact Brenton!

St Peter's Staff

Lead Pastor: Jason Sander (Tuesday off)

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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

- Loxton Lutheran School: "Happenings" for Term 3, Week 7 are out on Microsoft Sway (an online newsletter). You can access it [here at this link](#). If you'd like to look at it but don't know how, please chat with Brenton.
- Parish Half Yearly New Date: The Loxton Lutheran Parish Half Yearly Meeting will be held TODAY 1pm on Sunday 17th September at the Loxton Lutheran School. There will be a tour of new learning areas and facilities for student support, followed by a short meeting. All members of the Parish are encouraged to attend, which will help ensure we have the required quorum to carry out official business. Agendas and papers available at the front of the Church, or on the day. Hope to see you there.
- Sunday Night Service: Living Waters is holding their next evening service tonight (17 Sept) @ 6pm. Contact Denis Tilley for more info 0418 847 481.
- Listening and responding to God's voice workshop: Pastor Michael Dutschke is leading this workshop next Saturday, 23rd September, 9am – 4.30pm in Peace Hall. Bookings are online at trybooking.com/CKLND. Cost is \$30.
- Aged Care Expo!: The Loxton and District's Health Advisory Council is holding their inaugural Navigating Aged Care Expo on Wednesday 4th October, from 9am @ The Precinct in Loxton. Presentations, stalls and refreshments available. Entry is free.

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.

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Growing FAITH at home

17 September 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
- PROPER 19

GOD CALLS
US TO SHOW
MERCY AND
NOT JUDGE
OTHERS



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Have you ever felt judged by somebody?
How did you feel?
2. Why should we be careful about judging others?



BIBLE READINGS

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



DISCUSS

How would you feel if you were the king in the story from Matthew, and you found out what your servant did after you showed mercy?



ACTION RESPONSE

Politicians are easy targets for people to judge. Prepare a letter to send to an elected leader in your community. Thank them for their work on your behalf and let them know that you are praying for them.



PRAYER

Lord, help us not to judge others. Help us to accept them and be kind to them. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, as we eat the food you give, make us ready to forgive. We're so glad we have your love; thank you, Father, up above. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord forgive you all your sins and help you to forgive others.

SO WHY DO YOU JUDGE YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS IN CHRIST? AND WHY DO YOU THINK YOU ARE BETTER THAN THEY ARE? WE WILL ALL STAND BEFORE GOD TO BE JUDGED.

ROMANS 14:10

VERSE OF THE WEEK

