

LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

September 24th, 2023

Welcome!

Has prayer ever felt like a mystery? Prayer is simply talking to God about life, sharing the good and the bad. If we, as sinful humans, want to hear about our kids' lives and help them, imagine how much more our Father in heaven wants to hear from us. God is a good Father who wants to hear from us and work on our behalf. In Mark 11:24, Jesus says, "whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." When we're scared, hurting, or restless, we can ask God for help. When friends or loved ones are struggling, we can talk to God on their behalf. Battle after battle in the Old Testament is won by prayer, not by swords. In Acts, prayer opens a jail cell to free Silas and Paul. Through prayer, Jesus and the disciples heal diseases and even bring people back from the dead. If prayer can do all that, just think what the power of prayer can do in your life. (From - www.newspring.cc)

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:

OT: Exodus 16:2-15 **NT:** Philippians 1:21-30 **Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

Next week: Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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.
- † Abbey James and her mission work in Thailand.
- † The teaching ministry of Pastor Michael Dutschke.
- † The Lutheran Church in Malaysia, as they celebrate 70 years of God's goodness with various events including an Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and luncheon and a Bach Cantata.

S.O.A.P Journal

Scripture: **Philippians 1:20-24**

For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honour to Christ, whether I live or die. ²¹ For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. ²² But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. ²³ I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. ²⁴ But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.

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 (1 st Oct)	10am (8 th Oct)
Steward Teams	Terry J & Phil A	Terry J & Phil A
Tea and Coffee Cart	Max & Lynn Wishart	Jill & Warren Falting
Bible Readers	Caudis K & Helen R	Tania Klix & Chris Gilbert
Computer Operator	Natalia B	Daniel Reimann
Welcoming	Chris G, Geoff & Beth H and Gordon Z	Cathy C, Chris G, Geoff & Beth H and Gordon Z
Holy Communion Asst.	Delphie B & Lynn W	Cathy C & Jan Kernich
Flowers	Pat Lange	Maureen Rosenzweig
Organ/Band	Merrilyn & Jenny P	Sander & Delphie

*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*

We are continuing to look for ways to lead our congregation in discovering their spiritual gifts and to use them for ministry and mission in our church and beyond. This will involve a deeper exploration through using a spiritual gift survey and discovering how the gifts God has given you can be used for service to the gospel. Stay tuned!!

Small groups *Contact Jo Oldman*

- "Harrier's" small group meets today, 3pm in the Ministry Centre Meeting Room.
- "StarWest" care group 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

Today	10.00am – HC Combined Worship
Mon 25th	9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall – Jo Oldman) 10-3pm – Office Reception Open
Tues 26th	Office Closed
Wed 27th	
Thurs 28th	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 30th	
Sun 1st	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. Questions/problems? Contact Brenton!

St Peter's Staff

Lead Pastor: Jason Sander (Tuesday off)

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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

- Serving in Worship Survey: So far we have received 87 responses (paper and online) to our survey. If you are yet to complete it please do so this week. Grab a paper copy at the Ministry Centre or from the church, or use this [link](#) to complete it online.
- Help needed: we're looking for some more people who might be interested in being part of our odd job and maintenance team for our grounds and buildings. This includes garden maintenance (ongoing throughout the year), spraying, and irrigating (particularly in the warmer months). Please let Brenton or Jo know.
- 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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24 September 2023

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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to be generous?
2. Share about a time when you felt you were treated unfairly.



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Exodus 16:2-15

Manna from
heaven

2nd reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Life worthy of
the Gospel

Gospel reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Parable of the vineyard workers

DISCUSS

Jesus told a parable about some vineyard workers (Matthew 20:1-16). How do you think you would have felt if you were one of those hired first? How would you have felt if you were one of those hired last?



ACTION RESPONSE

Think of different ways you can be generous this week. Consider volunteering your time or offering to use a skill or gift you have to help someone. You might like to donate some of your possessions or money to a needy cause. Be creative. Try something new and different.



PRAYER

Lord you are so generous to us. Help us to be generous to others. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God so generous, God so good, we thank you for our daily food. Bless our meal and with us stay, guide and keep us through this day. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord bless you with a generous heart.

DON'T I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO
WHAT I WANT WITH MY OWN MONEY?
OR ARE YOU ENVIOUS BECAUSE
I AM GENEROUS?

MATTHEW 20:15

VERSE OF THE WEEK

