

LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

October 1st, 2023

Welcome!



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.

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Today in Worship

Lectionary Bible readings set for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

OT: Exodus 17:1-7 **NT:** Philippians 2:1-13 **Gospel:** Matthew 21:23-32

Next week: Exodus 20:1-20; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

In our prayers this week:

- † Glenis Albrecht, John Hampel, Maureen Rosenzweig, Beth Haddon 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.
- † Please pray for the Lutheran church in Australia church plants and sending churches, missional opportunities and the many people behind these missional initiatives.

S.O.A.P Journal

Scripture: **Philippians 2:1-5**

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. ³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

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 (8 th Oct)	10am (15 th Oct)
Steward Teams	Terry J & Phil A	Terry J & Phil A
Tea and Coffee Cart	Jill & Warren Falting	Nathan & Paula Nitschke
Bible Readers	Tania Klix & Chris Gilbert	Robin S & Trish W
Computer Operator	Volunteer Needed	Helen Rohrlach
Welcoming	Cathy C, Chris G, Geoff & Beth H and Gordon Z	Cathy C, Chris G, Geoff & Beth H and Gordon Z
Holy Communion Asst.	Cathy C & Jan Kernich	Robin S & Merv G
Flowers	Maureen Rosenzweig	Helen Jaeschke
Organ/Band	Sander & Delphie	Doeckes & Winifred

*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*

ALWS village fundraiser



The Surstromming has arrived!

12 hardy souls will partake in surstromming canapés to raise money for the village we partner with in Burundi.

The time and date will be announced soon!

Speak with Shane Phillips for more information

Small groups *Contact Jo Oldman*

- “Chappie’s” care group meets next on 8th October, 12.30pm @ Grant & Deanna Chapman’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

Today	10.00am – HC Combined Worship <i>Loxton Show</i>
Mon 2nd	<i>Public Holiday (Office and Toy Library Closed)</i> <i>Loxton Show</i>
Tues 3rd	<i>Office Closed</i>
Wed 4th	10-3pm – Office Reception Open
Thurs 5th	9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall) 9-12noon – Craft Group (Meeting Room) <i>Office Reception Closed</i>
Sun 8th	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: The October roster is out now. 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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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

- Ministry Centre Hours over the School Holidays: Jo Oldman will be away from the 2nd – 16th Oct (back in the office on the 16th). Brenton will be in on Wednesday the first week (4th October), and Thursday the second week (12th Oct). Pastor Jason will be in on his normal days during the school holidays (except for the public holiday on Monday 2nd Oct).
- "Merv Gladigau's Care Group" are visiting Bella Lavender Restaurant, on Thursday, 19th October. We will be meeting in the church yard at 11.15am, for transport, please phone Merv 0455546871, or Helen 0413951122. Should be a great day, with lunch, and a game of Mini Golf! More details nearer the day.
- Serving in Worship Survey: So far we have received 95 responses (paper and online) to our survey. Please complete it soon. 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.
- Loxton Lights Up: This year we have the opportunity to run the Free Kids Craft tent in East Terrace on Lights Up Day (Saturday 25th November). We are looking for a group of volunteers who are interested in helping out in the tent on the day and chatting with the families as they come through. If this is of interest please have a chat with Jo or Brenton.

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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

1 October 2023

EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
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PROPER 21

GOD WANTS
US TO TURN
BACK TO
HIM AND
OBEY HIM



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time you changed your mind?
2. Did changing your mind affect anyone else besides yourself? Was it positive?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Water from
the rock

2nd reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Imitating Christ's
humility

Gospel reading

Matthew 21:23-32

Parable of the
two sons

DISCUSS

Jesus told a parable about two sons (Matthew 21:28-31). When it comes to following God, which son are you most like?



ACTION RESPONSE

Philippians 2:3 says, "Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves". Make this 'Humility Week' in your household. Ask each person to secretly decide on one act of service they can perform that will show concern for the interests of others. At the end of the week, talk about your acts of 'secret service' and what it felt like to serve and be served.



PRAYER

Lord, show us your ways, help us to follow your paths.
Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, thank you for daily bread. Help us not to moan or grumble; give us hearts both kind and humble. Amen.



BLESSING

May God free you from sin and make your heart new.

DON'T BE JEALOUS OR PROUD, BUT BE
HUMBLE AND CONSIDER OTHERS MORE
IMPORTANT THAN YOURSELVES. THINK THE
SAME WAY THAT CHRIST JESUS THOUGHT.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3, 5

VERSE OF THE WEEK

