

LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

October 8th, 2023

Welcome!

I came across this quote this week in my devotion time:

"The main purpose of reading the Bible is not to accumulate data about God, but to 'come to Him,' to encounter Him as our living God."

*Give ear and come to the Lord God; listen to him, that you may live.
Isaiah 55:3*

It led me to ask: when I read the word, do I actively stop to rest in God and allow him feed me; or am I focussed on facts and insights to solely feed my inquiring mind? Sometimes I need to slow down and let God do his speaking into my life! - Pastor Jason

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 19th Sunday after Pentecost:

OT: Exodus 20:1-20 **NT:** Philippians 3:4b-14 **Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-46

Next week: Exodus 32:1-14; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

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 3:7-11

⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

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 (15 th Oct)	10am (22 nd Oct)
Steward Teams	Terry J & Phil A	Terry J & Phil A
Tea and Coffee Cart	Nathan & Paula Nitschke	Heidi Lewis & Di Boehm
Bible Readers	Robin S & Trish W	Cruise G & Bronny H
Computer Operator	Helen Rohrlach	Abbie Reimann
Welcoming	Cathy C, Chris G, Geoff & Beth H and Gordon Z	Cathy C, Chris G, Geoff & Beth H and Gordon Z
Holy Communion Asst.	Robin S & Merv G	Les B & Delphie B
Flowers	Helen Jaeschke	Roma Mewett
Organ/Band	Doeckes & Winifred	Hampels & 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*

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 today, 12.30pm @ Grant & Deanna Chapman's home
- "Harriers" small group meets next on 22nd October, 3pm, Ministry Centre
- "StarWest" small group meets next on 22nd October, 4.30pm, 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 – Combined Worship
Mon 9th	Office Reception Closed
Tues 10th	Office Closed
Wed 11th	
Thurs 12th	10-3pm – Office Reception Open 9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall) 7.30pm – Women's Fellowship (St Petri Hall)
Sat 14th	Referendum Voting @ The Life Centre, LLS (Not Peace Hall)
Sun 15th	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

- The Ping Pong-A-thon is happening again from 6pm Friday Oct 20th, to 6pm Saturday Oct 21st. Click this link to register, donate or for more details. <https://pingpongathon.com/t/loxtonsouthaustralia> Thanks so much for your support :)
- 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.
- 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.

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

8 October 2023

NINETEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST –
PROPER 22

JESUS IS A
'STONE' WE
CAN BUILD
OUR LIVES
UPON



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Of all your possessions, what would you miss most if it wasn't there?
2. What is a cornerstone and what does it do?



BIBLE READINGS

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



DISCUSS

How important is Jesus in your life? Is he the 'cornerstone' (the rock upon which all the weight rests) that holds your life together?



ACTION RESPONSE

Volunteer this week to help clean up a garden, mow a lawn, wash a car, or to help maintain your church grounds or a community area.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, there is nothing more important than knowing you. Please keep our faith strong. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for the food before us, the friends around us, the love between us, and your presence with us. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord watch over you and smile on you this day.

THE STONE THE BUILDERS DIDN'T ACCEPT
HAS BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT STONE
OF ALL. THE LORD HAS DONE IT. IT IS
WONDERFUL IN OUR EYES.

MATTHEW 21:42

VERSE OF THE WEEK

