

LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

October 29th, 2023

Welcome!

Just over 500 years ago a monk by the name of Martin Luther stood up against the corruption and abuse of power by those in positions of power in society. Sadly, the main culprit was the church. Luther was convicted by God's word to hold the church (and other leaders) to account and this reformed many aspects of church and society. The Reformation is not just part of history; it continues to call us to ask how we are revealing Jesus outwardly and how the gospel comes to life through all that we do as a church. We are the people of God led by the Holy Spirit who are called to keep reforming our society by imitating Jesus and revealing the gospel of grace to others. May we always be a reforming church that partners with God in his mission to seek and save the lost.

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 for the Commemoration of Reformation:

OT: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 **NT:** Romans 3:19-28 **Gospel:** John 8:31-36

Next week: All Saints Day: Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

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.
- † Pray for Ian and the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Pray for their workers, including “Audrey” who is serving the local church and believers in Asia translating scripture into the local's heart language. Pray for provision and protection over this important work.

S.O.A.P Journal

Scripture: **John 8:31-36**

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’

³³ They answered him, ‘We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?’

³⁴ Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it for ever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.’

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.

Regular Electronic Giving (REG) Details:

BSB: 704-942 Account Number: 52667

Name: St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton

National Grower Registration (NGR) Number: 13985291

Serving in Worship

| Ministry Area | 10am (5 th Nov) | 10am (12 th Nov) |
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| Steward Teams | Darren Nitschke | Neil Harvey & Darren N |
| Organ/Band | Merrilyn & Jenny P | Sanders & Delphie B |
| Tea and Coffee Cart | Helen & Terry Jaeschke | Adrian & Beth Reimann |
| Bible Readers | Nev Thiele & Bec Schaefer | Bec Arnold |
| Computer Operator | Isaac Schaefer | Jacob Sander |
| Welcoming | Daphne N & Jenny B | Shane P, Jodie B & Jan Z |
| Holy Communion Asst. | Tania Klix & Julie Fielke | Chris Gilbert & John G |
| Flowers | Heather Zimmermann | Lynn Wishart |
| Offering Count Team | Phil Smith | Phil Smith |
| Cleaning Team | Judy & Barry M | Jan & Gordon Z |

*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.*

St Peter's News

Governing Council *Contact Kelvin Burgemeister*

- Governing Council is looking for disciples who are willing to use their gifts to help with the maintenance and upkeep of facilities.
- As part of our commitment to the LCA child safety standards we will be creating an enclosed area at the front of the ministry centre by installing pool type fencing around the barked area. We will also remove the concrete gutter by the paved path for safer transport of the coffee cart.
- Gas heaters have been removed from Peace Hall.
- Electrical maintenance completed around our campus.
- The Lutheran Church of Australia are running webinars to share with congregations various frameworks that explore how the LCA could organise itself heading into the October 2024 convention of Synod. More details to come.

Ministry

Thank you to all those who have completed the **Serving in Worship survey**. We are busy collating all the responses and will begin to update our serve rosters and create opportunities for people to serve in other parts of our worship ministry. We are busy collating all the responses (109 so far) and will begin to update our serve rosters and create opportunities for people to serve in other parts of our worship ministry.

Small groups *Contact Jo Oldman*

- "Chappies" care group meets 5th November, 5.30pm @ Graham & Daphne Trezises' home (18 Sixth St)
- "Merv Gladigau's" care group meets next 12th Nov, 5pm, 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

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| Today | 10.00am – HC Combined Worship |
| Mon 30th | 9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall) 10-3pm – Office Reception Open |
| Tues 31st | Office Closed |
| Thurs 2nd | 9-11am – Toy Library (Peace Hall) 9-10.30am – Noah's Ark Playtime (St Petri - Lauren Grieger) 9-12noon – Craft Group (Meeting Room) 10.30am – Loxton Hospital Worship 10-3pm – Office Reception Open |
| Sun 5th | 10.00am – HC Combined Worship (All Saints Day) 2pm – Hymnfest 2023 (1.30pm Prelude) |

From The Ministry Centre

Time Out Devotional Books: We have some 2023 Time Out's left over which are still a great devotional resource, they will be available at the front of church to just take as needed. Also, if you're keen to order a Time Out for 2024, please complete the order form (front of church) or let Brenton know.

Rosters: The November 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

- Ping Pong-A-thon: A huge thankyou from Ben and the team organising this years Loxton event. They very much appreciate your support and your generous financial support. You can still donate via <https://pingpongathon.com/t/loxtonsouthaustralia>
- All Saints Day: We will be celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday 5th November. If you have a loved one who has died in the last 12 months you would like acknowledged during the service, please let Brenton know at the Ministry Centre by Monday 30th October.
- Hymnfest 2023: Will be happening on Sunday 5th November at St Peter's from 2pm with an afternoon tea in Peace Hall afterwards.
- Women's Fellowship: St Peter's Women's Fellowship are packing honey biscuits for Lutheran Care Christmas Hampers at our next meeting on Thursday 9th November. If anyone would like to help bake biscuits, it would be greatly appreciated. Biscuits can be decorated, but please NO 100'S AND 1000'S AND NO NUTS. Contact Cathy Crambrook for more information.
- Outdoor Christmas Decorations: At 8am on Wednesday 8th November a small group of volunteers will be meeting at the church to set up the external Christmas decorations around the church property. We are keen for any extra helpers to join us, as many hands make light work. For further information please contact Jo.
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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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29 October 2023

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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you worked hard to achieve something.
2. What is grace?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

God promises
a new covenant

2nd reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

Saved by grace

Gospel reading

John 8:31-36

The truth will set you free

DISCUSS

Working hard can achieve a lot in this world. The Bible tells us that our good works can't make us right with God. What cuts us off from him?



ACTION RESPONSE

Reformation is linked to Martin Luther's posting of 95 theses, or statements, onto the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany, on 31 October 1517. Write a list of sentences about the Christian faith that are important to you as a household (e.g. begin with the words 'We believe that ...').



PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for saving us through faith in Jesus. Help us to trust in him and not our own efforts. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

We thank you for your gifts, O Lord, that bless our lives each day. Amen.



BLESSING

May you trust in Jesus Christ, your Saviour.

FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN
SAVED, THROUGH FAITH - AND THIS NOT
FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS A GIFT FROM
GOD - NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE
CAN BOAST.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

VERSE OF THE WEEK

