

# LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**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,

## St Peter's Lutheran Church

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# Today in Worship

## **Bible readings for celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter today:**

**Reading:** Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1 - 2:2; John 20:19-31

*Next week:* Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

## **In our prayers this week:**

- † Beth Haddon, Gavin Hunwick, Kay Doecke and Joyce Neuman.
- † Those members in nursing homes in the area: Betty Bradtke, Daphne Winter, Gloria Farley, Rowly Lange, Desma Altmann, Gwen Chapman, Shirley Lipacis and Delphine Koch.
- † Pray for those in your community, your neighbours, your friends and family – that they might come to know the love and freedom and abundant life that Jesus offers through His death and resurrection!

## **S.O.A.P Journal: Acts 4:32-35**

Scripture: <sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Observe: What grabs your attention? Are there links to other parts of the Bible? How does it connect to the context of the chapter?

Apply: What does this mean for me? How might it challenge me? How might it comfort 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. Please speak to Pastor if you are unsure or would like to learn more.

**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 where we offer our thanks and trust to God. We respond to God's grace and acknowledge him as the giver of everything.

### **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

| <b>Ministry Area</b> | <b>8.30am Traditional<br/>(14/4/24)</b> | <b>10.30am Contemporary<br/>(14/4/24)</b> |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Steward Team         | Terry J, Neil C & Nev T                 | Phil Anderson                             |
| Service Leader       | Ben Grieger                             | Ben Grieger                               |
| Lay Reader           | Ben Grieger                             | Adrian Reimann                            |
| Band/Organ           | Win Hansen                              | Jenni Sander                              |
| Tea and Coffee       | Di Boehm & Chris G                      | Justin & Candice N                        |
| Ice cream            | n/a                                     | Darren & William Nitschke                 |
| Bible Reader         | Rosemarie Hetzel                        | Chris Fielke                              |
| SOAP Sharer          | Kelvin Burgy                            | n/a                                       |
| Data / Sound Desk    | Heather Z/Stan Z                        | Oscar Burgy/ Band                         |
| Welcoming            | Cathy C & Yvonne T                      | Daphne & Graham T, Beth & Geoff Haddon    |
| Holy Comm Asst.      | No HC                                   | No HC                                     |
| Flowers              |   | Delphie Biele                             |
| Offering Count       |   | Gilbert & Ruth Schutz                     |
| Cleaning Leader      |   | Judy & Barry M                            |

*Are you ready to get involved or change your involvement in the worship life at St Peter's?*

# St Peter's News

## Worship Times Update

At our AGM, it was decided that on the 1st Sunday of the month, there will be one service at 10:30am, while on other Sundays, there will be services at 8:30am and 10:30am. Therefore, the upcoming schedule is as follows:

- 7 April - one service at 10:30am
- 14 April – 8:30am and 10:30am
- 21 April – 8:30am and 10:30am

I have been exploring ways to simplify rostering for the 8:30am service, and I have been asking people for ideas on what type of worship liturgies we could use. So, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to let me know. Pastor Jason.

## Small Groups News

- “Chappies” care group next meets today, 5pm, at Don & Pauline Schutz's home (5/7 Reginald St, Loxton)
- “Gladdy's” care group next meets 14<sup>th</sup> April, 5pm at St Petri Hall

## Children's Activity Bags During Church

The Children's Activity Bags for use during church have returned and are hanging under the pigeonholes to collect on your way into church. At the end of the service, we ask that you return the bags to the labelled basket in the children's area at the front of church so that the toys can be cleaned, and the bags repacked. We hope that many children enjoy the bags during the service. Thank you to Rosie Hahn (& helpers) for her assistance with the activity bags.



## Coming Up This Week

- Today**      10.30am – HC Combined Worship  
5.00pm – “Chappie’s” care group (Don & Pauline Schutz’s)
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup>**      10-3pm – Office Reception Open  
*No Confirmation class today*
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup>**      *Office Closed*
- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>**    9-11am – Toy Library Open (Peace Hall)  
10-3pm – Office Reception Open  
7.30pm – Women’s Fellowship (St Petri)
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup>**      9.00am – Noah’s Ark Playtime (St Petri)
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup>**      8.30am – Traditional Worship  
10.30am – Contemporary Worship  
5.00pm – “Gladdy’s” care group (St Petri)

## From The Ministry Centre

Rosters: The April roster is out as of 4/4/24. You can always view the master roster by logging into [stpetersloxton.elvanto.com.au](http://stpetersloxton.elvanto.com.au). Questions/problems? Contact Brenton!

Did you know the Ministry Centre is a place where you can meet with others and enjoy (real) coffee and a selection of teas? Speak to staff for more details.

### 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**

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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

- A huge thankyou!: to everyone who helped over the Easter period with services and so many background jobs. Your service was greatly appreciated!
- St Peter's Women's Fellowship are packing CLEAN second- hand clothing, and NEW socks and jocks for Lutheran Care. If anyone has anything they wish to donate, please bring them to the Ministry Centre by Sunday 7th April. Contact Cathy Crambrook for any more information on 85846577.
- Quiet Day Invitation: You are invited to join in at St. Augustine`s Church, 53 James Ave., Renmark. Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. (9.00 a.m. Eucharist for those able to attend earlier) Theme: 'Jesus ... Closer to me than I am to myself.
- Confirmation: is on a break and will resume on Monday, 29 April 3:30pm
- Women's Fellowship: Will next meet in St Petri Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm.
- Pastor Jason away: Pastor Jason will be away on leave starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive). He will be on deck on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. We wish him a restful and refreshing break!
- StarWest Care Group: Would like to thank their members for the generous donation of \$200 from the group towards our 2024 Mission Project.
- Lutheran Archives News: Andrew Zilm, a retired teacher, has been recruited to audit, digitise & update the Lobethal Archives & Historical Museum's displays & collections. The preservation of the history of Lobethal was started by Jonas Vanagas after he arrived in Lobethal in 1949 from Lithuania. Come along to hear Andrew speak at the next Friends of Lutheran Archives gathering at the North Adelaide Lutheran Church on Thursday 18th April, 7.30 pm. All welcome, \$5.00 donation, supper. The evening will be live-streamed on: <https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>

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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.

**Phone** 1800 644 628 (Australia)  
0800 356 887 (New Zealand)  
**Email** [complaints@lca.org.au](mailto:complaints@lca.org.au)

**Post** PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070 Australia  
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## Growing FAITH at home

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YEAR 8

The risen  
Jesus gives  
us peace.



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. How do you generally feel each morning?  
With more peace? Or more worry?
2. When Jesus appeared to his disciples he said 'peace be with you'. What did that mean? What does it mean for you?
3. How does the resurrection make a difference in your life?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

|          |                          |                                |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>S</b> | <b>John 20:19-31</b>     | Jesus appears to the disciples |
| <b>M</b> | <b>Acts 4:32-35</b>      | The sharing of goods           |
| <b>T</b> | <b>1 John 1:1-2:2</b>    | The word of life               |
| <b>W</b> | <b>John 14:23-31</b>     | Jesus speaks of peace          |
| <b>T</b> | <b>Romans 5:1-11</b>     | We have peace with God         |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Philippians 4:4-9</b> | The God of peace be with you   |
| <b>S</b> | <b>Psalms 133</b>        | The blessing of unity          |

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Jesus said to them again,  
"Peace be with you. As the Father  
has sent me, so I send you."

JOHN 20:21



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

There is a long history of Christians sharing a sign of peace with one another in public worship as a physical expression of the peace God gives to us through Jesus. It connects directly to Jesus' greeting his disciples in the resurrection. That public greeting also extended to personal greetings.

Romans 16:16 refers to Christians greeting each other with a "holy kiss."

Decide with others on a sign of peace that you can share together in daily life, such as a special handshake, hug, or kiss.

As you share this sign bless each other by saying, "The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you."



## ACTION RESPONSE

Acts 4:32-35 says that the first followers of Jesus shared their belongings with one another and made sure that no fellow Christians were in need. The power of the resurrection had changed their understanding of what they owned and how they cared for each other.

This response is a confession of faith and a commitment to love your neighbour as yourself. Consider everything you own as a loan from God to love others. How might that influence your actions today?



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Risen Lord Jesus, you give us food for the body and peace for the soul. May faith be our way and love be our goal. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures and our mouths to speak of you. Amen.



## BLESSING

May the light of God's face shine on you and be gracious to you and fill your heart with joy.