

LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

August 11th, 2024



This week in worship: King David and his family are in utter turmoil. He is at war with his own son, having first lost the respect and then control of his family and the kingdom.

We will explore the consequences of our past actions and how we might move to bring God's grace to bear.

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Today in Worship

Bible readings for celebrating the 12th Sunday after Pentecost today:

Readings: 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33; Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2; John 6:35,41-51

Next week: 1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

In our prayers this week:

- † Melvin Fielke, Gavin Hunwick, Kay Doecke, and Kristen Doecke.
- † Those members in nursing homes in the area: Betty Bradtke, Gloria Farley, Rowly Lange, Gwen Chapman, Shirley Lipacis and Norma Ray.
- † Bella Schubert as she affirms her faith next Sunday
- † Daniel and Allyson Dutschke, Ken Tscharke, Gavin and Lynette from Golden Grove Lutheran church, as they travel to Papua New Guinea to spend time with Asaroka High School.
- † Each other, as we reflect on Pastor Jason's recent sermons looking at the life and choices of King David, that we might sense Holy Spirit's gentle teaching and promptings.

S.O.A.P Journal: Ephesians 4:25-32

Scripture: "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. 'In your anger do not sin': do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

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 when celebrated. 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

Ministry Area	8.30am HC (18/8/24)	10.30am HC (18/8/24)
Steward Team	Neil Harvey & Chris Gilbert	Bruce, Daniel, Ethan and Clinton Schubert
Service Leader	Pastor Jason	Pastor Jason
Band/Organ	Delphie Biele	Luke Doecke
Tea and Coffee	Cathy & Neil Crambrook	Sam Hentschke
Bible Reader	Les B	Geoff H
Data / Sound Desk	Cathy/Neil	Isaac S/Band
Welcoming	Theo & Helen Kaesler	Clarke Schober, Beth & Geoff Haddon
Holy Comm Asst.	Chris Gilbert	Jan K & Lynn W
Flowers	n/a	Delphie B
Offering Count Leader	n/a	Theo Kaesler
Cleaning Leader	n/a	Bec Arnold
Thrive Creative Response	n/a	Cheryl, Tamsin & Natalia

*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

WELCOME!

We're glad to have you with us today, whether it's your first time, you're a returning visitor, or just passing through. If you need assistance, look for our ushers in purple lanyards - they're here to help. To stay connected, fill out a connect card and drop it in the offering box. If you have questions about Christianity or want to learn more about Jesus, please get in touch with our Pastor. We're here to support you in any way we can!

Small Groups News

- "Chappies" care group meets today, 12.30pm @ Trevor & Judy Falting's new home!
- "Harriers" small group meets next on 18th August, 3pm (Meeting Room)
- "StarWest" care group next meets on 25th August, 4.30pm (St Petri)

What a great Curry & Casserole Cookoff!

A BIG thankyou to everyone who participated in Shane Phillip's curry eating challenge and those who brought curries and casseroles and rice to share last Sunday for our Curry and Casserole Cookoff! Peace Hall smelt lovely! \$845 was donated on the day towards our Mission Project to support families in Burundi, taking our tally to \$3,532.60 (Target is \$5,500), and a great time of connection and fellowship was had by all.



Coming Up This Week

Today 8.30am – Traditional Worship
10.30am – Contemporary Worship
12.30pm – “Chappie’s” care group @ Trevor and Judy’s home
1.00pm – St Peter’s Prayer Group (Main Church)
2.00pm – “The Way Forward” Gathering (Peace Hall)

Mon 12th 9-5pm – Toy Library Open (Peace Hall)
3.30pm – Confirmation Class (Peace Hall)
7.30pm – Indoor Bowls (Peace Hall)

Tues 13th 9.00am – Know Your Bible Study (Meeting Room)

Thurs 15th 9-5pm – Toy Library Open (Peace Hall)

Fri 16th 7.00am – Men’s Breakfast (Peace Hall)
9.00am – Noah’s Ark Playtime (St Petri)

Sun 18th 8.30am – HC Traditional Worship
9.30am – St John’s Myrla 100th (2626 Heinrich Rd, Myrla)
10.30am – HC Contemporary Worship
1.00pm – St Peter’s Prayer Group (Main Church)
2-5pm – KOYB Rehearsal (Peace Hall)
2pm – Parish half yearly meeting (Concordia)
3.00pm – “Harrier’s” small group (Meeting Room)

Next week in worship: We are introduced to King Solomon who takes over from King David. God appears to Solomon in a dream and asks him what gift he would like. Solomon chooses an ‘understanding mind’ to help him govern wisely. What does an understanding mind look like? Can we ask for it today?

Lead Pastor: Jason Sander (Tuesday’s off)

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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 Riverland Zone Way Forward gathering** is on today at 2pm in Peace Hall. This is for those wanting to hear about plans for the wider church regarding ordination practice. Bishop Andrew Brook will be leading the gathering.
- **Little Town Productions** are presenting “Kick off Ya Boots 2024”, a brand new show, with a new storyline and songs! Fri 20th, Sat 21st @ 6pm – Dinner & Show - \$55; Sun 22nd Matinee @ 2pm – Show only - \$25; Fri 27th, Sat 28th @ 6pm – Dinner & Show - \$55; at the Lutheran Peace Hall. Tickets available online at www.littletown.com.au or the Ministry Centre, or “It Feels Like Home”, East Tce.
- **Sound desk training** August 18th, 3pm, in the Church. This will be led by Adam Pedler from the Chaffey Theatre and is for those who currently operate the desk and those interested in operating the desk.
- **Loxcare needs donations of blankets.** It would be greatly appreciated if you could drop off any donations at Loxcare. Thank you!
- **The Parish Half-Yearly** meeting will be held on Sunday 18th August, 2pm (after St John’s Myrla’s 100th celebrations) at the Concordia Fellowship Centre. Guest Speaker Abbey James will share personal reflections on her overseas mission work. Please send any apologies to Heather Zimmermann please.
- **Pilgrims of Zion Lutheran Church, Bookpurnong** are celebrating 100 years on Sunday, 8th September. Morning tea from 9am; Thanksgiving Service and History 10am, light lunch after. RSVP Trevor Fielke 0427838255 or tfielke@iinet.net.au if intending to come.
- **St John’s Myrla** will be holding their 100th Anniversary on Sunday 18th August, from 9.30am, bring a plate to share for lunch and fellowship.

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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Jesus gives
himself as the
living bread for
eternal life.



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Sunday between
August 7 and August 13



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What do you hope to be doing in five, ten and twenty years from now?
2. Jesus promises eternal life to everyone who has faith in him – the verse of the week. How do you feel about Jesus' promise?
3. In the Gospel of John eternal life begins now by receiving and eating the living bread that is Jesus. What does it mean to you that eternal life begins now?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven
M	1 Kings 19:4-8	Elijah flees from Jezebel
T	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Rules for the new life
W	John 4:1-16	Jesus promises living water
T	Revelation 7:9-17	Never again will they hunger
F	Genesis 18:1-15	Abram and Sarai feed strangers
S	Psalms 34:1-8	Taste and see

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and
whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

JOHN 6:35





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear."

Set aside a time this week to give family and friends compliments or words of encouragement. Pray that God will help you be more encouraging to one another.



MEALTIME PRAYER

O taste and see that the Lord is good, we thank you now for this daily food. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help me to look to you and believe. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

St Paul reminds us that, as Christians, we work not only to provide for ourselves but so that we 'have something to share with those in need' (Ephesians 4:28).

Collect a household offering to support an organisation helping those in need. One suggestion is ALWS Gifts of Grace. See www.alws.org.au/index.php/gifts-of-grace



BLESSING

May God bless you with a strong faith in Jesus. May his promise of eternal life give you hope, peace and joy.