

LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

October 13th, 2024



This week in worship

Job continues to suffer, and his friends try to offer support, but instead, they make the situation worse leading Job into deeper despair. God seems elusive in Job's suffering. We can be left wondering, where is God when it hurts?

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Today in Worship

Bible readings for celebrating the 21st Sunday after Pentecost today:

Readings: Job 23:1-9,16-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Next week: Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

In our prayers this week:

- † Gavin Hunwick, Kay Doecke, and Kristen Doecke.
- † Those members in nursing homes in the area: Betty Bradtke, Gloria Farley, Melvin Fielke, Shirley Lipacis, Norma Ray, Ruth & Gilbert Schutz.
- † For the connections, decisions and outcomes of the Lutheran Church of Australia's General Convention of Synod (4-7th October) as together we walk with God into the future.
- † For the family and friends of Helen Smith as they mourn her recent death.
- † For Maggie Fielke and her parents, Abby and Brodie, and siblings Ruby and Beau, as she is baptised into God's family next Sunday.
- † For all of our relationships, that God would be at the centre, and His Spirit would guide and lead us as we are His hands and feet to all those we are in touch with. For us to be ready to give a reason for the hope we have, and be used by Him to invite new people into His family.

S.O.A.P Journal: Hebrews 4:12-14

Scripture: "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess."

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 (20/10/24)	10.30am HC (20/10/24)
Steward Team	Terry J, Neil & Andrew Crambrook	Bruce, Daniel, Ethan and Clinton Schubert
Service Leader	Pastor Jason	Pastor Jason
Band/Organ	Jenny Patching	Luke Doecke
Tea and Coffee	Connie K & Maureen K	Judy and Barry
Bible Reader	Rosemarie Hetzel	Cruise Goodhand
Data / Sound Desk	Heather & Stan	Oscar B/Band
Welcoming	Jan Z & Heather Z	Shane Phillips & Jodie Battams
Holy Comm Asst.	n/a	n/a
Flowers	n/a	Helen Jaeschke
Offering Count Leader	n/a	Kylie & Phil Smith
Cleaning Leader	n/a	Bruce & Glanys
Thrive Creative Response	n/a	Jo Oldman & Jo Sheppy

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 next meets today, 5pm @ Bruce & Glanys Schubert's home
- "Gladdy's" care group next meets today, 5pm @ St Petri
- "StarWest" care group next meets on Saturday 19th October, 2pm @ Ian and Daphne Nitschke's home
- "Harrier's" small group meets on 20th October, 3pm @ Meeting Room

Coming up in worship for October



Coming Up This Week

- Today** 8.30am – Traditional Worship (Lay read)
10.30am – Contemporary Worship (Lay read)
1.00pm – St Peter’s Prayer Group (Main Church)
5.00pm – “Gladdy’s” care group (St Petri)
5.00pm – “Chappies” care group (Bruce & Glanys’)
- Mon 14th** 9-5pm – Toy Library Open (Peace Hall)
10-3pm – Ministry Centre Open
11-1pm – FOODBANK Mobile Hub - Fruit & Veg Only (Carpark)
3.30-5pm – Confirmation Classes (Peace Hall)
- Thurs 17th** 9-5pm – Toy Library Open (Peace Hall)
10-3pm – Ministry Centre Open
1.00pm – Helen Smith Funeral (Main Church & Peace Hall)
- Fri 18th** 7.00am – Men’s Breakfast
9.00am – Noah’s Ark Playtime (St Petri)
9.00am – Probus Morning Tea followed by Church Service (10am)
- Sat 19th** 2.00pm – “StarWest” care group (Ian & Daphne’s home)
- Sun 20th** 8.30am – HC Traditional Worship
10.30am – HC Contemporary Worship
1.00pm – St Peter’s Prayer Group (Main Church)
3.00pm – “Harrier’s” small group (Meeting Room)

Next week in worship:

Pastor Jason will continue our series from the Book of Job titled “Where is God when it hurts”. We will also be celebrating the baptism of Maggie Fielke in our 10.30am service.

St Peter’s Staff

Lead Pastor: Jason Sander (Tuesday’s off)

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Pastoral Care Director: Jo Oldman (Monday, Wednesday & 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

- **Staff Away:** Over the October school holidays **Pastor Jason** will be away from the 7-13th October (back this Monday 14th October) and **Jo will be away** 7-15th October (back on Wednesday 16th October).
- **Our Mission Project** balance is currently at \$3,882.60, so we have \$1,617.40 yet to raise before the end of the year.
- **Camp Kedron's Annual General Meeting** is on Tuesday 15th October, 7pm at Barmera Lutheran Church, (19 Fowles St Barmera). Your input is essential to shaping the camp's future. Mark your calendars—we look forward to your participation! For more information, contact Ben Schober at benoschober@gmail.com or 0423 451 316.
- **Ethan Grosse** in his role as Pastoral Care Worker at Loxton High School is looking for people who are willing to bake a slice or something similar for high school staff for World Teacher's Day on Wednesday 16 October. Please drop off to the Ministry Centre. Thankyou!
- **Bookpurnong History books** have been reprinted and are now available. Contact Lori 0408 858 989 or email ltfielke@hotmail.com, still \$5.
- **Loxton & Districts Bible Society Branch** will be meeting next at St. Albert's Catholic Church, Loxton, on Wednesday 30th October at 7:30pm. Please bring a plate of supper to share.
- **Riverland Hymnfest** will be held at St. Peters Lutheran on Sunday 10th November at 1-30pm. The offering will be to support the Bible Society of Australia. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.
- **Know Your Bible Study** for Term 4 will start again on Tuesday 22nd October, 9am. Contact Leanne Kaesler for more information on 0427 791 987.

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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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is your favourite Bible verse or Bible story? What do you like about it? How is the Bible different from other books?
2. Hebrews 4:12 says that God's word is 'alive and working'. How have you experienced this to be true?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad
M	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Seek good and not evil
T	Hebrews 4:12-16	Jesus is the great high priest
W	Proverbs 31:8 and 9	Defend the poor
T	Luke 18:18-30	A rich man
F	Psalm 119:105-112	Your word is a lamp to my feet
S	Psalm 90:12-17	Teach us wisdom

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The Word of God is living and active. It is sharper than any sword that has two edges. It cuts deep enough to separate soul from spirit. It can separate joints from bones. It judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart.

HEBREWS 4:12





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is 'alive and working'.

Gather together various Bibles from your home. Look up some of the verses for this week and compare the different versions, noting what is similar and different.

Talk about how to read the Bible and aids that can help us. Share your favourite Bible verse/passage and highlight it in others' Bibles.

Place your Bible in a visible place, as a reminder of the central place of God's word in your life together.



ACTION RESPONSE

In Mark 10:29-31 Jesus points out that his followers prosper with many family members and family possessions. Being part of the church gives us a large, even global, family that presents us with a wealth of relationships to do God's work and will.

Practise home hospitality, welcoming fellow Christians into your dwelling as a way to share your possessions and wealth with them.

Sharing a simple meal is a way to share the wealth of the kingdom of God.

Use the Mealtime Prayer as part of your time of breaking bread together.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, help us to share with others that which we receive, and give gladly to any who are in need. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord God, help us to hear your word today so that it does your good work in our lives. Amen



BLESSING

May God's favour rest on you and all you do. May his love satisfy all your needs and fill you with joy.