

LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

August 17th, 2025

SERMON SERIES
LIVING BY FAITH
WEEK 2

Faith that runs the marathon

HEBREWS 11:29 - 12:2

St Peter's Lutheran Church

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Today in Worship

Bible readings for this week & next:

Aug 17th: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2; Luke 12:49-56; Psalm 82

Aug 24th: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17; Psalm 103:1-8

In our prayers this week:

- † Kristen Doecke, Gavin Hunwick, Mark & Jan Wagner, Darrell Cubahiro, Wendy Walker, Stan Zimmermann and Marlene Bennett.
- † Those members in nursing homes in the area: Nita Awege, Betty Bradtke, Gloria Farley, Shirley Lipacis, Norma Ray, Ruth Schutz, John & Val Hampel, Jeff and Kay Westbrook.
- † For our current 4 week sermon series "Living by Faith", for God to use His word to speak to us where we are and grow and deepen our faith.
- † For our upcoming "Toy Library 5th Birthday" on 10th October, for volunteers to help make it a special morning, and for those we invite, that they encounter more of God and move closer to Him.
- † For "Little Town Junior – Nativity 1.0" as the preparations and planning gathers momentum towards the main events on 19, 20 & 21 December. For the production team and cast as they are chosen, for God's plan to work through and His Great Story to capture the hearts of all involved.

S.O.A.P Journal: Hebrews 12:1-2

Scripture:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

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: 52667 OR BSB: 105-059 Account: 245 008 840 is also ok.

National Grower Registration (NGR) Number: 13985291

Serving in Worship

Ministry Area	8.30am 24/8/25	10.30am 24/8/25
Steward Team	Terry J, Neil & Andrew C	Phil A, Barry M & Nathan N
Service Leader	Pastor Jason	Pastor Jason
Band/Organ	Jenny Patching	Mark Hampel
Tea & Coffee	Connie K & Margaret K	Nathan & Jayne Wishart
Bible Reader	Merv Gladigau	Shane Phillips
Data/Sound	Janice & Terry	Caleb R / Band
Video Recording	Volunteer Needed	Natalia B
Welcoming	Daphne & Graham Trezise	Clarke S, Jan & Gordon Z
HC Asst	n/a	n/a
Flowers	n/a	Sue Flight
Offering Counting	n/a	Veronica King
Cleaning Leader	n/a	Barry & Judy
Thrive Ministry	n/a	Clarke & Kaye Schober

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

If so, Contact Pastor Jason or Brenton Reimann 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 Group News

- "Gladdy's" care group meets next, 14th September, 12.30pm @ St Petri Hall

Save the Dates



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ST PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LOXTON

100TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrations

SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2026 5.30pm Dinner (limited numbers)	SUNDAY 8 MARCH 9.15am Lifting Time Capsule 10am Worship Service Lunch provided
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Bookings open from
November 2025

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Coming Up This Week

Today	8.30am – HC Traditional Worship 10.30am – HC Contemporary Worship 1.00pm – St Peter's Prayer Group (Church)
Mon 18th	9-3pm – Ministry Centre Open 9-12pm – Toy Library Open (Ministry Centre) 11-1pm – FOODBANK Mobile Hub (Carpark) 3.30-5pm – Connect & Confirm Youth Group (Peace Hall) 5.15-7.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall)
Tues 19th	Ministry Centre Closed 9.00am – Know Your Bible (Ministry Centre)
Wed 20th	10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship
Thurs 21st	9-3pm – Ministry Centre Open 9-12pm – Toy Library Open (Ministry Centre) 7.00pm – Governing Council (Ministry Centre)
Fri 22nd	9-3pm – Ministry Centre Open 9.00am – Noah's Ark Playtime (St Petri)
Sun 24th	8.30am – Sunday Worship (Organ) 10.30am – Sunday Worship (Band) 1.00pm – St Peter's Prayer Group (Church) 5.00pm – All Ages Worship: Gather2Worship (Peace Hall)

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Announcements

- **Parish Service and Half Yearly Meeting:** On Sunday 31st August @ 10.30am we will be joining with the rest of the Loxton Parish in a Parish Worship Service at 10.30am (in St Peters Church), followed by a shared lunch (please bring a plate to share) and 1pm Half Yearly Meeting (both meeting and lunch in Peace Hall)
- **June Financial Update from our Treasurer:**
 - 2025 Budget: \$313,700 (up from \$304,200 in 2024 due to rising costs).
 - 2024 Shortfall: Offerings were \$22,663 below budget last year.
 - Current Giving: As of end of June, offerings are \$8,523 below budget.
 - Mission Fund: Balance is \$2,787

Thank you for your faithful and generous giving. We understand the cost of living is rising, and we deeply appreciate every contribution. If you haven't reviewed your regular giving recently, now might be a good time to prayerfully do so. *"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."* — *Philippians 4:19* Blessings, Clarke Schober
- **Friends of Lutheran Archives (FoLA) next event:** Farmers, Entrepreneurs, Lutheran clergymen and a Doctor - Germans of the Mount Gambier District. Speaker: Betty Huf. Thursday 21 August at 7.30pm, 139 Archer St, North Adelaide SA 5006, LIVESTREAM on [FoLA YouTube channel](#). *Victorian pastoralists moved their herds and flocks into the Mount Gambier area in 1839. FoLA member Betty Huf is a historian who specialises in researching the social history of the Western District of Victoria & Mt Gambier.*
- **The Riverland CWCI Committee** invites all women to hear guest speaker Karen Moore over dinner on Wednesday 27th August, 6pm @ The Loxton Club. Cost is \$5 (and cover your own meal) OR Thursday 28th August over Morning Tea, 10am @ Berri Church of Christ. Cost \$10. RSVP for Loxton to Jill 0467010814 or Wendy 0407133829.

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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August 14 and August 20



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Hebrews 11 lists people of faith who encourage us by the way they have trusted God. Who or what encourages you in your faith?
2. Share how you can encourage other Christians.



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 12:49-56	Jesus the cause of division
M	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Song about the Lord's vineyard
T	Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2	God's discipline proves his love
W	Acts 14:1-7	Division at Iconium
T	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Paul writes about division
F	Hebrews 10:23-28,35-38	Persevere in the Lord
S	Psalms 82	Faithfully proclaim my every word

VERSE OF THE WEEK

We do this by keeping our eyes on
Jesus, the champion who initiates
and perfects our faith.

HEBREWS 12:2A





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Hebrews 12:1 encourages us to “get rid of everything that slows us down” from following Jesus.

Place a stone or rock on your table to symbolise things in your lives that keep you from living and acting the way Jesus wants you to (e.g. being rude or nasty to each other, lying about something we did or did not do, taking something that doesn't belong to us, not helping others).

Pass the rock around, with each person sharing something they would like to say sorry to God for. When each person has had a turn, say the following prayer.

Dear Jesus, please forgive us for those times when we don't follow you. Help us to fight against sin and to keep our eyes on you. Amen.

Then throw the rock away to symbolise God's removal of our sins through Christ.



ACTION RESPONSE

Hebrews 12: 1 speaks of Christians being surrounded by “a great cloud of witnesses.” In your home devotion times this week, consider those people who have been faith witnesses to members of your household.

Write their names down on pieces of white card and cut into cloud shapes. Make a mobile (you could use a coat hanger as a frame) to hang in your home as a reminder of these people. Thank God for them in your home prayer times.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, with food you feed us and with love you lead us. Thank you for giving all we need for living. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, please help us to trust in you when times are hard. Keep us from falling away from you. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.