

LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

August 31st, 2025

SERMON SERIES
LIVING BY FAITH
WEEK 4

Faith that loves
and serves

HEBREWS 13:1-8; 15-16

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Today in Worship

Bible readings for this week & next:

Aug 31st: Proverbs 25:6,7; Hebrews 13:1-8,15,16; Luke 14:1,7-14; Psalm 112
Sept 7th: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33; Psalm 1

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 Harper and Ivy Pfitzner who were baptised last week, for their parents, Lewis and Jayne, and their godparents Tamara & Josh, and Emma & Jady. For their faith in our Living God to blossom.
- † 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 13:1-5

Scripture:

"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering. Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake 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: 52667 OR BSB: 105-059 Account: 245 008 840 is also ok.

National Grower Registration (NGR) Number: 13985291

Serving in Worship

Ministry Area	10.30am HC 7/9/25
Steward Team	Darren N, Charlie & Nathan Wishart
Service Leader	Pastor Jason
Band/Organ	Luke Doecke
Tea & Coffee	Chris & Julie Fielke
Bible Reader	Scott Gillett
Data/Sound	Elise Schaefer / Band
Video Recording	Caleb Reimann
Welcoming	Jan Kernich & Jodie Battams
HC Asst	Bec Arnold and Robin Schaefer
Flowers	Kaylene Nickolai
Offering Counting	Phil & Kylie Smith
Cleaning Leader	Leanne Kaesler
Thrive Ministry	Rachel & Karl Klose

*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
- "Chappies" care group meets next, 14th September, 12.30pm @ Grant & Deanna Chapmans

Save the Dates



SAVE THE DATES

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 10.30am – HC Parish Worship (Band & Organ)
 Shared lunch after and then Parish Half-Yearly Meeting (Peace Hall)
 1.00pm – Parish Half-Yearly meeting (Peace Hall)

Mon 1st 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 2nd *Ministry Centre Closed*
 9.00am – Know Your Bible (Ministry Centre)

Wed 3rd *Lutheran Women of South Australia Zone Rally (Waikerie)*
 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship
 2.00pm – Hymnfest Meeting (Ministry Centre)

Thurs 4th 9-3pm – Ministry Centre Open
 9-12pm – Toy Library Open (Ministry Centre)
 10.30am – Loxton Hospital Worship
 9.00am – Craft, Coffee & Chat (Ministry Centre)

Fri 5th 9-3pm – Ministry Centre Open
 9-12pm – Toy Library Open (Ministry Centre)
 9.00am – Noah's Ark Playtime (St Petri)

Sun 7th 10.30am – HC Combined Worship (Band)
 1.00pm – St Peter's Prayer Group (Church)
 5.00pm – Gather2Grow (Peace Hall) followed by dinner

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Announcements

- **Parish Service and Half Yearly Meeting:** Today we are 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). Looking forward to getting together!
- **July 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
Current Offerings: \$11,347 below budget as of the end of July
Mission Fund: Balance is \$2,827
While offerings are below budget and there may be a shortfall by year's end if trends continue, we trust in God's faithful provision. We are grateful for your faithful giving, which sustains the work of our church and supports the spread of the Gospel. Please prayerfully review your contributions if you haven't done so recently. "Give, and it will be given to you." (Luke 6:38)
Blessings, Clarke Schober
- **Riverland Zone Women's Fellowship: Rally Day** – Waikerie Fellowship Centre, Wed 3rd Sept @ 9.00am for coffee, then Guest Speaker: LWSA-NT Rep. Waikerie Lutheran School Choir, singing and Bible Study and Offering. BYO lunch. All welcome. Contact Heather for more info on 0459 380 971.
- **Cakes, biscuits and slices request:** On Thursday 9th October the Toy Library is celebrating its 5th birthday with a party!! We will be inviting our Toy Library Community and families to join us to celebrate and enjoy a morning of fun and games together. To assist with this, we are looking for some donations of cakes, biscuits and slices or any other child-friendly party food. If you wish to contribute, please let the staff at the Ministry Centre know. Thank you in advance for your support for this great mission opportunity.





Growing
FAITH
at home

PROPER 17

YEAR C

Being humble



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Sunday between
August 28 and September 3



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to be humble?
2. Jesus says that if we put ourselves above others, we will be humbled; but if we humble ourselves, we will be honoured. What did Jesus mean?
3. What are some ways we can show humble service to others?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 14:1,7-14	Humility and hospitality
M	Luke 14:15-23	God's hospitality to the lowly
T	Genesis 18:1-8	Abraham shows hospitality
W	Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16	Show hospitality to strangers
T	Matthew 20:20-28	A request for seats of honour
F	1 Peter 4:7-11	Be hospitable to one another
S	Proverbs 25: 6-7	Do not exalt yourself

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"If you put yourself above others, you will
be put down. But if you humble yourself,
you will be honoured."

LUKE 14:11





CREATIVE RESPONSE

When eating at the house of an important Pharisee, Jesus said: *When you host a lunch or banquet don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives and rich neighbours for they will invite you back and that will be your only reward.*

Make plans to invite someone you don't know very well to share a meal at your home.

Think together about how you can work as a household to make them feel as welcome as possible.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, you care for the poor and lift up the humble. May we be thankful and never grumble.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us to be humble just like you. Help us to welcome all people in your name. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Allocate days during this week when different household members will be honoured by others.

Set a special place at your table for the honoured person and talk about acts of service that can be done on their special day (e.g. make their bed, tidy their room, do chores on their behalf).

At the end of the week share what it was like to be served by others and to serve them.



BLESSING

God be with you today, in all that you do and all that you say.