

LIVING IT

ST PETER'S LOXTON

September 7th, 2025



The cost of following Jesus

Luke 14:25-35

St Peter's Lutheran Church

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Today in Worship

Bible readings for this week & next:

Sept 7th: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33; Psalm 1

Sept 14th: Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10; Psalm 51:1-10

In our prayers this week:

- † Kristen Doecke, Gavin Hunwick, Mark & Jan Wagner, Darrell Cubahiro, Wendy Walker, Stan Zimmermann, Marlene Bennett, Caudis Koch and Beth Reimann.
- † 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 those celebrating Father's day and for those who find the day difficult to celebrate
- † For our 100th Anniversary celebrations in March next year, for this to be an exciting time and an opportunity to share of God's faithfulness, grace and hope with more people.
- † 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: Luke 14:25-30

Scripture:

"Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 'Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish."

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 14/9/25 | 10.30am HC 14/9/25 |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Steward Team | Neil Harvey & Ian Nitschke | Darren N, Charlie & Nathan Wishart |
| Service Leader | Pastor Jason | Pastor Jason |
| Band/Organ | Winifred Hansen | Leanne Kaesler |
| Tea & Coffee | Daphne & Graham | Max & Lynn |
| Bible Reader | Merv Gladigau | Chris Fielke |
| Data/Sound | Tania & Tony | Natalia B / Band |
| Video Recording | TBC | Oscar B |
| Welcoming | Jan Z & Heather Z | Jan K & Jodie B |
| HC Asst | n/a | n/a |
| Flowers | n/a | Daphne Nitschke |
| Offering Counting | n/a | Phil & Kylie Smith |
| Cleaning Leader | n/a | Rebecca Arnold |
| Thrive Ministry | n/a | Ben & Lauren Grieger |

*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

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| 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

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| Today | 10.30am – Combined Worship with Holy Communion (Band) 1.00pm – St Peter's Prayer Group (Church) 5.00pm – Gather2Grow (Peace Hall) |
| Mon 8th | 9-3pm – <i>Ministry Centre Open</i> 9-12pm – Toy Library Open (Ministry Centre) 3.30-5pm – Connect & Confirm Youth Group (Peace Hall) 5.15-7.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall) 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting (Ministry Centre) |
| Tues 9th | <i>Ministry Centre Closed</i> 9.00am – Know Your Bible (Ministry Centre) 7.00pm – Carols Meeting (Ministry Centre) |
| Wed 10th | 9.00am – Parish Prayer Group (Ministry Centre) 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship |
| Thurs 11th | 9-3pm – <i>Ministry Centre Open</i> 9-12pm – Toy Library Open (Ministry Centre) 7.30pm – Women's Fellowship (Peace Hall) |
| Fri 12th | 9-3pm – <i>Ministry Centre Open</i> 9-12pm – Toy Library Open (Ministry Centre) 9.00am – Noah's Ark Playtime (St Petri) |
| Sun 14th | 8.30am – Worship (Organ) 10.30am – Worship (Band) 12.30pm – "Gladdy's" Care Group, 12.30pm @ St Petri 12.30pm – "Chappies" Care Group, 12.30pm @ Grant & Deanna's 1.00pm – St Peter's Prayer Group (Church) |

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Announcements

- **Interested in sharing God's love through baking?** 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 office staff know.
- **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
- **100th Anniversary:** orders are now open for commemorative bottles of Shiraz (\$20) and Port (\$20) between services or at the Ministry Centre.
- **Friends of Lutheran Archives presents:** *Enlighted Aboriginal Futures and Sandhill Girl: The Story of Two Books and the Importance of Writing as Kin*
Speakers: Barry Judd, Katherine Ellinghaus. Thursday 18 September at 7.30pm, Lutheran Church, 139 Archer St, North Adelaide SA 5006
LIVESTREAM on [FoLA YouTube channel](#)
- **Interested in purchasing an old church pew?** Please contact Theo Kaesler on 0428 841 326, as he has 3 for sale.
- **Interested in watching or sharing sermons or services at St Peter's?** We are uploading sermons and 830 services to our Youtube Channel - <http://www.youtube.com/@stpetersloxton>

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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September 10



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is the best thing about being a follower of Jesus?
2. What is the most difficult thing?
3. Jesus said that we must "give up everything" to be his disciples. How do you understand his words? What has Jesus given up for you?



BIBLE READINGS

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

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| S | Luke 14:25-33 | The cost of being a disciple |
| M | Matthew 10:34-42 | The cost of discipleship |
| T | Matthew 16:21-26 | Taking up our cross |
| W | Deut 30: 15-20 | Choose life |
| T | Philemon 1: 1-21 | Paul's plea for Onesimus |
| F | 1 Peter 4:12-19 | Suffering as Christians |
| S | Psalms 101 | Choosing God's law |

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Now choose life, so that you and your
children may live and that you may love
the LORD your God, listen to his voice,
and hold fast to him.

DEUTERONOMY 30: 19B-20A





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus said : *Anyone who does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:27)*

This means that we sometimes have to do things that we don't want to do or that are hard. Think of one 'hard thing' you could attempt this week as a follower of Jesus.

For example: be friendly to someone who has no friends, make peace with someone you may not get along with very well, work on a bad habit.

Make a small cross out of wire (or some other type of material) and carry it in your pocket as a reminder of Jesus' words.



ACTION RESPONSE

St Paul gave his love, care and support to a young man called Onesimus whom he met in prison.

Who in your community is experiencing hard times due to illness, loss of work or separation from family? Choose people who will be for you the 'ONES I MUST serve' this week. Make them a meal, do an act of service for them (e.g. mow the lawn, clean their home) or offer friendship to them.



MEALTIME PRAYER

For the food we share, for loved ones who care, and for days so fair - we thank you, God. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us to put you ahead of everything else. Please give us the real life that only you can give. Amen.



BLESSING

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.