LIVING IT

November 16th, 2025

One Church Many Doors

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One Church, Many Doors is the phrase we are using to describe the journey we are taking as a Parish – to be one congregation with multiple sites and multiple opportunities for mission and ministry.

Do you know who this church door belongs to?



Today's Bible Readings - 23rd Sunday of Pentecost

Psalm 98
Old Testament Malachi 4:1.2a

New Testament 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel Luke 21:5-19



Loxton Lutheran Parish

St Peter's, LCA-Concordia, Bookpurnong, Myrla, New Residence, Moorook & Meribah Congregations

Welcome!

A warm welcome to all who are gathered today for worship – we're glad to have you with us today. If you have questions about Christianity or want to learn more about Jesus, please get in touch with a Pastor or usher. We're here to support you in any way we can!

If you need assistance at St Peter's, look for our ushers in purple lanyards - they're here to help you. To get in contact with us, you are invited to fill out a connect card and leave it at your seat. A baby change table and accessible toilet are in the Ministry Centre.

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Although Riverview comes under the umbrella of the SA-NT Lutheran Church of Australia District, it is deeply rooted in our Loxton Lutheran Community. Loxton Lutheran School is a vital part of our parish's mission and will continue to play an important role in our mission and ministry as we become one church with many doors.

This new way of being church not only opens many exciting opportunities but also promises to be a journey of discovering God's blessings as He breathes new life into our Lutheran Community.

The St Peter's "Living It" will serve as the basis of an interim church newsletter/bulletin for the congregations of the parish as we work toward creating a new newsletter for us all.

Two Parish Council updates have been sent out over the last 4-6 weeks. Please let Ministry Centre staff know if you didn't receive a copy of either or both.

Prayer of the Day

Help us, Lord Jesus Christ, to wait for you, to wish for you, and to watch for you, so that when you come again you will find us ready. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Our Prayers

- † Gavin Hunwick, Darrell Cubahiro, Wendy Walker, Stan Zimmermann, Caudis Koch, Glanys Schubert, Nev Thiele, Norm Doecke, Marlene Schultz and Ralene Gladigau.
- † 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, Pam Falting, Judy Pfeiffer, Shirley Pfeiffer, Coral Roberts, Clarry & Jan Wall.
- † The work that is underway to become one church with many doors with Bookpurnong, St Peter's, New Residence, Myrla, Moorook, LCA-Concordia & Meribah congregations, Loxton Lutheran School and Riverview Rest Home.
- † Pastor Jason and Pastor Mat, and all congregational leaders and their families across the Parish, as together we prepare for One Church, Many Doors.
- † For the cast and crew and production team of Little Town Junior and the Journey to Bethlehem as they plan and practice and prepare.

Weekly Bible Readings

Sunday	Luke 21:5-19	Thursday	Isaiah 65:17-25
Monday	Luke 21:25-36	Friday	Jude 17-23
Tuesday	Exodus 14:10-31	Saturday	Psalm 141
Wednesday	2 Thess 3:6-13		

Next Sunday's Bible Readings - 24th Sunday of Pentecost

Psalm	Psalm 46
Old Testament	Jeremiah 23:1-6
New Testament	Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel	Luke 19:11-27

Frequently Asked Questions

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 the Pastor if you are unsure or would like to learn more.

Children are very welcome at our worship centres, and we love to see them join in worshipping God with their gifts. At St Peter's worship centre, the "prayground" (front-left) 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. The offering you give enables us to have a ministry presence in our local community. If you would like to deposit your offering into our bank account as your regular electronic giving (REG), use the following details:

St Peter's: BSB: 704-942 Account: 52667

Concordia & Outlying: BSB: 704-942 Account: 100 621 015

Finance Update @ St Peter's

After praying for an increase in offerings, our gracious God has answered. As of the end of September, offerings are only \$4,554 below budget—down from \$11,347 in July. Thank you to everyone giving so generously. If this trend continues, we'll finish the year strong and ready to serve God's mission in our community.

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:19

Clarke Schober, Treasurer

Coming Up

Sun 16 th	See upcoming worship services (back page)	
	<i>1pm</i> – Prayer Group (St Peter's Church)	
	1-5pm – Little Town JR Rehearsals (Peace Hall & Church)	
	3pm – "Harrier's" small group (Ministry Centre)	
Mon 17 th	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open	
	3.30pm – Parish Youth Group (Peace Hall)	
	5.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall)	
Tues 18th	Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat & Ps Jason's Day Off	
	9am – Know Your Bible Study (Ministry Centre)	
Wed 19 th	10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)	
Thurs 20th	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open	
	7pm – St Peter's Governing Council Meeting (Ministry Centre)	
Fri 21 st	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open	
	7am – Men's Breakfast (Peace Hall)	
	9-11am – Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)	
	2.30pm – School Assembly (LIFE Centre)	
Sun 23 rd	See upcoming worship services (back page)	
	<i>1pm</i> – Prayer Group (Ministry Centre)	
	<i>1-5pm</i> – Little Town JR Rehearsals (Peace Hall & Church)	
	12:30pm – "StarWest" care group (St Petri)	
Mon 24 th	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open	
	<i>11-1pm</i> – FOODBANK mobile hub (Carpark)	
	<i>3.30pm</i> – Parish Youth Group (Peace Hall)	
	5.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall)	
Tues 25 th	Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat & Ps Jason's Day Off	
Wed 26 th	10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)	
	1.30pm – St Peter's Card Group (St Petri)	
Thurs 27 th	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open	
Fri 28 th	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open	
	<i>9-11am –</i> Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)	

General Announcements

Would you like to be part of a team to share the joy of Christmas with others at the St Peter's Christmas Day Lunch?

Please contact the Ministry Centre to register your interest and learn more.

Time Out Devotionals – St Peter's have a standing order of this lovely yearly devotional book. If you would like to put your name down on this list, please let Brenton at the Ministry Centre know by 23rd November. They will cost about \$26 and arrive some time in December.

Advent Devotional Booklet's written by Lutheran Tract Mission are now available from the Ministry Centre. They cover the period 1st December to 6th January. When picking up your copy, please add your name to the standing 'order' list so in future we can have a better idea of numbers. Thankyou.

Tickets and commemorative wine are now on sale for St Peter's 100th Anniversary. The dinner is on Saturday 7th March 2026 at 5.30pm in Peace Hall. To order commemorative wine or port (\$20 a bottle) or book your tickets please see Theo & Helen Kaelser or Cathy Crambrook between services, or at the ministry centre (where you can also pay by card).

St Peter's Worship Rosters: are now found in the church foyer noticeboard. They are for all Worship services today (Sunday) and next week (Sunday).

Growing Faith at Home Resources are now available as a separate handout in St Peter's church foyer and on St Peter's <u>website</u>.

Loxton Lutheran School's latest "Happenings" is available here.

Little Town JR are looking for a newborn baby less than 3 months old for the performances. Contact the Ministry Centre know if you know anyone we can ask.

Hand to Hand Card Ministry team would like to remind you that there are cards for all occasions available in the Ministry Centre and the foyer of St Peter's.

One Church Name: Our new church will need a name! Start thinking and discussing what you believe embodies who we are and where are going. We will discuss this more at our Parish Lunch on December 7th.

Upcoming Church Events

Parish Lunch - 7th December 12pm, followed by One Church, Many Doors information session.

Little Town JR Performances – 19th, 20th & 21st December. Two shows each day at 6pm & 8pm in St Peter's Worship Centre.

Journey to Bethlehem will be happening in Peace Hall on all three nights, 5-9pm. Tickets on sale 1st December.

Christmas Eve Service at St Peters will be at 6.30pm outside the church, weather permitting (Inside the church as backup venue).

Christmas Day Service at St Peters will be at 10.30am in the church.

Christmas Day Lunch will again be held in Peace Hall from 12.30pm.

Please pray about inviting those you know who are isolated or lonely over this period and invite them! Bookings are appreciated.



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.

Phone 1800 644 628 (Australia) 0800 356 887 (New Zealand)

Email complaints@lca.org.au

Post PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070 Australia Mobile phone text message

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Upcoming Worship Services

Location	Today	Next Sunday
St Peter's	8.30am (Organ) with HC 10.30am (Band) with HC	8.30am (Organ) 10.30am (Band)
Myrla, New Residence, Moorook	9am LR @ Myrla	9am HC @ Moorook
Bookpurnong	9am HC	9am LR
LCA-Concordia (& friends)	Sun 7 th December, 10.30am with Parish Lunch after in Peace Hall	
Loxton Lutheran School	Fri 21 st Nov, 2.30pm (LIFE Centre)	

Parish Ministry Centre (08) 8584 5522

Open Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 3pm 60 Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton, SA 5333

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