# LIVING IT

# November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 - 24th Sunday of Pentecost

PsalmPsalm 46Old TestamentJeremiah 23:1-6New TestamentColossians 1:11-20GospelLuke 19:11-27



#### 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, Stan Zimmermann, Caudis Koch, Glanys Schubert, Nev Thiele, Norm Doecke, Marj Rudiger, 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.
- † For the family and friends of John Hampel and Matthew Kroeger (Laraine's son) who mourn their deaths.
- † 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 23:33-43	Thursday	Revelation 19:11-16
Monday	Matthew 2:1-6	Friday	1 Tim 6:11-16
Tuesday	Luke 19:28-38	Saturday	Psalm 24
Wednesday	Colossians 1:11-20		

## Next Sunday's Bible Readings - 1st Sunday of Advent

Psalm	Psalm 122
Old Testament	Isaiah 2:1-5
New Testament	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	Matthew 24:36-44

## **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 23 <sup>rd</sup>	See upcoming worship services (back page)		
	12:30pm – "StarWest" care group (St Petri)		
	1pm – Prayer Group (Ministry Centre)		
	1-5pm – Little Town JR Rehearsals (Peace Hall & Church)		
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open		
	<i>10-12pm</i> – FOODBANK mobile hub (Carpark)		
	3.30pm – Parish Youth Group (Peace Hall)		
	5.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall)		
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat & Ps Jason's Day Off		
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	th 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)		
	1.30pm – St Peter's Card Group (St Petri)		
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open		
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open		
	9-11am – Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)		
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Loxton Light Up Day!		
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#### **General Announcements**

**Kick off Your Boots** Movie Event Fundraiser is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, at the Piccadilly Theatre, North Adelaide. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$30. Tell your friends and family! <u>Use this link</u> to purchase your ticket. Proceeds go to drought relief for those struggling in SA and NT.

**Volunteers needed for Loxton Lights Up!** We're looking for volunteers to help out with our Little Town stop, as part of Loxton Lights Up on November 29th. Helpers will be based at Music Alive, handing out flyers and colouring in competitions. There will also be the option to dress up in nativity costumes and help out with the manger-themed photobooth. Please let the Ministry Centre know if you can help out or contact Christan Hentschke on 0433 973 986.

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.

**Advent Devotional Booklet's** written by Lutheran Tract Mission are now available from the Ministry Centre. They cover the period 1<sup>st</sup> December to 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Peter's Women's Fellowship** extend an invitation to all ladies of the Parish to join us for our Christmas Break-up Lunch, to be held at the Loxton Club Starlight Room, on Sunday 14th December, starting at 12.00 noon. Please pay for your meals. Ladies can bring along their husbands or a friend to join in the fun. Please RSVP to Cathy Crambrook by Sunday 7th December 2025 (8584 6577).

**Tickets for the Dinner and commemorative wine are now on sale for St Peter's 100**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary.** The dinner is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Loxton Lutheran School's latest "Happenings"** is <u>available here</u>.

**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.

**"Chappies" next care group** is on the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 12.30pm, Murray River Queen - details later.

# **Upcoming Church Events**

**Parish Lunch** - 7<sup>th</sup> December 12pm, followed by One Church, Many Doors information session.

**Little Town JR Performances** – 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

+61 (0) 438 320 218



# **Upcoming Worship Services**

Location	Today	Next Sunday
St Peter's	8.30am (Organ) 10.30am (Band)	8.30am (Organ) 10.30am (Band)
Myrla, New Residence, Moorook	9am HC @ Moorook	9am LR @ New Res
Bookpurnong	9am LR	9am HC
LCA-Concordia (&	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 5.30-8.30pm	
friends)	"Carols & Christmas Celebration"	
Loxton Lutheran School	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2.30pm (LIFE Centre)	

## Parish Ministry Centre (08) 8584 5522

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

## **St Peter's Congregation**

www.stpetersloxton.church

Pastor Jason Sander (Day off: Tuesdays)

<u>jason.sander@lca.org.au</u>

Brenton Reimann (Volunteer Co-ordinator/Assistant to Pastor)

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Jo Oldman (Ministry Support based at our Lutheran School)

joo@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au

## **Concordia & Outlying Congregations**

Pastor Mat Eckermann (Day off: Tuesdays)

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Trish Schober (Office Support)

loxtonconcordia@outlook.com Ph: 0407 639 423

# **Loxton Lutheran Community**

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