

LIVING IT

LOXTON LUTHERAN PARISH

December 7th, 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 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Psalm	Isaiah 11:1-10
Old Testament	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
New Testament	Romans 15:4-13
Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12



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.

Three Parish Council updates have been sent out over the last 4-6 weeks. Please let the Ministry Centre team know if you didn't receive copies.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, you sent your messengers to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Turn us away from our sins, so that we greet our coming redeemer, Jesus Christ, with joy. For he lives with you 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, Marlene Schultz, Ralene Gladigau and Marj Rudiger.
- † Those members in nursing homes in the area: Nita Awege, Betty Bradtke, Gloria Farley, Shirley Lipacis, Norma Ray, Ruth Schutz, 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 cast and crew and production team of Little Town Junior and the Journey to Bethlehem as they plan and practice and prepare.
- † Give thanks for the funding we have received from the LCA Local Mission Fund for our "Community Connections" project in 2026. For people with a heart to reach out to those in our community to join the team.

Weekly Bible Readings

Sunday	Matthew 3:1-12	Thursday	Isaiah 11:1-10
Monday	Isaiah 40:1-11	Friday	Romans 15:4-13
Tuesday	John 1:19-28	Saturday	Psalms 72:1-7, 18, 19
Wednesday	Matthew 12:33-37		

Next Sunday's Bible Readings – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Psalm	Psalm 146:5-10 (or Magnificat)
Old Testament	Isaiah 35:1-10
New Testament	James 5:7-10
Gospel	Matthew 11:2-11

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 "prayer-ground" (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 7th	<i>See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> 12pm – Parish Lunch (Peace Hall) 1pm – Prayer Group (Ministry Centre) 1-5pm – Little Town JR Rehearsals (Church) 1.30pm – One Church Info Session (Peace Hall)
Mon 8th	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open 10-12pm – FOODBANK mobile hub (Carpark) 3.30pm – Parish Youth Group (Peace Hall) 5.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall)
Tues 9th	Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat & Ps Jason's Day Off 7pm – Carols Committee Meeting (Ministry Centre)
Wed 10th	9am – Parish Prayer Group (Meeting Room) 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)
Thurs 11th	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open
Fri 12th	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open 9-11am – Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)
Sat 13th	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Setup (Peace Hall & Church)</i>
Sun 14th	<i>See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> 1pm – Prayer Group (Ministry Centre) 1-5pm – Little Town JR Rehearsals (Church)
Mon 15th	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Setup (Peace Hall & Church)</i> 9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open
Tues 16th	<i>Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat & Ps Jason's Day Off Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Setup (Peace Hall & Church)</i>
Wed 17th	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Setup (Peace Hall & Church)</i> 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)
Thurs 18th	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Setup (Peace Hall & Church)</i> 9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open 10.30am – Carol Singing (Melaleuca House)
Fri 19th	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Day 1 (Whole Campus)</i> 9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open
Sat 20th	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Day 2 (Whole Campus)</i>

General Announcements

Donations of biscuits needed for Little Town: We are seeking donations of biscuits of any kind, to sell at Little Town. Proceeds will go towards St Peter's 2025 Mission Project. Please leave biscuits and a list of ingredients in the Ministry Centre by 10th December. Contact Lauren Grieger for more info.

Little Town 2025 – Helpers Needed! We're looking for volunteers to help us bring the Nativity Story to life and share the love, laughter, and light of Christmas with our community. Lots of different roles for the weekend of the 19-21 December for in Peace Hall and the Church. Please let Lauren Grieger (0409412739) or Kelvin Burgemeister (0427 861 240) know. Thankyou!

Would you like to bless the residents of Melaleuca House this Christmas?

We are again looking for Carol singers on Thursday 18th Dec, 10.30am at Melaleuca House. Please let Gordon Zimmermann know (0427345660) if you can join in to bring some joy and Christmas cheer!

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.

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).

Loxton Lutheran School's latest "Happenings" is [available here](#).

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

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 today at our Parish Lunch (December 7th) in Peace Hall.

"Chappies" next care group is on today, 7th December, 12.30pm, Murray River Queen details later.

Upcoming Church Events

Parish Lunch - 7th December 12pm, pooled lunch, 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 are on sale now from our website!

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Service Times		
Location	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Bookpurnong	6pm	9am LR
Myrla, New Residence & Moorook	10am on Sun 21 st @ Myrla (no service on the 24 th)	9am LR @ New Res
St Peters	6.30pm outside (church as backup)	10.30am HC (Organ)



Loyton Lutheran Parish
ONE CHURCH COMMUNITY GATHERING

Sunday 7th December

10:30am Combined Worship Service
12:00pm Lunch (*Fundraiser for Camp Kedron*)
1:30pm One Church Information Session

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

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	10.30am HC (Band) Combined	8.30am (Organ) 10.30am (Band)
Myrla, New Residence, Moorook	10.30am HC @ St Peters	9am LR @ Myrla
Bookpurnong	9am	9am HC
LCA-Concordia (& friends)	Fri 9 th Jan, 6.30pm HC @ St Petri	
Loxton Lutheran School	Wed 9 th Dec, 2.30pm End of Year Service Fri 12 th Dec, 2.30pm Assembly (LIFE Centre)	

Parish Ministry Centre (08) 8584 5522

Open Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 3pm

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St Peter's Congregation

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