

LIVING IT

LOXTON LUTHERAN PARISH

December 14th, 2025



Today's Bible Readings – 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

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.

One Church, Many Doors

St Peter's, LCA-Concordia, Bookpurnong, Meribah, New Residence, Myrla, & Moorook Lutheran Congregations, along with Loxton Lutheran School and Riverview Rest Home, are currently exploring ways to partner in ministry as one Lutheran Community in our Loxton region.

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 couple months. Please let the Ministry Centre team know if you would like copies.

Prayer of the Day

Jesus, our promised Messiah, John the Baptist went ahead of you and proclaimed the good news of your coming. Encourage us to receive you with joy as our redeemer, and faithfully follow you. 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, Marlene Schultz, Ralene Gladigau, Marj Rudiger and Jenny Patching.
- † 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 St Peter's has received from the LCA Local Mission Fund for a "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 11:2-11	Thursday	Isaiah 35:1-10
Monday	Malachi 3:1-4	Friday	James 5:7-10
Tuesday	Isaiah 61:1-7	Saturday	Psalms 146:5-10
Wednesday	Matthew 9:27-31		

Next Sunday's Bible Readings - 4th Sunday of Advent

Psalm	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Old Testament	Isaiah 7:10-16
New Testament	Romans 1:1-7
Gospel	Matthew 1:18-25

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

Offering Envelopes for 2026 will be available from Sunday 21st December at the Ministry Centre and in the foyer of St Peter's. They are old unused boxes that we are repurposing for use in the Parish next year.

Finance Update @ St Peter's

Offerings are currently \$4,345 below budget, similar to last month. Our Mission Fund sits at \$4,172 toward our \$7,000 goal. Overall, the budget is tracking reasonably well, but I encourage everyone to prayerfully review their giving so we can finish the year strong.

I'm very thankful to report that offerings are up \$14,890 compared with the same time last year.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." – Psalm 107:1

Clarke Schober – Treasurer, St Peters

Coming Up

Sun 14th	<i>See upcoming worship services (back page) 1pm – Prayer Group (Ministry Centre) 1-5pm – Little Town JR Rehearsals (Church)</i>
Mon 15th	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Setup (Peace Hall & Church) 9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open</i>
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) 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)</i>
Thurs 18th	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Setup (Peace Hall & Church) 9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open 10.30am – Carol Singing (Melaleuca House)</i>
Fri 19th	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Day 1 (Whole Campus) 9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open 5-9pm – Journey To Bethlehem (Peace Hall) 6pm & 8pm – Little Town Jr Performances (Church)</i>
Sat 20th	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Day 2 (Whole Campus) 5-9pm – Journey To Bethlehem (Peace Hall) 6pm & 8pm – Little Town Jr Performances (Church)</i>
Sun 21st	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Day 3 (Whole Campus) See upcoming worship services (back page) 1pm – Prayer Group (Ministry Centre) 5-9pm – Journey To Bethlehem (Peace Hall) 6pm & 8pm – Little Town Jr Performances (Church)</i>
Mon 22nd	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Pack Down 9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open 10-12pm – FOODBANK Mobile Hub (Carpark)</i>
Tues 23rd	<i>Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat & Ps Jason's Day Off</i>
Wed 24th	<i>9-12pm – Christmas Day Lunch Setup (Peace Hall) 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC) Refer to Christmas Eve times on inside of back page</i>
Thurs 25th	<i>Ministry Centre Closed Refer to Christmas Day times on inside of back page</i>
Fri 26th	<i>Ministry Centre Closed – Boxing Day Public Holiday</i>

General Announcements

Thanks to the generosity of our community we received \$968.90 in donations (cash and card) towards the valuable ministry of Camp Kedron last Sunday during the Parish Lunch and Meeting. Praise God!

Need some help with booking tickets online for “Little Town Jr – Nativity 1.0”? There will be volunteers ready to assist people after both services today in Peace Hall over a cuppa.

Thankyou for the donations of biscuits for Little Town so far. We are still looking for more donations of biscuits of any kind. 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!

Like 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.

The latest **Happenings newsletter for Loxton Lutheran School** can be accessed [here](#).

The Ministry Centre will be closed from Christmas Day through till Monday 12th January. Pastor Jason and Pastor Mat will be available over this time by calling the office and leaving a voicemail.

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. Your ideas can be posted into the brown box in the Ministry Centre or emailed.

Upcoming Church Events

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 Day Lunch will again be held in Peace Hall from 12.30pm. Please invite the isolated or lonely. Bookings are appreciated.

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)



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 644 626 (Australia) 0800 356 887 (New Zealand)
Email complaints@lca.org.au
Post PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070 Australia
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Upcoming Worship Services

Location	Today	Next Sunday
St Peter's	8.30am (Organ) 10.30am (Band)	8.30am HC (Organ) 10.30am HC (Band)
Myrla, New Residence, Moorook	9am LR @ Myrla	10am HC @ Myrla
Bookpurnong	9am HC	9am LR
LCA-Concordia (& friends)	Fri 9 th Jan, 6.30pm HC @ St Petri	
Loxton Lutheran School	School Holidays	

Parish Ministry Centre (08) 8584 5522

Open Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 3pm
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