

LIVING IT

LOXTON LUTHERAN PARISH

February 1st, 2026

"He has shown you, O mortal,
what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk
humbly with your God."

- Micah 6:8

Today's Bible Readings – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm	Psalm 15
Old Testament	Micah 6:1-8
New Testament	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12



Loxton Lutheran Parish

St Peter's, 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.

One Church, Many Doors

St Peter's, 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.

Don't forget the very important constitutional meeting happening on Sunday 22nd February, 2pm, about this in Peace Hall.

Prayer of the Day

Thank you, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for showing us your power in the weakness of the cross. Teach us to rely on you alone and to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask this through your Son, who lives and reigns 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 and Dorothy Milich.
- † The family and friends of Stan Zimmermann who died recently. Stan's funeral is on Tuesday 3rd February, 10am at St Peters.
- † The work that is underway to become one church with many doors with Bookpurnong, St Peter's, New Residence, Myrla, Moorook & Meribah congregations, Loxton Lutheran School and Riverview Rest Home.
- † Give thanks for the funding St Peter's has received from the Lutheran Church of Australia's Local Mission Fund for a "Community Connections" project in 2026.

Weekly Bible Readings

Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	Thursday	Matthew 9:10-13
Monday	Micah 6:1-8	Friday	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Tuesday	Isaiah 51:12-16	Saturday	Psalms 15
Wednesday	Jeremiah 22:1-5, 15-16		

Next Sunday's Bible Readings – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm	Psalm 112:1-9
Old Testament	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
New Testament	1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-20

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.

Youth Ministry and Confirmation 2026

Connect Youth Group will recommence this Monday, 2nd February, in Peace Hall, 330-5pm. The Church Bus will run from Loxton High School to pick up any youth who would like a ride to Peace Hall. Parents/caregivers are responsible to pickup their child at 5pm from Peace Hall.

With confirmation in 2026, if you know of any high school-aged children who might be interested in participating this year, please speak with Ps Mat, Ps Jason or contact the Ministry Centre. Thankyou.

Coming Up

Sun 1st	<i>See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> <i>Pastor Mat Eckermann is away on leave from today</i> <i>Community Lunch after 10.30am service at St Peters</i> <i>1pm – Prayer Group (Church)</i>
Mon 2nd	<i>9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open</i> <i>10-11.30am – FOODBANK Mobile Hub (Carpark)</i> <i>3.30-5pm – Parish Youth Group (Peace Hall)</i> <i>5.15-7.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall)</i>
Tues 3rd	<i>Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat's Day Off</i> <i>NOTE: Leanne's KYB Study Group is cancelled this week</i> <i>10am – Stan Zimmermann's Funeral (Church)</i>
Wed 4th	<i>Ps Jason's Day Off</i> <i>9am – Cheryl's KYB Study (St Petri)</i> <i>10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)</i>
Thurs 5th	<i>9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open</i> <i>10.30am – Loxton Hospital Worship</i> <i>9am – Craft, Coffee, Chat (Ministry Centre)</i>
Fri 6th	<i>9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open</i> <i>9am – Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)</i>
Sun 8th	<i>See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> <i>12.30pm – "Gladdys" care group (St Petri)</i> <i>1pm – Prayer Group (Church)</i>
Mon 9th	<i>9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open</i> <i>3.30-5pm – Parish Youth Group (Peace Hall)</i> <i>5.15-7.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall)</i>
Tues 10th	<i>Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat's Day Off</i> <i>9am – Leanne's KYB Study Group (Ministry Centre)</i>
Wed 11th	<i>Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) Prayer School (Campus)</i> <i>Ps Jason's Day Off</i> <i>9am – Cheryl's KYB Study (St Petri)</i> <i>10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)</i>
Thurs 12th	<i>Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) Prayer School (Campus)</i> <i>9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open</i> <i>7.30pm – Women's Fellowship (Peace Hall)</i>
Fri 13th	<i>Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) Prayer School (Campus)</i> <i>9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open</i> <i>9am – Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)</i>
Sat 14th	<i>Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) Prayer School (Campus)</i> <i>Pastor Mat Eckermann is back from leave from today</i>

General Announcements

Little Town Junior Costumes: the costume team are looking for willing people who could take a load of little town costumes and wash & iron them. They can be collected today, 1st Feb, between 10-10.30am (before the combined service) in the basement (Little Rocks) and dropped back either 8th Feb or 15th Feb. Thankyou. Please contact Claire Reimann (0414919401) with any questions.

Pastor Mat is away on leave from 1st Feb to 13th Feb, back on the 14th Feb.

You are invited to attend the **90th birthday celebration of Peter Heinrich** at the CWA hall, 18 Kokoda Terrace, Loxton, on February 28th for afternoon tea from 2-4pm. No gifts please.

The Key Box Code will be changed tomorrow (2nd Feb) morning. Key people will be alerted of the new code, however if you need the code and aren't provided it, please call the office during opening hours. Thankyou.

The next **Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) Prayer School** is being held on the St Peter's campus (all buildings) from 11-15th February. For more information, please contact Lisa on 0439 627 557.

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

Leanne's KYB Study is cancelled this week (3rd Feb) due to Stan Zimmermann's funeral. It will recommence the following Tuesday. Thankyou.

A Constitutional Meeting for our One Church Many Doors and Special General Meetings will be held in Peace Hall on Sunday 22nd February, 2pm:

- Pilgrims Of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Bookpurnong Inc.
- Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Congregation, New Residence Inc.
- Fountain of Living Waters, Lutheran Church, Meribah.
- St Peter's Lutheran Church, Moorook.
- St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Myrla Inc.
- St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Loxton Inc.
- Loxton Lutheran Parish Inc.

5 weeks to St Peter's Centenary Celebrations! Our centenary committee would like to have a photo and memorabilia display in Peace Hall. If anyone has any photos of events or memorabilia that you would like to share, please let Cathy Crambrook know (85846577). Any photos can be scanned and returned.

Upcoming Church Events

Friends of Lutheran Archives Gathering: “Lobethal Relics — celebrating 180 years of the Lobethal College”. Speaker: Andrew Zilm, Thursday 26 February at 7.30pm @ 139 Archer St, North Adelaide. LIVESTREAM on FoLA YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>
\$5 Donation, supper & ALL welcome!

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST PETERS BUILDING

Saturday

7th March, 2026

5:30pm Dinner in Peace Hall
Limited seating

Sunday

8th March, 2026

9:15am Lifting of the
time capsule

10am Worship Service

12:30pm Community
Lunch

Please go to St Peter's
website or the Ministry
Centre for your dinner
tickets, register for the
Sunday lunch, order wine or
history books.

www.stpetersloxton.church

Commemorative Wine

Shiraz \$20

Tawny Port \$20

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 356 897 (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	10.30am Combined Worship HC (Band) <i>Lunch after</i>	8.30am Worship (Organ) 10.30am Worship (Band)
Myrla, New Residence, Moorook	9am LR @ New Res	9am LR @ Myrla
Bookpurnong	9am LR	9am LR
Loxton Lutheran School	Fri 13 th Feb, Worship @ LIFE Centre	

Parish Ministry Centre (08) 8584 5522

Open Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 3pm

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