

LIVING IT

LOXTON LUTHERAN PARISH

February 8th, 2026

YOU ARE THE



salt

OF THE

earth

MATTHEW 5:13

Today'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



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
where *love comes to life*

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.

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.

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

This meeting will include Special General Meetings for these incorporated bodies:

- 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.

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, you have called us to be a light shining in the world. Make us reflect the light of Christ, so that people see your love and goodness in our words and actions. We ask this through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Our Prayers

- † Gavin Hunwick, Darrell Cubahiro, Caudis Koch, Nev Thiele, Marlene Schultz, Ralene Gladigau, Marj Rudiger and Norma Schubert.
- † 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.
- † For the Constitutional Meeting on February 22nd, and 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.
- † The preparation for the celebration of the centenary of St Peter's building on the weekend of March 7 & 8. For those that take part to be encouraged as they hear the stories of God's faithfulness over the last 100 years, and for there to be hope for the future.

Weekly Bible Readings

Sunday	Matthew 5:13-20	Thursday	Ephesians 5:3-14
Monday	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Friday	1 Thess 5:5-11
Tuesday	Mark 9:42-50	Saturday	Psalm 112:1-9
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 2:1-12		

Next Sunday's Bible Readings - *Transfiguration Sunday*

Psalm	Psalm 2
Old Testament	Exodus 24:12-18
New Testament	2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9

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 "pray-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

Outlying Congregations: 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 has restarted on Monday afternoons, 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 8th	<i>See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> 12.30pm – "Gladdys" care group (St Petri) 1pm – Prayer Group (Church)
Mon 9th	9-3pm - <i>Ministry Centre Open</i> 3.30-5pm – Parish Youth Group (Peace Hall) 5.15-7.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall)
Tues 10th	<i>Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat's Day Off</i> 9am – Leanne's KYB Study Group (Ministry Centre)
Wed 11th	<i>Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) Prayer School (Campus)</i> <i>Ps Jason's Day Off</i> 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)
Thurs 12th	<i>Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) Prayer School (Campus)</i> 9-3pm - <i>Ministry Centre Open</i> 7.30pm – Women's Fellowship (St Petri – Not Peace Hall)
Fri 13th	<i>Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) Prayer School (Campus)</i> 9-3pm - <i>Ministry Centre Open</i> 9am – Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)
Sat 14th	<i>Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) Prayer School (Campus)</i> <i>Pastor Mat Eckermann is back from leave from today</i>
Sun 15th	<i>Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) Prayer School (Campus)</i> <i>See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> 1pm – Prayer Group (Church) 3pm – "Harriers" small group (Ministry Centre)
Mon 16th	9-3pm - <i>Ministry Centre Open</i> 10-11.30am – FOODBANK Mobile Hub (Carpark) 3.30-5pm – Parish Youth Group (Peace Hall) 5.15-7.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall)
Tues 17th	<i>Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat's Day Off</i> 9am – Leanne's KYB Study Group (Ministry Centre)
Wed 18th	<i>Ps Jason's Day Off</i> 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)
Thurs 19th	9-3pm - <i>Ministry Centre Open</i> 7pm – St Peter's Governing Council (Ministry Centre)
Fri 20th	7am – Men's Breakfast (Peace Hall) 9-3pm - <i>Ministry Centre Open</i> 9am – Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)
Sat 21st	

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 picked up / dropped back on the 8th Feb or 15th Feb (between services). Thankyou. Please contact Claire Reimann (0414919401) with any questions.

Camp Kedron: On Saturday 14th February, we will be holding a working bee to install a boundary fence. Please contact Ben Schober on 0423 413 316 if you are available to help. We're sure there may be some retired farmers or handy volunteers who would enjoy building a new fence.

4 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.

Centenary Celebrations: if you have preordered commemorative wine (tawny port or shiraz) could you please pay for these before the weekend of 7 & 8th March either by cash or card at the ministry centre. Thankyou.

Lost Bible! We have lost the special centenary Bible that was circulating 12-18 months ago for people to colour in and pass on. If you know the whereabouts of this bible, or have a clue to helping us track it down, please contact the Ministry Centre!

The next **Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) Prayer School** is being held on the St Peter's campus (all buildings) this week, from 11-15th February. Any questions, please speak with Brenton at the Ministry Centre.

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

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

Sunday

8th March, 2026

9:15am Lifting of the time capsule
10am Worship Service
12:30pm Community Lunch



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 366 887 (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 Worship (Organ) 10.30am Worship (Band)	8.30am HC Worship (Organ) 10.30am HC Worship (Band)
Myrla, New Residence, Moorook	9am LR @ Myrla	9am HC @ 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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