

LIVING IT

LOXTON LUTHERAN PARISH

February 22nd, 2026



Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written:
"Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."
Matthew 4:11

Today's Bible Readings – 1st Sunday of Lent

Psalm	Psalm 32
Old Testament	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:17
New Testament	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11



Loxton Lutheran Parish

St Peter's, Bookpurnong, Myrta, 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 all congregation's incorporated bodies and the parish.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We require 75% of all voting members to be present at this meeting so please make every effort to be there.

Note: During the meeting there will be a kids room setup (unsupervised) with DVD's playing. Also, after the meeting you are welcome to stay for fellowship. Please bring along a plate of afternoon tea plus any cold drinks you would like. Tea & Coffee will be provided.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, your Son fasted in the desert and was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Protect us when we are tempted, and help us to resist the devil by trusting in your word. We ask this through Jesus Christ 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 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, Dorothy Milich and Marj Rudiger.
- † For Bonnie Andrews who is getting baptised at St Peters today at 10.30am and her parents Daniella and Thomas & godparents as they nurture her faith.
- † For the Constitutional Meeting this afternoon (22nd February), 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.

Weekly Bible Readings

Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Thursday	Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7
Monday	Deut 8:1-9	Friday	Romans 5:12-19
Tuesday	Deut 6:13-19	Saturday	Psalms 32
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13		

Next Sunday's Bible Readings – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Psalm	Psalm 121
Old Testament	Genesis 12:1-4a
New Testament	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Gospel	John 3:1-17

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

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.

St Peter's Building Centenary & our Mardi Gras Float

We are currently seeking anyone who wants to be involved in the Loxton Mardi Gras on 28 February. Our plan is to use the model of the church and involve children and others to add a fun and creative twist that fits in with this year's Disney theme. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together and connect with the wider community. Whether you would like to walk in the parade, sit in the float, or help behind the scenes beforehand, we would love your support. Contact Kaye Schober (0417 550 627) or Lauren Grieger (0409 412 739).

Coming Up

Sun 22nd *See upcoming worship services (back page)*
"StarWest" small group (Neil & Jane hosting)
1pm – Prayer Group (Church)

Mon 23rd 9-3pm - *Ministry Centre Open*
3.30-5pm – Parish Youth Group (Peace Hall)
5.15-7.15pm – Riverland Freestyle Martial Arts (Peace Hall)

Tues 24th *Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat's Day Off*
9am – Leanne's KYB Study Group (Ministry Centre)

Wed 25th *Ps Jason's Day Off*
9am – Cheryl's KYB Study Group (St Petri)
10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)
7pm – Midweek Lent Worship (Church)

Thurs 26th 9-3pm - *Ministry Centre Open*

Fri 27th 9-3pm - *Ministry Centre Open*
9am – Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)

Sun 1st *See upcoming worship services (back page)*
1pm – Prayer Group (Church)

Mon 2nd 9-3pm - *Ministry Centre Open*
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 3rd *Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat's Day Off*
9am – Leanne's KYB Study Group (Ministry Centre)

Wed 4th *Ps Jason's Day Off*
Centenary Preparations in Peace Hall
9am – Cheryl's KYB Study Group (St Petri)
10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)
7pm – Midweek Lent Worship (St Johns Myrla)

Thurs 5th *Centenary Preparations in Peace Hall*
9-3pm - *Ministry Centre Open*
10.30am – Loxton Hospital Worship

Fri 6th *Centenary Preparations in Peace Hall*
9-3pm - *Ministry Centre Open*
9am – Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)
5.30pm – Grace Fellowship (Chris & Sandy Sheahan's home)

Sat 7th *Centenary Preparations in Peace Hall*
Morning – Working Bee to get ready for 100th Anniversary
5.30pm – 100th Anniversary Dinner (Peace Hall)

General Announcements

There have been some amendments proposed for the new “One Church Many Doors” constitution. Printed copies are available at the Ministry Centre and have been emailed to all worship centres. Please take the time to read through before our constitutional meeting on 22nd Feb (today).

Lenten Daily Devotional Booklets are available from Lutheran Tract Mission. 6 copies have been printed. If more are needed please let Brenton know at the Ministry Centre. You are welcome to take a copy, if you feel led to give towards printing costs, you can do so at the Ministry Centre. Thankyou.

Peter and Maureen Heinrich and family would like to invite anyone interested in celebrating Peter’s 90th Birthday on Saturday 28th February, 2-4pm @ The Loxton CWA Hall. BYO Drinks, tea & coffee provided. No gifts please.

Myrla & New Residence Congregations will be holding their AGM’s on Sunday 15th March after worship at Myrla.

2 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.

Singing Group for the 100th Anniversary Service (10am, March 8th): Seeking singers for a surprise element of the service. The more the merrier! Hoping for a joyful noise. 1 song, a well known hymn. Any and all welcome and wanted. Practices: Sunday 22/2, 1/3 @ 930am (St Petri) and if needed Thursday 5/3 @ 7pm. Unsure? Contact Jenni Sander or Merrilyn Braun.

Working Bee: We would like to have a working bee on the morning of 7th March, starting at 8.00am, to clean the church yard, especially raking the pine needles. If you are able to help, bring a rake. There will be a trailer there to load with the debris. Also, if anyone would like to help cleaning the interior of the church, eg vacuuming, cleaning spider webs, etc, contact Heather Zimmermann.

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!

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!

Midweek Lent Worship will be held on Wednesday evenings with the first one being 25th February 7pm, at St Peters and subsequent ones being held around the parish (see below).



A black poster with white text for 'Midweek Lenten Worship'. The title is at the top, followed by the day and time. Below is a table of dates and locations. At the bottom is the theme and scripture reference.

Compassion	Grace	Slow to Anger	Loyal Love	Faithful
Feb 25th	Mar 4th	Mar 11th	Mar 18	Mar 25
St Peters Loxton	St Johns Myrla	Pilgrims of Zion Bookpurnong	St Peters Moorook	Trinity New Residence

Theme: **“Encountering God”**
Exodus 34:6,7

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 Worship (Organ) 10.30am Worship & Baptism (Band)	10.30am HC Combined Worship (Band)
Myrla, New Residence, Moorook	Join St Peters 1030am	9am HC @ New Res
Bookpurnong	9am HC	9am LR
Loxton Lutheran School	Fri 27 th Feb, 2.30pm Worship @ LIFE Centre	

Parish Ministry Centre (08) 8584 5522

Open Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 3pm
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