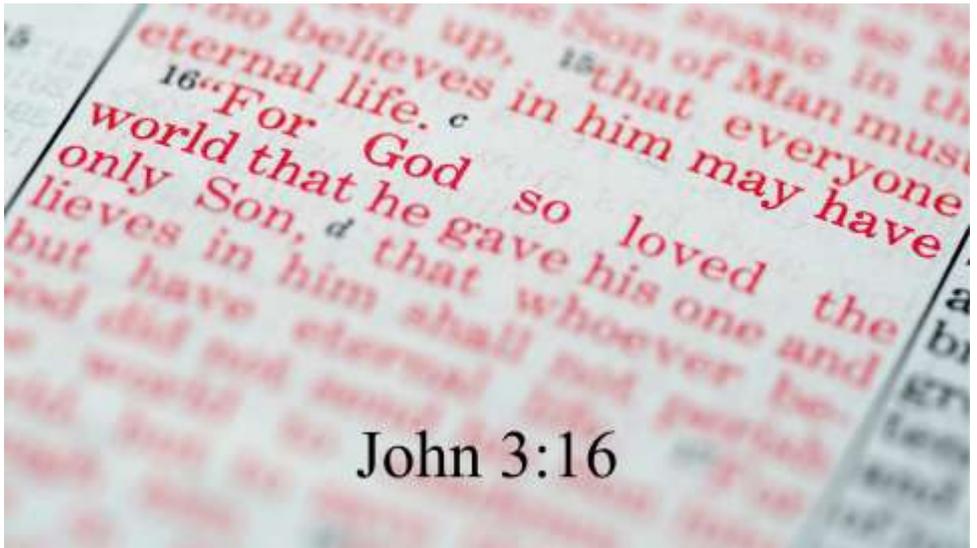


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LOXTON LUTHERAN PARISH

March 1st, 2026



John 3:16

Today'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



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.

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.

One Church, Many Doors Update

Dear Members,

Last Sunday afternoon marked a truly significant moment for the Lutheran Church in Loxton and district. In a spirit of unity and hope for the future, all congregations of the Loxton Lutheran Parish came together and voted to become a single congregation — one church with many doors.

We are delighted to share that the newly formed congregation will be known as CrossFlow Lutheran Community Church Loxton.

It was deeply heart-warming to see such a strong turnout, with more than 165 people in attendance, and even more moving to witness the unanimous support for this new chapter. Thank you all so much for your time, your trust, and the encouragement you have shown throughout this process. There will be further communication and information shared as we continue the next chapter of this journey together.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge a few people whose contributions were not publicly thanked on the day—particularly those who served on the Parish Council during 2025. Your guidance and commitment have been invaluable, and we are grateful for your service.

A special thank you goes to Trish Schober, who served as Parish Treasurer. Trish tidied up several financial matters and provided administrative oversight in preparation for the meeting.

And a huge heartfelt thank you must go to Heather Zimmermann, who has faithfully served as Parish Secretary for more years than I can remember. Heather has been a steadfast advocate and supporter of the Parish. I extend a sincere thankyou to Heather and Lori Fielke (her sidekick) for their years of tireless service.

As we step forward into this new season as CrossFlow Lutheran Community Church Loxton, may we continue to walk together with faith, grace, and hope.

Praise to God,

Kelvin Burgemeister

Chairperson - CrossFlow Lutheran Community Church Loxton

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, we thank you for sending your Son to suffer and give his life for all people. Teach us, who have been born again, to forget ourselves and rely only on Christ our Saviour. For he 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.
- † Give thanks for how well our Constitutional Meeting went last Sunday and continue to pray for the process that continues for us to become one church, many doors with Bookpurnong, St Peter's Loxton, New Residence, Myrla, Moorook & Meribah congregations.
- † The final preparations for the celebration of the centenary of the dedication of St Peter's building next weekend March 7 & 8.
- † For our youth, for encouragement in their schooling, their faith, and for hope for the future.

Weekly Bible Readings

Sunday	John 3:1-17	Thursday	1 John 4:7-21
Monday	Genesis 12:1-4	Friday	1 John 5:1-12
Tuesday	John 7:53-8:11	Saturday	Psalms 121
Wednesday	Romans 4:1-5,13-17		

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

Psalm	Psalm 95
Old Testament	Exodus 17:1-7
New Testament	Romans 5:1-11
Gospel	John 4:5-42

Coming Up

Sun 1st	<i>See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> 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	<i>Centenary Preparations & Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat's Day Off</i> 9am – Leanne's KYB Study Group (Ministry Centre)
Wed 4th	<i>Centenary Preparations & Ps Jason's Day Off</i> 9am – Cheryl's KYB Study Group (St Petri) 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC) 7pm – Midweek Lent Worship (St Johns Myrta)
Thurs 5th	<i>Centenary Preparations & Ministry Centre Open 9-3pm</i> 9am – Craft, Coffee and Chat (Meeting Room) 10.30am – Loxton Hospital Worship 5.30pm – Grace Fellowship (Chris & Sandy Sheahan's home)
Fri 6th	<i>Centenary Preparations & Ministry Centre Open 9-3pm</i> 9am – Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)
Sat 7th	<i>Centenary Preparations & Morning Working Bee</i> 5.30pm – 100 th Anniversary Dinner (Peace Hall)
Sun 8th	<i>See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> Lunch After 10am Centenary Thanksgiving Service at St Peters 1pm – Prayer Group (Church)
Mon 9th	<i>Ministry Centre Closed Public Holiday</i> 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>Ps Jason's Day Off</i> 9am – Cheryl's KYB Study Group (St Petri) 9-5pm – Card Ministry Workshop (Peace Hall) 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC) 7pm – Midweek Lent Worship (Bookpurnong)
Thurs 12th	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open 7.30pm – St Peter's Women's Fellowship (Peace Hall)
Fri 13th	9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open 9am – Noah's Ark Playgroup (St Petri)

General Announcements

Transport to Midweek Lenten Service 4th March at St Johns Myrla, 7pm. If you would like to go to Lenten service in style, comfort and community, please let Brenton know at the Ministry Centre so he can register you for the church bus. Please arrive at St Peter's carpark at 6.15pm for a strictly 6.30pm departure on 4th March to go to Myrla. Limited space, so get in quick! Those with walkers or mobility challenged are very welcome.

Camp Kedron is seeking donations of pool table cues and a working domestic fridge for our caretaker's cottage. Items need to be in good working order. Please contact your congregation representative or Ben on 0423 451 316.

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

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!

Wondering what's been happening behind the Ministry Centre last week? This is the first phase of planned earthworks and landscaping as part of repair and "making good" from the housing development and construction process. There will be more carpark spaces in future! Thankyou to Chris Schutz for all his time and efforts on our behalf.

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

Mobile phone text message
+61 (0) 438 320 218



Upcoming Church Events



Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, 7pm

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

St Peter's Building Centenary Update

1 week 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. All welcome and wanted. Practices: Sunday 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.

Important Note re Dinner Attendees: Please note to those attending the Centenary Dinner on Saturday, 7th March, need to BYO drinks. Only sherries and orange juice are provided with hors d'oeuvres.

Upcoming Worship Services

Location	Today	Next Sunday
St Peter's	10.30am HC Combined Worship (Band)	9.15am Time Capsule lifting & 10am Centenary Thanksgiving Service
Myrla, New Residence, Moorook	9am HC @ New Res	9am LR @ Myrla
Bookpurnong	9am LR	9am HC
Loxton Lutheran School	Fri 6 th Mar, 2.30pm Worship @ LIFE Centre	

Parish Ministry Centre (08) 8584 5522

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