



St Peter's Lutheran Church

Loxton, SA

Living It

LIVING AND SHARING JESUS' GIFT OF LOVE AND HOPE WITH ALL PEOPLE



Open Up

February 5, 2012

ACTS 9:1-18

From the PASTOR

Do you realize that you have a story to tell? Most of us will respond, "Who, me?" Not only do we have a story to tell, but our story carries the power of God. Do you believe that? We all have a story to tell about what God has done in and through us in life, but not all of us believe that our stories carry God's power. Our lives are the canvas upon which God's story is painted for others to see. This good news that Jesus came to proclaim sets all people free for abundant, joyful living, right here and right now!

There is power in a story. Telling a story can be as simple as recounting a sequence of events from our own lives. We are all "experts" in our own story; it's our story that no one else has. Before the written word, stories were used not only to educate and enlighten, but also to pass on valuable lessons and information to the next generation. In the late 1800s, Katherine Henkey wrote a song called, "I Love to Tell the Story." Our prayer today is that this would be true for our lives, as well. That's what we'll explore today as we consider what it means to "open up."

PRAYER of the DAY

God, help us to trust that we have a story, and it's connected to your story, and this story has power. Help us to pay attention to the times in our lives when it seems like you are especially present and active, guiding and leading us through what may seem to be impossible situations. And then, give us enough faith to step out and proclaim this story through what we say and what we do. Amen

WELCOME

It's great to have you here worshipping with us today. May you be richly blessed as you share our worship and fellowship time.

If there is anything we can do to help you while you are here with us today, please do not hesitate to ask the Ushers who are wearing the purple lanyards.

- **Toilets:** Situated on the side of the Peace Hall, adjacent to the church. Just follow the signs.
- **Handicapped Toilet:** Available in Ministry Centre.
- **Mobile phones:** Please turn mobile phones or pagers to silent.
- **Hearing Loop:** If you have a hearing aid, we have a "hearing loop" installed. Please sit in any seats in front of the balcony, and turn your hearing aid to the "T" position, if it is fitted with one.
- **Service Orders:** Printed service orders are available from the Ushers, for those unable to read the data screen.
- **Kids Worship Bags:** Available in the entrance of the church, hanging under the pigeon holes. Green handle bags 1-4 years, and Red handle bags 4-7 years. Please leave in pews at end of service.
- **Kids Activity Sheets:** Available on folders after the Children's Message in the 10.30am Service, or from the stewards as you enter, at the 8.30am Service.
- **Crying Room:** There is a Children's Room available in the belltower entrance of the church (under the stairs).

Community Announcements

REACHarge Youth: Water Skiing River Day, Saturday 11th February, 2.00pm to 5.00pm at River Beach Area, Loxton Caravan Park. Cost \$5- inc refreshments.

Tertiary Orientation Day for New Students: Uni & tertiary students are invited to O-Day on Saturday 18th February at 12.00pm in North Adelaide. Free lunch and dinner and a trip to your particular campus. Refer website lsf.org.au/sa, or contact Victoria 0448 865 735 or Pastor Mike Pietsch 8370 3615 or 0409 725 573.

Pancakes Galore: Shrove Tuesday fun at the Anglican Church, Loxton on 21st February from 5.30pm. Savoury and sweet pancakes available, \$10- per person for all you can eat.

ALC Opening Service and Inaugural Lecture: Monday 27th February 2012 at 9am in the College Chapel, following the service, the inaugural lecture will be presented by Mrs Ruth Zimmermann.

The Lord's Supper

"Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink."

This Sacrament is for baptised Christians who

- ❖ REPENT of their sin;
- ❖ TRUST in Jesus Christ as their only Saviour;
- ❖ BELIEVE that Jesus gives his true body and blood with the bread and wine;
- ❖ INTEND to live a holy life;
- ❖ JOIN with the congregation in this public confession of Jesus and his word.

If you have any questions about attending the Lord's Supper, please see the Pastor.

GIFT
Generations In Faith Together

Give the GIFT of God's Word to your family. Sunday mornings in Peace Hall, new time to begin is at 9.15am. Come for fun and fellowship. GIFT will host a breakfast on Sunday 19th February – Place this date in your diary to come along and enjoy Pancakes!

We remember in Prayer

✠ Those who are sick; Edna Zacher, Rick Holman

Announcements

Know Your Bible Study Group: will resume Tuesday 7th February at 9.00am in the Ministry Centre. This is a weekly Bible Study Group that meets during the School terms. You are very welcome to come along and join the Group.

Loxton Lutheran School: will hold their Opening Worship Service tonight at 5.00pm at the LIFE Centre at the School. This is a whole school worship to welcome all school families, in particular new families, and bless staff and students for the new school year - followed by a shared meal. Please bring a plate of food to share and your own drinks.

Year Books 2012: If you ordered a Year Book, you can now collect and pay for it at the Ministry Centre, cost \$22-.

Harvest Thanksgiving Display: setting up for Harvest Thanksgiving service will take place on Saturday 18th February at 6.30pm. Donations of produce, items of vocation and thanks are welcome. Leave in the flower vestry or Ministry Centre, or come along to help. Contact Heather 8584 1463.

Bible Study 'Stuff they didn't teach me in Sunday School': has recommenced on Thursdays evenings at St Petri Hall at 7.30pm. Everyone to most welcome to come along.

Items needed: donation of tools for leather hand craft for use at Residential Aged Care at the Loxton Hospital – see Ralph Zimmermann 8584 6404 and donation of wool/polar fleece for blanket making for Head2Heart children craft project – see Bronny Gladigau 8587 4315.

Craft Group: you are welcome to come along to the next craft day on Thursday 16th February, commencing at 9.00am at St Petri Hall. Please bring your craft, lunch, a gold coin donation and some morning tea to share.

NEXT WEEK:	SUNDAY 12 th FEBRUARY 2012	
	8.30am	10.30am
Stewards	Neil Harvey's Team	Merv Gladigau's Team
Greeters	Ian Crambrook Desma Altmann	Ken & Kaye Nitschke Warren & Jill Falting
Readers	Thora Rolrlach	Tricia Wright
Organist/Band	Delphie Biele	Leanne Kaesler
Communion Helpers		John Gladigau
Coffee/Ice Cream	Marg & Niel Kruschel	Jean DeCaux
Offering Counters	Veronica King's Team	
Flowers	Jill Falting	
Cleaning	P & M Heinrich's Team	
Data Projector	Neville Thiele	Brayden Bagley
Kid's Talk		Sparky



1. **Share:** your Hi's and Low's.
2. **Read:** a verse from your Bible.

Monday: Rev 9:1-12	Thursday: Rev 11:1-14
Tuesday: Rev 9:13-21	Friday: Rev 11:14-19
Wednesday: Rev 10:1-11	Saturday: Psalm 30

3. **Talk:** about how the verse relates to your Hi's and Low's.
4. **Pray:** for one another.
Offer a PTA prayer; Praise, Thank and Ask.
Pray for special needs.
5. **Bless:** one another.
Remember that you belong to God and one another.

THIS WEEK on the Calendar

SUN 5th FEB	9.15am to 10.15am 5.00pm	GIFT at Peace Hall 'Let There Be Light #1' Opening Worship at LIFE Centre at LLS
MON 6th FEB	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Head2Heart at Peace Hall
TUES 7th FEB	9.00am 10.30am	Know Your Bible (KYB) Study Group at Ministry Centre Singalong at Riverview Rest Home
WED 8th FEB	9.30am 10.40am	Wed morning Bible Study at Linda Thiele's, read John 14:15-27 Riverview Rest Home Worship
THURS 9th FEB	10.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Hospital Singalong Bible Study 'Stuff they didn't teach me in Sunday School' at St Petri Hall Evening Women's Fellowship, Bible Study at St Petri Hall followed by meeting in Ministry Centre, 'Childhood Memories'
FRI 10th FEB	9.15am	Chapel at LLS
SUN 12th FEB	9.15am to 10.15am 5.30pm	GIFT at Peace Hall 'Let There Be Light #2' Niel Kruschel's Care Group at Niel & Margaret's Home

Lutheran Ministry Centre

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: CLOSED
 Tuesday: 10am-3pm
 Wednesday: 10am-3pm
 Thursday: 10am-3pm
 Friday: CLOSED

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St. Peter's is a **SAFE PLACE** Congregation. If you feel that you have been sexually harassed or abused within the LCA phone: 1800 644 628

WORSHIP next week

Sunday
12th February, 2012
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8.30am
Traditional Service

10.30am
Contemporary Service with Holy Communion