

Welcome to St Petri this morning. We are gathered by the Holy Spirit in the grace and love of Jesus in the Father's presence to receive all that he wants to give us. It is good that you are here.

Because we as a family celebrated our oldest son's wedding last weekend and because the Scriptures today talk of that veil that Moses wore when he came from Mount Sinai or the Tabernacle after visiting with the Lord, I have been wondering about what it must be like to be a bride walking down the aisle with a veil on.

On the one hand, it might feel safe. No one can really see how you are – anxious, tearful, joyful, stressed.....



The veil hides the real you. On the other it must be more difficult to walk with usual confidence because you cannot see as you do without the veil.

I wonder whether we sometime feel like we are wearing a veil when it comes to our believing in God's promises and presence. Sometime we like the veil because it hides us from his all-seeing eye (we think). With the veil on we can be less exposed to his word, his calling, his direction for our life.

But sometimes we wish that veil of secrecy that separates us from his promises, power

for living and his great love for us would be raised – like when the Groom finally raises the veil on his lovely Bride and they finally get to really see each other closely.

Jesus has lifted the veil between us. His body is the veil that has been lifted between us and he is close. he is the Groom and we, his people, are his Bride whom he loves. No need to hide under the veil today. he is lifting it off you again and seeking a close relationship of love and trust with you once more.

Pastor Adrian Kitson

This week at St Petri

Sunday 3rd March - Pastor Adrian Kitson

Readings: Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2, Luke 9:28-36

8.30 am Worship with Holy Communion

10.30 am Worship - Service of the Word

Kids Connect at both worship times

Monday 4th March

11.00 am Funeral - Roma Bishop, St Petri Church

Tuesday 26th February - Shrove Tuesday

9.30 am Coffee & Friendship group, Board Room Continue study on Beatitudes.
Pastor Vernon Kleinig will be leading Beatitudes study. All welcome!

Wednesday 6th March

10.00 am Mid Week Holy Communion in St Petri Hall

4.00 pm Confirmation - St Petri Hall (finish 5.15 pm)

7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion, St Petri Church

Thursday 7th March

7.30 pm Shalom Singers, St Petri Hall

If you enjoy singing, we would love to have you join our joyful team in praising God and using your gift for his glory. Both men and women are welcome!

Friday 8th March

9.30 am HoOT Playgroup 3.. 2.. 1 Blast off! St Petri Hall

Sunday 10th March

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

8.30 am Worship - Service of the Word

10.30 am Worship with Holy Communion

Indonesian Guests visit Faith Lutheran College

This morning in the 10.30am service we will have an opportunity to welcome some special guests from SMA HKBP 1 Tarutung secondary school in the region of North Sumatra, Indonesia. The guests are part of the SIWAH project that commenced in July in 2018. Principal Tumbur Silaban, 2 staff and 3 students from the school will be spending a week at Faith Lutheran College and immersing themselves in some cultural activities, including an Aussie BBQ at the Roennfeldt farm.

The main focus of the week for our Indonesian visitors is to immerse themselves in how our teaching and learning functions at the College. The 3 staff have made it very intentional that they wish to observe and learn the many aspects of how we operate as not only educators but as a whole school community.

The SIWAH project was developed with the intention of forming a partnership where each school community can serve the other in various capacities so it is pleasure that we can welcome our visitors and we pray that their week will be blessed with many new and valuable experiences.

Craig Chidgey on behalf of the SIWAH team.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 6th March - Ash Wednesday

Tuesday 12th March

Bible Society - China Partnership Tour Presentation - St Petri Hall 1 pm
(see advert further on in bulletin)

Wednesday 13th March - Start of 5 week study series

Part 2 of "Who is the Holy Spirit" Going and Growing in the Spirit.
Dr Noel Due and Dr Steen Olsen
Following the half hour Lenten devotion in the church
See details on next page advert.

Wednesday 13th March

9.30 am Hand in Hand Family Centre Management Team Meeting

Saturday 23rd March Co-ordinator network day SP3/Professional Standards

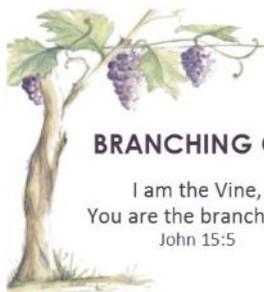
Wednesday 24th April - Sunday 28th April - Vintage Festival Floral Display and cuppas in St Petri Hall. Sign up sheets for if you would like to help with this available soon.

Tuesday 30th April + Tuesday 7th May

Team Member Training SP3 Professional Standards
Need to attend both nights 6-9 pm St Petri Hall
Training needs to be updated every three years. If you are a leader or involved in Children's ministry you need to have completed this training.
Please keep the dates free. More information next week.

Wednesday 13th March - St Petri Ladies Guild Meeting 1.30 pm

Guest Speaker: Senior Constable Grant Sivewright from SAPOL: Road Safety section to speak to senior road users about rules and road safety. Bible study by Pastor Adrian.
Please bring your Bible. Everyone welcome to attend!



BRANCHING OUT

I am the Vine,
You are the branches ...
John 15:5

Branching Out - Friday 29th March

7.00 pm St Petri Lutheran Church Hall



No two peas are the same because God loves variety!
Come and enjoy the journey of Vicar Shaun Manning and Pastor Adrian Kitson

Gold Coin donation—drinks nibbles and supper provided

Girls night out 8 years to 80+

For more information contact Kaylene 0409 287 869

St Petri Hosting Messy Church Conference

Recently I was contacted by the 'Messy Church Australia' team asking if St Petri would consider hosting the next Triennial Australasian Messy Church gathering in early 2021. (National three yearly gathering). What an honour to be asked. This is a request I was keen to share with the St Petri Congregation, as I invite you to ponder on this opportunity for our church family. The decision to do so, is yet to be made, but I invite your feedback as we go through this process of consideration.

Firstly, let me tell you a little about the National Messy Church Conference. Heather Kurtz and I attended the 2018 Conference in Melbourne. There were about 120 people in attendance, and it was an incredible time of mutual encouragement and Messy Church learning, including international & local guest speakers, electives (including hands-on activities) & valuable time networking with other Messy Church teams. We had the incredible opportunity to talk one-on-one with Lucy Moore from the UK (one of the founders of Messy Church) and this conversation was pivotal in further developing our mission and vision of Messy Church at St Petri. Yes, a time of incredible learning, networking and encouragement.

If we hosted the Messy Church Conference 2021, we would be able to support the ministry of Messy Church throughout Australia/New Zealand, as well as having the opportunity for our St Petri Messy Church team to attend the conference as participants. How encouraging would that be!

So, what does hosting mean on a practical level?
As hosts we would provide the following:

- **Event Venue** – Volunteers to organise a venue.
- **Catering** – Volunteers to organise catering/possibility of getting caterers.
- **Accommodation** – Volunteer to source a few local accommodation sites and pass on links to the planning team.



(We would provide someone to coordinate and support this team)

I believe that this opportunity would be an amazing one to take on and could be such an encouragement to our Messy Church ministry, but also to our whole congregation as we work together to share Jesus love. Once again, I invite your feedback, and if you feel that God is leading you to be involved in some way, please come and have a chat with either Heather Kurtz or myself. Maybe you'd just like to know some more about this! Love to hear from you.

God bless you, Sharon Green

Saturday 9th March, 2019 at 7 pm

Tanunda St Paul's Lutheran Church

VIVALDI LA TEMPESTA DI MARE

J.S. BACH Concerto in D Minor for Violin, Obi and Orchestra

TCHAIKOVSKY

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

(Germany)

Tickets available at Barossa Visitor Information Centre

Tickets at the door one hour prior to the concert from 6pm (cash sales only)

Who is the Holy Spirit?



Going and Growing in the Spirit

Led by Dr's Noel Due & Steen Olsen

The Holy Spirit is often compared to very elemental things: fire, wind and water being the most common. The metaphors are fitting. They speak of movement, unpredictability and change. He moves and we are carried along; he is the Lord and Giver of Life: we are in his hands, not he in ours; and he alters what he touches. Whatever he does, he does for the good. He is always going, never static; and as he goes he blesses, transforms and purifies. That's why 'going' and 'growing' are inseparable. In this series we'll learn how and why God makes us participants in this Spirit led action.

Commencing Wednesday 13th March

Going and Growing in the Spirit weekly topics:

- 13 March The Spirit in Perpetual Motion
- 20 March The Spirit and the Healing of the Church
- 27 March The Spirit and the Healing of Broken Lives
- 3 April The Spirit and Healing of Community
- 10 April The Spirit and the Healing of the World

A photograph of several dandelion seed heads against a bright, hazy background. One seed head in the foreground is in sharp focus, while others in the background are blurred. Some seeds are shown in mid-air, appearing to be blowing away from the heads.

7.30 - 9 pm with cuppa & supper
(follows 7pm Lenten devotion
in the church)

St Petri Church Hall, Nuriootpa

These studies will be recorded so that they can become a resource for the wider church. You will be asked to sign a talent release form.

Please register at admin@stpetri.org.au or phone the office 8562 1011

BISHOP JOHN HENDERSON - HEARTLAND ENEWS

*'Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and be safe.
Seek your happiness in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desire.
Give yourself to the Lord; trust in him, and he will help you;
he will make your righteousness shine like the noonday sun.
Be patient and wait for the Lord to act...' (Ps 37:3-7)*

'Synod acknowledges the deep hurt in the course of the debate on ordination and seeks reconciliation.' (LCA Convention of Synod, resolution 2018:0205)

Dear fellow Christians and members of the LCA,
God bless you in this new year of 2019, which is already well underway in our homes, workplaces, schools and church. I pray that you continue to grow in faith and in Christian living in a world that is often confused and troubled. May Christ, who is your confidence, be your beacon and hope as he guides you, nurtures you and prunes you to produce good fruit for his kingdom. I am sending this eNews to you on the same day that a Victorian court has convicted a significant Australian church leader of sexual abuse. These are difficult times for the church in Australia and New Zealand, times to renew our faith and hope in Christ and realise how fragile the clay pots are to which God has entrusted his treasure (2 Corinthians 4:7). This was the timely theme for the February Synod of the Victorian District.

Last week both the College of Bishops and the General Church Board held their first major meetings for 2019. Many of you have been waiting to hear what the leadership will do to 'fix' the problem we identified following the vote on the question of ordaining both women and men. The vote did not pass, the church's teaching remained the same, but something has shifted among us. We are still working out exactly what that might be. We had already felt it at Synod and so we passed the resolution I have put at the head of this eNews. It acknowledges hurt and seeks reconciliation. Since Convention I have seen many do exactly that, and it gives me heart.

There is, however, no quick fix. Any human technical solutions, applied hastily by the leadership, would be reckless and likely to be catastrophic for the well-being of the faithful. We face critical issues: determining the will of God in his Word on certain issues; impatience with Synod processes which do not seem to be solving differences; intemperance in some quarters towards others who don't agree with them on certain points; and for some an understandable but for others a distressing testing of the limits or 'boundaries' by which we regulate the church's faith and life.

Specific matters brought to the attention of the bishops in recent months include: faithful participation in the mission of God; better listening to one another; acknowledging what unifies us; how we use language and cultural filters; identifying what we hold dearest in our heart; the role and service of women in the 21st century church; the role and service of men in the 21st century church; the role of LCA pastors and pastors conferences; and avoiding actions that may go beyond current LCA teaching and practice.

The LCA, as a community of faith, is at a spiritual turning point. God is teaching us, yet again, to wait patiently for him, trust him and put all our burdens on him. It is a time of temptation, wanting to find our own way and forgetting to wait for God. It is a time when the human spirit, out of understandable frustration, wants to 'fix' things and put them back on track. It's a time for us to cry out to God, not only for guidance, but also for enough faith to trust him with everything we have, up to and including the church.

I am certain that God has given us more than enough resources to meet these challenges head on.

Last Sunday was the end of Epiphany. Psalm 37 instructed us to wait for the Lord, trust him, do good things, and not to be angry or frustrated when others seem to be getting their way and we are not. This coming Sunday is Transfiguration. With eyes of faith we will see Jesus in his glory, only to be told that our ministry in this world isn't over and we must come down off the mountain and get back to work. Then, the following Wednesday, we will begin our Lenten pilgrimage, a time of reflection, prayer and repentance. In March and April Jesus will walk alongside us through the days of his passion, carefully showing us why he must die for us. Repentance is symbolised outwardly by purple and the lack of 'Hallelujahs' in services, and inwardly through a heart that turns back to God, away from the sinful self and its desires. And finally, later in April, we will join the first disciples in their shock and uncertainty as we meet Jesus risen from the dead, to start a new life with him unshackled by everything that held us back in the past.

In the light of all this, ask yourself what anyone listening in to us from the outside would learn from us. Would they think that the ordination of both women and men is our major issue? You and I both know it isn't. We have a far greater message of release and freedom to share. Through Transfiguration, Lent and Easter, God will refocus us on what matters: the resurrection of Christ, and the life he brings into the world. That is the only true certainty we have in life. Christ is our message. When others look in on us and listen to our conversations, let them meet Christ in our words and our actions.

I pray, that, whatever the solution, whether we find that our differences are irreconcilable or not (and in Christ I believe they are not), and however we 'solve' our issues, it must not prevent us from preaching the truth of the gospel, doing good for others, and being as Christ in the world. We have so much to get on with being and doing!

I thank the many of you who pray for the bishops and the other LCA leaders. Please join us in our prayer, that we may be one, as Jesus prayed for all believers, just as he and the Father are one (John 17:11). This is a most remarkable prayer, and only God can do it. And as Jesus prayed that prayer he went even further, 'I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in me because of their message' (John 17:20).

This is our common calling, whether laity or pastor, male or female. All of us are God's messengers, a calling we carry every day in our family, work, social life, recreation or whatever we do. And surely that alone is worth staying together for and celebrating. God give you peace, In Christ,

Pastor John Henderson - Bishop

Lutheran Church of Australia

With the LCA College of Bishops:

Pastor David Altus – South Australia/Northern Territory

Pastor Robert Bartholomaeus – New South Wales

Pastor Michael Fulwood – Western Australia

Dr Andrew Pfeiffer – Assistant Bishop

Pastor Lester Priebbenow – Victoria/Tasmania

Pastor Paul Smith - Queensland

Pastor Mark Whitfield – New Zealand Aotearoa

Notice Board



How far would you go...

... so a refugee child can go to school?

Walk My Way gives you the chance to join with people around Australia in a 26km walking challenge - and raise money to support refugee kids to go to school at the same time!

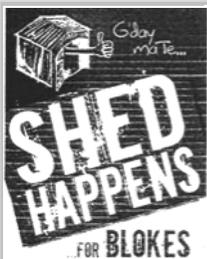
TOP 5 REASONS TO JOIN WALK MY WAY 2019

1. you walk in the 150 year old footsteps of brave faithful Lutheran pioneer women
2. Your walk on the day before Palm Sunday can be an Easter pilgrimage of reflection.
3. Admire autumn in the Adelaide Hills up-close!
4. We feed you! Farmhouse German breakfast, sausage sizzle at Stirling, Made-it Meal plus
5. Cost \$26 to walk

If you are unable to walk but would still like to support this worthwhile cause, you might like to consider sponsoring Jenny Wood who will be going on this walk. PH: 8562 2215. She would also love to hear from you if you would like to accompany her.

Walk My Way Steps out Saturday 13 April 2019.

Yes, it's a challenge 26 kilometres—or choose shorter.



Friday 5th April Shed Happens

Men's
night
out

Happening @ Steve Falland's Barossa Quarries
(Shed no. 5) 202 Radford Rd, Angaston
Interviewing Steve Falland.

6.30 pm - 9.30 pm BBQ Cost \$10 - BYO drinks & chairs
Bring your mates for a great night out!

More info: Wayne Rohrlach 8562 1911
Greg Schubert 8562 2163 or Viv Fiebiger 8562 3636
Ministry of St Petri Lutheran Church, Nuriootpa

If you require
transport, phone
Ian Rosenzweig
8562 2213

Movie Night Sunday 10th March, 2019 7.00 pm

Paul - Apostle of Christ

Risking his life, Luke ventures to Rome to visit Paul - the apostle who's bound in chains and held captive in Nero's darkest and bleakest prison cell. Haunted by the shadows of his past misdeeds, Paul wonders if he's been forgotten as he awaits his grisly execution. Before Paul's death, Luke resolves to write another book that details the birth of what will come to be known as the church. Rated M

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Hall, Nuriootpa

We share this story of Hehuni as a thank you to some of our St Petri people who have done a great job in supporting a man in need, and as an encouragement to our community to be open to serving all kinds of people both in our working lives and as a church community. All praise be to the Lord for a good outcome for this PNG Christian man!

Pastor Adrian

Hehuni Tau is a 42 year old PNG citizen. Nearly 12 months ago, he was getting a sore, swollen Right knee which just wouldn't go away. The sensation wasn't normal either and gradually the leg got weaker. Despite x-rays, blood tests, CT Scans, no cause could be found. Within a few months, the Left leg began to swell also and weaken. He was hospitalised with Cellulitis in the left leg, a dangerous infection, but still no solution to his weakness was found and Hehuni soon had to stop working in his job in finance, as he could no longer get around well enough. He was unable to walk, drive and his legs were both numb and easily fatigued. It was decided that to get any answers, he would need to go to the Philippines or Australia. The Philippines was a cheaper option but not available at the time so Hehuni enlisted the help of his Australian-residing family and headed to Adelaide for tests. Hehuni is self-funded as there has been no Medicare agreement between Australia and PNG since 1975. Hehuni told me if he was born before Independence in 1975, he would have been fully covered here!

An MRI that could accommodate his size soon diagnosed a mass on his spine between his shoulder blades that was causing his weakness. Despite the fact it may have been present for many years, it was clearly growing rapidly and it would need urgent removal to salvage nerves and therefore function.

The surgery went without incident and he was discharged to the care of his Barossa family. If this happened to us, we would have been discharged to Hampstead Centre for intense Rehabilitation including Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Gym strengthening, driving assessment and wheelchair and equipment assessment and provision. He would have had at least 3 hours a day of rehabilitation, 5 days per week. He has done all his rehabilitation on one hour a week.

He returned home on Thursday 28th February; no doubt an emotional return, to his 13 year old son and homeland.

He returns fully ambulant without aids, although he gets tired quickly. He can climb a flight of stairs, kneel, get up from the floor, crawl, squat and essentially anything he needs to live independently. With more time and work at home, Hehuni will continue to recover – hopefully a full recovery.

Good Luck H!

Tania Materne

China Partnership Tour Presentation

Guest Speaker Kua Wee Seng, Director of the United Bible Societies China Partnership

Tuesday 12th March

1.00 pm St Petri Hall Light lunch included

A free will offering will be taken up.

You need to have booked in for this and the event is now fully booked.



Notice Board

House for Rent in Happy Valley

Pastor Andy and Glenda Kowald have a 4 bedroom house available for rental in Happy Valley.

The main bedroom has an en-suite bathroom. It would suit either a family or 4 students. Rental is \$370 per week for a family, or \$100 each per week for 4 students or individuals. Please contact Pastor Andrew on 0412 245 262

Student Assistance in Adelaide

If you know of anyone seeking assistance with accommodation, or who is offering a place for rental in Adelaide, you are welcome to contact me in order that I may be of service to them.

Also, if there are any Young Adults coming to Adelaide this Year who would like some assistance in being connected with other Young Adults in our Church, I would be very pleased to help them.

Pastor Peter Miller 0409 725 573 | 08 8267 5211 (District Office)
Peter.miller@lca.org.au

Drought Benefit Concert

(proceeds to assist households in the Eastern Eudunda area)
Eudunda Lutheran Church Sunday 31st March 2pm

Adelaide Plains Male Voice Choir

with guest artists: Caitlin Drew & Polly and Chris

Admission \$15 (Children under 15 free)

Followed by a cuppa and biscuits

Tickets and further details Murray Sauer 0457 953 074

Don Bubner 0427 286 121, other choir members and at the door

Blessed are the Peacemakers

Adelaide Workshop: Growing in a lifestyle of reconciliation

Tuesday 5th March and Wednesday

6th March 9am—5 pm

LLL upstairs conference room, 175

Archer Street, North Adelaide

Cost \$150 which includes training materials and light meals

More information rm@lca.org.au or

08 8267 7300

a free, new club for students in yrs 7-12

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Flexible Learning Centre
St Petri Nuriootpa
7.00 - 8.00pm

 YoungLife Australia

Wed 6 March
Wed 20 March
Wed 3 April

ph: Andrew 0488 400 370
e: sophie@younglife.org.au

We Pray

- **We thank God for blessing the Valley with another harvest of grapes.** We pray for the Vintage workers, for their safety as they work long hours at night and handpicking in this hot weather.
- **We pray for the family of Roma Bishop** who's funeral is on Monday. We pray for God's comfort and peace.
- **We ask God's healing for Mark Steinert** waiting patiently (for over two years) for a hip operation.
- **We pray for God's healing and peace** for those of our church family who are ill, facing medical treatment or recovering from surgery - and those who care for them: Janet Harris, Helen Walker, Glenda Schultz, Barb Doecke, Rosemary Angel, Gladys Falkenberg, Helen Thiele and Daryl Schulz.
- **We pray for members of our Church Family;** Brett, Jane, Nathan & Sonia GEYER, Lawrence & Dianne LINKE, Kevin & Gladys MATERNE, Kelvyn PRESCOTT & Adam & Naomi RIDLEY.

Please contact the office if you have specific prayer needs and you would like our church to pray for you, or just write it on the care sheet found in your bulletin.

Items required for Vintage Festival

The floral art ladies would love to borrow a plastic clam shell wading pool for the week after Easter to use as part of their floral art display. If you are able to help out with this, please contact Kaylene Rohrlach.

Help Required — Ushering for 10.30 am community

If you attend the 10.30 am worship service on a Sunday and would like to assist with ushering, we would love to hear from you. One of the main roles of the ushers is to be welcoming and share the gift of hospitality. Please let Kay Rohrlach or the office know if you would like to do this.

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In Touch

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ **And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds...**

This is our home bible text for 2019. I wonder what it means for you and for us as a local community of God's people in a changing town with its changing culture.

In these times where we are often believing that the days of St Petri are on the wane, there are less people in Sunday School and Confirmation, less people in worship services, so many don't want to be part of the church, there is huge mistrust of the church, there is bad behaviour by people in the church (even leaders), it is so easy and so understandable that we can give up on trusting the Holy Spirit is at work among us and among the many strangers to the church we know.

But the Spirit of Christ is always on the move. We have a new living way to be at peace with our loving heavenly Father and that way is by repentance and trust in the cross, the empty tomb, the ascension to rule this world of Jesus.

We have open access to the acceptance, love and power of God for all we face in life and as a church in mission. He has cleansed us, washed us and given us a rock-solid faith. We can hold unswervingly to the faith in Jesus we profess by how we live and what we say about God in our lives.

So let us indeed consider how we can encourage another; spur each other on to serving each other in Jesus name in our church and community. To serve in his name is what we are here for. It is the means by which the Lord will change our town into his town, his place of forgiveness, acceptance and love for all the friends and strangers we know.

Pastor Adrian