

It is good to be together gathered in the presence of God whether we are at home alone, with friends and family or in the church building this long weekend. Thank you for participating in our community worship gathering!

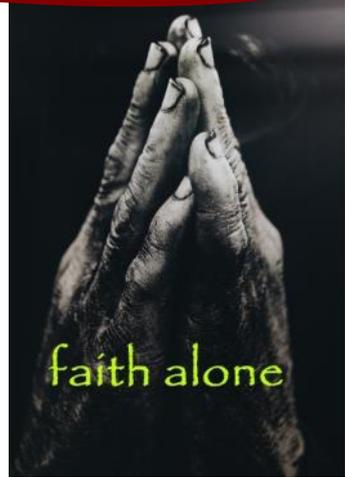
We are in the crucial territory of how we are at peace with God – the business of Law and Gospel, sin and righteousness by grace alone. Paul speaks of it in the Bible reading today from Philippians 3. He says we are only at peace and right with God by faith in Jesus' life, death and resurrection, not by keeping the Law.

And the Law is where we centre this weekend. We are right at the heart of it – the famous 10 Commandments.

We are with God's people at the base of Mount Sinai hearing for the first time the shape of the new deal they are now involved in with God, since he freed them from being slaves to the world under Pharaoh.

This is a new deal not like any other human deal. The commandments are all part of this new deal. They are the rules not just for rule's sake, but rules for a RELATIONSHIP. These rules are all about the relationship, more than about the rules themselves.

But really, this deal God is making with his people is not even really a 'deal'. It is a 'No Deal', as the game show contestants sometimes say! It is more an act of sheer grace that then requires



some guidelines to stay in that relationship of grace.

So, we ponder these famous commandments and the God who makes relationships with people who cannot keep their end of the deal.

May you be renewed and reinvigorated in love and be given confidence to love through these guidelines for loving people in your life.

Pastor Adrian

Worship @ Home Order (website or dvd)

stpetri.org.au (Service order is online and in bulletin available on website)

HOME OR GROUP WORSHIP

Sunday 4th October, 2020 17 Pentecost

Pastor Adrian Kitson

WELCOME

AN OPENING WORD

We do not have a righteousness of our own that comes from the law,
**but one that comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God based on faith.**

(Philippians 3:9)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

WE SING (BAND) Through it all

**You are forever in my life,
You see me through the seasons.
Cover me with Your hand,
and lead me in Your righteousness
And I look to You,
and I wait on You.**

**I'll sing to You, Lord,
a hymn of love
for Your faithfulness to me.
I'm carried in everlasting arms,
You'll never let me go,
through it all.**

**Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah**

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CALL TO PRAYER *(From Philippians 3)*

WE PRAY A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

GOD SPEAKS: WE HEAR HIS WORD

Philippians 3:4b-14 Everything loss compared to Christ

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WE REFLECT ON THE WORD (SERMON)

WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH

Luther's Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe that I cannot by my own
understanding or effort
believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord,
or come to Him.**

**But the Holy Spirit has called me
through the Gospel,
enlightened me with his gifts,
and sanctified and kept me in true faith.
In the same way He calls, gathers,
enlightens and sanctifies
the whole Christian Church on earth,
and keeps it united with Jesus Christ
in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church day after day,
He fully forgives my sins
and the sins of all believers.
On the last day He will raise me
and all the dead
and give me and all believers
in Christ eternal life.**

This is most certainly true.

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD AND OURSELVES

WE PRAY JESUS' PRAYER:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

WE SING: (ORGAN) And can it be LHS 67 (V 1 4 5)

**And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain —
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That you, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be
That you, my God, should die for me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night:
Your eye diffused a quickening ray -
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed you.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed you.**

**No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

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GOD BLESSES US:



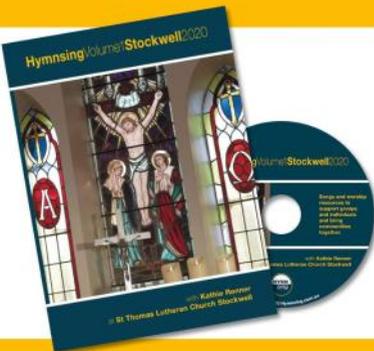
NEW WORSHIP OPTIONS

- SUNDAY MORNINGS** 9.30 AM Worship (service of the word)
- WEDNESDAY MORNING** 10.00 AM Holy Communion Service
1st & Third Wednesday
In the Church
- WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** 7.00 PM Worship Service - Will be filmed
Welcome to attend as congregation.
- WORSHIP AT HOME** Recorded worship service available across
the weekend. Holy Communion for small
groups available upon request.

At the Wednesday evening worship starting 14th October we will be offering Holy Communion at the end of the filming service. This will be every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT RETURNING TO WORSHIP, PLEASE DO NOT FEEL OBLIGED, ONLY DO WHAT IS OK BY YOU, BUT WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

Sing Your Favourite Hymns



A new resource for people who love the original words and tunes from the Australian Lutheran Hymnal and supporting those with memory and isolation challenges.

Available in multiple formats for use by individuals, families and communities

hymnsing.com.au



Christmas at the Mall in 2020

2020 has been a very different year, so we continue to do things differently. I'm excited to share that we are taking our Christmas celebrations to the Co-op Mall this year! We have been given the 'green light' to share Christmas carols (St Petri band), as well as the happy task of handing out Christmas gift bags to children. These Christmas bags will contain gifts that share the Christmas Story. To create some Christmas atmosphere, we'd like to have a group of people (both children & adults) walking around in nativity costumes and maybe even a manger setting on the lawn. Our location will be just outside of the mall, and we invite you to be there as a St Petri 'presence' to our community. There are other opportunities for St Petri people to be involved with Christmas in the Mall. Perhaps you would like to help putting our Christmas gift bags together – it will take a team. Or maybe handing gift bags out on the day. Perhaps you'd like to be a wiseman/shepherd/Mary/Joseph. It may be that you would be keen to boldly walk around in a sandwich board saying, 'St Petri wishes you a JOY-filled Christmas!' We encourage our St Petri family to come along and mingle a little and just be around the place. At present, we are waiting on the Co-op to finalise a date. We have requested the weekend before Christmas (Sat Dec 19 or Sun Dec 20). We are certainly imagining it will be a bustling mall, with many people doing their Christmas shopping! It will be so special to spread Christmas love with our community - it's been a tough year. Let's pray that the love and hope of Jesus will touch people's hearts this Christmas.



LLL Interest change notice

Our congregation has received an "LLL Interest Rate Change" notice advising that effective 1 October 2020, the interest rate on at-call Savings Accounts is 0.8% This notice has been placed on the church notice board for your information.



Dried Apricots for Sale (in the St Petri Office)

to support Compassionate Ministries Overseas.

\$14 per 500g packet

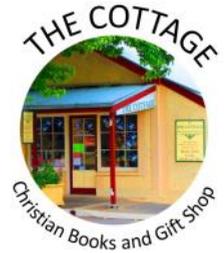
Apricots grown and processed in the Riverland for the Trinity Lutheran Church New Residence Lutheran Parish Apricot Fund Raising Project.

Yields were down this year and once the box full is sold there will be no more for this season.

The Cottage Christian Books and Gift Shop

47 Murray Street
Nuriootpa SA 5355
T+ 08 8562 4631

Email: cottage@stpetri.org.au



A conversation and story on adoption

Trish Townsend, local author, will meet us again in the Cottage on Saturday morning 24th October at 10.20 am. She will happily share her story of adoption in a faith-filled family while seeking out the truth of her biological parents.

She appreciates that every person's journey in and through adoption is quite unique. There can be some good and not so good moments.

Again, each group will be capped at 6 people.

Please let the Cottage know if you would like to be a part of this more personal sharing time.

Trading Hours
Monday - Friday
9.30 am - 4.30 pm
Saturday
9.30 am - 12 noon

LISTENING

and responding to God's Voice

16-18 OCTOBER 2020

AN ADVENTUROUS DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE
HOSTED BY BETHANY TABOR LUTHERAN PARISH
77 MURRAY STREET, TANUNDA
SA 5352

PRESENTED BY MICHAEL DUTSCHKE
PASTOR AND DISCIPLER

TICKETS - \$40

(INCLUDES LUNCH AND MORNING TEA)
ONLY 50 TICKETS AVAILABLE
UNFORTUNATELY NO CHILD-MINDING IS
AVAILABLE AT THE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER
OPEN NIGHT
7.00PM DOORS OPEN
7.30PM START
FREE PUBLIC EVENT

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
WORKSHOP
8.30AM REGISTRATION
9.00AM START
4.30PM CLOSE
ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER
WORSHIP SERVICE
8.30AM BETHANY
9.45AM TABOR
11.00AM BETHANY
FREE PUBLIC EVENT

Details and Bookings
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Local event hosted by Bethany Tabor Lutheran Parish, Tanunda - we are invited!
Presented by Michael Dutschke
For bookings and more information go to
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The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life in some way for nearly everyone on the planet. Yet, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the gospel and to serve in Jesus' Name.



SAMARITAN'S PURSE **Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is a practical way for Australians to bless children in need around the world by filling shoebox gifts with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and other fun gifts. Through a volunteer network across the country, the project plans to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Month, October 2020.

Looking forward to the coming season, the ministry is monitoring local, state, and national guidelines and making adjustments to help protect the health of everyone involved in collecting and processing shoebox gifts.

In 2019, over 273,000 shoeboxes were packed in Australia and New Zealand, and over 10 million packed worldwide. The shoebox gifts were delivered to over 100 countries across the world, including our 2019 focus countries of the Philippines, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia.

To start packing, individuals and families can use a shoebox from home or pick up pre-printed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at St Petri Lutheran Church, Nuriootpa or the Christian Community Hub, Tanunda. For any inquiries, please call 1300 884 468 or contact the OCC local representative Karina Schaefer 0417816272. This year, Operation Christmas Child is also launching an exciting opportunity to pack a shoebox online. Visit OperationChristmasChild.org.au to find out more about this convenient and personal way to give shoebox gifts directly from home.

Pack a shoebox today and be a part of this life-changing project.



It's Subscription Time 😊

Again this year we are pleased to offer you a special "deal" for your subscriptions

- Fellowship Membership and Magazine package \$25
- Membership Only \$15
- Individual Magazine \$13 (delivered to your home)

Lutheran Women Magazine full of great devotions, Bible studies and interesting articles. Keep up to date with what women are doing in their communities all around Australia

Women's Fellowship Membership

We are affiliated with LWSA/NT and Lutheran Women of Australia (LWA) – this is included in your subs.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month for Bible study and or guest speakers, fun and fellowship and great afternoon teas

Payable to Marlene Schubert or if you find it easier - place it in an envelope with your name on it and pop it into Rosie in the church office by 25th December 2020.

If you prefer to pay by direct debit please call Marlene for the details 0412 739 002.

Thank You in advance 😊

New to our Community



We welcome to our St Petri community Richard Nuske (left) Greg Minge (well he just happens to be on the photo, he has been here forever!) and on the right, Jenny & Paul Ridley. If you have been able to attend the Sunday morning worship recently you would have seen them. We ask God's joy for them and thank him for bringing them here.

Help Required

Our littlies have loved that they can come back and play at the HoOt playgroup. The mums think it is pretty good to be able to catch up again too. The only thing that is a little hard for the organizers, Ingrid and Heidi, is all the cleaning of the toys afterwards. If you would happen to have a bit of spare time late on a Friday morning once a fortnight, the girls would love to have your help!

As there would still be children around, you would need a Working with Children Check which you obtain online if you don't already have one. Rosie would be happy to help you obtain one of these when she is back in November.

Widows luncheon at the Vine Inn - next one Thursday 13th October

Meet in the foyer for a 12 noon start. Please ring Dianne Linke if you would like more information or would like to attend.

Christmas Hampers for Lutheran Community Care Thanks for your contributions!

If you are able to donate, just pop them in to the trolley in the church foyer or bring into the office. over 400 hampers were packed by LCC last year, let's see how many items we can donate:

ITEMS NEEDED FROM ST PETRI

- Vegemite (medium sized)
- Christmas Lollies

TOTAL 1

What's on at St Petri

Sunday 4th October

9.30 am Worship in St Petri Church, Service of the Word

Tuesday 6th October

Governance Council Meeting

Wednesday 7th October

10.00 am Mid Week Holy Communion - St Petri Church
During this worship service we would like to acknowledge Marnie Renner's ministry to the aged with Holy Communion and thank God for all who reach out to the aged or alone in our St Petri family.

7.00 pm Filming of St Petri Worship Small resource
Worship open to all to attend.

Sunday 11th October

9.30 am Worship in St Petri Church, Service of the Word

No longer a need to register! - but we do still need to take attendance records
We feel that we have a fairly comprehensive list of who is likely to be coming on Sunday (and the Wednesday night and Holy Communion 10 am) and will just tick names already on the list and add those names and phone numbers that we don't have down.

The only down side to this is that if we do have more than 183 turn up for worship, we will need to ask people to come to one of the alternative worship times instead. That is our building's limit for social distancing requirements.

Coffee & Friendship Group (Jenny Wood's Group)

Venue: East Room (Meeting Room complex, closest to road)

Will be taking a break for School holidays and resuming on 13th October to complete study of 10 commandments and then study Hebrews.

Diary Dates:

All of October Shoebox drop off month. St Petri office is a drop off point for your shoe boxes and fillers for Samaritan's Purse.
You can pick up printed boxes and info pamphlets from the office.

Wed 14 October St Petri Women's Fellowship

16-18 October Listening and responding to God's Voice weekend
Hosted by Bethany Tabor Parish, Tanunda (see ad)

Sunday 22nd November

St Petri Annual General Meeting - St Petri Church

We Pray

- **Bring healing and comfort for people around the world suffering from Coronavirus COVID-19.** Speed their recovery and slow the spread of the virus. We thank you for the efforts of all those involved in treating, testing and caring for patients, and ask your protection over them as they go about their work. Give wisdom to governments around the world as they manage this outbreak. Help us to place our trust in you, knowing that our life is safely hidden in you and that you are the Lord of all creation. Enable us to share the hope we have in you.
- **We thank you heavenly father for our people who care for others** in our Visitation (Pastoral) team, for Pastor Paul Lohe, and for those who visit our vulnerable people, our elderly and those who are in hospital or are unwell in any way. Some are part of our organized ministry and others who just do this for friends or those who the Holy Spirit prompts to care in this way. Give us your words of life to share when we visit, words that bring peace and healing. Thank you for blessing both those who are visited and those doing the visiting.
- **Last week we welcomed into God's family/our church family, Kyal Platt** (soon to be husband of Holly Wilson) and today at 11 am **Elki Jaensch, daughter of Tennyson and Talya will be baptised.** We ask God to bless them both as they grow in their life with Him.
- **We celebrate with Irene Egel.** She will be 80 years old on Monday 5th October. She has been through a lot this year with a hip replacement and another to come but still she smiles a beautiful smile for Jesus. We pray for a lovely celebration time with her family and may she know how much she is loved!
- **We pray for God's healing and peace for all those of our church family who are ill, facing medical treatment or recovering from surgery** - and those who care for them: Dennis Hampel (Lyell McEwen), Glen Schultz (Ashford), Les Harnath (Modbury), Roma Bray, Pat Scholz, Joan Pollard, Margaret Wolfenden, Hedy Stanley, Ruth Rathjen, Margaret Kleinig, Barb Doecke, Rosemary Angel, Mark Steinert and Helen Thiele.
- **We pray for others of our St Petri family and friends by name:** Brian & Marie Mibus, Viive Borgas, Trevor, Shelley and Lincoln Burgemeister, Jill Roesler, Greg Falland & Jacqui Will, Rachel Falland, David & Christine Lange.

Please email any prayer points or messages of what God is up to in your life. Send them to admin@stpetri.org.au. Or drop a note in the letterbox at the office.

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In Touch

We have been learning a lot over these last few years about how we might need to adapt our approach as a church in God's mission to hopefully be faithful, and so, fruitful in participating in what the Lord is up to in our spheres of influence.

One thing we have been learning is that Jesus showed us a way that does mission through his people. He sends out 70 of them and says, go and live with people in their towns and search for people who welcome you; people who seem to be 'persons of peace'. When you find them stay with them: Eat what they eat, speak their language. Don't leave them.

This has got us pondering how we as Christians in our church community find and live with persons of peace who are not closed off to the good news of forgiveness and life in Jesus. COVID has closed all our usual programs down – events where we gather people in on OUR terms, in OUR buildings, using OUR church words. These are still good to do but COVID has pushed us to ponder what it is to do mission with Jesus on THEIR terms, in THEIR places in RELATIONSHIPS for the long haul.

So here is s story about one of our people. She has had an experience of how it is to be a worker in God's harvest ...

*My partner and I have been enjoying listening to the band that Pastor Adrian is in who have been playing at Steins Taphouse in Nuri. We wanted to keep doing this and that we decided that we would invite friends to share the evening. So, we have **intentionally invited the people who live in our street** as well as our usual friends. We have really enjoyed sharing good nights of eating together and music. **But our heart is to share Jesus' love and hope, as he leads us to do so.** We have an easy opportunity to raise the subject of church and faith as we share with friends that the one of the guys in the band we are listening to is our church Pastor. That seems to surprise them! The conversations go from there ...*

This is where we believe Jesus is leading us more and more. Here is the gospel being shared on THEIR terms, in THEIR places, around THEIR food where THEY live and move with PEOPLE OF PEACE.

Many people at St Petri are right there in all kinds of clubs, groups and jobs. Many of us have non-church friends. What if we began to do what this couple have been doing and INTENTIONALLY enjoy time with them in places THEY like to be and share our hope and the stories of God's grace that we already know WITH GENTLENESS AND RESPECT as Peter tells us (1 Peter 2).

Let's pray to the Lord of the harvest to send us into his field and see what he does in our town!