



We pray for

The World for the de-escalation of war and conflict across the world and for the thousands of people of many countries, including our own, that have faced natural disasters – severe storms, floods, cyclones, typhoons, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis, bushfires, wildfires; for those who have experienced or witnessed violence, including shootings; for honest dedicated leaders who work for the welfare of all.

Our Community for good governance from all levels of elected government; we pray for those who are travelling; for those affected by violence; for the homeless and those experiencing financial distress.

The Church for all who are preparing for ordination or have recently been ordained; we pray for a smooth change of location of the church-wide office in Adelaide; for those involved in the governance of our church at congregational, District and Churchwide levels.

Our congregation for guidance as we undertake maintenance of the church building and other major and minor projects; for all who attend both the Korean and English language worship services.

Those needing our prayers Ann, Liz, Rex, Odd-Steinar, Martin, Claire, Seamus, Sacha, Shiloh, Clancy, Harvey, Hazel, Sam, Carly, Denis, Sharon, Tracey and Peter.

We are thankful

for the community of St Andrew's; for the work of volunteers in our congregation and the wider church; for the financial support from grants and generous donations from members.

Congregational news

1. Work is getting underway with the roof and walls rectification project. Last Saturday morning, architect Ben List and his team that included an engineer and a roofer, opened a part of the roof for an inspection.

An anticipated timeline is

Schematic design and Construction Documentation	September-October	Approx. 8 weeks
Tender	November-January	6-8 weeks
Contract negotiations	February 2026	2-4 weeks

Construction mobilise/ ordering	March 2026	4 weeks
Construction onsite	April- July 2026	12-16 weeks

Note that during the Construction onsite phase, we will not be able to use the church for worship services. We may be able to use the hall, but this will be confirmed closer to the time. If we are unable to use the hall, and alternative venue will be sourced.

2. Work continues on the construction of the Columbarium and is scheduled to be completed by the end of September. Upon its completion, Astrid and Mark will undertake planting and landscaping to enhance the area. Thank you to those who have donated money towards the plants. If you would like make a donation towards landscaping, please transfer your donation to the Regular Giving account (see Note 8 below) and add a note eg 'plants', 'landscaping', so that the funds are directed accordingly. A landscaped garden will certainly assist in making this a restful and contemplative space. It is anticipated at a blessing of the columbarium may occur on Sunday 2 November, All Saints Sunday (to be confirmed).
3. A draft roster for October is included with this newsletter. Soon it will be time to look at November and December/January when, typically, lots of people take advantage of the holiday season to take a well-earned break away from home. If you already know your plans for November-January, please let Shiron know if you will be available for rostering during this period.



REMINDERS:

4. A few words from the Diversity by Design (DBD) Project Team
The DBD Project aims to bring into action the words of our Diversity and Inclusivity Statement.
An external audit of the church building in terms of access and usability for people with disabilities has been undertaken. We look forward to receiving the report and its recommendations for information and ideas about how we can improve conditions for those who may need various adjustments. If you have ideas about how to better serve those with various disabilities, let the project team know. The team will provide periodic updates on other initiatives and ideas. Your suggestions are always welcome!
Shiron Dixon, Mark Tonkin, Kate Hofstee, Rev Russell Briesse and Karyn Cullen.
5. **Dates to remember and Hall use**
This table has been placed earlier in the newsletter as there are some important things scheduled and we don't want you to miss them– please note the dates in your diaries.

When?	What's happening?
Every Thursday 2025	10.30 am-1pm Korean Bible Study
Every Tuesday 2025	11am – 1.30pm Korean Art Class
Sunday 26 October	Reformation Day with LUNCH
Sunday 2 November	All Saints Day combined English/Korean/Finnish service. Blessing of the Columbarium (to be confirmed)

Sunday 9 November	Half Yearly Meeting
Wednesday 26 November	Lutheran Services Holy Communion Service 6pm (open to all)
Thursday 27 November	Lutheran Services 9am Morning Prayer (open to all) 930-1pm Lutheran Services Chaplains meeting
Thursday 4 December	St Andrew's hosts Lutheran Services Christmas service

6. As you can see from the table above, we plan to have a Reformation Day lunch on Sunday 26 October. If you can assist with setting up the hall and/or provision of food and/or cleaning up afterwards, please let Shiron know. Thank you.

7. **The roster for October** is under development. Quite a few 'regulars' are away during September and October. If you are able to assist with rostered duties, **please let Shiron know ASAP**. During this time, Pastor Tommi and Leena will be attending their son's PhD graduation in New York; Pastors Yong Bong and Russell, with the assistance of lay readers, will lead 10am services in Pastor Tommi's absence.

8. Sunday School is Back – and Better Than Ever!

We have launched our **renewed Sunday School**. With a **big, enthusiastic team** and a **new focus**, we're ready to welcome children of all ages into a space filled with joy, learning, and the love of Jesus.

This term, we'll be exploring the **miracles of Jesus**—stories that show His compassion, power, and care. Through storytelling, crafts, songs, and play, kids will **hear and feel the love of Jesus** in a way that speaks to their hearts. We would love to see **many children join in**—whether new or returning. Come and be part of something special!



9. Regular giving and other financial matters

Thank you to all who continue to make financial offerings to St Andrews and contribute to the Containers for Change program for St Andrews. If you wish to contribute, see [here](#) for information.

The bank details for St Andrews Regular offerings account is BSB 704942, A/c 100298818. If transferring from LLL, use A/c 4776981.

Containers for change ID C10201744

Every 10c contribution helps!



The money raised is used to buy food vouchers for those in need. If you need help, please speak to Pastor Tommi, Pastor Yong Bong or one of the Pastoral Assistants, who will assist if possible.

Our congregational ministry and activity at St Andrews: see [here](#)

Our Church

1. LCAQD - eNews **24 September** is [here](#).
2. LCA - eNews **16 September** is [here](#)



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Sunday Mass 10am (English) and 1pm (Korean)

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