



## St Andrew's Lutheran Church Newsletter 24 April 2024

*Our purpose is to be a city-based, Lutheran faith community sharing its gifts to the mutual benefit of the congregation and the broader community.*

### Readings

#### FIRST READING

[Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian](#)

[Psalm 22:25-31](#)

#### SECOND READING

[1 John 4:7-21 Love one another, as God loved us](#)

#### GOSPEL

[John 15:1-8 The true vine and the fruitful branches](#)

### Roster for April / May 2024

Date	28 April	5 May
<b>Festival</b>	<b>Easter 5</b> The Service of Word	<b>Easter 6</b> Baptism of Madeleine Cullen
<b>Presiding Minister/Lay Reader</b>	Owen Dixon	Rev Tommi Vuorinen
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	NA	Helen Ost
<b>Organist</b>	Mark Boughen	Mark Boughen
<b>Psalmist</b>	Owen Dixon	Denis Mercier-Lee
<b>Lector</b>	Martin Kriewaldt	Julie Walker
	Cathy Brown	David Guest
<b>Usher</b>	Daisy Reynolds	Leena Vuorinen
<b>Sunday School</b>	Jeff Ost	Jeff Ost
<b>Collection Counting</b>	Shiron Dixon	Julie Walker
<b>Announcements</b>	Shiron Dixon	Shiron Dixon
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Helen Ost	Cullens
	Carmen Ost	
<b>Cleaning</b>	Corrine Marron	Corrine Marron
	Trevor Kloeden	Trevor Kloeden
	Paul Busing	Paul Busing

If you are unable to complete a rostered ministry, please email [denis.lee@me.com](mailto:denis.lee@me.com) advising of a swap that you have made with someone who is rostered at a different time.

## Our congregation

### 1. Dates to remember / Hall use

**Tuesday 7 May 6.30 pm** at hall. **Wine and Word** – We read and discuss the book ‘How God sees women. The End of Patriarchy’ by Terran Williams. Talk to Pastor or Jeff Ost for details.

**Wednesday 8 May** Zone pastor’s meeting 11am – 2pm in the hall

**Saturday 11 May 2024**, 1–5 pm Walk for Ukraine, Brisbane City

The Lutheran church has been walking alongside the people of Ukraine since Russia invaded in February 2022. Working through our partners on the ground, Lutheran World Federation, and the Lutheran church communities in Europe, we have been well placed to show God’s love to the people of Ukraine during this difficult time. Sadly, the world moves on, and there is little mention of the tragedy that continues to unfold for the Ukrainian people. That’s why we’re inviting the Lutheran community in SEQ... and the wider Brisbane public too... to join us at Walk My Way Brisbane, as we step out in support for the Ukrainian people. As we step out here in Australia, we will be joining with Lutheran communities in Ukraine and Poland, to provide valuable, practical support to the people of Ukraine.

**Monday 13 May, Hospital Chaplains** 9 am – 3 pm in the hall

### 2. On Sunday 21 April 2024, Matteo Andrew was baptised by Pastor Tommi Vuorinen.

It was a lovely baptism, and it was good to have so much of Roberto and Taylah’s big families and friends as well. Here are some pictures.



### 3. Pentecost Sunday 19 May

Are you able to speak a language other than English? Would you like to add to the annual chorus of languages speaking the words of John 3:16 at our Pentecost Sunday service on 19 May 2024? If you would like to be part this annual event, please send an email to [denis.lee@me.com](mailto:denis.lee@me.com) stating your interest to be involved and the language you will be speaking. Please send your email by close of business on Friday 26 April 2024. Thank you.

### 4. Message from Pastor Tommi

Dear Members of St Andrew’s Community, Grace and peace to you in the name of our Risen Lord!

I am informing you that I have received a Letter of Call from St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Indooroopilly. In accordance with the established procedures of the Lutheran Church of Australia, I am now granted four weeks of discernment. During this time, I will consider this Call carefully and respond either with acceptance or declination.

I earnestly request your prayers, not just for myself but also for my family, especially for Leena, as we navigate this time of prayerful reflection and discernment. Your prayers will be a source of strength as I contemplate the direction of my ministry and respond to this Call.

May the peace of the Lord be with us all as we journey forward in faith this Easter season.

Pastor Tommi

**5. Edwards St in the city will be closed** for some time on Sunday, so please factor this into your travel to church if this might affect you.

**6. Fantastic news about Julie's grandson!** He arrived in Hobart this morning.

**7. Our Madagascan friends have arrived back in Madagascar safely.** Their container has been collected and will follow them across the Indian Ocean.



**8. Your help is needed:**

- **Congregation's website overhaul.** Our face to new members and visitors needs to be welcoming and remain current and informative. If you are interested in assisting or have ideas, please get in touch with Denis Mercier-Lee or Giselle in the office.

### **Korean Ministry**

Yong Bong Cho is now a candidate for ordination to further St Andrew's Korean Ministry. The Church Council wrote to the College of Bishops to request the ordination of Yong Bong. Please keep this ministry of our congregation in your prayers.

Joint lunches between attendees at the 10am service and the 1pm services have begun – watch this space for the next date.

The classes (free) teaching English to Koreans meets 3-5pm each Sunday in the church hall.

The first dual language Christmas service was held in 2023 in English and Korean.

**Korean prayer group meetings - food.** If you would like to contribute something special for the group meeting on Sunday afternoons, please let those organising morning tea know so that your contribution can be provided to Yong Bong and Giselle.

### **Future Group - Infrastructure works**

The Property Committee's current focus is on the maintenance of the manse and upkeep of the church and grounds. Look for the updated monthly activity report. [Here](#) is the March activity report or you can see this displayed in the narthex and the hall. The theme for March/April is **Stewardship – how do we best leverage the investment we have already made in improving the hall?** This topic will be discussed at the AGM. How do we make this investment work for the growth of the congregation? Are our current activities in line with our purpose? What should we be doing? Your ideas are welcome.

Please talk to Jeff Ost or Karyn Cullen if you are interested in supporting the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the church property from time to time. There is much to do!

All of the congregation's efforts and decision-making are tested against our purpose 'to be a city-based Lutheran faith community sharing its gifts to the mutual benefit of the congregation and the broader community.' If you have questions or comments about the activities of the congregation or want to be more involved, contact one of the people listed below.

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## **Safety at St Andrews**

*'Everyone is entitled to feel safe at St Andrews'.*

Our congregation works to ensure that St Andrews is maintained as a physically and psychologically safe place for the congregation and visitors.

**Safety Officers** Please contact them if your experience at St Andrews has made you feel unsafe. They will follow the relevant Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) or congregational process for dealing with any issues, respecting your confidentiality in doing so (unless required by law to make a report):

Shiron Dixon ph 0400 890 270 or email [malchi299@gmail.com](mailto:malchi299@gmail.com)

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## **9. We pray**

### **For our World**

for the people of Ukraine and peace in their region; for de-escalation of the Israel-Hamas war; for calm in other parts of the Middle East; for those affected by the Taiwan earthquake; for those suffering extremes of temperature and weather, including those affected by bushfires and cyclones.

### **For our Community**

for those who are fearful or anxious about the future, for those who suffer mental health issues, for the homeless and those living on the streets, for the victims of crime including those affected by recent stabbings in Sydney.

### **For our Church**

for those preparing for baptism or confirmation, for pastors who are discerning calls, especially for Pastor Tommi and Leena, as Tommi contemplates the direction of his ministry and discerns the call he has received from St Peter's.

### **For individual needs**

for those who have asked our prayers, including Ann, Liz, Rex, Claire, Seamus, Sacha, Shiloh, and Clancy.

*To ensure our prayer list remains current and concise, we regularly update it by rotating out names that have been featured for around two to three weeks. Please be assured that our prayers for everyone in need are ongoing. If you'd like to have a name re-added, please don't hesitate to let us know (07 38319106). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

### **We give thanks**

We give thanks for modern medical procedures and the safe arrival of babies.

## **10. Financials**

Thank you to all who continue to make financial offerings to St Andrew's. The bank details for St Andrew's Regular offerings account is BSB 704942, A/c 100298818. If transferring from LLL, use A/c 47769S1. If you prefer to use Regular Electronic Giving but do not have it set up, please talk to Julie.

### **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 or one of the Lay Assistants, who will assist if possible.

## Our church

1. LYQ winter kids camp registration open now. More information is [here](#)

2. **The Way Forward** (the ordination of men and women)

The Church is working toward presenting a single framework to General Synod 2024 as requested by the last general synod. Read more at [www.lca.org.au/wayforward](http://www.lca.org.au/wayforward)

3. **LCAQD Convention of the Synod – Nominations**

LCAQD convention of the Synod will be held at Highfields on the weekend of May 31, June 1 and June 2. On behalf of the LCAQD Nominations and Appointments Committee.

The LCAQD Nominations and Appointments Committee are asking for members to prayerfully consider serving our Lord on LCAQD committees and councils. At this years convention of the Synod members can nominate to be elected to serve on:

- **District Church Board** (DCB seek members with the following skills/experience including: financial/business, management/leadership, legal, strategy/risk, education including tertiary, clinical/care, inter-cultural understanding, pastoral.)
- **Council for Lutheran Services** (The membership shall be skills/experience based including: financial/business, management/leadership, strategy/risk, clinical/care, inter-cultural understanding, pastoral.)
- **Council for Lutheran Youth Queensland** (The membership shall be skills/experience based including: financial/business, management/leadership, strategy/risk, education including tertiary, inter-cultural understanding, pastoral.)
- **Council for Lutheran Education Queensland** (The membership shall be skills/experience based including: financial/business, management/leadership, strategy/risk, education including tertiary, inter-cultural understanding, pastoral.)
- Member on **Constitutions Committee**

To be appointed by District Church Board, DCB are seeking nominations for these committees:

- **Risk, Audit and Finance Committee**
- **Nominations and Appointments Committee**
- **Commission for Mission Advisory Committee**

If you feel God prompting you to consider serving His Church by being a member in any of the above Councils or Committees, or would simply like to know more, then please head to the website Nominations & Appointments - Qld District - <https://qld.lca.org.au/nominations-and-appointments/> to see further information, or contact the LCAQD Admin Support Officer, Linda Thomson, via email: [chair\\_noms@qld.lca.org.au](mailto:chair_noms@qld.lca.org.au) or phone: 07 3512 7284.

To submit your nomination, please fill out a nominations form (attached) and email to [chair\\_noms@qld.lca.org.au](mailto:chair_noms@qld.lca.org.au). To ensure your nomination is presented to convention, please ensure we receive your completed nomination form **no later than 10 May, 2024**.

**If someone you know does not get these email messages but would like to, please let us know by return email.**