



**Christus und Seine Kirche laden dich ein!
Christ and His Church invite you !**

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Music Evening

Friday 27 June 2014 @ 18:00
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Steak & Bingo Evening

Saturday 26 July 2014 @ 18:30

Ladies Morning

Saturday 9 August 2014 @ 10:00

Potjie & Movie Evening

Saturday 27 September 2014 @ 19:00

Pancake Stall

Sunday 26 October 2014 @ 10:00

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 1 November 2014 @ 09:30

Carols Coffee Cake

Saturday 20 December 2014 @ 15:00

Regular

Weekly Home Church

19:30

Wednesday evenings

(Combined: English and German)

Monthly Open Door

11:00

Coffee Morning

Last Wednesday of the month

Gebetskreis/ Prayer Group



Contact person:
Christel Schädler

083 590 4698

Please contact Christel with
your prayer needs

Children's Services 2014

All children are invited to our Children's Services which will be held during the following Divine Services :

1st Sunday of every month-German @09:30

2nd Sunday of every month—English @ 09:30

3rd Sunday of every month– English @09:00 and German @ 10:15

This year Elizabeth Köpke and Kerilee Thompson will lead the English Children's Services and Barbara Meylahn will lead the German Children's Services.

A big thank you to these ladies. We appreciate you!

Family Service geared towards the Youth, Young Adults and Students in our congregation are held **on the last Sunday of every month**. (All children are invited to stay in the Sanctuary during the sermon on this Sunday.)

Contact numbers are :

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Kerilee 041 371 1793;

Barbara 082 221 0104;

Anthea 083 709 7868

Training for Children's Service Co-Workers

On Saturday 21 June 2014 from 3-5pm all Children's Service Co-workers and others interested in joining us, are invited to attend a training session here in our church centre, Springfield.

Let's think again about what we are actually doing with and for the children on Sundays and get new impetus and courage to be grace-filled partners with them on their faith journey.

Please let Felix Meylahn (082 579 6381) know that you are going to join us, so that we can make enough copies etc.

Felix Meylahn

News from the Bishop's office

During my preparations for Easter Sunday celebrations I came across the following statement which challenges me in my reflection on what I see, hear and experience, as I visit the different congregations. It reads: 'Easter is the truth that turns a church from a museum into a ministry.' Two "m's" with a vital difference.

'Museum' looks back and marvels at what has been.

'Ministry' takes Him who is alive into a world that is in need of a Savior.

If, as a church, we merely seek to survive it may become not much more than being a 'museum', as we then keep on looking back at the good old times and the many significant events that had been and are part of our history. It is wonderful to have these, but what is their contribution to the congregational life and activities now? Do they become a comfort zone or a challenge to seek new ways to serve in a changed society?

We are called into ministry. We are called to go out and proclaim the good news that the Lord has risen, and that by grace we have been saved through faith.

Through the gift of baptism we are called to be a living body to Christ's glory. As baptized children of God we are called to live our new life for the benefit of God's creation. Our relationship with God should inspire us to dirty our hands in defense of our neighbor; to go where there is need and share the hope we have. Our call for ministry is a call to look forward and bring Christ to all, in what we say, do and live.

May the Lord help us to hear His calling here in the Cape region and beyond, so that we have the courage to "go, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28).

I am looking forward to hear and discover more of what is happening in and through the body of Christ in the region as I meet with you and when I will do the first visitations during the second half of the year.

Gilbert Filter

News from the Church

On 29 March 2014 Prof. Dr **Gunther Wittenberg** passed away shortly before his 79th birthday. As a young pastor, while serving the Bellville congregation, the United Ev.Luth. Church in Southern Africa (UELCSA) commissioned him to plan and start our own theological training. This he led until his retirement. Through this work he also had a significant impact on the theological faculty of the University in Pietermaritzburg. We thank God for his service, and pray for comfort and strength for his wife Monika and family.

The **Church Council** met at the beginning of April at the new offices at 240 Long Street. The new contact details have been shared with the congregational offices for distribution. We are looking forward to welcome you at the church office. Mrs. Lynette von Fintel has been employed as secretary. Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 -13:00 hours.

Church Council has decided to embark on a journey of listening as to understand where we are at and where God is calling us to go next. This is an important step to take to guide us in future discussions with the ELCSA(N-T) regarding the decision of Synod to be 'engaged in view of marriage'. The Communitas Group at the University of Stellenbosch will assist and guide us in this process of listening. More information and requests to the congregations will follow soon.

The **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Italy (ELKI)** had invited **UELCSA** to be present at their Synod in Naples. Bishop Horst Müller attended.

The ELKI is a predominantly German Church, but in the process of becoming indigenous, whilst being a minority Church. We want to see what we can learn from and with each other, and whether there are topics that we can mutually deal with.

The **LUCSA (Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa) Council**, of which we are a member, met on 4-9 May in Bonearo Park. During the opening service the Rev. Dr. David Tswaedi was inducted in his office as Executive Director. He has taken over from Dr Ismael Noko who had served in the interim. Many of you may know that Dr. Noko had served as General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) for many years.

The organization has undergone a structural change to enhance its efficiency. It has 3 departments: "Mission and Diakonia", "Education, Theology and Ecumenism" and "Standing Committee on Finances and Administration". The aim of all these committees is to strengthen and co-ordinate the initiatives of the Lutheran Churches in the different regions.

More information can be found on www.lucsa.org
An important project of LUCSA is to establish the "Luther University in Southern Africa". More information can be found at www.luedco.com

Gilbert Filter

CCE Youth Workshop - 7 June 2014

Pastor Udo Lütge will be in the East London area during the weekend of the 6-8 June 2014.

He has been the youth pastor in the Lutheran Church in Kwazulu/Natal for many years and has a wealth of knowledge and experience concerning working with youth.

He will share his ideas and thoughts about working with youth and address some of the issues in working with young people. The role of the congregation in ministering to young people will also be discussed.

He will be holding a workshop with interested parties on the **7 June 2014 from 09:00-14:00 @ St. Crucis Lutheran Church 52 Edge Road, Beacon Bay**. The workshop will end with a light lunch.

Please RSVP for catering purposes to the St Crucis church office on 043-7482102 or e-mail: crucisoffice@hyperlink.co.za before **4 June**.

Dieter Trümpelmann (Beacon Bay congregation)

CCE Church Day 8 June 2014

The Church Day will be held on Sunday 8 June 2014 commencing with the Holy Communion Service at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church at 10:00.

The Youth Pastor Udo Lütge will preach the sermon. The Divine Service will be followed by a full lunch served by St. Andrew's, no additional programme is planned.

Congregations members from all the Lutheran Churches in the Cape Church East Circuit are invited to join us at St Andrews, East London for this annual get together.

Rüdiger Lutz (EL congregation)

CCE Senior Youth Camp - 27-29 June 2014

To be held on the Burger's farm, Berlyn Farm, Henderson (between Cathcart & Stutterheim) from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th June 2014.

The camp is being held for the senior youth (13-18 years of age).

You are welcome to arrive on Friday any time after lunch.

Please bring towels, warm clothes and bedding. Crockery and cutlery will be supplied.

Price R 120.00 per person. (**should a young person need to be sponsored this can be arranged**). Meals are included in the fees.

Pastor Felix Meylahn will teach you about star constellations, there will be night hikes, game drives, biltong making, swimming in the river and tons of fun and games. **You will be sorry if you miss this.**

Reply by 22nd June 2014 to book your bed.

Please contact your pastor, youth worker or Lyn Burger (Cell: 083 225 3532) for further inquiries.

Lyn Burger (Stutterheim congregation)

CCE Church Warden Workshop - 24 May 2014

As we go to print with this edition of our Newsletter, a group of church wardens will travel to East London to attend the workshop which is being led by the Bishop, Gilbert Filter.

St Crucis (Beacon Bay) are hosting delegates from congregations across the Eastern Cape.

We are looking forward to being reminded what the office of Church Warden entails.







Feedback news will be available in the next Newsletter (Aug/Sept).

Losung für Juni 2014

Die Frucht des Geistes aber ist Liebe,
Freude, Friede, Langmut, Freundlichkeit,
Güte, Treue, Sanftmut und
Selbstbeherrschung.
Gal 5,22-23

Watchword for June 2014

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness,
and self control.
Galatians 5.22-23






<p>01.06.2014</p> 	<p>Exaudi</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>Römer 8,26-30</p>
<p>08.06.2014</p> 	<p>Pentecost</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Romans 8,1-11</p>
<p>15.06.2014</p>  	<p>Trinity Trinitatis</p>	<p>Divine Service Communion 09:00 10:15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl</p>	<p>2. Corinthians 13,11-13 2. Korinther 13,11-13</p>
<p>22.06.2014</p> 	<p>1st Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Divine Service Communion 07:00</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 6,4-9</p>
<p>29.06.2014</p> 	<p>2nd Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Family Service 09:30</p>	<p>1. Corinthians 9,16-23</p>

Losung für Juli 2014

Dennoch bleibe ich stets an dir; denn
 du hältst mich bei meiner rechten Hand,
 du leitest mich nach deinem Rat und
 nimmst mich am Ende mit Ehren an.
 Ps 73,23-24

Watchword for July 2014

Nevertheless I am continually with you;
 you hold my right hand. You guide me
 with your counsel, and afterwards
 you will receive me with honour.
 Psalm 73.23-24

06.07.2014 	3.Sonntag nach Trinitatis	Gottesdienst 09:30	Hesekiel 18,1-4. 21-24.30-32
13.07.2014 	4th Sunday after Trinity	Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30	Romans 12, 17-21
20.07.2014  	5th Sunday after Trinity 5.Sonntag nach Trinitatis	Divine Service 09:00 10.15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl	2.Thessalonians 3,1-5 2.Thessalonians 3,1-5
27.07.2014 	6th Sunday after Trinity	Family Service Holy Communion 09:30	1.Peter 2,2-10

Was der Pastor auf dem Herzen hat

Liebe Freunde, liebe Mitglieder der Gemeinde!

Die Zeit rinnt uns nur so davon – nun sind wir schon fast in der Jahresmitte angekommen und doch fühlt es sich so an, als hätten wir neulich erst das neue Jahr begonnen. Manchmal beängstigt mich das. Je älter ich werde, desto schneller scheint mir die Zeit zu fliegen. Es mag Ihnen/Euch auch so gehen. Woher nehmen wir dann die Zeit, die Energie und die Klarheit, all das anzupacken, was wir uns vorgenommen haben oder was wir zu tun haben? Ja woher nehmen wir die Weisheit, zu entscheiden, was zu tun ist?

Der Sonntag Rogate ist schon sehr lange mein „Lieblingssonntag“ im Kirchenjahr.

Der Name ist ein Imperativ: Rogate – Betet! Und so fremd das zunächst sein mag, darin liegt die Antwort auf die Fragen, die ich eben stellte. Und ich meine das nicht nur in dem üblichen Sinne, dass wir beten sollten, wenn uns nicht mehr klar ist, was wir zu tun und zu lassen haben. Beim Beten sind wir nämlich nicht dabei, Gott auf uns aufmerksam zu machen, als ob wir das mit unserem Plappern hinkriegen könnten, sondern beim Beten hat Gott endlich unser Ohr und wir lauschen auf sein Wort. Vieles, was wir Gebet nennen, ist solchem Beten hinderlich. Da müssten wir endlich aufhören, Gott auf all das hinzuweisen, was hier so auf Erden los ist (als ob Gott das nicht schon längst weiß), und auf sein Wort achten.

Wirkliches Beten wächst aus dem Wort Gottes, das wir lange und andächtig hören sollen, damit es tief in uns hinein-schallen kann, unsere Angst, unsere Zweifel und unser Nicht-hören-wollen auf zu decken.

Dann erst wird Gottes leise Stimme zu hören sein, die Stimme unseres Herrn, der sagt: In der Welt habt ihr Angst, aber seid getrost, ich habe die Welt überwunden! (Johannes 16,33)

Der Friede des Herrn sei mit Euch allen!

Felix Meylahn

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear friends and members of our Congregation!

Tempus fugit – time flies! It is already the middle of the year and still it feels as if it only started yesterday. The older I get, the faster time seems to be going. This sometimes makes me anxious – I fear that I will not get everything done. Perhaps you have a similar feeling at times. Where do we find the time, the energy and the clear-headedness to do what needs to be done? Where do I even find the information and the knowledge I'll need to determine, to discern, what I should be doing?

The Sunday Rogate has always been one of my favourite Sundays in the Church Year.

The name of this Sunday is an imperative: Rogate – Pray! And as strange as it may sound, that is the answer to the questions I raised above. And don't just mean it in the common way that says all too glibly, when a problem arises, "Let's pray about it!" Prayer is so much more than a last resort, when all our other ways of dealing with things have failed. You see, prayer is not so much the way we try to get God's attention, as if God somehow needs to be encouraged and enticed to listen to our babbling, but rather - prayer happens when at last God has got our attention – i.e. when we are listening to God. Much of what we call prayer gets in the way of that listening.

We need to calm down, stop trying to inform God about all that is going on down here (as if God doesn't know) and focus on God's Word. All good prayer develops and grows from the Word of God, to which we need to listen for long focussed periods, allowing it to dig deep into our lives, to uncover our anxiety, our doubts, our unwillingness to be quiet and listen.

And then quietly God's living voice will begin to speak, the voice of Jesus Christ, who says to us: In the world you will face anxiety and persecution. But take courage, I have conquered the world! (John 16,33).

Peace in Christ!

Felix Meylahn

Music Evening 27 June 2014

Date : **Friday 27 JUNE**

Time : **At 6pm**

Venue : **LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL**

Costs: **R 40 which includes a bowl of soup.** (Bring own drinks)

Benedikt Meylahn will be organising the content of the evening and is inviting anyone in the Congregation who would like to perform, to please contact him.

It is promising to be a fun filled evening with a variety of good Music.

Entrance fee of the Evening will go towards the fundraising of our Congregation.

In addition to that Benedikt may ask for any donations to help him fund his trip to the International Mathematics Competition that is to be held in India during December.

Thank you to all who have in the passed supplied us with soups.

Please let me know if you are able to bring a soup.

Barbara Meylahn

Wabamkela Creche



Wabamkela educare and feeding scheme operates from Witbooi Street in Walmer Township from Monday to Friday. Our mission is to feed the WHOLE child - physically, intellectually and spiritually. We started this feeding scheme in 1995 – simply feeding the hungry children from the boots of our cars on our present site. Over the years, the existing shack church was replaced with the hall we now use and the feeding scheme has developed into an educare.

To this end we feed about 40 children aged 3 -6 years old one hot meal a day. We provide fresh vegetables together with carbohydrates daily. Once a week the children get a meat dish (sometimes fish). We also aim to give the children fruit in season twice a week. In addition the children get a sandwich.

To “feed” the children’s minds we teach them basic preschool activities such as counting, cutting, pasting, colouring, puzzles, singing, etc. As we don’t have playground facilities, they walk to the nearby park for play time every day.

The children are also taught Bible stories and verses and prayers as an integral part of their development.

Juliet Watt

Bank details for Wabamkela is

Account name	Wabamkela
Account no:	9050658735
Type:	Savings
Bank:	ABSA

Fees : R 50 per month per child **CAN YOU BE A SPONSOR?**

Comfort

We pray for the sick in our congregation, especially, Christa West who has undergone further surgery. We wish her well as she heals and regains her strength.

Geburtstage / Birthdays

June 2014

02-Jun	Werner Krieg
05-Jun	Karla Lentz
06-Jun	Till Heitmann
07-Jun	Elizabeth Köpke
13-Jun	Sheldine Septoe
13-Jun	Martin Weder
18-Jun	Dieter Horni
18-Jun	Jordan Mächtle
19-Jun	Gerrit Gädke
21-Jun	Isa Kerstin Brand
21-Jun	Janine Wright
21-Jun	Lynn Cairncross
21-Jun	Anthea van Rensburg
25-Jun	Hanna Lea Bride
30-Jun	Otto Alfred Bülbring

July 2014

01-Jul	Linda Jachens
03-Jul	Tara Ashley Bride
06-Jul	Christel Schädler
08-Jul	Mia Meylahn
10-Jul	Phil Gareth van Rensburg
12-Jul	Eva Lawraine Rudolph
16-Jul	Hans Schaberg
18-Jul	Dorle Kussing
18-Jul	Elisabeth Wagner
20-Jul	Bernd Mächtle
29-Jul	Doreen Stocklose
31-Jul	Lionel Sonnenberger

Contributions/Donations

Payment can be made directly to the church, by means of a deposit into the church's bank account or via electronic fund transfer (EFT). Please do not forget to provide your details under the reference section.

Bank: First National Bank, Walmer Branch
Branch Code: 211217
Account Name: Lutheran Church Springfield
Account Number: 534 200 32476



Records Update / Korrekturen

If you are aware of any discrepancies, e.g. inaccuracies in spelling of names, incorrect address details, tel. number, or even not receiving newsletters etc. please write down the corrected information and forward to Pastor Meylahn (pastor@lutheran-pe.org) or one of the church wardens (e.g. membership@lutheran-pe.org).

Sind Sie umgezogen oder haben Sie festgestellt, dass wir Ihre persönlichen Informationen nicht korrekt gespeichert haben - wie z.B. Schreibweise Ihres Namens, falsche Adresse, Telefonnummer, Geburtsdatum - dann bitten wir Sie uns dieses schriftlich mitzuteilen entweder an Pastor Meylahn (pastor@lutheran-pe.org) oder einen Kirchenvorsteher (z.B. membership@lutheran-pe.org).

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