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Planned

Ladies' Morning

Saturday 6 August @ 10:00

Café Bingo

Saturday 10 September @ 14:00

Work Day—Manse

Saturday 18 September @ 08h30

Christmas Market

Saturday 5 November @ 09:30

Carol Singing

Saturday 17 December @ 15:00

Regular

Weekly House Church

Wednesday evenings @ **19:30**
Combined: English and German

Open Door

Last **Tuesday** of each month
@ 10:00

Marita Fröhlich 041 360 3317 or
082 564 3409

Young Adults

Every 2nd Friday of each month
@ 19:00
12 August & 9 September

Children's Church

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

2nd Sunday each month
@ 09:30

3rd Sunday each month
@ 09:00

Children are invited to stay
in the Sanctuary during the
sermon on other Sundays.

Leaders of Children's Church:

Elizabeth Köpke 083 232 6624
Kerilee Thompson 041 371 1793

Diaconal/Mission/Outreach



Dear Lutheran Friends

Thank you for the regular rice and soup mix donation we receive from you!

I'm writing to let you know that Wabamkela has relocated to our crèche building at our (Anglican) church in Charlo ! We finally have builders on site in Witbooi Street – they started demolishing at the beginning of July. (After 3 years of delays, we are thrilled !)

This will be our temporary home for about a year or so. We'd love you to pop in for a visit when you are in the area....

I can now even offer you a decent cup of tea !

Regards

Juliet Watt (Principal, Wabamkela)

Mercy Mission Cupboard

A number of clothing donations have been received and the food and toiletries also continue to arrive to boost our cupboard stock.

Thank you!!!

From The Bishop's Desk

Food for Thought !

News from the Circuit Conferences and Congregations

Circuit Conference East

- a. Inland Parish: Pastor em. Arthur Becker will continue to serve in the parish until Vicar Martha Weich starts her service there from October 2016.
- b. St. Crucis Lutheran Church will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary on 4 September. May it be a joyous celebration of marvelling at the past and being encouraged to take bold steps in being church to God's glory.
- c. The CCE will have their AGM on 3 September in Macleantown.

Circuit Conference West

- a. Pastor Siegfried Hambrock has gone on well-deserved retirement at the end of June 2016. He has faithfully served the St Martini congregation and the Cape Church in many ways for more than 13 years. We thank him, his wife Astrid and his family for their valuable and dedicated service. We wish them a well-deserved retirement in their new home in Houtbay.
- b. Pastor Claudia Nolte-Schamm was inducted as pastor of the St Martini congregation on 31 July. We trust that she and her family will feel at home in Cape Town soon. May her service bear fruit to God's glory.
- c. Pastor Wolf von Killian-Philipp will start serving the Oudtshoorn Parish of the ELCSA-COD and the Southern Cape Congregation in Rondevleihoogte on 1 August. He will be inducted on 21 August. We wish him and his wife much joy and a fruitful service in these communities.
- d. We thank Pastor em. Nils Rohwer for his faithful service in the Southern Cape Congregation during the duration of the vacancy.
- e. The CCW will meet for a workshop on 27 August from 9-12 o'clock to discuss the topic: "Being Church here and now - as we come to realise that the church is not all God wants it to be - what does it mean in the light of the motion taken at the 2015 Synod." The venue will be announced.

From The Bishop's Desk

Pastors' Conference

The Combined General Pastors' convention of ELCSA(N-T) and ELCSA (Cape Church) will take place from 19-23 September 2016 in Red Acres, Pietermaritzburg. The topic will be: "Being Church here and now."

Topical input, listening to the word of God, times of sharing and engaging with one another will create opportunities to grapple with this important question. We want to seek ways of serving better as the body of Christ and discuss what changed structures are needed to better fulfil our calling as the Body of Christ.

Pat Keifert, Professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary and President of Church Innovations Institute at Saint Paul, Minnesota, who plays a significant role world-wide in the Missional Church Movement, will be attending and will give input and guidance so that we can grow in our understanding of being Church here and now.

Theological Training

Are you called to become a pastor? Are you interested in studying theology? Please speak to your pastor about it. The Church is offering bursaries to assist prospective full time students. The preferred place of study for UELCSA students is the Stellenbosch University .

Bishop Gilbert Filter

From the Pastor's Heart

Praying the Psalms!

The Psalms are the Prayer book of the Bible. Christians have always prayed the Psalms. English preacher Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892) titled the Psalms: "Treasury of David". The person who prays the psalms daily, receives a great deal of wealth out of this treasury. Some may avoid reading/praying the Psalms because the language, cadenced and beautiful and harmonious, seem remote from their jerky, messy and discordant everyday lives. But when these Psalms were first prayed and written by our Hebrew ancestors, they were every bit as jerky, messy and discordant as anything we experience today. When we start praying these psalms, not just admiring from a distance, we can learn to pray everything we experience and feel and think as we follow Christ, not just what we might think is proper to pray in church. I would like to encourage us to see the Psalms in a new light and start praying them as part of our daily scripture and prayer routine. The reason for this is that the Psalms can teach us how to pray everything we live and live everything we pray over the long haul.

In the next issues of our newsletter there will be short reflections on each of the 150 psalms, starting in this issue with Psalm 1. My hope is that this will assist us in becoming more acquainted and familiar with the psalms for daily prayer. Happy exploring through the Psalms!

Psalm 1 – The Two Ways

***¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
² but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.***

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ For the Lord watches over the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

From the Pastor's Heart

Happy are those who are rooted in the Word of God!

“Oh, you happy person!” Whoever gets spoken to like this takes notice and wonders: “Have I heard correctly? Is somebody congratulating me? For what reason?” Psalm 1 begins with congratulations. In a similar manner Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount: “Happy and blessed are those...” (Matthew 5: 3-12). The book of Psalms begins in the same manner and spirit. This is the main heading over the prayer book of Israel: “Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread... but their delight is in the law of the Lord.”

This sounds like a guiding manual for life. The book of psalms touches the whole of our lives: Joy and pain, hope and grief, praise and lament, thanks and petition, jubilation and fear. In the psalms all human moods come together and are put into words. The psalms are also a summary of the theology of the First/Old Testament.

Psalm 1 sets the course for our lives. It describes two courses that a person can take: The path of the godless, the wicked and the scoffers will perish. This path will lead to destruction in and of its own. The path of the righteous resembles a tree that is planted by the waters. The person who drinks from the source of God's life-giving water, his Word, brings fruit.

Take and read! Tolle, lege! That is how church father, Augustin describes it. Take the Word, read it, ponder on it. Get yourself rooted! Maybe day and night sounds a bit much for us. But whoever really wants to find a sound source for living this life, can find it in the Book of books and drink from it.

The One who comes as Savior of the world, praises those happy and blessed who are rooted in God: the gentle, the peace makers, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matthew 5:5.9).

Gracious and merciful God, help us that we may be rooted in your Word. Grant us answers for our questions, comfort in our grief, encouragement in our helplessness, wisdom in our confusion. Amen.

Pastor Anja

Losung für August 2016

Watchword for August 2016

...altet Frieden

Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.
Mark 9:50

	Sonntag Trinitatis	Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30	Epheser 2,4–10
	Sunday Trinity	Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30	The Acts 9.1–9 (10–20)
	Sunday Trinity	Divine Service 09:00 10:15	1 John 4.7-12
	Sonntag Trinitatis	Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl	1. Johannes 4,7-12
	Sunday Trinity	Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30	Romans 8.(12–13) 14–17

Divine Services September 2016 Gottesdienste

Losung für September 2016

Ich je und je
dich zu mir
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Watchword for September 2016

The Lord says: I have loved you with
an everlasting love; therefore I have
continued my faithfulness to you.

Jeremiah 31:3

Sonntag Trinitatis	Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30	1. Petrus 5,5c–11
Sunday Trinity	Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30	2 Timothy 1.7–10
Sunday Trinity	Divine Service 09:00 10:15	2 Corinthians 9. 6–15
Sonntag Trinitatis	Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl	2. Korinther 9,6-15
Sunday Trinity	Family Service Holy Communion 09:30	Romans 14.17–19

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Why Go To Church? A Baker's Dozen of Reasons....

Christ made a promise. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I'm there among them" (Matt. 18:20). So who in their right mind would pass on the chance to hang out for an hour with the Lord of heaven and earth?

You've been baptized. Christ has huge things in mind for you, for example (John 20:23) like you forgiving sins. You won't get to them without his steady, regular encouragement, the kind that's found only at church where he's there too (see above).

Or maybe you haven't been baptized. Still, Christ has huge things in mind for you too, and the scars in his hands and feet to prove it. But how will you get to those things until you know about them? Until you start believing them?

Speaking of believing, how can anyone, baptized or not, believe something as wild, outrageous, and good as the Gospel of Jesus Christ unless he or she is surrounded regularly by other people who do?

But you don't think the Gospel is as good as all that? Then you've been missing something. The penny hasn't dropped yet. There's nothing unusual about this, by the way. It takes most Christians a very long time before all of a sudden they're tasting the joy the wise men knew (Matt. 2:10). But this can only happen when you're with Christ week after week in the company of people who worship and trust him.

After all, we spend most of every week in a world filled with relentless messages about how you're only as good as you make yourself to be. And again, "you get what you've got coming to you," whether for better or for worse. A long time ago God commanded his people to take a regular break from the world and its grinding messages. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." You might not deserve that break, but God wants you to have it anyway. And as far as the message is concerned, church is where you'll find it.

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In any case, Christ needs you at church for the sake of other people there who he's trying to encourage as well. Your presence helps them. It matters more than you'd guess.

And in meeting those people you start building the kind of relationships that are needed if Christian people are going to bless the world as magnificently as God means for them to do.

Just by the way, in going to church you really annoy the devil. You also irritate people who have bought the devil's line and think that church is silly.

At the same time you fortify yourself and your dear ones, assuming you bring them with you, against the devil's assaults. He wants you believing that life is brief and pointless, and that you finally count for nothing. Christ tells us he's wrong. You need to hear that again and again.

Church is the only place where somebody will look you in the eye and say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. See how you matter. Remember how profoundly God loves you."

So church is where God equips you to spend your days with confidence, hope, and joy no matter what those days might otherwise contain. He gets you ready to serve him well in the world he sends you into. He teaches you to trust and count on him in life and in death.

Bottom line: why go to church? Because God wants you there.

Need more be said?

Pr. Burce

Congregation News

The marriage between Liane Krieg and Reuben Botha took place on Saturday 9 July 2016 at Mentorskraal Country Estate.

Kadean Daniels born on 10 July 2016 to proud parents, Anthea and Kelly.

The marriage between Lennart von Blottnitz and Heike (Jule) Staerk took place on Friday 22 July 2016 in our Sanctuary.

How can / may we contact you?

Dear members and friends

Our newsletter is published every two months. That is a long period in our fast paced world - things can change ie. events can be added or changed at short notice. Currently information about births, deaths, etc. is announced at the divine services, but this means that if you are not there that day you will not be informed.

We would like to communicate more efficiently and quickly with you all. This could be via e-mail, sms, Facebook, WhatsApp. Please let us know your preferred method of contact by sending an email to :
membership@lutheran-pe.org

Facebook

Are you aware, that we have a Facebook-Page?

<https://www.facebook.com/lutheranpe>

Yes Great, please do not forget the "Like" button and leave a message/comment. We welcome your feedback.

No Then take time and have a look! For each divine service an invitation is posted on our fb page. The theme for the Sunday, the watchword and text of the readings are reflected. Information for special events is also published here.

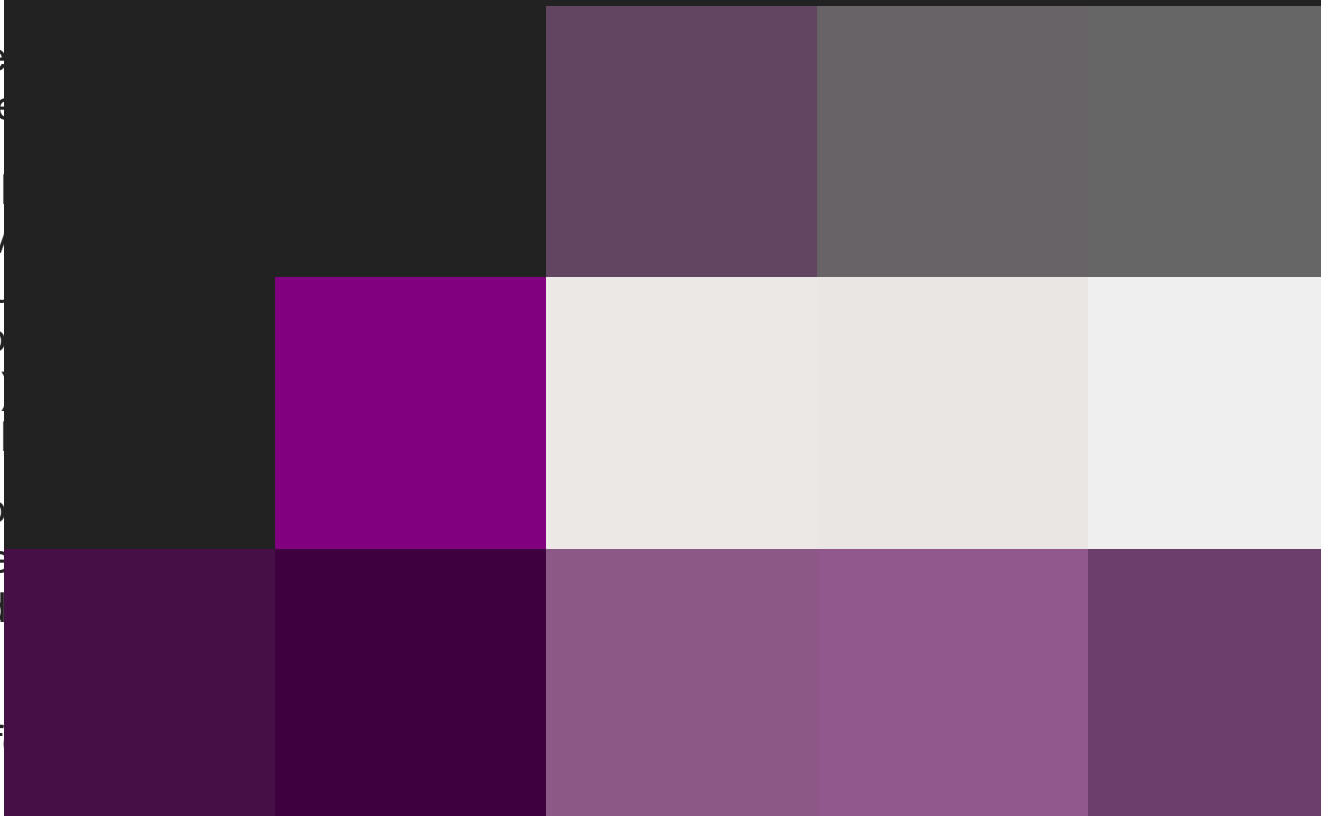
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Ladies Tea - 6 August 2016

Calling all ladies, if you have not already secured a table or a seat at this fun get-together, please contact Carol Buschholdt who is organising this event, on her cell number, 076 134 3333.

The theme is “Bling” and ticket prices will remain at R60 per person. The guest speaker will share her knowledge and expertise of antique jewelry.

Café Bingo - 10 September 2016

Invite your family and friends to come and join in the fun, enjoy a cup of tea and some cake and stand a chance to win a prize. We look forward to a wonderful afternoon together.

Contact Reinhard Walle or Desmond Fillis with any further suggestions or queries.

Birthdays

August 2016

02-Aug	Renée Sternberg
06-Aug	Colin Lentz
06-Aug	Edelgard Krieg
09-Aug	Kirsty Fillis
10-Aug	Callum Bosman
11-Aug	Gerry West
12-Aug	Gerd Bride
13-Aug	Christa West
13-Aug	Sharon Walle
20-Aug	Rosy van Wyk
21-Aug	Jarrid Angloher
24-Aug	Mandy Septoe
24-Aug	Uwe Stodtmeister
25-Aug	Gabi Weder
26-Aug	Gisela Mahlert
28-Aug	Kurt Patrick Septoe
30-Aug	Chris Bürger

September 2016

01-Sep	Henry Newman
02-Sep	Brunhilde Koch
02-Sep	Carol Buschold
04-Sep	Branson Bosman
04-Sep	Herbert Wagner
04-Sep	Olga Breitfeld
08-Sep	Ophelia van Rensburg
12-Sep	Sydney Rudolph
17-Sep	Linzi Thompson
19-Sep	Craig Bürger
21-Sep	Nicole Wright
23-Sep	Anthea Bürger
25-Sep	Melissa Fillis
26-Sep	Esther Siegmund-Heineke
28-Sep	Lorinda Koch
30-Sep	Brenda Lentz
30-Sep	Warrick Bürger

Financial Matters

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

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any discrepancies, e.g. inaccuracies in spelling of address details, tel. number, or even not receiving the card. Please write down the corrected information and forward it to membership@lutheran-pe.org) or one of the church leaders (see page 16).

Wenn Sie feststellen, 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 Henry Newman (membership@lutheran-pe.org) oder einen Kirchenvorsteher (siehe Seite 16).

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