



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

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## Planned

### Work Day — Church Centre

Saturday 16 July @ 08h30

### Ladies' Morning

Saturday 6 August @ 10:00

### Café Bingo

Saturday 10 September @ 14:00

### Work Day — Manse

Saturday 17 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

### Children's Church

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month  
@ 09:30

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Mercy Mission Cupboard

Thank you to all who have been so generous in donating food, clothing and simple toiletries over the past months. We have been able to build up a small stock of these items. Your generosity has enabled us to assist a number of people who have need of these basic items.



Wabamkela educare and feeding scheme operates from Witbooi Street in Walmer Township from Monday to Friday.

We continue to support this worthy cause through the faithful donations of food and money.

# Special Collections

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At the last Synod of the Cape Church it was decided that funds were to be collected from congregations to support important church work in various fields. I.e. :Solidarity fund, Mission work, Theological Education and Church music.

Please see below a short explanation for each of these and the Sunday on which a second collection will be taken in support of this work.

## **Motion 5.1. Offerings (Cape Church Synod 2015)**

Congregations are encouraged to raise their sights beyond their own immediate needs and environment. Compulsory Collections are prescribed by the 2015 Synod at King Williams Town to finance ministries that reach beyond the own congregation.

### **Solidarity—Collection to be taken on 19 June**

The Solidarity Collection is there to assist those congregations who need the help of all of us so that they can live and serve as the body of Christ in the area into which they have been called.

### **Mission—Collection to be taken on 17 July**

Mission is at the core of who we are and what we do. As we listen to the Lord on where He is leading His church, new opportunities to reach arise. For this we need resources to equip and gather the people as His body living in, with and for the community.

# Special Collections

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## **Theological Education-Collection to be taken on 21 August**

As a Member Church of UELCSA, the ELCSA (Cape Church) supports its various projects and institutions, such as students of the Theological Education Training, Adult Education for Pastors, Training of Preachers and Leaders, and financing local or overseas lecturers to offer training seminars.

## **Church Music-Collection to be taken on 18 September**

Church Music is an integral part of our congregational life. There always is a need to acquire music sheets/books, instruments, software, and to train musicians.

## **Open Doors—Collection to be taken on 16 October**

The purpose of Open Doors is to strengthen and equip the Body of Christ living under or facing restrictions and persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ, and to encourage their involvement in world evangelism.

We serve persecuted Christians across the globe. We go where others do not go, and do what others do not do. Ours is not a competitive vision. If others are doing the job, we leave it to them. We want to concentrate our resources on the neediest parts of the world.

The persecuted Church has various needs and therefore, Open Doors serves this part of the Body in many different ways. Amongst other things we provide: Bibles and literature, ministry training, literacy courses, practical aid, presence and encouragement.



**Open Doors**

Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

# From the Pastor's Heart

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**Thoughts on the watchword for the month of June from Exodus 15:2**

***“The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation.”***

“Music is the best God-given gift. Through her many of our sorrows get chased away. She is the best comfort for a troubled person.” These true words originate from Martin Luther. They speak to me and in the same moment I read them I switch on the Radio – the “Classic FM” station.

Yes, music is indeed the best God-given gift there is. It does wonders for the soul... Luther himself loved to play music and he even wrote some of the hymns we know so well. He even said that “God preaches his Gospel also through music!” The Bible also tells us such wonderful stories about the power of music.

For instance, the priestess, Miriam, the sister of Moses, hits the drums and sings the wild song of praise of the God who freed her people from slavery and led them safe and secure through the Red Sea to freedom. In this manner music can also lead the soul out of the tight grip of fear and depression to freedom. Yes, she is truly a soothing therapy for the soul...

This hymn in Exodus 15 and the watchword for June also fits in very well into the season of winter, where many people feel hard pressed by the cold, dark and dull days...

This hymn is interestingly the oldest piece of the entire Bible, which makes one feel that the whole of Scripture originated from song and melody. Later it is the loud and mighty trumpets of Jericho that made a high and thick wall tumble to the ground with their sounds. Maybe one would not think that to be possible these days? But, who would have thought, that the wall between West and East Germany would come tumbling down – and that by “mere” candlelight, hymns and prayers? Not many would have thought that to be possible – and yet it happened this way...

## From the Pastor's Heart

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Song and melody is the language of the heart. It is in special times in people's lives that they start to sing,- at a wedding or a memorial service. But also in their everyday life – under the shower, in the car or alone by themselves melodies of joy or of sorrow form in their heart and mouth. Different moods give birth to different melodies and sounds that find expression in the music...

And so it is also with Miriam, Moses and the Israelites of old. They dedicate a hymn to the miracle of God's saving act that saved them from persecution and death; they sing of the experience of having God close to them in their many experiences of suffering. Song and melody gives relief to the strained heart and opens up new room for joy and thankfulness. God can lead us out of the bonds of our fear and depression into the promised land of hope and joy through music. Through song and melody our soul can open up and from the feeling of release and freedom new words of thankfulness can be born. Through melody and song our feelings of powerlessness can also grow into new courage.

This becomes possible through the experiences in life that this, our God, can make what seems impossible, possible and that this God does not forget anyone in their suffering and distress. Maybe this age-old hymn of the Israelites can prompt us today to sing a well-known hymn that has shown to give us new strength and courage or that filled our hearts with new hope and joy; or to listen to a piece of music that can do the same. Feelings of protection or fear, of community or loneliness, of closeness or estrangement can all be shared with God in the form of a hymn or a melody or a musical piece. By doing so, my soul can sense that it is and remains safe and sheltered in God; also that God's grace and His peace are much higher and stronger than my feelings...

**“Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheerful trust maintain;  
For God, the source of everything, thy portion shall remain.” (LH. 402,1)**

Pastor Anja

**Losung für Juni 2016**




Man muss Gott mehr gehorchen  
als den Menschen.

Apostelgeschichte 5,29

**Watchword for June 2016**

We must obey God rather  
than any human authority.

Acts 5:29

<p><b>05.06.2016</b></p> 	<p>2. Sonntag nach Trinitatis</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>Epheser 2,17–22</p>
<p><b>12.06.2016</b></p> 	<p>Third Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>1.Timothy 1.12–17</p>
<p><b>19.06.2016</b></p>  	<p>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</p> <p>4. Sonntag nach Trinitatis</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00</p> <p>10:15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 1</p>	<p>Romans 14.10–13</p> <p>Römer 14,10–13</p>
<p><b>26.06.2016</b></p> 	<p>5th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 1.18– 25</p>





**Losung für Juli 2016**

Ich bete darum, dass eure Liebe immer noch reicher werde an Erkenntnis und aller Erfahrung.  
Philipper 1,9

**Watchword for July 2016**

This is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight  
Philippians 1.9

<b>02.07.2016</b> 	6. Sonntag nach Trinitatis	Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30	Römer 6,3–8 (9–11)
<b>10.07.2016</b> 	7th Sunday after Trinity	Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30	The Acts 2.41a.42–47
<b>17.07.2016</b>  	8th Sunday after Trinity  8. Sonntag nach Trinitatis	Divine Service 09:00  10:15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl	Ephesians 5.8b–14  Epheser 5,8b–14
<b>24.07.2016</b> 	9th Sunday after Trinity	Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30	Philippians 3.7–11 (12–14)
<b>31.07.2016</b> 	10th Sunday after Trinity	09:30 Divine Service Holy Communion	Romans 11.25–32

# Was die Pastorin auf dem Herzen hat

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## Gedanken zur Monatslosung für Juni 2016

**„Meine Stärke und mein Lied ist der Herr, er ist für mich zum Retter geworden.“ 2. Mose/Exodus 15,2**

*„Die Musik ist die beste Gottesgabe. Durch sie werden viele und große Traurigkeiten verjagt. Sie ist der beste Trost für einen verstörten Menschen.“* Diese wahren Worte stammen von Martin Luther. Sie sprechen mich an und in dem Moment wo ich sie lese schalte ich gleich das Radio auf „Classic FM“ ein. Ja, Musik ist die beste Gottesgabe, sie tut der Seele gut...

Luther hat selbst gerne musiziert und auch Lieder geschrieben. Er hat sogar gesagt: „Gott predigt sein Evangelium auch durch die Musik!“ – Von der zauberhaften Kraft der Musik erzählt auch die Bibel wundersame Geschichten. Die Priesterin Mirjam, die Schwester des Mose, schlägt ihre Schellentrommel. Sie tanzt und singt das wilde Lied von Gott, der die Menschen aus der Sklaverei befreit und sicher durch das Schilfmeer geführt hat, in die Freiheit hinein. So kann Musik auch die bedrückte und bedrohte Seele aus dem Bann der Angst und Depression in die Freiheit führen. Sie ist wahrlich eine Therapie für die Seele...

Dieses Lied, das Losungswort für Juni 2016, passt auch gut für diese Jahreszeit – eine Jahreszeit die viele Menschen bedrückt mit ihrer Kälte, ihrer Dunkelheit und ihrer trostlose Trockenheit. Es ist das älteste Stück der gesamten Bibel, interessanterweise, - als würde die Heilige Schrift sich aus Musik ableiten! – Später sind es die Posaunen von Jericho, die mit ihrem mächtigen Ton die Stadtmauer haben einstürzen lassen. Vielleicht würde man das heutigentags nicht für möglich halten? Doch wer hätte gedacht, dass die Mauer zwischen West- und Ostberlin stürzen würde, und das „nur“ durch Kerzen, Lieder und Gebete. Damit haben wohl wenige gerechnet – und doch geschah es so...

# Was die Pastorin auf dem Herzen hat

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Der Gesang ist die Sprache des Herzens. In besonderen Lebenssituationen fangen Mensch an zu singen: bei einer Hochzeit oder Trauerfeier. Aber auch im Alltag unter der Dusche, im Auto oder allein in und aus sich selbst bei fröhlicher oder trauriger Stimmung. Das eigene Empfinden erfährt im Gesang und in der Musik einen besonderen Ausdruck.

So ist es auch bei Mose, Mirjam und den Israeliten. Dem Wunder ihrer Rettung vor Verfolgung und Tod, dem Erleben der Nähe Gottes in lebensbedrohlicher Situation widmen sie ein Lied. Es gibt der Anspannung Raum, die vorher herrschte, verleiht auch der Freude Sprache. Gott führte aus Angst und Verfolgung ins gelobte Land. Ein Traum wird wahr. Der Traum von Freiheit und Erlösung. Der Traum von Errettung und Neubeginn. Im Gesang öffnet sich die Seele. Aus dem Gefühl der Freiheit und Rettung werden Worte der Dankbarkeit und Begeisterung geboren. Aus Ohnmacht wächst durch das Singen Ermutigung.

Das wird möglich durch die Erfahrung, dass dieser Gott Unmögliches möglich macht und dass Gott keinen in seinem Leid vergisst. Vielleicht kann dieses Lied der Israeliten für uns heute einen Anlass werden, selber zu singen oder ein Lied oder ein Stück Musik zu hören. Gefühle von Bewahrung oder Angst, von Gemeinschaft oder Einsamkeit, von Nähe oder Fremdheit kann ich im Gesang mit Gott teilen. Dadurch kann meine Seele spüren dass sie in Gott geborgen ist und bleibt, auch dass Gottes Gnade und sein Frieden höher und stärker sind als meine Gefühle...

**Das ist mir lieb, dass Du mich hörst und dich in Gnaden zu mir kehrst; drum will ich all mein Leben lang anrufen dich mit Lob und Dank. EG. 292,1**

Eure Pastorin Anja

## Joy and Sorrow

With joy we congratulate Anthea van Rensburg and Kelvin, Kevin Daniels on their wedding on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2016. We wish them God's richest blessings for their future together as a family!

It is with great sadness and regret that we had to say farewell to Mr. Rudi Seifert, who was called home by our Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday, 11 May 2016. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Rosi, their two sons, Andreas and Christian and their families, as well as our congregation. His memorial service was held on Friday, 20 May 2016 and the words that accompanied him were from John 7:38 "And let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

## Open Door Meeting

Please note that there has been a change to the meeting date for this longstanding get-together!!

From June Open Door will take place on the last TUESDAY of the month instead of the last Wednesday.

Everyone welcome to join in this social time.

Contact Marita Fröhlich 041 360 3317 or 082 564 3409 if you have any questions.

## Ladies Morning —6 August 2016

The planning process for this fun event has begun!

Calling all hostesses—please contact Carol Buschholdt direct on 076 134 3333 to book your table as soon as possible. The provisional theme is “Bling”. Ticket prices will once again be R60 per guest attending .

Guest speaker to be announced closer to the event.

## Café Bingo—10 September 2016

**Please take note that the date for this event has been changed!!**

New date is Saturday, 10 September at 14H00 in the church centre.

We will be starting much earlier in the day too (14h00) as many people have indicated that they would rather be out during the afternoon and not at night.

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.

## June 2016

01-Jun	David Breinfeld
02-Jun	Werner Krieg
05-Jun	Karla Lentz
05-Jun	Maya Breinfeld
07-Jun	Elizabeth Köpke
09-Jun	Kai Burgdorf-Fowie
13-Jun	Sheldine Septoe
18-Jun	Jordan Mächtle
19-Jun	Gerrit Gädke
21-Jun	Anthea van Rensburg
21-Jun	Isa Brand
21-Jun	Janine Wright
21-Jun	Kyle Angloher
21-Jun	Lynn Cairncross
25-Jun	Hanna Lea Bride
30-Jun	Otto Bülbring

## July 2016

01-Jul	Linda Jachens
06-Jul	Christel Schädler
10-Jul	Phil van Rensburg
12-Jul	Eva Rudolph
16-Jul	Hans Schaberg
18-Jul	Dorle Kussing
18-Jul	Elisabeth Wagner
20-Jul	Bernd Mächtle
29-Jul	Desmond Fillis
29-Jul	Doreen Stocklose
31-Jul	Lionel Sonnenberger

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## Contributions, Donations / Kirchbeitrag

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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

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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 Henry Newman (membership@lutheran-pe.org) or one of the church wardens (refer to page 16).

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

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