



### *Church of Peace*

*Purpose of the Lutheran Church Springfield*

*To call people together to tell them the  
Story of God's Faithfulness*

*in such a way that they can find  
their place in this story and then become  
"story tellers" for others in the world.*

The Purpose Statement (Bestimmung) of the Church of Peace (Friedenskirche) is now framed and on display in the church foyer, in English and in German.

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

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## Planned

### **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Sunday 16 October  
English Divine Service 09H00  
German Divine Service 10H15



### **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  
14 October & 11 November

### **Children's Church**

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

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

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

Last Sunday of the month is  
Family Service and geared  
towards children too.

Leader of Children's Church:  
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# Pastor's Convocation

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## Joined Pastor's Convocation, 18-23 September 2016 in Red Acres, Pietermaritzburg

I would like to share with you just shortly on the first bible study we did together at our joined pastor's convocation, considering the process of the merger discussions between Cape Church and ELCSA N-T.

The Bible study was on the Book of **Acts 16:6-10** presented by Bishop Gilbert Filter. Theme: The Spirit prevented...

***"They went to Phrygia, and then on through the region of Galatia. Their plan was to turn west into Asia province, but the Holy Spirit blocked that route. So they went to Mysia and tried to go north to Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus wouldn't let them go there either..."*** (Translation: The Message)

"The Spirit has forbidden us to go" Whenever we have a strong impression of "I should" or "I shouldn't" go there or do this, it could be considered a prompting of the Holy Spirit in us, prompting our conscience. The Methodists very adequately call this: "I know it in my 'knower'". Paul was sensitive to the Holy Spirit, he was aware of God's presence also in the difficult encounters.

We can and need to trust that GOD GUIDES us. This includes that God sometimes forbids us to go a certain way in order that we may walk more carefully and become more sensitive to the whispers of His Holy Spirit. It is therefore important to listen carefully with the people to hear what GOD is doing. We should not be devastated when GOD closes doors (in this case: no merger) but rather ask GOD where He wants to lead us – as a Church and as single congregations.

These and other reflections helped us to remember that Christ is Lord over His church and He is ever leading and guiding us into His promised future. We are called to listen to His Word and to His people to discern what God's will is for His church and for each congregation. Let us therefore with confidence keep on looking to the Head of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ for guidance and protection. Let us also keep on searching for the answers to the 3 key questions we are asking ourselves as congregations of the Cape Church: 1. Who and whose are we, 2. What are we called to do, and 3. How are we going to do it? – Trusting that our Lord will ever lead and guide the way.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Anja .



THE  
LUTHERAN  
WORLD  
FEDERATION

General Secretary Junge  
participates at  
inter-religious gathering in  
Assisi

Together with religious leaders of different faiths, The Lutheran World Federation General Secretary Rev. Dr Martin Junge met end of September in Assisi, Italy, for the inter-religious prayer meeting. Under the motto “Thirst for peace: Faiths and cultures in dialogue” 450 faith leaders of Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish, Hindu and other communities convened to discuss and pray together.

The “World Day of Prayer for Peace” was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1986. He chose the birthplace of St Francis, the Catholic saint renowned for his tolerance, after whom the current pope also chose his papal name.

The conference organized by the Catholic Community of Sant’Egidio from 18-20 September 2016 took place at the same time as the initial session of the UN General Assembly in New York focusing on refugees. In their prayer on the last day, faith leaders also lit a candle for 27 countries experiencing war and violence today, among them Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Burundi, Colombia, Mexico, Nigeria, Ukraine and Mindanao in the Philippines, Yemen.

Pope Francis attended personally the second day of the meetings. Together with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew, and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, he led the prayer service for peace in the Cathedral of Assisi. In his reflections, he challenged the “new paganism of indifference” that turns a blind eye on the suffering of people. He called upon the churches to uphold a discourse and a practice of love.

## **Trust and friendship**

“In the development of this initiative one can see how interfaith relationships grow and mature,” the LWF General Secretary said. “This is an effort sustained for 30 years: after three decades trust and friendship have developed, and relationships matured. Once this stage is reached, deeper conversation and honest exchange are made possible. ”

LWF has a long history of inter-religious dialogue and engagement. After the LWF General Assembly in 1984 a desk on the church and people of other faiths was established, which since then has continuously held dialogue meetings with people from the major religions traditions as well as a study process on indigenous spiritual traditions in different regions.



Recently, the question of how religious communities live together in a shared public space has become a focal point of the LWF's initiated interreligious conversations. In face of discrimination, joint affirmation of a just legal framework that ensures equal rights for all has become an important concern for religious scholars. In 2014, the LWF signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Islamic Relief Worldwide to jointly collaborate in the field of humanitarian work. That cooperation has led to joint project implementation, for instance in Nepal and Jordan.

## **Secure the future by guarding creation**

During the three-day prayer meeting, the LWF General Secretary participated in a panel discussion about "Religions as safeguards of creation". He appealed for better stewardship of creation by letting go of the greed and the perceived freedom to exploit natural resources at will.

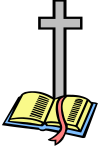
"Not anymore by grabbing, as it has been quite normal in the past and until today, but by letting go will the future of life be secured," he said.

"I am fully convinced that faith has a pivotal role in promoting and sustaining those required changes that are ahead of us," he said.

"Because there is this insight of faith that comprehends that in giving away, by letting the grain go back to the earth, new life is made possible," Junge concluded.

*I believe this is therefore the question that humanity faces today, an extremely challenging question on which its long-term survival will depend: it is not anymore by showing its ability to grab and to hold fast that humanity will proof its viability and secure its existence, but by its ability to let go. Not anymore by grabbing, as it has been quite normal in the past and until today, but by letting go will the future of life be secured.*

Rev. Dr Martin Junge, LWF General Secretary



## Praying the Psalms – cont.

The psalms can teach us how to pray everything we live and live everything we pray. So let's turn to Psalm 2 and reflect on its Promise:

### God's Promise to His Anointed

- 1 *Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?*
- 2 *The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying*
- 3 *Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us."*
- 4 *He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.*
- 5 *Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,*
- 6 *I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."*
- 7 *I will tell the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you*
- 8 *Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.*
- 9 *You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."*
- 10 *Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.*
- 11 *Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling*
- 12 *kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled.*  
*Happy are those who take refuge in him.*

Psalm 2 speaks of the anointing of a king. This anointing is however not bound by earthly ceremonies and time, but is something that happens through GOD. And the location where this anointing happens is Zion, the holy mountain of God with the temple. The kingdom that is spoken about here is a kingdom of GOD's GRACE, established to stand firm against the destructive and chaotic forces of earthly rulers and to protect creation.

# From the Pastor's Heart

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There are many things that to this day threatens the good order of life on earth that GOD has established; there are many things that rebel against GOD's plan of salvation. In this Psalm the examples of this rebellion are depicted in the nations that violently conspire and plot to force their own plans. Human power and violence tries to force its own way against GOD and His representative on earth.

And so there are two power forces at work in history: human power and GOD's power. Surely the images that are used here to describe this are not familiar to us in postmodern times. But the question that revolves around all of it is still the same today: To whom does history belong? Will there come a time when all nations will live together without hatred and anger and war raging between the? Will the time of "Shalom", of all-encompassing peace ever come?

That is why the Psalm also appeals to those in power and those who have high-handedly turned away from Him, who are proud that they have emancipated themselves from God: Come to your senses! Think carefully about your ways and your actions! Take a stand for righteousness and peace! Trust in GOD and not in the instruments of your own power!

Psalm 2 points to the risen Christ in the New Testament. He is the Lord's anointed, the King of righteousness, the Prince of Peace. He conquered over the forces of death and evil, He conquered even death itself. He is so very different from the powerful leaders of this world. He does not come in the shining armor of earthly power, He does not need the loud attributes of an earthly ruler. "His kingdom is holiness, and His scepter is compassion and mercy." We will soon sing this again in the season of Advent. Our King, who is ruling over all the earth and who is coming to claim His everlasting Kingdom, He is holy, merciful and compassionate. His work in, through and with us is aimed at putting an end to all our trouble and suffering.

When we pray Psalm 2 we are reminded of this godly reality in Christ and are comforted by His promise...

Prayer: Lord, pour out your love into our hearts; strengthen our hope and trust in You amidst our strive and suffering; be with those who suffer under the violence and terror of earthly powers and let them see your saving help. Amen.

Pastor Anja

## Losung für Oktober 2016


Wo aber der Geist des Herrn ist,  
da ist Freiheit.

2.Korinther 3,17

## Watchword for November 2016

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3.17

<b>02.10.2016</b> 	19. Sonntag nach Trinitatis	Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30	Epheser 4,22-32
<b>09.10.2016</b> 	20th Sunday after Trinity	Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30	1 Thessalonians 4.1–8
<b>16.10.2016</b>  	Harvest Thanksgiving  Erntedankfest	Divine Service 09:00  10:15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl	2. Corinthians 9.6-15  2. Korinther 9,6-15
<b>23.10.2016</b> 	22nd Sunday after Trinity	Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30	Philippians 1.3–11
<b>30.10.2016</b> 	Reformation Sunday	Family Service Holy Communion 09:30	Romans 3.21-28








## Losung für November 2016

Umso fester haben wir das prophetische Wort, und ihr tut gut daran, dass ihr darauf achtet als auf ein Licht, das da scheint an einem dunklen Ort, bis der Tag anbreche und der Morgenstern aufgehe in euren Herzen. 2.Petrus 1,19

## Watchword for November 2016

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 2 Peter 3:17

<b>06.11.2016</b> 	Drittletzter Sonntag des Kirchenjahr	Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30	Römer 14,7–9
<b>13.11.2016</b> 	Second Last Sunday of the Church Year	Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30	Romans 8.18–23 (24–25)
<b>20.11.2016</b>  	Last Sunday of the Church Year (Eternity Sunday)  Letzter Sonntag des Kirchenjahres Ewigkeitssonntag	Divine Service 09:00  10:15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl	Revelation 21,1-7  Offenbarung 21,1-7
<b>27.11.2016</b> 	First Sunday in Advent	Family Service Holy Communion 09:30	Romans 13.8–12 (13–14)



## Die Psalmen beten - Fortsetzung mit Psalm 2

Die Psalmen können uns lehren zu beten was wir leben  
und zu leben was wir beten

### Psalm 2

*1 Warum toben die Völker vor Zorn? Warum schmieden sie vergebliche Pläne?  
2 Die Könige der Erde lehnen sich auf, die Herrscher der Welt verschwören sich  
gegen den HERRN und seinen Gesalbten. 3 „Wir werden ihre Ketten zerreißen“,  
schreien sie, „und uns von ihrer Herrschaft befreien!“ 4 Doch der Herrscher im  
Himmel lacht und spottet über sie. 5 In seinem Zorn straft er sie und erschreckt sie  
mit seiner heftigen Wut. 6 Denn der Herr spricht: „Ich habe meinen König auf dem  
Zion, meinem heiligen Berg, eingesetzt.“ 7 Der König verkündet den Beschluss des  
Herrn“ „Der HERR hat zu mir gesprochen: „Du bist mein Sohn. Heute habe ich dich  
gezeugt. 8 Bitte nur darum, und ich will dir die Völker zum Erbe geben, die Enden  
der Erde zu deinem Eigentum. 9 Du wirst sie mit eisernem Stab zerschmettern und  
sie zerschlagen wie Tontöpfe.“ 10 Deshalb, ihr Könige, handelt klug! Lasst euch  
warnen, ihr Herrscher der Erde! 11 Dient dem Herrn in Ehrfurcht und jubelt ihm zu  
mit Zittern. 12 Beugt euch vor dem Sohn Gottes, damit er nicht zornig wird und ihr  
euer Leben verliert, denn sein Zorn bricht leicht aus. Glückliche sind alle, die bei ihm  
Schutz suchen!*

Psalm 2 spricht von der Einsetzung eines Königs. Diese Einsetzung ist aber nicht in ein irdisches Zeremoniell eingebunden, sondern sie geschieht durch GOTT. Und der Ort, wo dies geschieht, ist der Zion, der heilige Berg Gottes mit dem Tempel. Das Königtum, von dem hier die Rede ist, ist ein Königtum von GOTTES GNADEN, eingesetzt um dem Chaos zu wehren und den Kosmos zu schützen. Vieles bedroht bis heute die Ordnung des Lebens auf Erden, vieles richtet sich gegen Gottes heilvollen Plan. Im Psalm stehen dafür beispielhaft die Völker, die sich in kriegerischer Absicht zusammenschließen, um ihre eigenen Pläne durchzusetzen. Menschliche Macht und Gewalt versucht sich Bahn zu schaffen gegen GOTT und seinen Stellvertreter auf Erden.

Zwei Größen sind so auf dem Plan der Geschichte: Menschenmacht und Gottesmacht. Die Bilder der Gewalt, die hier verwendet werden, sind sicherlich nicht mehr die unseren. Aber die Frage, um die sich alles dreht, ist bis heute entscheidend: Wem gehört die Geschichte? Gibt es irgendwann eine Zeit, in der die Völker ohne Hass und ohne Krieg in Frieden miteinander auskommen können. Gibt es irgendwann eine Zeit des „Shaloms“ des allumfassenden Friedens?

# Was Frau Pastorin am Herzen liegt

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Daher appelliert der Psalm auch an die Machthaber in der Welt und an die Massen die sich selbstherrlich gegen GOTT aufspielen, die stolz darauf sind dass sie sich von GOTT emanzipiert haben: Kommt zur Einsicht! Bedenkt eure Wege und euer Tun! Tretet ein für das Recht und die Menschen! Traut auf GOTT und nicht auf die Instrumente eurer Macht!

Das neue Testament deutet Psalm 2 auf Christus hin. In dem eingesetzten König, von dem der Psalm spricht, wird Christus, der Auferstandene, erkannt. Er hat den Todesmächten in der Welt gewehrt, er hat den Tod besiegt. Er ist so anders als die Machthaber dieser Welt. Er kommt nicht im Glanz der Macht, er braucht nicht die Attribute des Herrschers. „Sein Königskrone ist Heiligkeit, sein Zepter ist Barmherzigkeit“ – so werden wir bald wieder im Advent singen. Sein Wirken ist darauf gerichtet, die Not von uns Menschen zu beenden.

Wenn wir diesen Psalm beten werden wir an diese göttliche Realität in Christus erinnert und dürfen uns daran trösten...

Gebet: Herr, gieße deine Liebe in unsere Herzen ein, lass uns auf dich hoffen und vertrauen, sei bei denen, die unter Gewalt leiden, und lass sie deine Hilfe erfahren. Amen.

## Christmas Market — 5 November 2016

Our annual Christmas Bazaar is upon us — 5 weeks to go!

Thank you to all the industrious folk who are already hard at work to make this an enjoyable get together. We know that there are those who work all year towards supplies for this event, sewing, knitting, planting slips, sourcing prizes and scouring all the “specials” advertised by the various stores. We appreciate your commitment and look forward to once again celebrating the many talents we have been blessed with.

Geoff Andrews is the Bazaar Convenor—thank you Geoff for taking on this important role. Organisation is key to a successful outcome!

We are in need of items that can be offered at the Auction, ingredients towards baking, willing hands to help on the day etc. If you are able to assist please contact Geoff.

**“To God be the Glory—for what we have comes from Him.  
He places us and it is up to us to make the best of it!**

With this reminder uppermost in our minds—let each of us do our best..

## Ladies Tea — 6 August 2016

The Ladies morning was in the true sense, just that. Carol helped by her sister Penny handled most of the arrangements with others helping as and where required. There were five large tables with approximately 10 guests at each table. The Hostesses really pulled out all the stops with beautifully decorated tables in the “Bling” theme.

Anja opened the morning with a devotion. Molly gave a hands-on demonstration of beadwork and handcrafted jewellery. All guests were invited to join in. The sound system was set up and as the very competent “resident DJ, Anja” settled in to make it an all girls fun morning. Background music eventually escalated to singing and impromptu dancing. Carol with her helpers had arranged various prizes for the event. This added to the merriment. The event was a really fun affair.

Well done and thank-you to all who planned, arranged, helped, hosted and took part in the very successful day. A special thanks to Anja for her positive advice and input into the event.

## Café Bingo — 10 September 2016

The afternoon event was well attended thanks also to some energetic advance ticket selling. Approximately 50 Bingo players attended the fun afternoon. The super prizes donated were well worth playing for. As the games got a bit more difficult, the prizes got bigger with a final game jackpot that netted the winner a super cash prize!

For the event there were those who arranged for sponsorship of the variety of beautifully wrapped prizes and others who provided for the very tasty cakes and goodies to go with the tea and coffee. Then along came our “Kitchen Fairies” giving up a game or two to clear the cups and plates away in record time. Then not to be forgotten were those who set up and later cleaned up the hall.

A special thank you to all who supported and put in so much effort into making our Bingo Café afternoon so enjoyable.

The FUNdraiser event realised R 3,322.10.

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# Courageous Leadership of Martin Luther

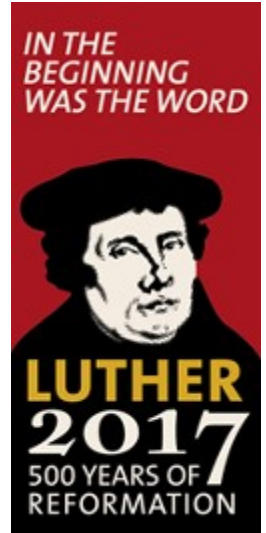
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Born in Germany in 1483, Martin Luther became one of the most influential figures in Christian history when he began the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century. He called into question some of the basic tenets of Roman Catholicism, and his followers soon split from the Roman Catholic Church to begin the Protestant tradition.

Through his studies of Scripture, Martin Luther finally gained spiritual enlightenment. Beginning in 1513, while preparing lectures, Luther read Psalm 22, which recounts Christ's cry for mercy on the cross, a cry similar to his own disillusionment with God and religion. Two years later, while preparing a lecture on Paul's Epistle to the Romans, he read, "The just will live by faith." He dwelled on this statement for some time. Finally, he realized the key to spiritual salvation was not to fear God or be enslaved by religious dogma but to believe that faith alone would bring salvation. This period marked a major change in his life and set in motion the Reformation.

In 1517, Pope Leo X announced a new round of indulgences to help build St. Peter's Basilica. On 31 October, 1517, Martin Luther nailed a sheet of paper with 95 theses on the university's chapel door. Though he intended these to be discussion points, the Ninety-Five Theses laid out a devastating critique of the indulgences as corrupting people's faith. Luther also sent a copy to Archbishop Albert Albrecht of Mainz, calling on him to end the sale of indulgences. Aided by the printing press, copies of the Ninety-Five Theses spread throughout Germany within two weeks and throughout Europe within two months.

In January 1521, Martin Luther was officially excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church. In March 1521, he was summoned before the Diet of Worms, a general assembly of secular authorities. Again, Luther refused to recant his statements, demanding he be shown any scripture that would refute his position. There was none.



# Birthdays

## October 2016

8 Oct	Willie Lokotsch
11 Oct	Alie Coetzer
19 Oct	Ulrich Koch
30 Oct	Patrick Septoe



## November 2016

1 Nov	Florence Arends
3 Nov	Brigid Sonnenberger
4 Nov	Holly Eichhoff
5 Nov	Christian Bürger
7 Nov	Dittmar Eichhoff
8 Nov	Erica Thompson
10 Nov	Merle Cairncross
14 Nov	Frank Dreier
15 Nov	Andreas Seifert
19 Nov	Helma Weber
21 Nov	Felicity van Rensburg
28 Nov	Albert Rohmoser



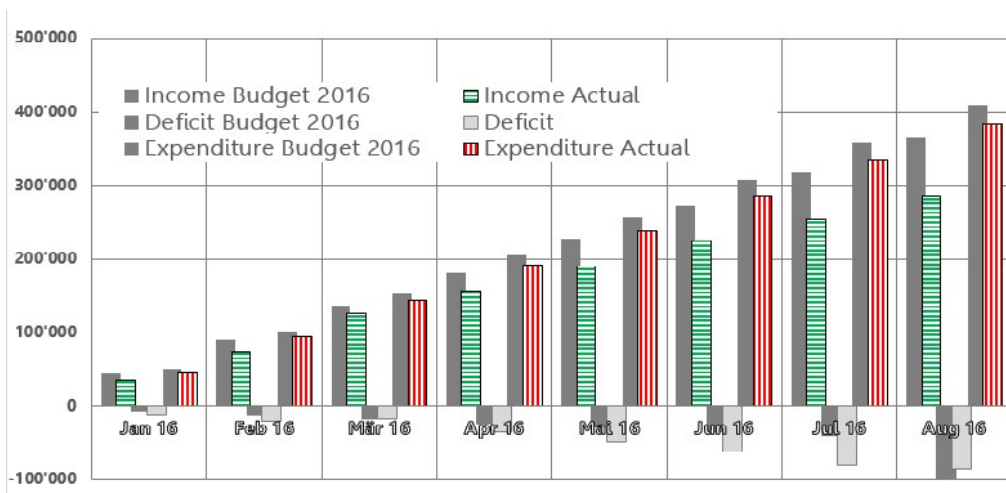
# Financial Matters

## Finances 2016

As presented at the Annual General Meeting, financially 2016 will be a difficult year. The budget for 2016 forecast a deficit of R88,400.

The graph shows the actual, cumulative income and expenditure for the first 8 months of the year (January to August) and reflects a deficit of R 98'000.

After the net income from the Christmas market in November, the forecast for the expected shortfall for the year will be R 60,000.



## 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.

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