



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

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Planned

Last Lenten Devotion

Wednesday, 5 April at 19:00

Easter Market

Saturday, 8 April
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Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, 13 April at 19:00

Good Friday Service

Friday, 14 April at 09:30

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, 16 April at 09:30

Ascension Day Service

Thursday, 25 May at 19:00

Regular

Weekly House Church

Wednesday evenings
@ **19:00**
Combined: English / German

Open Door

Last **Tuesday** of each month
@ **10:00**
Marita Fröhlich 041 360
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Young Adults

2nd **Friday** of each month
@ **19:00**

Children's Church

All children are invited to our Children's Services which will be held during English Divine Service on the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month.

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:
Elizabeth Köpke 083 232 6624



The first Table Talk held on Wednesday, 1 February in the Church Foyer as part of the 500 year celebration of the Reformation (left)

Pastor Anja with a manikin of Katherina von Bora that was made by the Komga Congregation. (right)



Guest preacher Dominee Ben Fourie from the Bible Society and his wife and daughter with Pastor Anja after he delivered the sermon on Sunday, 12 February. A visit by a representative from the Bible Society is most fitting and formed part of us celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (below)





Easter Market

8 April 2017

Ostermarkt

Our very successful annual Easter Market is to be held again this year on Saturday, the 8th of April 2017.

There is much behind the scenes advance preparation for the event by many enthusiastic and talented people. Last year baking demonstrations were held to pass on specialist continental baking skills that will ensure yummy cakes to accompany a good cup of coffee or tea. Talented hands are at work crafting wonderful creative Easter goodies of the edible and non-edible kind.

Last year good advertising brought in many customers on the day who took delight in going through the market and buying the various items on offer in a easy-going continental type atmosphere.

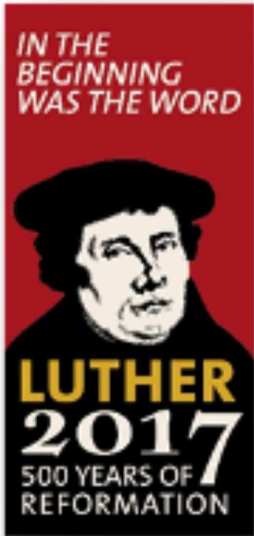
Please spread the word again this year and give advertising flyers to friends and family.

Thank you to all who are organising, participating and helping in whatever way to make this year's 2017 Easter Market once again a successful and fun event.

Reinhard Walle

Some pictures of our previous Easter Market:





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SIMPLY LUTHERAN

Illustrated by Martin J. Nystrom (according 2 Corinthians 12.9)

Your grace is sufficient for me
Your strength is made perfect when I am weak
All that I cling to I lay at your feet
Your grace is sufficient for me

I'm no longer striving to merit Your love
I rest in your promise to me
All of my sins have been Washed in Your blood
Your mercy is all that I need

You see me as righteous because of the blood
That made the atonement for me
Your mercy has triumphed where I should be judged
So now by your grace I am free

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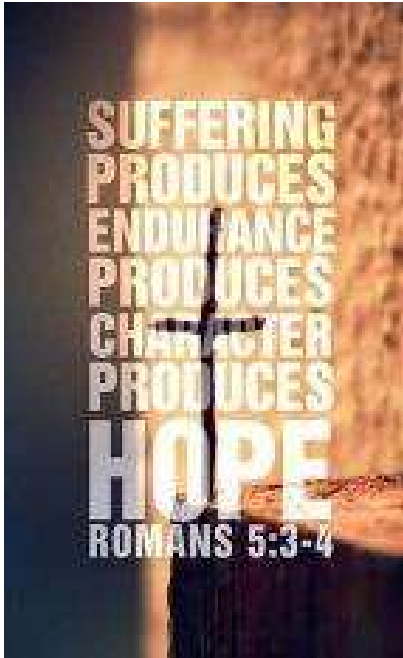
From the Pastor's Heart

Resurrection – Too Good to be True?

Dear friends

One day, the great Scottish writer and preacher, George MacDonald, was talking with his son, when the conversation turned to heaven and the end of all things. At some point the son said, "It seems too good to be true". MacDonald's face lit up and he said, "Nay, **it is just so good it must be true!**"

Is there any human emotion that runs as deep as hope? Through the centuries fairy tales pass on a stubborn hope in a happy ending, a belief that the wicked witch will die in the end and that somehow the brave and innocent children will find a way of escape. A string of cartoons on Saturday morning television put out a similar message to children who sit enthralled, too young to question or sneer at those impossible cheery endings. In real life, a mother caught in a warzone holds her baby boy tight against her breast, strokes his head and whispers, illogically, "It'll be all right," as blasts and gunfire grow closer.



Where does such hope come from? J.R.R. Tolkien, perhaps this century's greatest creator of fairy tales, once rightly said: *Fairy tale does not deny the existence of sorrow and failure; the possibility of these is necessary for the joy of the deliverance...*

Many centuries before Tolkien, Paul said the same thing about hope: *...but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces **hope**, and hope does not put to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts...*

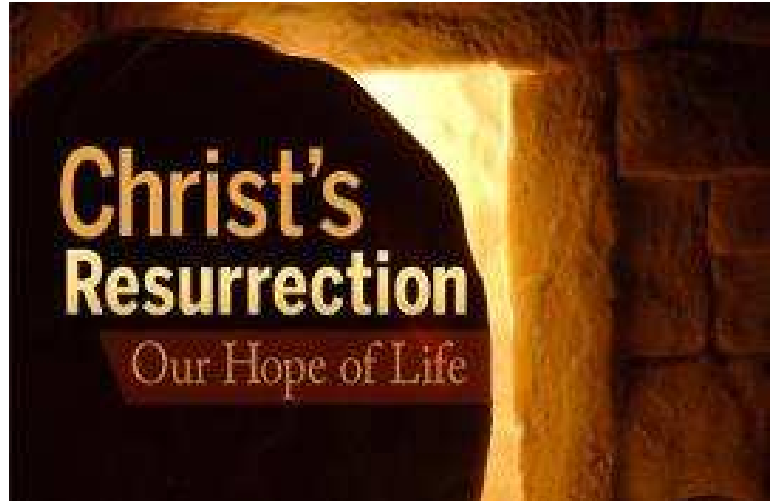
Romans 5:3-5

There is something primal in human beings that cries out against the reign of evil and death. Evil and death is not acceptable to us. And through the resurrection of His Son, GOD showed us that it is not acceptable to Him either.

From the Pastor's Heart

God is not satisfied with a blighted planet. Divine love will find a way to overcome. God will not let death win...

Although much about the Resurrection invites belief, nothing compels it. Faith requires the possibility of rejection, or it is not faith. What, then, gives me Easter faith?



I admit, that one reason I am open to belief is that at a very deep level I really want the Easter story to be true. Faith grows out of a subsoil of deep yearning. When I look at nature and see death and decay, I realize that it is part of nature, but I cannot accept it. When loved ones die I won't accept that death is the end. My eyes are then lured to seeing the other part nature has to offer – the new and vibrant life after summer rain, animals jumping and grazing freely without fear, young children playing care free in the park... There is the **hope**...the hope that evil and death and decay is not all there is... and finally it will be no more...

I suppose you could say I want to believe in fairy tales. I know I am not alone. Even in this scientific age, some of the highest rated movies are variations of fairy tales: Star wars, Aladdin, The Lion King. Amazingly, in light of human history most fairy tales have a happy ending. That old instinct, hope, billows up. Life, like fairy tales includes much pain and struggle, yet even so they manage to resolve in a way that replaces tears with smiles and joy. Easter does that too, and for this as well as many other reasons, it rings true... and I believe!

Happy and Blessed Easter to one and all!
Pastor Anja

Losung für April 2017









Ihr aber seid das auserwählte Geschlecht, die königliche Priesterschaft, das heilige Volk des Eigentums, dass ihr verkündigen sollt die Wohltaten dessen, der euch berufen hat von der Finsternis zu seinem wunderbaren Licht.

1.Petrus 2,9

Watchword for April 2017

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2.9

<p>02.04.2017</p>  	<p>Judica: 5. Sonntag der Passionszeit</p>	<p>Gottesdienst Abm 09:30 18:00 Coffee with GOD</p>	<p>1.Mose 22,1-13</p>
<p>09.04.2017</p> 	<p>Palm Sunday: 6th Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Mark 14.3-9</p>
<p>13.04.2017</p> 	<p>Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>Agape Meal 19:00</p>	<p>Mark 14.17-26</p>
<p>14-04-2017</p> 	<p>Good Friday Karf Freitag</p>	<p>Divine Service Combined E+D 09:30</p>	<p>Luke 23.33-49 Lukas 23,33-49</p>
<p>16.04.2017</p> 	<p>Easter Sunday</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Mathew 28.1-10</p>
<p>23.04.2017</p> 	<p>Quasimodogeniti 1st Sunday after Easter</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>John 21.1-14</p>
<p>30.04.2017</p> 	<p>Misericordias Domini : 2 Sunday after Easter</p>	<p>Family Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Ezekiel 34.1-2.(3-9) 10-16.31</p>

Losung für Mai 2017

Wisst ihr nicht, dass euer Leib ein Tempel des Heiligen Geistes ist, der in euch wohnt und den ihr von Gott habt?

Ihr gehört nicht euch selbst.

1.Korinther 6,19

Watchword for May 2017

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?

1 Corinthians 6.19

<p>07.05.2017</p> 	<p>Jubilate 3. Sonntag nach Ostern</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>Joh. 16,16 (17-19) 20-23a</p>
<p>14.05.2017</p> 	<p>Cantate 4th Sunday after Easter</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Matthew 21.14-17 (18-22)</p>
<p>21.05.2017</p> 	<p>Rogate 5th Sunday after Easter</p> <p>5.Sonntag nach Ostern</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00</p> <p>10:15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl</p>	<p>Luke 11.5-13</p> <p>Lukas 11,5-13</p>
<p>25.05.2017</p> 	<p>The Ascension of our Lord</p>	<p>Divine Service 19:00</p>	<p>1 Kings 8. 22-24.26-28</p>
<p>28.05.2017</p> 	<p>Exaudi Sunday after Ascension</p>	<p>Family Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>John 7.37-39</p>

Was Frau Pastorin am Herzen liegt

Liebe Leser!

Es gibt vom Theologen und Schriftsteller Helmut Thielicke einen tiefsinnigen und erhebenden Artikel über die Auferstehung den ich sehr treffend und berührend fand. Den möchte ich gerne mit Euch allen teilen in dieser Österlichen Freudenzeit und hoffe dass er Euch auch viel Trost und Frieden bringt...

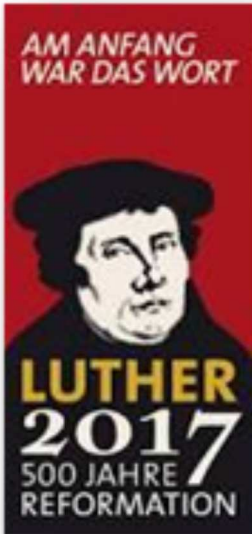
Auferstehung des Fleisches

Als einer meiner liebsten Studenten im Sterben lag, blieb ich in den letzten Nächten bei ihm in seinem Klinikzimmer. Er musste durch schreckliche körperliche Qualen und Atemnot und griff immer wieder verzweifelt nach meiner Hand. Plötzlich bimmelte die Sechs-Uhr-Morgenglocke einer katholischen Kapelle in der Nähe. Da strahlte er auf und sagte: „Hörst du die Osterglocken? Jetzt ruft er mich, siehst du, jetzt stehe ich auf!“ Das kümmerliche Glöckchen das nur einen normalen Erdentag einläutete, wurde ihm in seiner letzten Not zum Signal des Osterfürsten, dem er im Leben vertraut hatte und der ihn nun dem finsternen Tal des Todesangst entriss.

Als der Herr dieses Wunder tat, ihn die Osterglocken hören zu lassen (wo doch nur ein alltägliches Gebimmel war), als er so wieder einmal Wasser in Wein verwandelte und aus kümmerlichen Brotlaiben wunderbare Sättigung wirkte, da wusste der Sterbende, dass er auch seine qual-geschüttelten und nichtigen Leib verklären und in gewandelter Gestalt ewig bei sich halten würde. Und er war schon hinübergezogen in dieses ganz Andere, träumend und aller Erdennot entronnen, und grüßte mich schon von der andern Seite wie einen, den er in der Todeswelt zurückließ und dem er zuwinkte im Namen des gleichen HERRN, der die Lebendigen und die Toten empfängt. „Leben wir so leben wir dem HERRN, sterben wir, so sterben wir dem HERRN...“

In dieser Stunde habe ich begriffen, was Auferstehung des Fleisches heißt. Ein Schimmer der Verklärung glitt schon über diese schmerzentsetzten Züge. Und es war mit Händen zu greifen, dass nicht „Freund Hein“ um das Haus schlich, sondern dass der Auferstandene auf dem Plane war und seinen getreuen Knecht träumend hinübergleitet.

Frohe und gesegnete Ostertage wünsch ich Euch allen,
Eure Pfarrerin, Anja



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EINFACH LUTHERISCH

Erklärt durch Martin J. Nystrom (nach 2. Korinther 12,9)

Allein deine Gnade genügt,
die in meiner Schwachheit Stärke mir gibt.
Ich geb dir mein Leben und was mich bewegt.
Allein deine Gnade genügt.

Ich muss mich nicht länger um Liebe bemüh'n,
ich habe Vertrauen zu dir.
Du hast meine Sünde getilgt durch dein Blut,
und Gnade ist für mich genug.

Das Blut Jesu lässt mich gerecht vor dir steh'n,
es hat alle Schuld gesühnt.
Die Gnade hat über Gericht triumphiert,
und nun bin ich frei in dir.

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From the Office of the Bishop

Circuit Conferences

West: Pastor Peter Molchin's term of office in the Bellville congregation has come to an end on 31 March 2017, as he has decided not to seek a new contract. We thank him for his faithful service in different congregations both in the CCE and CCW. May new doors open soon, so that he may continue to share the good news where the calling takes him. We wish him and his family a blessed future.

East: Vicar Martha Weich will be doing the Second Theological Exam at the end of July 2017. As part of the exams she is writing a M Th thesis. In June she will prepare for both the Sermon and Catechesis. We wish her all of the best for that.

Visitations

Macleantown congregation was visited on 29 January and Komga congregation on 5 February. It was wonderful to experience the commitment and enthusiasm of these small, but active congregations. Their 'being church' is noticed in the region. Friedenskirche congregation in Port Elizabeth was visited from 24-26 March. It was good to see how they boldly take steps in being church in a changing society. We wish them the Lord's blessing and guidance on their journey.

United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (UELCSA)

Vicar Martin Büttner will return from Germany (internship), his Second Theological Exam will take place end of July. We wish him all of the best for the exams.

The University of Stellenbosch is the preferred institution for UELCSA to study theology at. There are new developments at the faculty which will enable students to obtain a B Th through a blended learning program. This will mean that students don't have to be on campus fulltime, but still have sufficient contact lectures. If you want to know more about this way of studying, then contact the church office.

Synod 2017

The Synod will take place in Stellenbosch from 1-3 September 2017. Prof. Patrick Keifert from the Lutheran Church in America will be the guest speaker. He will reflect with us - and I am sure challenge us - on "being church here and now in the reformational tradition". There will be opportunities in both the CCE and CCW to engage with him in workshops. A key question we need to ask anew and again and again is: "Whom is God calling us to serve?" Let us join in prayer as we prepare for this important gathering of the Church.

Lutherans worldwide in Celebration of 500 Years of Reformation 1517 - 2017

How are you celebrating this? What stories do you have to tell? What is happening in your congregation that can also benefit others? - Let us share so that we are encouraged to not only look back, but also (even more) ahead to where the Lord is taking His church.

Aus dem Büro des Bischofs

Bezirkskonferenz

West: Pastor Peter Molchin hat sich entschieden seinen Dienst in der Bellville Gemeinde am 31. März 2017 zu beenden. Wir wünschen ihm, dass sich bald eine Tür öffnet und er dort mit Freuden das Evangelium verkündigen darf. Wir wünschen ihm und seiner Familie Gottes Segen auf dem weiteren Weg.

Ost: Vikarin Martha Weich bereitet sich auf das zweite Theologische Examen vor. Sie befasst sich zurzeit mit ihre M. Th. - Thesis. Im Juni wird sie sich auf Katechese und Predigt vorbereiten. Wir wünschen ihr viel Kraft dazu.



Visitationen

Am 29. Januar wurde die Gemeinde in Macleantown visitiert und am 5. Februar die Gemeinde in Komga. Es war erfreulich zu erleben mit wieviel Begeisterung diese kleinen Gemeinden, Kirche sind und der Gemeinschaft dienen. Wir wünschen ihnen weiterhin viel Weisheit und Kraft dazu. Friedenskirche in Port Elizabeth wurde vom 24-26 März visitiert. Es gab viele gute und ermutigende Gespräche in der Suche nach der heutigen Aufgabe einer Gemeinde in einer sich immer veränderten Gesellschaft. Wir wünschen auch ihnen Mut zum Brückenbauen.

Vereinigte Evangelisch Lutherische Kirche im Südlichen Afrika (VELKSA).

Vikar Martin Büttner hat das Vikariat in Deutschland abgeschlossen. Er soll sich im Mai und Juni auf das zweite theologische Examen vorbereiten, das Ende Juli absolviert werden soll. Wir wünschen ihm und Vikarin Martha Weich viel Kraft und Weisheit dazu.

Die Stellenbosch Universität soll in Zukunft die Ausbildungsstätte der Theologen/innen sein. Es soll auch eine Möglichkeit geben einen „blended learning B. Th.“ zu absolvieren. Mehr Informationen gibt es im Kirchenbüro.

Synode 2017

Die Synode wird vom 1.-3. September 2017 in Stellenbosch stattfinden. Prof. Patrick Keifert aus der Evangelisch Lutherischen Kirche Amerikas, und Leiter vom „Missional-Church“ Werk, wird Gastredner sein. Er wird im Vorfeld auch in den Bezirken mit den Gemeinden an Fragen wie z.B. „Whom is God calling us to serve“, arbeiten.

Lutherische Christen weltweit feiern 500 Jahre Reformation in 2017

Wie feiern Sie dieses Ereignis in Ihrer Gemeinde? Welche Geschichten haben Sie zu erzählen? – Lasst uns einander ermutigen und zu Gottes Ehre mit dankbaren Herzen feiern.

Birthdays

April 2017

04-Apr	Sigi Sauer
05-Apr	Gunnar Gädke
09-Apr	Thomas Jachens
10-Apr	Liz Tessendorf
11-Apr	Gisela Ruppelt
11-Apr	Kerilee Thompson
16-Apr	Hans Rohwer
19-Apr	Wayne Gary Böttcher
23-Apr	Neil Anthony Haschick
27-Apr	Mercia Fillis
28-Apr	Christian Seifert

May 2017

03-May	Liane Botha
05-May	Rea Letsholonyane
07-May	Sharon Bürger
07-May	Susanne Zifreund
13-May	Clinton Sternberg
14-May	Ayesha van Wyk
15-May	Geoff Andrews
18-May	Christian Joachim Schönfeld
19-May	Hannah-Rebecca Edinger
22-May	Marion Gädke
23-May	Nicholas Jachens
23-May	Sonja Savini
25-May	Roshni Angi Bosman
30-May	Erwin Gehring
30-May	Hildegard Dreier
31-May	Joy Cairncross



Desmond and Mercia Fillis visited the Castle Church in Lutherstadt Wittenberg in Germany where Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in 1517. Here they are standing at the bronze church door on which the 95 theses are inscribed. Below is a reconstruction of Luther's Living Room at the Luther House Museum in Wittenberg where he and Katharina von Bora lived. The Table and the box-like seat near the window is typical of the mid 16th century. It is here that Luther and his friends convened for the famous Table Talks, which were written down by students since 1531.



Contributions, Donations

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