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Friedenskirche

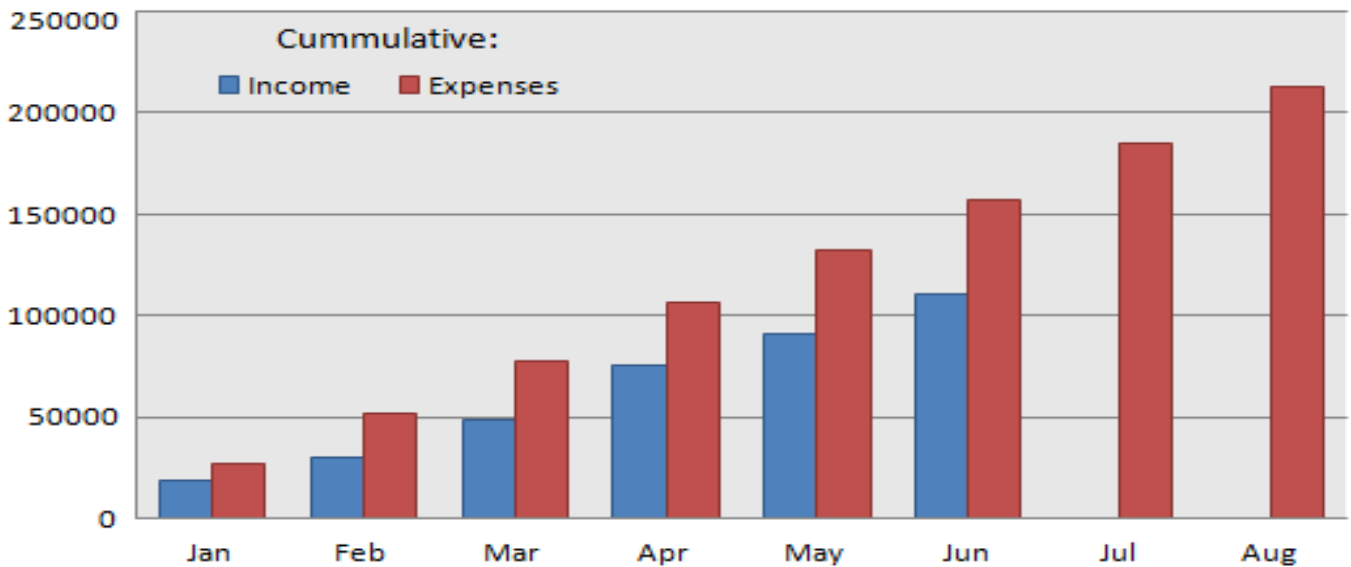
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Christus und Seine Kirche laden dich ein! Christ and His Church invite you !

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Thank you to all our members for your continued support. Although the recommended monthly contribution is R425,00 per month, any contributions, small or large, will help with our current financial situation. **The cumulative deficit as at the end of June is R46 500.**

A year-on-year comparison as at the end of June (comparing cumulative June 2010 to cumulative June 2011 figures) shows:

- an increase in total income of 5,33%
- an increase in total expenses of 8,92%

We have managed to reduce our running expenses by 3,1%. However, the challenge of covering the 12% increase in our Levy can only be accomplished by increasing our income further.

We have received several queries from members regarding their contributions. In order to help you, we have implemented a system which keeps track of individual member contributions. We plan to send you yearly statements in January showing your total contributions for the previous year. Please note that all financial information is kept strictly confidential. Should you not want a statement, please inform us.

Contributions can either be made at the church or by making a deposit into the church's bank account. Should you elect the latter, please provide your details under the reference section.

Bank: First National Bank, Walmer Branch
 Branch Code: 21.12.17
 Account Name: Lutheran Church Springfield
 Account Number: 534 200 32476

Planned

Steak Evening # 2

Friday 26 August 2011 @ 18:30

Work Day – Manse

10 September 2011 @ 09:00

Movie evening

Friday 23 September 2011 @ (19:00)

Pancake Stall—Oktoberfest

Friday 14 - Sunday 16 October

Church Day

Sunday 30 October

Bazaar

Saturday 5 November 2011 @ 10:00

Work Day – Church Centre

Saturday 12 November 2011 @ 09:00

Carols Afternoon (Coffee & Cake)

Saturday 17 December 2011 @ 15:00

Regular

Weekly Home Church 19:30

German: Tuesday evenings

English: Wednesday evenings

Monthly Open Door 10:00

Coffee Morning

Last Wednesday of the month

Monthly Prayer Group 09:30

First Tuesday of the month

Monthly Home Church 18:00

Uitenhage

(See invitation on page 5)

A short reflection on our Music evening:

It was wonderful to have such a variety in music and musicians - from 8 years to almost 50. Thank you to all who played an instrument or sang and to all who brought delicious soup. We had a fantastic turnout and everybody enjoyed the evening. A big thank you to the Thompson Family for doing such beautiful decorations. Please don't miss out on our next event, **the dance (Saturday 30 July)!!!**

Support Local:

One of our very own dairy farms, Bushy Park, might have to close its doors due to lack of support from the locals here.

They have donated cream for our basaar regularly and have been generous about it. I would like to appeal to everyone who can, to do their dairy shopping at one of the small Bushy Park Dairy Factory Shops. I know of two, one being in 8th Avenue, Walmer near Builders Express and one next to Woolworths in Buffelsfontein Rd near Builders Warehouse.

Let's all stand together and make sure that small businesses can survive in this economic climate.

Church Day:

Friedenskirche will host Church Day this year! We are looking forward to welcoming members from the Border congregations. We will start the day with Divine Service and enjoy a meal together afterwards.

Lay Preachers Course:

Felix will conduct this course at Friedenskirche starting Saturday 13 August (09:00—15:00). Come and find out about/refresh your knowledge of Lutheranism!



Gottesdienst in Uitenhage

Wir treffen uns regelmäßig einmal im Monat im Hause der Familie Krieg zum Hausgottesdienst. Dazu laden wir alle in Uitenhage herzlich ein. In der Regel ist das Beisammensein am Montag nach dem ersten Sonntag des Monats.

Der Hausgottesdienst fängt meistens so um 18h00 an und es gibt anschließend noch eine Tasse Tee oder Kaffee mit herrlichem Kuchen. Alle sind also herzlich dazu eingeladen.

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Watchword for 2011

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good!

Romans 12,21

Gebetskreis



Prayer Group

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From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Congregation, dear Friends!

I have a poster that shows a face of Gandhi and gives a list of the “Seven Deadly Social Sins” that he identified which are plaguing the world. I’d like to share these with you because I believe that they have an important message for us in this country too.

Politics without principle
Wealth without work
Commerce without morality
Pleasure without conscience
Education without character
Science without humanity
Worship without sacrifice

Although they are for the most part quite self-evident, I do need to comment on some of them, because as Lutheran Christians we would give a slightly different slant to their meaning.

First “politics without principle” is quite clear and when we look at the world of politics we can immediately see how deeply flawed we humans are – very seldom do we see a politician who does what he needs to do according to right principles – instead self-serving opportunism is evident throughout. As Lutherans, however, we need to add that this is to be expected from sinful people (we are all such sinners) and thus a political system can only work, if there are mechanisms in place that can effectively counter the self-serving schemes of those who are in power. Principles alone would thus not help, we need the division of power in such a way that corruption etc. can be reduced to a minimum.

“Wealth without work” is to my mind quite clear, although we should remember that a society cannot function only on the principle of reward – there are always weaker people who need the support of the stronger people – care needs to be taken that this is not abused by the “allegedly weak”.

“Commerce without morality” falls into the same field as the previous one – but we need to understand that morality is a rather flexible concept and again, that we are dealing with humans – i.e. with people who are sinners.

From the Pastor's Heart

“Education without character” – here I could take off on a long diatribe about our present education system, but unfortunately again, we need to recognise that this is a world-wide problem. More and more education seems to be merely about enabling people to become productive consumers, contributing to our consumer society by “adding value” to it as well as by buying more and more products (many of which are unnecessary and harmful).

“Science without humanity” this phrase has unfortunately become a rather strange battle axe between so called progressive and conservative people. Humanity is a rather vague term and I believe we should try to find a good balance between giving scientists their freedom to do research on the one hand and looking carefully at the potentially dangerous consequences of some scientific discoveries. A blanket term like “humanity” alone will not be enough, but the phrase does point to the responsibility that needs to be borne by society as a whole.

Finally “worship without sacrifice” gets my hackles up immediately – since “worship” is mostly understood to mean what we humans do to please God. And of course most religions in the world have some sort of sacrifice system through which humans are encouraged to show their allegiance and obedience to their gods. As Lutherans we again have a contrary stance in this regard. Our faith is not so much about what we humans have to do for God as it is about what God did for us – in a nutshell using religious language, God sacrificed His Son so that we could live a life of freedom. In the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross God gave Himself to us, so that we would no longer have to live under the religious tyranny of having to please God in some or other way.

And yet I do believe Gandhi did have a valid point with this phrase too. There is so much worship in this world today that is all about feeling good and having up-beat experiences focussed on ourselves. In the face of such “worship” there is indeed a need to be reminded that life for us is not possible without sacrifice – that we ourselves can only live because others, including God, give themselves for us. Gratefully receiving these sacrifices is a stance that would befit us all.

May we all live our lives more aware of the goodness that we receive and the responsibilities that we bear – but most of all, may we all realise that we live by the Grace of God.

Felix Meylahn

Gottesdienste August 2011 Divine Services

Losung für August 2011

»Bittet, so wird euch gegeben; suchet, so werdet ihr finden; klopfet an, so wird euch aufgetan.«





Matthäus 7,7

Watchword for August 2011

»Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be

opened for you.«

Matthew 7:7





07.08. 2011 	7. Sonntag nach Trinitatis	Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30	Johannes 6,30–35
14.08.2011 	8 th Sunday after Trinity	Divine Service with Holy Communion 09:30	Isaiah 2.1–5
21.08.2011 	9 th Sunday after Trinity 9. Sonntag nach Trinitatis	Divine Service 09:00 10.15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl	Matthew 7.24–27 Matthäus 7,24–27
28.08.2011 	10 th Sunday after Trinity	Family Service with Holy Communion 09:30	John 2.13–22

Losung für Juli 2011

»Wo dein Schatz ist,
da ist auch dein Herz.«
Matthäus 6,21

Watchword for July 2011

»For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.«
Matthew 6:21

04.09. 2011 	11. Sonntag nach Trinitatis	Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30	Matthäus 21,28–32
11.09.2011 	12 th Sunday after Trinity	Divine Service with Holy Communion 09:30	Isaiah 29.17–24
18.09.2011 	13 th Sunday after Trinity 13. Sonntag nach Trinitatis	Divine Service 09:00 10.15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl	Mark 3.31–35 Markus 3,31–35
25.09.2011 	14 th Sunday after Trinity	Family Service with Holy Communion 09:30	Mark 1.40–45

Was dem Pastor am Herzen liegt

Liebe Gemeinde, liebe Freunde,

wie einige es wohl wissen, bin ich ein Liebhaber der Lieder **Jochen Kleppers**. Ich gebrauche sie regelmäßig in meinen Andachten (besonders sein schönes Morgenlied: „Er weckt mich alle Morgen“ und sein Abendlied: „Ich liege, Herr, in deiner Hut“. Klepper hat auch ein Geburtstagslied geschrieben, das ich gerne allen „Geburtstagskindern“ mitgeben möchte. Wie gut es ist, bei einem Geburtstag diesen Gedanken nachzugehen und sich dem Herrn für das neue Lebensjahr von neuem anzuvertrauen.

Gott wohnt in einem Lichte,
dem keiner nahen kann.
Von seinem Angesichte
trennt uns der Sünde Bann.
Unsterblich und gewaltig
ist unser Gott allein,
will König tausendfältig,
Herr aller Herren sein.

Und doch bleibt er nicht ferne,
ist jedem von uns nah.
Ob er gleich Mond und Sterne
und Sonnen werden sah,
mag er dich doch nicht missen
in der Geschöpfe Schar,
will stündlich von dir wissen
und zählt dir Tag und Jahr.

Was dem Pastor am Herzen liegt

Auch deines Hauptes Haare
sind wohl von ihm gezählt.
Er bleibt der Wunderbare,
dem kein Geringstes fehlt.
Den keine Meere fassen
Und keiner Berge Grat,
hat selbst sein Reich verlassen,
ist dir als Mensch genaht.

Er macht die Völker bangen
vor Welt- und Endgericht –
und trägt nach dir Verlangen,
läßt auch den Aermsten nicht.
Aus seinem Glanz und Lichte
Tritt er in deine Nacht:
Und alles wird zunichte,
was dir so bange macht!

Nun darfst du in ihm leben
und bist nie mehr allein,
darfst in ihm atmen, weben
und immer bei ihm sein.
Den keiner je gesehen,
noch künftig sehen kann;
will dir zur Seite gehen
und führt dich himmelan.

Mit diesen Gedanken und Wünschen grüße ich Sie und Euch herzlich.

Ihr/Euer Felix Meylahn

Recycling

Huge Garbage Patches in our Oceans!

Videos on youtube.com: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLKOMB9BzJY>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrAShtolieg>

It is news like this that makes me feel unhappy. The age of technology has many merits, but – there also is the shadow side to it. One of the problems is definitely the pollution of our world.

Why am I posting this in the church newsletter? A new religious aspect? No.

The answer is very simple: We always need plastic containers for our fundraising events. So, why waste this resource and throw them into the dustbin?

Let us keep a box in a corner of our house or garage and collect plastic containers for the church. We are looking for containers with a lid:

- larger containers, in which 500gr strawberries are being sold (strawberry time around the corner! Can't wait!)
as well as other fruits and vegetables. We use them for selling cookies.
- smaller containers for one or two slices of cake for "take aways".

The containers should be clean or cleaned.

We will keep a box in the church foyer, where you can leave the containers.

Thank you for your effort – keeping the world a little bit cleaner, and keeping our costs down!

Greetings

Marita Fröhlich

Informationen in Deutsch :

Riesige Mengen Plastikmüll schwimmen im Atlantik - Bericht in Welt online

http://www.welt.de/wissenschaft/article701251/Riesige_Flaeche_Plastikmuell_schwimmt_im_Pazifik.html

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9jICIEtgeo>

The truth - in perspective

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help."



There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat.

He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.



That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is beautiful day but I cannot see it."



Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind.

The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind.

Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have.
Be creative. Be innovative.
Think differently and positively

August

03	Sarah Strauss
06	Edelgard Krieg
06	Colin Lentz
09	Eddie Kietzmann
10	Gundula Heitmann
12	Gerd Bride
13	Sharon Walle
24	Mandy Septoe
24	Uwe Stodtmeister

Sept

01	Henry Newman
01	Frederic Horni
02	Brunhilde Koch
11	Gerda Buschold-Ulbrich
21	Nicole Wright
23	Anthea Burger
24	Trevor Fiebiger
25	Annatjie Kietzmann
28	Lorinda Koch
30	Brenda Lentz
30	Warrick Burger

Cyberspace News



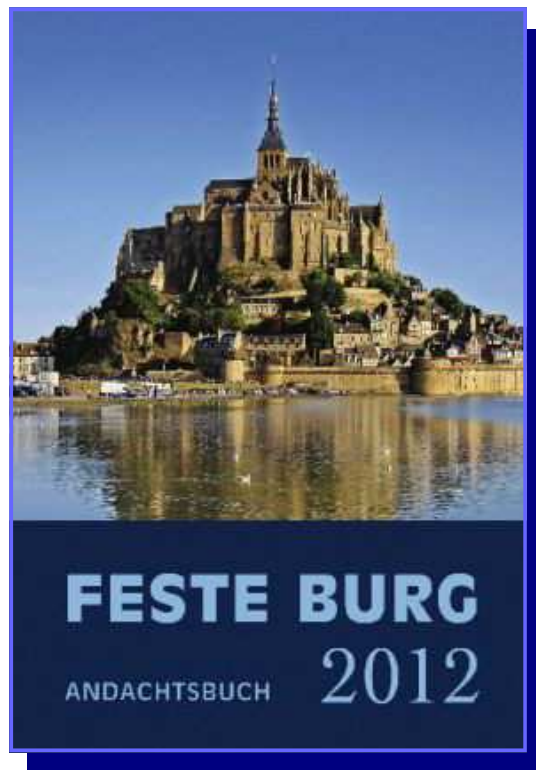
We are pleased to announce the launch of our new Facebook Page
“Lutheran Church Port Elizabeth – Lutherische Kirche PE”.

Use your existing Facebook Account to join our Page, to:

- view and tag pictures taken at our congregation’s events
- receive notices of forthcoming events in your News Feed
- post comments

For any queries, or to receive a direct link to the page, without using a Facebook Account, please feel free to e-mail Günter at facebook@lutheran-pe.org

Feste Burg Kalender 2012



200 evangelisch-lutherische Pfarrer verfassen im Feste-Burg-Kalender Andachten und Gebete für jeden Tag. Die Texte werden nach der Kirchenjahresleseordnung ausgewählt, dazu ein Lied aus dem Gesangbuch und an den Sonn- und Feiertagen Evangelium, Epistel und Predigttext. Der Feste-Burg-Kalender hilft, im Alltag innezuhalten und auf Gottes Wort zu hören. Er ist dank der großen Schrift sehr gut lesbar.

(768 Seiten, Maße: 11 x 15 cm, Deutsch, € 9.50)

Der Kalender (in Buchform oder als Abreiskalender) wird ab September 2011 verfügbar sein. Henry Newman wird Ende September nach Europa reisen und die Kalender dann nach PE mitbringen. Bitte melden Sie sich bei ihm.

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