

Lutheran Church Springfield - Port Elizabeth



Friedenskirche



Christus und Seine Kirche laden dich ein !

Christ and His Church invite you !

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Notice Board

Weekly Home Church—1930

German —Tuesday evenings

English—Wednesday evenings

Open Door—Monthly Coffee Morning

Last Wednesday of the month at 1000

Prayer Group - Monthly Meeting

First Tuesday of the month at 0930

Steak Evening

Friday, 30 April

Potjiekos Gathering

Saturday 29 May

Work Day - Manse

15 May 2010

Work Day - Church Centre

17 July 2010

Winter Dance

Saturday 31 July

Music Evening

Saturday 28 August

Work Day - Manse

18 September 2010

Pancake Stall—Oktoberfest

October

Bazaar

Saturday 6 November

Work Day - Church Centre

20 November 2010

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On 17 October 1995 at 18H30 four people met at our Church to start a Prayer Group. We acted on two verses of the bible :

Matthew 18:20 FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE COME TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE I AM WITH THEM

Acts 2:42 THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLE'S TEACHING AND TO THE FELLOWSHIP, TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND TO PRAYER.

We feel that besides the services and the personal prayers it is good to come together at the church regularly to bring our burdens to the Lord and ask Him to bless and help us. The Lord was faithful these years and we encountered many answers to our prayers as well as receiving strength for our daily life. All the honour and glory is to the Lord!

Yet for security and other reasons we feel now that instead of meeting in the evenings we want to change it to the 1st Tuesday morning of the month at 09H30.

Everybody who is burdened for our church and our brothers and sisters, for our government , for our country, for our world, is heartily invited to take part, be it on a regular basis or just whenever it suits you.

Some might be too shy to pray aloud. You can consent with the requests in a quiet way, but please, join us. If you cannot take part but have the one or other prayer request, please phone us and we will bring it to the Lord. Of course everything is handled strictly confidentially. Our record throughout the years has proven this.

We are encouraged to go on praying by the following verses of the Bible:

Romans 12:12 BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18 AND PRAY IN THE SPIRIT ON ALL OCCASIONS WITH ALL KINDS OF PRAYERS AND REQUESTS.

If you feel the Lord wants you to take part, please come or phone.

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From the Pastor's Heart

Dear congregation and friends,

I have recently been rediscovering some of the beauty of our Lutheran tradition and especially the wonderful treasure of Luther's writings about how he rediscovered the Gospel in the Bible, in particular in the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 1,17).

In a preface to his Latin Works he describes his rediscovery like this:

"Though I lived as a monk without reproach, I felt that I was a sinner before God with an extremely disturbed conscience. I could not believe that he was placated by my satisfaction. I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God, and said, "As if, indeed, it is not enough, that miserable sinners, eternally lost through original sin, are crushed by every kind of calamity by the law of the Decalogue, without having God add pain to pain by the gospel and also by the gospel threatening us with his righteousness and wrath!" Thus I raged with fierce and troubled conscience. Nevertheless, I beat importunately upon Paul at that place, most ardently desiring to know what St. Paul wanted.

At last, by the mercy of God, meditating day and night, I gave heed to the context of the words, namely, "In it the righteousness of God is revealed, as it is written, 'He who through faith is righteous shall live.'" There I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by a gift of God, namely by faith. And this is the meaning: the righteousness of God is revealed by the gospel, namely, the passive righteousness with

which merciful God justifies us by faith, as it is written, "He who through faith is righteous shall live." Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through its gates." "Preface to the Complete Edition of Luther's Latin Writings."

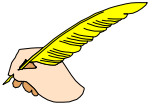
When the Gospel message reaches us as we grapple with the Word of God in the Bible, it is like "entering paradise", it is an experience of liberation, of being freed from the constant pressure to make ourselves right before God. Many people tell us that this message is no longer relevant because most people do not even think that they have to be "right before God". This may be so in our secular world, but I do not believe that people actually are free from the pressure of "having to be right" – even if it is only the internal drive to want to be right before ourselves or more frequently before our spouses. Do you recognize yourself in this? Do you have the urge to always prove that you are right, even if only to your wife or your kids? Well then, bingo, the nerve of our deeper religious captivity has been touched – and the Gospel message is this: You cannot be right by yourself, you will have to depend entirely on God in Christ for that. This is of course a simplified way of putting it, but I think it can give us a glimpse of what the Gospel means.

I would like to invite you to join us as we celebrate the liberation from "having to be right" and receiving God's righteousness as a gift in our divine services. That is what happens there – we celebrate and participate in God's "Grace Party", where God distributes the gift of Justification by Grace alone to all, who are there. Please do join us, because God wants everyone to join this celebration!

With warm greetings,
Felix Meylahn

WATCHWORD for 2010

Jesus Christ says: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. (John 14,1)



Was dem Pastor auf dem Herzen liegt

Was mir auf dem Herzen liegt!

Liebe Gemeinde, liebe Freunde!

Ich habe mich in letzter Zeit wieder intensiver mit der ganzen Frage der Kirche beschäftigt und mich gefragt: Was ist denn die Botschaft der Kirche in dieser Welt? Und die Antwort, die ich wieder entdeckt habe, ist – wie könnte es auch anders sein – die Botschaft von der Rechtfertigung des gottlosen Sünders aus Gnaden allein. Nun ist das natürlich ein großes, theologisch geladenes Wort, zu dem viele Menschen keinen direkten Zugang mehr haben. Ich beschäftige mich als Prediger ja nun auch immer mit der Frage, wie man diese Botschaft so weitersagt, daß Menschen sie hören können. Und dabei fand ich ein Gebet von meinem alten Lehrer in Tübingen, Prof. Eberhard Jüngel. Dieses Gebet formuliert einmal die Botschaft von der Rechtfertigung in dankbaren Worten, die wir zu Gott hin sprechen können. Mir hat es sehr geholfen, das „Paradies“ der Rechtfertigung (Luther) erneut zu erleben:

„Herr Gott, barmherziger Vater!

Wir danken Dir, dass Du allein unser Richter bist.

Das lässt uns hoffen.

Das gibt uns Mut.

Denn Du richtest uns mit Gerechtigkeit und mit Barmherzigkeit.

Herr erbarme Dich unser!

Lieber Herr Jesus Christus!

Dich loben wir, der Du Dich für uns hast richten lassen.

Du hast Dich für uns alle aus Liebe dahingegeben.

Das gibt uns Vertrauen.

Das macht uns frei.

Denn deine Liebe ist stark wie der Tod.

Deine Liebe befreit uns aus unserer Schuld

*Und macht uns frei von den Mächten, denen wir verfallen sind.
Deine Liebe führt uns an die Seite Gottes des Vaters,
wo Du für uns eintrittst
und die Welt regierst mit Gnade und Barmherzigkeit.
Christe, erbarme Dich unser!
Komm, Heiliger Geist,
und rede mit uns, dass wir hellhörig werden in dieser schwerhörigen
Welt.
Komm, Heiliger Geist,
und wecke uns auf aus den Alpträumen, die uns bedrücken.
Komm, Heiliger Geist,
und erneuere uns durch und durch,
dass wir in dieser gewalttätigen Welt zu Werkzeugen des Friedens
und mitten im Unrecht zu Zeugen der Barmherzigkeit werden.
Amen.“*

Ich wünsche Ihnen, dass dieses Gebet und die Botschaft des Evangeliums in dieser Osterzeit hell in Ihrem Leben leuchtet und Ihre Herzen froh macht.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,
Felix Meylahn

JAHRESLOSUNG 2010

Jesus Christus spricht: Euer Herz erschrecke nicht. Glaubt an Gott und glaubt an mich. (Johannes 14, 1)

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Epheser 1:18

Gott gebe euch erleuchtete Augen des Herzens, damit ihr erkennt, zu welcher Hoffnung ihr von ihm berufen seid.

Ephesians 1:18

May God enlighten the eyes of your heart, so that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you.

GOTTESDIENSTE / DIVINE SERVICES

01.04 	Maundy Thursday	DIVINE SERVICE <u>19:00</u>	Lesungen / Readings GOSPEL 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
02.04 	Good Friday	DIVINE SERVICE With Holy Communion → 09:00 ← GOTTESDIENST mit Abendmahl → 10:30 ←	Lesungen / Readings EVANGELIUM / GOSPEL 2 Korinther 5:14-21 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
04.04 	Easter Sunday (Don't forget the Easter Breakfast After Service)	DIVINE SERVICE With Holy Communion <u>07:30</u>	Lesungen / Readings GOSPEL 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
11.04 	Quasimodogeniti	DIVINE SERVICE <u>9:30</u>	Readings GOSPEL 1 Peter 1:3-9
18.04 	Misericordias Domini	DIVINE SERVICE → 09:00 ← GOTTESDIENST → 10:15	Lesungen / Readings EVANGELIUM / GOSPEL 1 Petrus 2:21-25 1 Peter 2:21-25
25.04 	Jubilate	FAMILY SERVICE <u>9:30</u>	Readings GOSPEL 1 John 5:1-4

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Hebräer 11:1

Es ist aber der Glaube eine feste
Zuversicht auf das, was man hofft,
und ein Nichtzweifeln an dem, was
man nicht sieht

Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

GOTTESDIENSTE / DIVINE SERVICES

02.05 	Kantate	GOTTESDIENST mit Abendmahl <u>9:30</u>	Lesungen EVANGELIUM Kolosser 3:12-17
09.05 	Rogate	DIVINE SERVICE With Holy Communion <u>09:30</u>	Readings GOSPEL 1 Timothy 2:1-6
16.05 	Exaudi	DIVINE SERVICE → 09:00 ← GOTTESDIENST → 10:15 ←	Lesungen / Readings EVANGELIUM / GOSPEL Epheser 3:14-21 Ephesians 3:14-21
23.05 	Pentecost	DIVINE SERVICE <u>9:30</u>	Readings GOSPEL Acts 2:1-18
30.05 	Trinity	FAMILY SERVICE <u>9:30</u>	Readings GOSPEL Romans 11:32-36

Aus der Gemeinde

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.

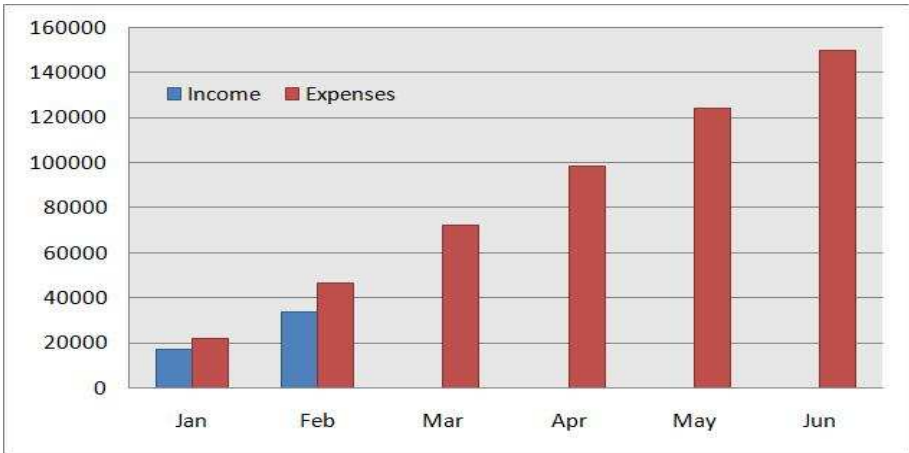
Alle sind also herzlich dazu eingeladen.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS



The congregation's expenses have grown over time and our Levy has been increased to R18 900.00 per month, beginning 1st January 2010.

The income from contributions, collections and fundraising falls short of this target. The finances show a deficit of R13 000.00 for the first two months of this year.

Please remember that the monthly recommended contribution is R350.00 per month per member, but no contribution is too small or too large.

Kindly contact Gerhard Fröhlich for more detailed information or if you are able to contribute in any other way. (Contact details on the back of this newsletter.)

Should you elect to make a direct deposit into the Church's Banking Account, you are kindly requested to include your details on the deposit slip under the "reference" section.

*Bank: First National; WALMER Branch; **Branch code: 21.12.17***

Account Name: *Lutheran Church Springfield; **Account No.** 534 200 32476*

Your Father's Love Letter

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. **Psalm 139:1**
I know when you sit down and when you rise up. **Psalm 139:2**
I am familiar with all your ways. **Psalm 139:3**
Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. **Matthew 10:29-31**
For you were made in my image. **Genesis 1:27**
In me you live and move and have your being. **Acts 17:28**
For you are my offspring. **Acts 17:28**
I knew you even before you were conceived. **Jeremiah 1:4-5**
I chose you when I planned creation. **Ephesians 1:11-12**
You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. **Psalm 139:15-16**
I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. **Acts 17:26**
You are fearfully and wonderfully made. **Psalm 139:14**
I knit you together in your mother's womb. **Psalm 139:13**
And brought you forth on the day you were born. **Psalm 71:6**
I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. **John 8:41-44**
I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. **1 John 4:16**
And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. **1 John 3:1**
Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. **1 John 3:1**
I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. **Matthew 7:11**
For I am the perfect father. **Matthew 5:48**
Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. **James 1:17**
For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. **Matthew 6:31-33**
My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. **Jeremiah 29:11**
Because I love you with an everlasting love. **Jeremiah 31:3**
My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. **Psalms 139:17-18**
And I rejoice over you with singing. **Zephaniah 3:17**
I will never stop doing good to you. **Jeremiah 32:40**
For you are my treasured possession. **Exodus 19:5**
I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. **Jeremiah 32:41**
And I want to show you great and marvelous things. **Jeremiah 33:3**
If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. **Deuteronomy 4:29**
Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. **Psalm 37:4**
For it is I who gave you those desires. **Philippians 2:13**
I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. **Ephesians 3:20**
For I am your greatest encourager. **2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**
I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**
When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. **Psalm 34:18**
As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. **Isaiah 40:11**
One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. **Revelation 21:3-4**
And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. **Revelation 21:3-4**
I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. **John 17:23**
For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. **John 17:26**
He is the exact representation of my being. **Hebrews 1:3**
He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. **Romans 8:31**
And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. **2 Corinthians 5:18-19**
Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. **2 Corinthians 5:18-19**
His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. **1 John 4:10**
I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. **Romans 8:31-32**
If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. **1 John 2:23**
And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. **Romans 8:38-39**
Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. **Luke 15:7**
I have always been Father, and will always be Father. **Ephesians 3:14-15**
My question is...Will you be my child? **John 1:12-13**
I am waiting for you. **Luke 15:11-32**

Love, Your Dad

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INVITATION TO ALL

Listed below are various functions that need to be taken care of.

Theological matters	Felix Meylahn
Children's services	Anthea Burger
Choir, organists, music	Felix Meylahn
Youth group	Felix Meylahn
Liturgical colours	Henry Newman
Bazaar and fund raising	Geoff Andrews
Newsletter	Anthea Burger
Open Door / Bible Study	Felix Meylahn
Lay services	Colin Lentz, Hans Rohwer, Jutta Rower, Henry Newman
Property Maintenance	Vacant
Synod and CCE delegates	Geoff Andrews (alt:Anthea Burger)
Treasurer	Gerhard Fröhlich
Church facility hire	Geoff Andrews

Please offer to use your skills wherever you are able to. Contact details on the back page.

PARENTS' PRAYER

Oh heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children. to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them.

Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes, or resort to shame and ridicule when they displease me. May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power. Let me not tempt my child to lie or steal. And guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

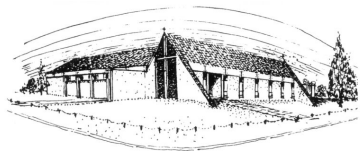
Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. And when I am out of sorts, help me, O Lord to hold my tongue. May I ever be mindful that my children are children and I should not expect of them the judgement of adults.

Let me not rob them of the opportunity to wait on themselves and to make decisions. Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests and the courage to deny them harm.

Make me fair and just and kind. And fit me, O Lord, to be loved and respected and imitated by my children.

"This prayer was sent home with my child's repoft card recently ... Ed."

Lutheran Church Springfield
c/o Luke Ave. and Martin Rd
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Venue for Functions, Meetings, Courses, Receptions etc.

For reservations and details contact:
Mr G Andrews (Chairman of Church Committee)
Tel 041 - 484 1861

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WOMEN'S WEEKEND AWAY - 13-14 MARCH 2010

9 Ladies were able to attend the women's retreat at Humbleways this year.

We spent time singing—thanks Marita for the guitar music, meditating on the majesty of our Creator God—thanks Barbara for leading with passages from scripture. Walking and talking together was such a joy.

We also took some time to share ideas and practice some craft making for Easter.



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2010

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