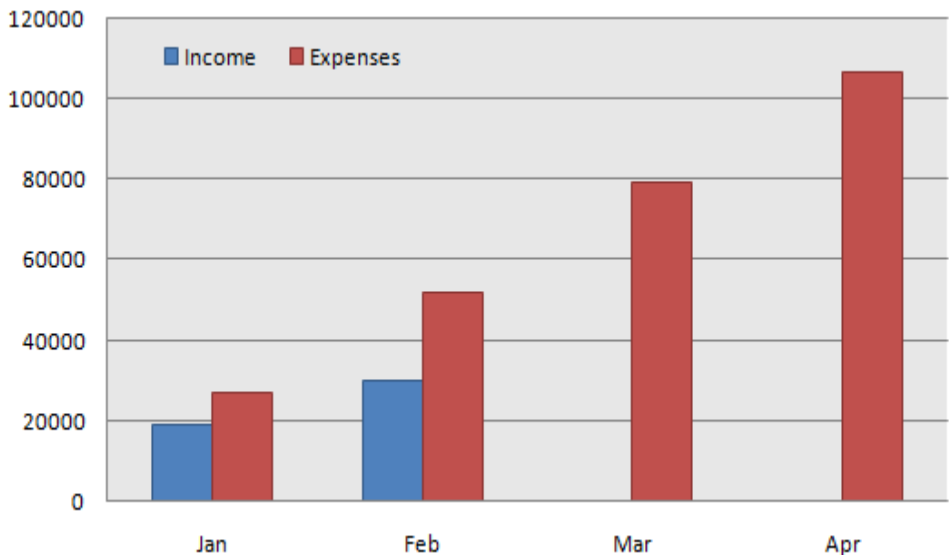




Christus und Seine Kirche laden dich ein! Christ and His Church invite you !

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The congregation's expenses have grown over time and our Levy which is paid to the Cape Church each month, has been increased to R21 200.00 per month, beginning 1st January 2011. This represents an increase of 12,2% from last year.

The income from contributions, collections and fundraising falls short of this target. The finances show a deficit of R22 000.00 cumulative for the first two months of this year.

Kindly note that the recommended monthly contribution is now **R425.00** per month, 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. Please find contact details at the back of this newsletter.

Should you elect to make a direct deposit into the Church's Bank Account, you are kindly requested to include your details on the deposit slip 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



Regular

Steak Evening

Friday, 25 March 2011 @ 18:30

Easter Market

Saturday 16 April 2011 @ 10:00

Work Day – Manse

Saturday 14 May 2011 @ 09:00

Potjiekos Gathering

Saturday 28 May 2011 @ 10:00

Music Evening

Saturday 25 June @ 19:00

Work Day – Church Centre

Saturday 9 July 2011 @ 09:00

Winter Dance

Saturday 30 July 2011 @ 19:30

Steak Evening # 2

Friday 26 August 2011 @ 18:30

Work Day – Manse

10 September 2011 @ 09:00

Pancake Stall—Oktoberfest

Friday - Sunday

Bazaar

Saturday 5 November 2011 @ 10:00

Work Day – Church Centre

Saturday 12 November 2011 @ 09:00

Carols Afternoon (Coffee & Cake)

Saturday 18 December 2011 @ 15:00

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 13)

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Congregation and Friends,

Watchword for April: Matthew 26,41 Jesus says: "Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial!"

Watchword for May: Romans 15,13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in the faith, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

We are living in dark and fearful times – so many disasters, so much violence and revolution, so much corruption and incompetence in the governments of the world, including our own. "Time of trial" is a very apt description of what we are experiencing. More and more you hear people saying that these are the "end times", that the world is going to face the final judgment soon. Some even try to work out the exact date and time for the end. But that is certainly not what we as Christians are called to do – it goes directly against the will of our Lord, who says: "No one knows when the end will come, not the angels in heaven, not even the Son, only the Father." (Mark 13,32) Our task is clearly spelled out for us in the watchword for April: Watch and pray – be awake, look around you, there is so much to be done, caring for the world, for those in need and for the work of the Gospel – and pray – i.e. continue listening to God's word and asking God to help you to hear it properly, so that you can live accordingly.

Our world does not need people, especially not Christians, who go around spreading fear and panic about their alleged calculations of the end times – we need sober, dedicated and calm people, who go around spreading hope, love, care and grace, because they know, that they are safe in God's hands. We need to remember that our calling is to live in this world and look after it as best we can. Our vocations, the daily tasks that we fulfil at work, in our homes, wherever we are – let's do that with the calm assurance that the end is in God's hands and that nothing will ever separate us from the Love of God in Christ. Then we will indeed be people, in whom hope abounds, despite the sad state of the world, and who have joy, peace and faith in abundance, which they can share with others, who may be in despair. This is our calling and the gift, that God gives to us all. Peace be with you all.

Felix Meylahn

Watchword for 2011

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

Romans 12,21

Was dem Pastor am Herzen liegt

Liebe Gemeinde, liebe Freunde,

Monatsspruch für April: Matthäus 26,41: Jesus spricht: "Wachet und betet, dass ihr nicht in Anfechtung fallt!"

Monatsspruch für Mai: Römer 15,13: Der Gott der Hoffnung aber erfülle euch mit aller Freude und Frieden im Glauben, dass ihr immer reicher werdet an Hoffnung durch die Kraft des Heiligen Geistes.

Wir leben in dunklen, furchterregenden Tagen – so viele Katastrophen, so viel Gewalt und Aufstand, so viel Korruption and Inkompetenz unter den Regierenden in der Welt und auch bei unserer Regierung hier in Südafrika. „Zeiten der Anfechtung“ kann man das wohl nennen. Immer mehr höre ich Menschen sagen: Es ist jetzt das Ende gekommen – die Welt wird bald mit dem jüngsten Tag konfrontiert werden. Manche versuchen sogar, es ganz genau auszurechnen, wann das Ende sein wird. Aber das ist ganz gewiss nicht im Sinne unseres Herrn, der deutlich sagt: „Keiner weiß, wann das Ende sein wird, nicht die Engel im Himmel, nicht einmal der Sohn, sondern nur der Vater.“ (Markus 13,32) Unsere Aufgabe ist uns ganz klar im Monatsspruch für April gegeben: Wachet und betet! Seid wach, haltet Ausschau nach allem, was zu tun ist, sorgt für die Welt, für die Menschen in Not und auch für das Evangelium, dass es verkündet wird! Und betet dann, das heißt: hört nicht auf, auf Gott zu hören, und bittet Gott, dass ihr sein Wort recht versteht, damit ihr daraus leben könnt.

Unsere Welt braucht nicht Menschen, erst recht keine Christen, die herumgehen und Angst und Panik verbreiten mit ihren vermeintlichen Errechnungen über das Ende der Welt. Die Welt braucht nüchterne Menschen, die vernünftig und ruhig ihren Aufgaben nachgehen und Hoffnung verbreiten, Liebe, Fürsorge und Gnade, weil sie wissen, dass sie bei Gott gut aufgehoben sind. Wir sollten uns immer wieder daran erinnern lassen, dass wir berufen sind, in dieser Welt zu leben und für sie zu sorgen, so gut wir können. Unsere Berufung, unsere täglichen Aufgaben, die wir bei der Arbeit, zu Hause und anderswo erfüllen, daran sollen wir weiterarbeiten, verantwortungsvoll und ruhig, in dem Wissen, dass uns nichts, auch das Ende nicht, von Gottes Liebe in Jesus Christus trennen kann. Dann werden wir Menschen sein, in denen die Hoffnung reich ist, die Freude, Friede und Glauben haben und weitergeben können, denen, die es brauchen, weil sie in Not oder Verzweiflung sind. Das ist unsere Berufung, und das ist die Gabe Gottes an uns. Daran haltet fest! Friede sei mit Euch allen!

Felix Meylahn

Jahreslosung 2011

Lass dich nicht vom Bösen überwinden, sondern überwinde das Böse mit Gutem!

Römer 12,21

Gottesdienste April 2011 Divine Services

Losung für April 2011

Jesus spricht: "Wachet und betet, dass ihr nicht in Anfechtung fallt!"

Matthäus 26,41

Watchword for April 2011

Jesus says: "Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial!"

Matthew 26,41

<p>03.04. 2011</p> 	<p>Lätare: 4. So. Passionszeit</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>Lesung Johannes 6,55–65</p>
<p>10.04.2011</p> 	<p>Judica: 5th Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>Divine Service with Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Reading Genesis 22.1–13</p>
<p>17.04.2011</p> 	<p>Palmarum: 6th Sunday in Lent Palmsonntag: 6. So. Passionszeit</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 10:15</p>	<p>Reading Mark 14.3–9 Lesung Markus 14,3–9</p>
<p>22.04.2011</p> 	<p>Good Friday Karfreitag</p>	<p>Divine Service with Communion 09:00 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 10:30</p>	<p>Reading Luke 23.33–49 Lesung Lukas 23,33–49</p>
<p>24.04.2011</p> 	<p>Easter Sunday</p>	<p>Family Service 07:30</p>	<p>Reading Matthew 28.1–10</p>

Losung für Mai 2011






»Der Gott der Hoffnung aber erfülle euch mit aller Freude und Frieden im Glauben, dass ihr immer reicher werdet an Hoffnung durch die Kraft des Heiligen Geistes.«

Römer 15,13

Watchword for May 2011

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in the faith, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15,13

<p>01.05. 2011</p> 	<p>Quasimodogeniti: 1. So. nach Ostern</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>Lesung Johannes 21,1–14</p>
<p>08.05. 2011</p> 	<p>Misericordias Domini: Second Sunday after Easter</p>	<p>Divine Service with Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Reading Ezekiel 34.1–2. (3–9)10–16.31</p>
<p>15.05. 2011</p> 	<p>Jubilate: 3. So.nach Ostern NOTE: ONLY GERMAN SERVICE</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>Lesung Johannes 16,16. (17–19) 20–23a</p>
<p>22.05. 2011</p> 	<p>Kantate: Fourth Sunday after Easter</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:30</p>	<p>Reading Matthew 21.14–17 (18–22)</p>
<p>29.05.2011</p> 	<p>Rogate: 5th Sunday after Easter</p>	<p>Family Service with Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Reading Luke 11.5–13</p>

Gebetskreis / Prayer Group



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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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9 Wistaria Street Fairbridge Heights



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

Joining our Page, using your existing Facebook Account, will enable you to:



- * View and Tag pictures taken at our congregation's events,
- * Receive notices of upcoming events in your News Feed and,
- * Post comments.

You can join by searching the name

Lutheran Church Port Elizabeth – Lutherische Kirche PE

on Facebook.

For any queries, or to receive a direct link to the Page, please feel free to E-Mail Günter at :

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Wir gratulieren sehr herzlich allen "Geburtstagskindern" und wünschen ihnen Gottes Segen und Geleit ins neue Lebensjahr.

We congratulate all Congregation Members celebrating their birthday and wish many happy returns and God's blessing for the year ahead.

April

- 04 Sigi Sauer
- 05 Gunnar Gädke
- 10 Liz Tessendorf
- 16 Hans Rohwer
- 18 Brian Köpke
- 19 Wayne Böttcher
- 23 Neil Haschick
- 26 Peter Koch

May

- 01 Erica Kietzmann
- 03 Liane Krieg
- 15 Geoff Andrews
- 22 Marion Gädke
- 23 Sonja Savini
- 30 Erwin Gehring
- 30 Hildegard Dreier

A WORD FROM THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

We draw your attention to the words from our Chairman's annual report presented at the AGM held on Sunday 30 January 2011:

"Finally I need to warn that we will be facing a serious financial challenge for 2011. The financial report will show a budgeted deficit of almost R50,000.00. This is on top of the levy subsidy of R96,000.00 already accorded by the Cape Church.

Let us not have to one day face the difficult prospect of having to sell our property to survive as a congregation"

(The full report is available on our website or a copy can be obtained from any of the church wardens.)

It is not our intention to be alarmist but we all need to understand the situation clearly.

If we are to safeguard the future presence of the Lutheran church in Port Elizabeth it is necessary that certain minimum costs are met :

Church Centre/Manse costs (electricity, water, property maintenance and insurance)

Cape Church levy (Cape Church infrastructure)

Currently, regular financial contributions are received from 25 of the 67 member families that make up our congregation (37%).

It is fully acknowledged that contributions can be made in various ways—baking, sewing, donations and support for functions. All contributions are welcomed! But we need an extra R5000 pm to meet our needs. Those not contributing are urged to start even with a small amount each month e.g. if the 42 non contributing families contributed R119.00 per month each, our current needs would be met.

Should you like to discuss this matter please contact the Church Committee Chairman, Geoff Andrews. (Contact details on the back page)

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