



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

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Planned

Carols Afternoon (Coffee & Cake)

Saturday 17 December 2011 @ 15:00.

In the Church Hall

Church Committee Meeting

Thursday 12 January 2012 @ 19:30

In the Church Centre Meeting Room

Music Evening with a Song or Two

Saturday 14 January at 19:00

in our church hall

(See Page 6 for further info)

NB : PLEASE TAKE NOTE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY

12 FEBRUARY 2012

IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER

DIVINE SERVICE

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 3)



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 18:00 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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The Watchword for 2012 : 2 Corinthians 12,9

Jesus Christ says: "My power is made perfect in weakness."

What kind of a God is this that proves to be strong in the weak, the infirm, the failing and helpless? How are we meant to understand this? Especially as a motto for the new year 2012? Surely we rather need a God that is in support of the competent, the strong, the successful and those who have power to help? A God that goes with those who know where they are going and ensures that in the end the good and the strong will make it?

In the second letter to the Corinthians Paul, and he speaks from personal experience, says that God is working in him, a very weak, frail and fallible human being. Paul was seen by the people in Corinth, and probably also by others in other congregations, as a weak, un-charismatic and doubtful "Apostle". Some even questioned his Apostleship, because he was not part of the original twelve disciples, but was only "called" later ("who knows if that is really true?" they probably mumbled to each other). His sermons were not very exciting (so boring in fact that people fell asleep), and his leadership was mostly hesitant and careful, not charismatic and powerful. In contrast to him there were "super-apostles" who "grew" the church and inspired the people with their "charisma" and "know-how". Compared to them Paul looked rather inferior.

Do we not today have the same questions and discussions to deal with? Many want to revamp the church with powerful leaders – "if you appoint the right, charismatic type of leadership, then the church will grow" it is claimed. The watchword for 2012 invites us to think through these questions and consider whether this seemingly so modern concept of church is really in line with the early church, that persecuted little community lead by the weak apostle, Paul. Paul invites us to find God where this world would not even think of looking for him – in the weak! And the one, whom Paul followed faithfully, Jesus Christ, said: "The healthy do not need the doctor, but those who are ill!". Could it be that a strong "healthy" church also does no longer need God, because it can do it on its own?

We should allow the watchword for the new year to encourage us, in our weakness and insufficiency to ask: "What does God want to do in and through us?"

I wish you all a blessed, happy and comforted year 2012.

Felix Meylahn

Die Jahreslosung für 2012: 2 Korinther 12,9

Jesus Christus spricht: „Meine Kraft ist in den Schwachen mächtig.“

Was ist das für ein Gott, der sich in den Schwachen, den Unmündigen, den Scheiternden, den Hilflosen, als starker, als kräftiger Gott erweist? Wie sollen wir das verstehen? Und dazu nun auch noch zum neuen Jahr als Jahreslosung? Brauchen wir da nicht einen Gott, der sich zu den Kompetenten, den Starken, den Erfolgreichen und Hilfsbereiten stellt? Ein Gott, der mit denen, die wissen wo es lang geht, mitgeht und dafür bürgt, daß die Guten und Starken am Ende den Sieg behalten werden?

Im zweiten Korintherbrief sagt uns nun aber der Apostel Paulus, und er spricht aus direkter, eigener Erfahrung, daß Gott in ihm, in einem sehr schwachen und fehlbaren Menschen wirkt. Paulus wurde von den Leuten in Korinth, und wohl auch in anderen Gemeinden, als ein schwacher, uncharismatischer, zweifelhafter „Apostel“ angesehen. Manche bestritten sogar sein Apostelamt, da er nicht zu den zwölf Jüngern dazugehörte, sondern erst später von Christus berufen wurde („Ob das wohl so stimmt?“ haben sich manche wohl gefragt). Seine Predigten waren nicht berauschend, seine Führung oft zaghaft und vorsichtig – dagegen gab es „Super-Apostel“, die mit Charisma und „know-how“ die Kirche zum Wachsen brachten und die Leute begeisterten. Gegenüber denen bot Paulus ein sehr klägliches Bild.

Haben wir nicht auch heute genau diese Fragen, diese Diskussion durchzunehmen? Viele wollen die Kirche mit kräftigen „Führern“ auf Vordermann bringen – „wenn man die richtigen, die charismatischen Führungskräfte ans Ruder läßt, dann wird die Kirche wachsen!“ sagt man. Die Jahreslosung lädt uns ein, diese Fragen ruhig durch zu denken und zu überlegen, ob denn das so modern daher kommende Konzept einer erfolgreichen, wachsenden Kirche dem entspricht, was die Kirche, die verfolgte Christengemeinde, ursprünglich war und sein sollte? Paulus lädt uns dazu ein, Gott dort zu suchen, wo diese Welt ihn nicht suchen würde – in den Schwachen! Und der, dem Paulus treu nachfolgte, Jesus Christus, sagte: die Gesunden brauchen den Arzt nicht, sondern die Kranken. Könnte es sein, daß eine starke, „gesunde“ Kirche Gott auch nicht mehr braucht, weil sie es ja selber kann?

Wir wollen uns von der Jahreslosung ermutigen lassen, in unserer Schwachheit und Unzulänglichkeit nach dem zu fragen, was Gott in uns und durch uns tun will.

Ich wünsche Ihnen und Euch ein gesegnetes, fröhliches und getrostes Jahr 2012.

Felix Meylahn

Congregational News / Aus der Gemeinde

Music Evening with a Song or Two

Our son, Janusz Meylahn, has joined the Stellenbosch University Choir and in 2012 the choir will take part in an International Choir Competition in New York. Each choir member has to pay R20 000,00 towards the trip. In order to raise funds for this, we invite you all to a special Music Evening at which Janusz will be singing and other talented young musicians will be making music to entertain you.

All are welcome, please bring your family and friends. Any donation will be welcome. Ludwigsburger will be on sale (@R20 each) - please bring your own drinks!

Date: Saturday Evening 14 January at 19h00 in our church hall. Lutheran Church Springfield c/o Martin Road and Luke Avenue.

Barbara and Felix Meylahn



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Sacrament of Baptism

The following children received the **Holy Sacrament of Baptism** and were thereby irrevocably included in the Body of Christ, the Church:

- Oliver Richard John Wortmann was baptised on 27 February 2011
- Blake Anthony Wright was baptised on 13 March 2011
- Gemma Anne Bürger was baptised on 8 May 2011
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We pray for these children, their parents and godparents, that they will be brought up and live in the trust, that God is for them unconditionally!



Oliver Wortmann



Blake Wright



Gemma Bürger






Gottesdienste December 2011 Divine Service

Losung für Dezember 2011
Jesaja 54,7

Watchword for December 2011
Isaiah 54,7

Gott spricht: „Nur für eine kleine Weile habe ich dich verlassen, doch mit großem Erbarmen hole ich dich Heim.“

“For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you.”

<p>04.12. 2011</p> 	<p>2. Sonntag im Advent</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>Jesaja 63,15-19; 64,1-3</p>
<p>11.12.2011</p> 	<p>3rd Sunday in Advent</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Romans 15,4-13</p>
<p>18.12.2011</p> 	<p>4th Sunday in Advent</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 1,18-22</p>
<p>24.12.2011</p> 	<p>Christmas Eve Heilig Abend</p>	<p>Divine Service 17:00 Gottesdienst 18:15</p>	<p>Isaiah 9, 1-6 Jesaja 9, 1-6</p>
<p>25.12.2011</p> 	<p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>1 John 3, 1-6</p>

Gottesdienste January 2012 Divine Services

Losung für Januar 2012






Psalm 86,11

„Weise mir, HERR, deinen Weg, daß ich wandle in deiner Wahrheit .“

Watchword for January 2012

Psalm 86,11

“Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth .”

<p>01.01. 2012</p> 	<p>Neujahrstag</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl</p> <p>09:30</p>	<p>Josua 1,1-9</p>
<p>08.01.2012</p> 	<p>1st Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>Divine Service Reading</p> <p>09:30</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 1, 26-31</p>
<p>15.01.2012</p> 	<p>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>2. So. nach Epiphantias</p>	<p>Divine Service Communion</p> <p>09:00</p> <p>10.15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 2, 1-10</p> <p>1 Korinther 2, 1-10</p>
<p>22.01.2012</p> 	<p>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>Divine Service Reading</p> <p>09:30</p>	<p>2 Kings 5,1-19a</p>
<p>29.01.2012</p> 	<p>Last Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>Divine Service Reading</p> <p>09:30</p>	<p>Revelation 5, 1-14</p>

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Pancake Stall—Oktoberfest 14-16 October

Thank you to all who helped with this fundraising project. We raised R3 500 towards our church funds.

Church Day (Eastern Cape Circuit) 30 October

We celebrated Church Day with a Reformation Festival Service and hosted our Lutheran brothers and sisters from the Border congregations as well as the Concert Band of the Moravian Church in Salem.

In the Divine Service we all were comforted and strengthened by the Gospel of Grace that was preached.

The Prelude and Postlude music was beautiful and very moving. Thank you very much to the talented musicians!

We all shared lunch together before everyone left to travel home again.

Bazaar 5 November

PRIZE WINNERS - RAFFLE 2011

Incentive Prize for the most tickets sold:

Mahlert Family

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| 1. | R3000.00 cash | Jeremy Baxter (68/11) |
| 2. | 4 Continental Tyres | Mia Meylahn (5/19) |
| 3. | R1000.- Checkers vouchers | Noreen Hartmann (85/18) |
| 4. | German Club lunch etc | Josef Ritter (114/15) |
| 5. | Knysna Featherbed Excursion | Jürgen Kietzmann (41/14) |
| 6. | Sea Safari | Charl Coetzee (4/11) |
| 7. | Indabushi Brunch Vouchers | Gisela Mahlert (70/11) |
| 8. | New Zealand Book | Rosemarie Middleton (94/9) |
| 9. | Kanu Wines & Glasses | Chris Burger (11/18) |
| 10. | Electric Hedgecutter | Liesel Harmse (78/3) |
| 11. | Electric Slow Cooker | Elizabeth Köpke (19/20) |

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Bazaar 5 November

Thank you most sincerely to the following church members, friends and sponsors for their donations of cash or prizes for the bazaar raffle:-

Chris Bürger, Wolfgang Paetzold, Peter Koch, Bernhard Tessendorf, Gerry West, Charlotte Andrews, Dorle Kussing, Thomas Fuchs (German Club), Family Horni (Continental Tyres), J.J. and Kobus Smit (Featherbed Nature Reserve), Tim Christy (Sea Safaris, Port St. Francis), Lorinda and Nico Rheeder (Indabushi), Amelia and Joz Grobbelaar (Fish Finders / Kanu Wines).

Your generosity is really appreciated! Without you it would have been so much more difficult to find prizes.



Reflection

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon.

One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbours.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbours when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbours grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbours grow good corn."

He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbour's corn also improves.

So it is with our lives. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbours to live in peace.

Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches.

And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow and flourish , we must help others grow and flourish

Wish List

The following, in no specific order, are needed for the upkeep of our Church Center:

- Hall floor covering to be replaced.
- Repairs to Church parquet floors.
- Carpeting for Church Manse floors.
- Rainwater tank to be installed.
- Rainwater gutters and downpipes to be replaced.
- Painting of the flat roof of the hall.
- Painting of the interior of the Church.
- Garden enthusiast to enhance & maintain the Church grounds.
- Church entrance steps to be replaced with a ramp for wheelchair access.
- Ramp over steps to the hall for wheelchair access.
- Church Manse plumbing upgrade.
- Curtains for toilets, youth room, kitchen.
- Electric fans for those hot summer days, pedestal or wall mounted.
- Repairs to sliding doors between the foyer and the hall.

Anyone who is able to take on or fund any of these projects is encouraged to liaise with any of the Church wardens.

December 2011

01	Emil Keil
08	Jutta Rohwer
10	Blake Wright
22	Sina Gädke
23	Rosemarie Mittermaier
26	Darren Lentz
30	Gerhard Fröhlich

January 2012

06	Genia Lokotsch
09	Hagen Krieg
12	Victoria Horni
13	Robyn Arends
15	Rosi Seifert
19	Ruth Rohrmoser
23	Michael Koch
23	Justin Kopke
26	Charlotte Andrews
26	Colleen Sonnenberger
27	Auke Brand
27	Reinhard Walle

Cyberspace News

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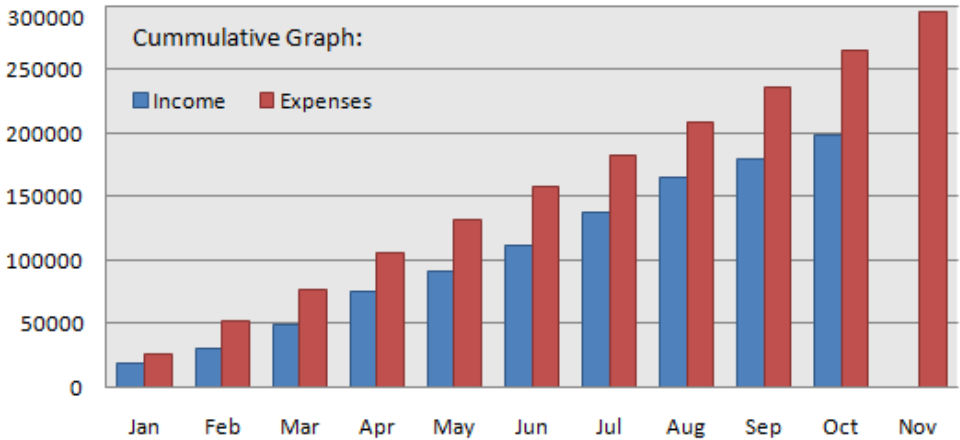
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The cumulative deficit as at October 2011 is R66 500.

When comparing October 2010 to October 2011 cumulative figures there has been:

an increase in total income of 7%

an increase in total expenses of 10.11%

Thank you to all our members for the help at fundraisers and for the increased contributions.

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

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