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

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Planned

Pancake Stall—Oktoberfest
Friday 14 - Sunday 16 October

Church Day

Sunday 30 October 2011 @ 10:30

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 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 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 write these words during the week of the 13th Sunday after Trinity, the Sunday on which the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10,25-37) is the Gospel reading governing the theme of the week. How do we respond to this story and the claims it makes on our lives?

In a country in which so much hard earned tax payer's money is allegedly spent on the poor and then we find that it has been "diverted" into the pockets of corrupt "leaders", it becomes more and more difficult not to hear these texts and claims on our lives with cynicism and a despairing shrug of the shoulder.

But we are called to care for those in need that we come across. The Samaritan, who was despised and rejected by the religious people of that time, was the example that Jesus used to explain to the scribe what fulfilling the law of loving your neighbour looks like. In Romans 13,10 Paul puts it into a very succinct phrase: "Love is the fulfilling of the law."

"Love" is a very important word, one that is often completely misunderstood. It does not mean that we need not care about any other commandment as long as we love (which then usually just means being friendly and well meaning). It means least of all that everyone who has love is in fact a Christian – there are many others, who love far better than we do.

The idea is that a person who has love will do what the law requires without having to be told to do so. And for us Christians this is not just a matter of morality, it is a description of the new person we are "in Christ". For Christ is God's love incarnate and He dwells in all the baptised through the Holy Spirit, and thus becomes active through us in love.

That is how the law is fulfilled "in us who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit", as Paul expressed it earlier in the letter to the Romans (8,4). If we have Christ in us, if we have Love, we're driven to do the right thing in new situations without having to have a written commandment, and in this way Paul can say, "Love is the fulfilling of the law".

This may not do much to change the corruption and misappropriation of funds in our country, a problem that needs to be addressed soon, but it may very well change the way we deal with those people we come across daily who need our help. May Christ grant that His love will indeed become active through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I greet you in Christ,
Pastor Felix Meylahn

Was dem Pastor am Herzen liegt

Liebe Gemeinde, liebe Freunde,

Ich schreibe diese Worte in der Woche vom 13. Sonntag nach Trinitatis, in der Woche also, wo die Erzählung Jesu vom „Barmherzigen Samariter“ (Lukas 10,25-73) als Lesung des Evangeliums das Thema der Woche regiert. Was machen wir mit so einer Geschichte in einem Land, wo immer mehr Geld, das durch Steuern eingefordert wird mit dem angeblichen Ziel, den Armen zu helfen, in den Taschen irgendwelcher Politiker verschwindet auf nimmer wiedersehen. Da bleibt es nicht aus, daß wir diesen Anspruch des Evangeliums, daß wir denen in Not helfen sollen, mit Zynismus beantworten.

Dazu möchte ich einige Wort Luthers zu dieser Geschichte mitteilen, weil ich denke, daß uns dadurch vielleicht ganz neue Perspektiven aufgehen können. Er schreibt dazu:

„Darum lerne, was das heiße, Gott lieben. Dieser Samariter hat Gott lieb: nicht, daß er Gott etwas gegeben hätte, sondern daß er dem armen, verwundeten Menschen hilft, soviel er kann. Denn also sagt Gott: Willst du mich lieb haben und mir dienen, so tu es deinem Nächsten, der bedarf es; ich bedarf es nicht. Darum dienet dieser Samariter hie mit seinem Geld, Tier, Oel und Wein unserm Herrgott im Himmel. Nicht daß es unser Herrgott für seine Person bedürfe, oder er es unserm Herrn Gott tue; er tut's seinem Nächsten. Darum trachte danach, daß du lernest, nach dem Exempel dieses Samariters dich halten, welcher sich des Verwundeten in seiner Not also annimmt, ihm hilft und pflaget, wie er hätte begehrt, daß ihm ein anderer in solcher Not getan und seiner gepfleget hätte; und bringt dadurch das Lob davon, daß er Gott und seinen Nächsten geliebet hab. Das, sage ich, sollst du lernen, daß du es auch tust. Denn diese Frucht soll bei denen folgen, die das Wort haben. So sie aber nicht folget, sind es falsche Christen, wie dieser Priester und der Levit in der Geschichte. Denn wer vor seinem Nächsten vorübergehet, der gehet auch vor Gott vorüber.

Also gibt uns dies Evangelium eine schöne und sehr nütze und nötige Lehre, wie wir unser Leben sollen anschicken, wenn wir unter dem Haufen wollen sein, der Gott recht liebet, daß wir unsern Nächsten lieben und ihm in seiner Not alles Gute beweisen sollen. Das will Gott annehmen, als hätten wir es ihm getan.“ (Martin Luther – Nun freut euch lieben Christen gmein S.244).

Damit sind die Probleme der Korruption usw. nicht aus dem Weg geräumt, aber es ist uns, für unser alltägliches Umgehen mit den Menschen, denen wir begegnen, ein klares Wort gesagt. Gott schenke es uns, daß wir es hören und tun können.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,

Pastor Felix Meylahn

Gottesdienste October 2011 Divine Service

Losung für Oktober 2011






Hiob 4,17

„Wie kann ein Mensch gerecht sein vor Gott?“

Watchword for October 2011

Job 4,17

“How can a mortal be righteous before God?”

<p>02.10. 2011</p> 	<p>15. Sonntag nach Trinitatis</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>Jesaja 58,7-12</p>
<p>09.10.2011</p> 	<p>16th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Isaiah 2.1-5</p>
<p>16.10.2011</p> 	<p>17th Sunday after Trinity 17. Sonntag nach Trinitatis</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00 10.15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl</p>	<p>Mark 9,17-27 Markus 9,17-27</p>
<p>23.10.2011</p> 	<p>18th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:30</p>	<p>Mark 10,17-27</p>
<p>30.10.2011</p> 	<p>Reformation Festival CHURCH DAY</p>	<p>Family Service Holy Communion 10:30</p>	<p>Matthew 10, 26b-33</p>

Gottesdienste November 2011 Divine Services

Losung für November 2011





Nahum 1,7

„Gut ist der Herr, eine feste Burg am Tag der Not. Er kennt alle, die Schutz suchen bei ihm.“

Watchword for November 2011

Nahum 1,7

“The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of trouble; He knows all those who take refuge in Him.”

<p>06.11. 2011</p> 	<p>Drittletzter So. des Kirchenjahres</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>Lukas 11,14-23</p>
<p>13.11.2011</p> 	<p>2nd Last Sunday of the Church Year</p>	<p>Divine Service with Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Luke 16,1-9</p>
<p>20.10.2011</p> 	<p>Last Sunday of the Church Year Letzter So. des Kirchenjahres</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00 10.15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl</p>	<p>Luke 12,42-48 Lukas 12,42-48</p>
<p>27.11..2011</p> 	<p>1st Sunday in Advent Beginning of Church Year</p>	<p>Family Service with Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Revelation 5,1-14</p>

STEAK EVENING

The Corner Steakout

Rare memories - Well done!



PLUS **SPORT**



on **BIG** screen !

The function held on 26 August was once again well attended and traditionally Steak Evening means it's "Ladies Night Off" and moms were treated by their loved ones to a fun family evening out.

Lionel and his helpers served up superb steak and burger meals with salads followed by yummy desserts.

In anticipation of the Rugby World Cup, and the Absa Cup in full swing, live rugby was screened after the meal for the sport enthusiasts.

Thank you to the group of Kitchen Fairies who appeared and cleaned up afterwards.

Lay Preacher's Course:

This course has been running for a number of weeks now on Saturdays. Come and find out about/refresh your knowledge of Lutheranism! We have 10 people attending.



MOVIE EVENING

The much enjoyed evening of congregational get-together was held on 23 September. A light snack meal was served during the evening followed by some really good Wienermischung coffee conjured into cups of Espresso, Cappucino and Café Latte - mmmmm.

The Movie—City Slickers:

A man and his friends mid-life crisis plagued find renewal and purpose on a cattle driving vacation.

Directed by Ron Underwood. Starring Billy Crystal, Jack Palance, Daniel Stern.

The movie was one of those enjoyable comedies with real life depth to it and well worth seeing. Thanks to all who helped make the evening the success that it was.

Church Day—30 October:

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.

October

01	Günter Fröhlich
08	Willie Lokotsch
17	Maxi Jachens
19	Ulrich Koch
20	Barbara Meylahn
22	Bernhard Schädler
26	Benedikt Meylahn
30	Patrick Septoe

November

03	Brigid Sonnenberger
07	Dittmar Eichhoff
08	Erica Thompson
10	Janusz Meylahn
10	Merle Cairncross
11	Gisela Ruppelt
21	Felicity van Rensburg
28	Albert Rohrmoser

Cyberspace News



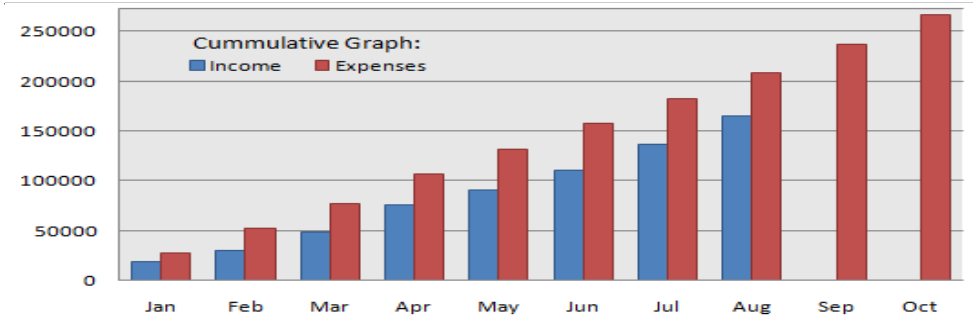
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For any queries, or to receive a direct link to the page, without using a Facebook Account, please feel free to e-mail Günter at facebook@lutheran-pe.org



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. **Thanks to an increase in contributions and fundraising income for the past two months, the cumulative deficit has dropped to R43 200 as at end of August.**

The cumulative year-on-year figures (comparing August 2010 to August 2011) are:

an increase in total income of 17.56%

an increase in total expenses of 9.38%

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

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.

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