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Technology: Care for, help and respect the elderly who may be struggling with registration for vaccination.

With the emergence of the third covid wave in South Africa an adjusted level 3 lockdown has been announced on 15 June 2021. At our Divine Services, Covid 19 safety protocols must be observed even more stringently. Masks covering nose and mouth must be worn throughout, sanitising and social distancing to be observed.

The vaccination program has seen the majority of frontline healthcare workers vaccinated. The elderly, those above 60 are the current group to be vaccinated. Media reports that this process is slower than expected. Registration for vaccination is a vital first step. Many elderly are confused as to how this is done or do not have the technology at their disposal. The

official RSA Government portal to register for vaccination is : <http://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/>

Helping someone in the elderly group you know, who wishes to get registered for vaccination can go a long way in helping those who may be struggling or unsure of the process.

Some reports from those who have experienced the vaccination process have expressed much praise for the professionalism, kindness and caring shown by staff at the vaccination centres.

It is understood that given the urgency to vaccinate as many as possible, for the elderly walk-in facilities have been arranged at some state owned hospitals. The Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha) Provincial Hospital has converted the old emergency centre into a vaccination centre separate from the main hospital. The socially distanced line moves quickly and the elderly are kindly, respectfully and professionally assisted.

Luke 10:27:

"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Reinhard Walle
Committee Chairman

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



For Christ also suffered for sins
once for all, the righteous
for the unrighteous,
in order to bring you to God.
He was put to death in the flesh,
but made alive in the spirit.

1 Peter 3:18

It was in July - 14 years ago

The past two youth meetings had been packed with artistic excitement thanks to our innovative youth group. Our theme was, "From brokenness to healing" and we started off by bashing mom's old (hopefully) mugs, glasses, plates and mirrors to pieces, whilst thinking of something that has caused us pain or more to the point, has caused us to break inside.

That was really fun and did the world of good. You don't get the chance to

simply break something for the sake of breaking it everyday. Here our frustrations, our anger, our hurt or simply our wish to break something had a field day.

Then the question was, how do we 'fix' things when they go wrong? All agreed that, however hard we try, that broken cup, mirror or plate would never look the same again. It also became clear to us that the pain and the brokenness we experience in our lives is not all that simple, as that you can just simply 'fix' it. So, where do we go? Who do we turn to when things fall apart and break in our lives? How can we become whole again?



One of our assistants made a big wooden cross for us. That was the direction we took with our broken pieces and we glued them all onto the cross.

A page from our Youth Diary

The end-result was a beautiful mosaic creation that everyone could be proud of. And, although the pieces that were glued together, did not make a cup, a plate or a mirror, they did, in a bizarre way, become whole again in the cross; they were part of something whole again.



The cross shows us that God became a part of our brokenness in that he himself broke (died) there on the cross. That's why we are not alone in our brokenness and that's also why we can bring our broken pieces to the cross – the place that proves that God cares about the things that hurt us, and the place where we can become whole again.

In our next meeting we grouted the cross with black grout, in order to bring out all the beautiful colours of the mosaic and also to give it a nice

finish. At first the cross was covered with this black grout. We were made aware of the fact that we have times and places in our lives where it can become very dark and difficult, where we struggle to see the good things in life. Sometimes it takes a lot of rubbing and scratching to see the goodness and the colour of life again. We also saw how the colours of the broken pieces on the cross came out clearer and more beautiful with the black grout around it. It showed us that, sometimes we need to go through dark and difficult times to see how good the life that God gave us really is; also, that we needn't fear the darkness, because God does not leave us alone there.



Take your time to look at the cross at your next visit to the church of peace

Areopagus/Athens Greece



Indeed God is not far
from each one of us .
For "In him we live
and move and have our being" .

Acts 17:27

God is not far from each one of us.

Paul is on a missionary journey and he comes to Athens. The Gospel is proclaimed for the first time in the city, which is considered the centre of the Greek mind and thought - a moment of the highest tension and significance. At the spot on the Areopagus where Paul is said to have delivered his speech, there is a bronze plaque containing the text of the speech. According to Luke, Paul said in his speech that he had passed through Athens and noticed that the Athenians were very interested in religion. They did not want to deny any worthy God the worship he deserved. That is why they had even erected an altar to an "unknown" God. Actually, the worship of many gods by the Greeks must have been abhorrent to Paul the Jew. Here, however, he takes this fact somewhat positively as an expression of religious zeal.

He begins to talk to the people about the good news of Jesus Christ. Word gets around in this city and he is asked by open-minded Athenians what he is teaching. Paul responds to them in an unbiased way. He takes up what the people already know, questions about God and religion. He takes up the question by turning it around. For him it is not "Where is God?" but rather "Where are we?"

In God we live from our first breath to our last. In God we weave, we move in his world. In him we are. Even without consent or insight, God is close to every human being. God, who made the world and all that is in it, he, the Lord of heaven and earth, is not far from us all.

We do not need to bring him anything. God is not dependent on that. Our existence, life and this world are given to us by God.

The message of being created by God is not yet the whole message of God's love. In Paul it is an introduction for the Athenians.

In our time, we not only experience restrictions through a pandemic, but we also see the endangerment of creation. Ecosystems are being destroyed by human activity and animal and plant species are being irretrievably wiped out on a large scale.

The joy, the wonder, the awe of the miracle of creation is something everyone knows. Therefore we Christians should translate this experience into

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action that changes our lifestyle: Making everyday choices, being mindful. We Christians should also be part of this.

When creation is coming apart at the seams, the entry into Paul's message is called into question: The wonder and praise of God at the gift of life.

On the Areopagus Paul is talking about the self-evident, simple side of our faith. Today we are more used to talking about the difficult side of faith, to seeing it questioned and to questioning it ourselves: Can it be? Is it really so? How does faith relate to our modern knowledge? - These are also important and proper questions.

But the other, the simple and self-evident side of our faith is just as important, in fact even more; so: If God is really, as we confess, the reason and creator of everything, then everything is, then we ourselves are only through Him and in Him: In Him we live, move and have our being, says Paul. Without Him there would be nothing.

Our being and life is founded in him. Without him, we could not even ask about him, let alone question him.

When this happens, it is not only and often not primarily a matter of thinking and knowledge. There are also causes that lie in experience and suffering, that God seems to move away from us, becomes a stranger. Nothing is simple and self-evident any more. Then there is also

something else to talk about, Jesus Christ becomes important, even necessary. Paul comes to him at the very end of his sermon.

Jesus Christ stands for the fact that nothing, not even suffering and guilt, not even death, can separate us from God. For this we do not just need general thoughts and ideas. For this we need a human being, a human face that looks at us: the face of Jesus Christ: For his sake, rely on it, in everything and in spite of everything you experience and suffer and what happens around you, that God cares for you and loves you and that he will not let this, his world, out of his hand.

God is not far from each one of us.



Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 100,3

Write us your thoughts - we look forward to every comment:

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Our Congregation

COVID-19

Online Resource & News Portal
SAcoronavirus.co.za



health

Department:
Health
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Cabinet decided that to ensure that our response is appropriate and proportionate to the current situation, the additional restrictions we are announcing this evening will be in place for the next 14 days.

We will assess the impact of these interventions after 14 days to determine whether they need to be maintained or adjusted.



Dear members, dear friends

Under the present COVID-level-4 regulations (28 June 2021) we are **not allowed to offer live services** at our Church of Peace. We will therefore **publish handouts** so that you can celebrate the service at home. If possible, we will also send out a **voice message** with the spoken sermon. These are available at our WhatsApp-Group:



Lutheran Congregation

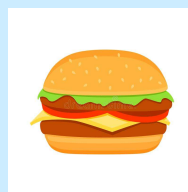
Please send a message to
Pastor Anja if interested
072 734 9995

Money Wall

Many thanks to all of you who supported us by filling the envelopes with money.

In the meantime the prize was drawn and goes to:

Anthea Bürger



We take our responsibility,
therefore the

Friday Take-Out

will not be offered during
Lockdown Level 4.

We hope for
your understanding

Birthdays July

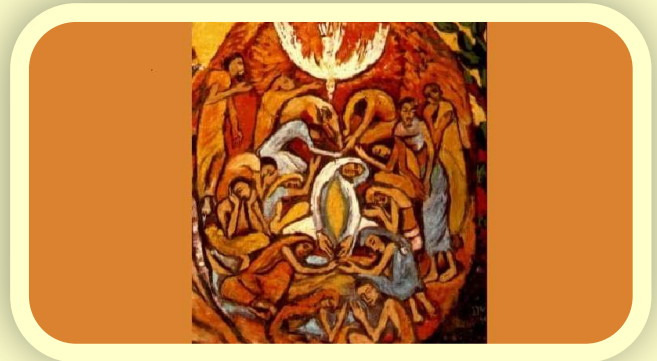
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01. July Linda Jachens
06. July Christel Schädler
10. July Kadean Daniels
Phil van Rensburg
12. July Eva Rudolph
16. July Hans Schaberg
18. July Elisabeth Wagner
20. July Bernd Mächtle
29. July Desmond Fillis
Doreen Stocklose
31. July Tony Thomas

Happy Birthday

Sundays July 2021

4 July 2021 (D)
5th after Trinity

11 July 2021 (E)
6th after Trinity



Watchword (Ephesians 2:8):

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

"Come and see!" This invitation of Jesus is the same for us today as it was for the disciples 2000 years ago. The fifth Sunday after Trinity tells of people who were called to serve God. The nomad Abraham, who left on the Word of God, and the fishermen who left their nets behind, Paul, who became the apostle through the message of the Risen One - they were all ready to give up the old and to go new ways with God. Even if it seems unreasonable. This was risky because often they had to endure incomprehension and mockery of their location and the contradiction of their own families. But they were allowed to see that the overflowing nets are only the beginning of innumerable wonderful experiences. Those who follow Jesus discover more and more deeply where God is present and active on earth.

Sermon

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Watchword (Isaiah 43:1):

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Most of us were too small that we cannot remember it today. And yet a foundation was laid for our whole life. The sixth Sunday after Trinity is marked "baptism" and reminds us of the mission of Jesus to baptize people and the gift that stands at the beginning of life as a Christian: Jesus' life, His dying and His resurrection was for me. Before God my life is pure and good. "Fear not, for I have redeemed thee: I have called you by your name, you are mine" is His message for me. Therefore, we will remember our baptism also on this Sunday.

Sermon

Matthew 28.16-20

Sundays July 2021

18 July 2021 (E)
7th after Trinity



Watchword (Ephesians 2:19):

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.

I have so much - and yet sometimes I am completely empty. I get full every day, and yet I have a tremendous thirst for more. I long for something that I cannot describe.

That God satisfies physical and spiritual hunger - the readings of the 7th Sunday after Trinity tell of this, and this Sunday illuminates the Lord's Supper from different perspectives. Eating and drinking, sitting together and celebrating belong to the Christian faith. Jesus took the natural needs of people seriously, fed thousands with five loaves of bread and two fish and sat at table with all kinds of people. In the Lord's Supper, Christians continue this harmonious table fellowship from the beginning, anticipating the time when the hunger for true life will be satisfied.

Sermon

1 King 17:1-16

25 July 2021 (E, Family)
8th after Trinity



Watchword (Ephesians 5:8b.9):

Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

The watchword from Ephesians reminds us of who and what we are in Christ: Children of Light. Christ's Promise and Call through His words, "you are the light of the world" lets us recognize that it is not our doing but through faith in Him who is the Light of the world that our lives can shine for others around us. We are part of the Light through the Love of God in Jesus Christ and when we live out this love through our lives then we carry a light into this dark world.

Ryan Meier has chosen the images for July 2021. His thoughts:

Being saved by grace means that we have received a gift from God that we do not deserve. God gives us his favour, his love, his son...despite the fact that we have done nothing to earn it.

Artworks by

4,11,18 July Jyoti Sahi (India *1944)

25 July Mary McInnis (USA *1957)

Sermon

1 Corinthians 6:9-14(15-18)19-20

Prayercards July

1 July: Antoinette Bosman

2 July: Auke Brand

3 July: Blake Wright

4 July: Branson Bosman

5 July: Brenda Lentz

6 July: Callum Bosman

7 July: Christel Schädler

16 July: Joan Cairncross

17 July: Joy Cairncross

18 July: Justin Köpke

19 July: Karla Lentz

20 July: Katy van Wyk

21 July: Linda Jachens

22 July: Lorinda Koch

OUR FATHER WHO
ART IN HEAVEN
HALLOWED
BE THY NAME

THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESSPASSES
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESSPASS

AGAINST US AND
LEAD US NOT INTO
TEMPTATION BUT
DELIVER US FROM EVIL
FOR THINE IS THE
KINGDOM AND THE POWER
AND THE GLORY FOREVER
AND EVER **AMEN**

8 July: Colin Lentz

9 July: Dale Thompson

10 July: Darren Lentz

11 July: Elizabeth Köpke

12 July: Hans Schaberg

13 July: Henry Newman

14 July: Hildegarde Kivedo

15 July: Horst van Biljon

23 July: Michael Koch

24 July: Nicholas Jachens

25 July: Owen Kivedo

26 July: Precious Mulioh

27 July: Roswell Kivedo

28 July: Sharon Tessendorf

29 July: Stefan Koch

30 July: Ulrich Koch

31 July: William Bürger

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayer, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all people.

1. Timothy 2:1

News from the Bishop's Desk

Lockdown, Covid and Vaccination.

These three words are part of our everyday conversation. Although Lockdown regulations have eased, they are still impacting our everyday life situation inconveniently. Some argue that this way of life is the normal we need to get used to. But will physical distancing, washing hands and wearing masks be the way we will continue to live?

Fear. Fear for infection; fear for isolation; fear for, can that be called normal?

Anxiety. Is it normal to feel anxious and uncomfortable with having people around? Will our relationships and fellowship grow deep enough to withstand the storms of time? Trust relationships are needed to sustain and safeguard communities.

What if another wave of infections comes and if it is even harsher than previously? Will we overcome?

Then there is the matter of vaccination. This topic is debated on many platforms. There are arguments for and against, both medically and ethi-

cally. I encourage you to inform yourself. Some information is available on the

Cape Church webpage

<https://www.lutherancape.org.za>

Decide for yourself and respect the others for their decision. Let us care for one another and be church with the people around us.

Synod 2021

After careful consideration and prayerful discernment Church Council has taken a decision, to postpone the synod meeting to 29-31.10.2021, due to the challenges faced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and Lockdown regulations. Please keep the synod preparations and the delegates in your prayers.

The theme will be: **"Life, Faith, Hope. – Here! Now!** Getting from disorientation to re-orientation." A reflection on the book of Psalms, as well as inputs on dealing with trauma, will empower and encourage us for life here and now. We have hope in Him who has overcome death. Jesus Christ is Lord. In Him we trust.

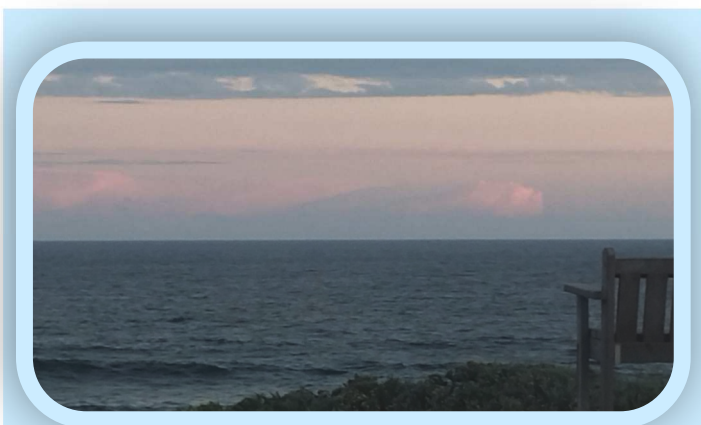
Congregations and Pastors

Pastor (em) Gerhard Plüddemann passed away on 3 April 2021. He faithfully served in various congregations for many years.

Pastor (em) Oziel de Oliveira passed away on 5 April 2021 in Brazil. May they rest in peace!

Bishop's Office

Günther von Fintel has been appointed as secretary to the bishop's office. He will work on a parttime basis, mainly from his home office.



Let all that I am wait quietly
before God, for my hope is in him.

Psalm 62:5

For your Children / Grandchildren

Jesus feeds 5000

As Jesus moved from town to town. People followed to hear him teaching. Jesus was a special teacher - he taught about God.

People would follow him all around and sit for hours just to listen to him.

One day there was a very large crowd of over 5,000.

Later that day the people started to get hungry. As they were in a remote place there was nowhere to get food. The disciples suggested that Jesus send them home. Jesus however asked them what they had to feed the people. There was a boy with 2 fish and 5 little rolls of bread. It was only enough for his lunch.

Jesus told the people to sit down on the grass. He then took the 5 rolls and 2 fish. Then looked up to heaven, gave thanks and blessed the food before breaking the bread and fish. The disciples gave the food to the people.

When everyone had eaten, Jesus had the disciples gather up the food left over. There were 12 baskets of left over food.

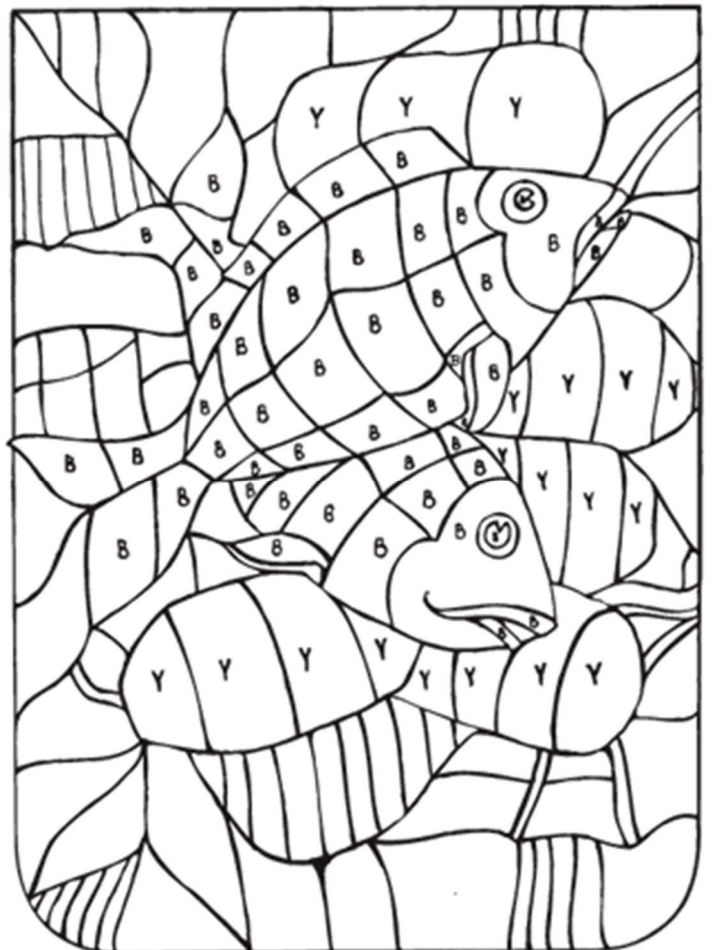
It was a miracle. God is able to use what we offer to him to do great and wonderful things. All we have to do is trust him.

What is for Lunch

Colour the Y spaces with yellow and the B spaces brown. Colour the leftover spaces with your favourite colour.



*Jesus takes five loaves and two fish, from the little boy, and feed more than 5,000 people with it.
Matthew 14:19-21*





LWF President: “Be witnesses of radical hope”

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) President has urged all member churches to be witnesses of “radical hope” as they look forward to the next Assembly to be held in Krakow, Poland in 2023. In an address to the LWF Council, he calls on all leaders and congregations to remain true to the founding vision of the global communion of churches to **“rebuild justice, peace and reconciliation in this broken world.”**

Reflecting on the theme of the forthcoming Assembly, ‘One Body, One Spirit, One Hope’, the LWF leader stresses the “oneness of our world, of the human family, of the one body” into which Christians are called through Baptism. Like the first disciples, he says, “we have been drawn by the power of the Holy Spirit who creates, reconciles and renews” to “open up our lives for the transforming presence of God in our world.”

Steered by the power of the Spirit, he continues, “we have one hope” in the knowledge of “what God has done already” through the Cross and Resurrection and “what God is still doing among us”. At the end of each day, in our different ministries in countries around the world, he says: “Let that be our question [...] have I passed on the hope which I received in Christ?”

As the virus continues to cause devastation in the lives of those at the margins of society, Musa says, the LWF must continue to combat inequality, individualism and nationalism. When a large section of the world goes without vaccinations, he says, we must speak out against inequality, because until all are safe, no

one is. Churches must “remain steadfast in our vocation to serve” the poor and the marginalized. “We are one human family,” he insists, and “only as one will we prevail.”

In conclusion, the archbishop thanks outgoing LWF General Secretary Rev. Dr Martin Junge for his “selfless service and commitment” to the global communion of churches.



Rev. Anne Burghardt is the next General Secretary of the LWF

LWF Council has elected Estonian theologian Rev. Anne Burghardt as the next General Secretary of the LWF. The 45-year-old Burghardt is currently serving as Head of Development for the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church’s Institute of Theology and advisor to the church for international and ecumenical relations.

“I am humbled by this great honour and deeply grateful for the confidence that the Council members have shown in me. In accepting this very special responsibility in the communion, I pray for the guidance of God’s Spirit. I rejoice in having the possibility to work with the different partners, as the LWF continues to participate in God’s holistic mission.”

Financial Notices

Extract Book-keeping

Jan-Jun Jan-Jun
Budget 21 Actual 21

Income 218'440 195'769

Contributions	125'000	120'810
Collections	18'015	15'400
Donation	14'000	7'640
Events	20'250	21'911
Rental Income	40'095	30'008
Other Income	1'080	0

Expenditure 218'180 209'657

60% Post	151'200	139'710
Maintenance		
Building Maintenance	4'500	5'925
Maintenance Help	3'600	6'300
Music Instruments	950	947
Cleaning Costs	6'930	5'215
Admin Costs		
Insurances	10'620	10'619
Water and Electricity	8'500	10'351
Security Costs	4'500	4'610
Telephone	4'800	4'998
Bank Charges	2'400	2'301
Licences	1'620	1'620
Newsletter	600	0
Travel Costs	2'000	1'600
Other Costs	0	0
Depreciation	7'200	7'222
Manse Help	4'800	4'800
Sundry	1'200	3'439
Audit fees	2'760	0

Many thanks to all who supported us in the first half of the year. Much appreciated. The accompanying extract from the accounts shows that we have not quite reached our financial targets. In particular, we need more church contributions and collections to be able to pay the stewardship to the Cape Church in full. Unfortunately, we are in arrears of R 11,500 at the end of June. As we have in the moment no Services at our Church of Peace., it would be nice if you could make an EFT for the "collections". Thank you.

We also had to deal with more maintenance tasks, so that the expenses are higher than budgeted.

The hall floor has been rebuilt to everyone's delight. However, about R 11'600 are still missing for the financing..

We would also like to pay back our loan by the end of the year, so we still need your support.

For the Winter Warmer Project we were able to give another food aid to the Wabamkela Crèche and the fund is used up.

We were also able to give out the monthly food vouchers regularly and the ELM has promised an extension.

Henry Newman
Treasurer a.i.



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Walmer Branch

Lutheran Church

The congregation's Levy is paid to the Cape Church each month. The recommended contribution per family is R 550 per month, however, all contributions, small or large help to our commitment. Please make your payments to the church by means of a deposit into the church's bank account or via electronic fund transfer (EFT) and provide **your details under the reference section**

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