



### **Vaccination stage - and then?**

When Covid 19 (originally known as 2019-nCoV) first started, it was reported as an outbreak of respiratory illness cases in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. At that time most of us probably took little notice of an event that happened so far away from South Africa. What could it possibly have to do with us?

Little did we realise what a major global pandemic it has turned out to be with possible serious life threatening consequences. Even in the early stages we were told that wearing a mask, sanitising and social distancing were effective against the spread. All over the world science was hard at work to develop ways of large scale testing and an effective vaccine. It is now more than a year and a half later and these three simple measures have become manda-

tory in public. Individual testing is well established and an approved vaccination program has been established. Much of the initial 2019 fear for the unknown has been replaced by effective testing and "getting the jab." Nevertheless, we should still need to give consideration to others and ourselves by continuing mask wearing, sanitising and social distancing. This necessity will probably be with us for some time to come. It is our job then also to pray to God with thanks for all those individuals, unbeknown to us in the scientific, medical, statistical and other fields, who have worked so hard toward finding a solution to ending this pandemic.

It has been said that the virus is not a respecter of apathy toward safe behaviour, human rights and geographical boundaries. Let us encourage one another and not undo the progress made, through apathy and poor or non-observance of the Covid 19 Safety protocols.

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:32

Reinhard Walle  
Committee Chairman

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

## Our Congregation

**A good courage**  
For the  
**Daily good life**  
of the  
**Cross Church of Christ**  
to Herrnshuth  
in the year 1731  
Through the remembrance  
of eternal truths  
**Every morning new**

Ein guter Muth,  
Als das  
Tägliche Wohl = Leben  
Der  
Creutz-Gemeine Christi  
zu Herrnshuth,  
im Jahr 1731.  
Durch die Erinnerung ewiger Wahrheiten,  
Alle Morgen neu.

**First Edition of 1731**

During these uncertain times some things have not changed, but tremendous progress has been made and momentum gained by others.

To find such an example, I need not search far afield. All of us, who are on the WhatsApp group of the Church of Peace Congregation, receive the Moravian Daily Watchword, so faithfully sent to us by Pastor Anja. Alas, Social Media has been instrumental to build a bridge which did not exist all that long ago. Two Bible verses will and should provide a secure foundation for all eventualities which we anticipate or which come upon us as a surprise for the new day. The Watchwords can influence our days manifold. One day

God's word strengthens us and gives us courage for the immediate way ahead. On another day the Watchword can guide and strengthen us in making minor or major decisions.

How did these biblical verses, the first verse taken from the Old Testament, the second verse having its origin in the New Testament and some editions having an additional appropriate verse from a hymn or poem, originate?

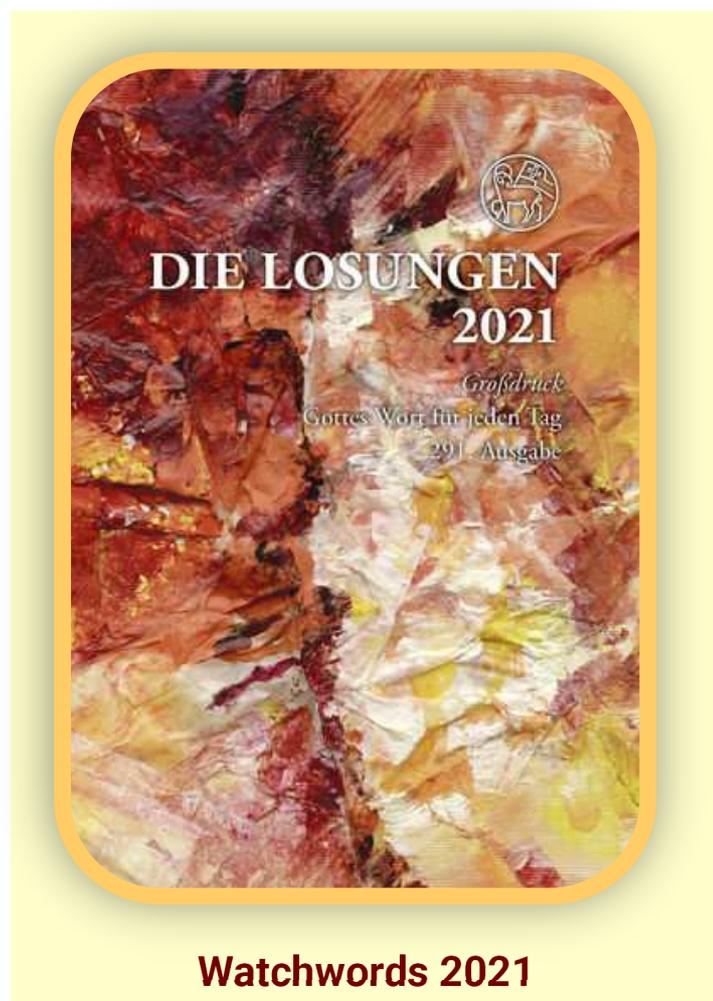
It was Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf who made his manor situated in Bertelsdorf (Saxony) available to Moravian and Lutheran refugees, to settle, selected a Bible verse for every day. With verse the inhabitants greeted each other and had a common daily theme. The refugees formed the core of the inhabitants of Herrnhut (which means under the protection of the Lord or sheltered under the hat of the Lord). To strengthen the commune, he selected a Bible Verse for each day, which initially was verbally spread ("shouted") to the inhabitants. Soon after the publication of the first printed Daily Watchword in 1731, i.e. 291 years ago, the idea to make the daily texts available in other languages, was actioned. The flourishing mis-



## Secure Foundation for Each New Day

sionary activities of the Moravian Church worldwide played a significant role in this development. Already ten years later i.e. in the year 1741 the first Daily Watchword was printed in the French language. 1967 it appeared in 22 languages and today in excess of 60 languages and in 100 countries, in which the Daily Watchword proclaims Gods Word and the Good News. The latest editions appeared in languages/dialects like colloquial German (Plattdeutsch), Syrian-Aramaic (Iraq), Tok Pisin (Papua New Guinea) and Vietnamese. There are Daily Watchword editions for people with speech and hearing deficiencies. In South Korea a new congregation is being founded, inspired by the Daily Watchword. Far beyond all political, cultural and confessional boundaries people are bonded by the daily reading of the Watchword.

Many a time have I been astounded how a Daily Watchword, which was drawn three years prior, in the Vogtshof in Herrnhut, out of a collection of some 8000 Bible verses, the second Biblical Verse or the verse of a hymn or poem, could address my situation precisely and bless me with courage for the challenges of that particular day.



### Watchwords 2021

Through circumstances the Daily Watchword in German for this year only arrived in the middle of June. Immeasurably blessed were we to receive the Daily Watchword and indispensable Word of God by WhatsApp and be able to read the "Thoughts on the Daily Watchword" published on the Internet by the Christus Zentrum Arche (Elmshorn). For this we are deeply grateful.

To God be the glory  
now and forevermore!

"Thank you Oh our Father for giving us your Son and sending the Holy Spirit until the work on earth is done".

Hans and Elise Schaberg

## To be stingy is cool



What kind of monster is this, GREED? It eats in me and eats in you. Wants more and more and eats us up inside until nothing is left. Where does

this animal come from, and who created this monster? From which dark hell hole did this evil monster emerge? Oh yes, greed multiplies only because it is consuming you and me? And when does this misery begin, when one feels, I cannot get enough? And suddenly one forgets that one is already saturated. But it continues to eat, and it eats and eats, and eats.

**Wilfried Schmickler**

### **This is an energy in our life which drives greed.**

Indeed, greed causes hell on earth. First, it destroys our relationships, then it ruins the environment and ultimately eats us up as well. Greed can never be satisfied. Because greed has such a mighty destructive power.

Jesus is talking more about greed than about any other sin. Someone once calculated, that 700 Bible verses deal with matters concerning possessions and how we deal with them. Jesus knows: First we possess things and then they possess us. Initially we are the masters of our money and without realising it we become servants of money.

Therefore Jesus says clearly: *"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve*

*both God and money.*

**Stinginess** is the energy behind greed – It is in fact a positive energy.

Someone once said to me, that behind every sin there is a tremendous source of energy, an energy which God gives us with the purpose that we may contribute in many ways to make this world a better place. Anger for example is it a negative energy, whilst in certain situations it helps us to be more assertive, for instance where we fight for righteousness and justice. Lust – leads men to abuse girls and women sexually, whilst it carries the energy for intimate love, doesn't it?

Undoubtedly, pride is a sin - but does it not help us to develop a positive self-esteem and to shape this world? And so is the urge to want have more of life a positive life energy!

Behind stinginess and greed lies the energy of life, which not only assures our survival, but also the energy and drive of human progress.

The energy that drives greed is "provision and security" caring for oneself and for one's survival. One is driven by the desire to enjoy life and to care for the ones one loves. If all our energy every day is used to survive, then there will be little energy left for anything else. We won't enjoy life anymore.

We all have been given life and energy to master everyday life and to provide and care. That is God's gift to us. That is great, isn't it. However the question to you today – on what and where do you spend this God given life and energy? Just on yourself? For your own family? Your own business?

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Your congregation? Or maybe you also use it to serve others?

Evil and heavenly, vice and virtue, sinners and saints-all these are fired up by the same energies. The difference consists exclusively in the way in which these energies are applied. If I only use it for my own good, it becomes a mortal sin. If I use this energy for the good of the community, it becomes a life energy.

- The motto of the mortal sin is: "**I want to have more and more ... for me**"
- The motto of our faith is: "**Share with others what you have received.**"

It is crazy. It is counterintuitive. It turns everything upside down. And yet it is the law of life: one never finds one's own happiness by direct means, because I want to have more and more for myself. At the end of the day this will not bring lasting happiness into your lives. The disciples asked Jesus: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest

commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' (Matthew 22:36-40)

One finds one's own happiness only through a round-about way, through the other, by sharing what I have received. When we share what we have received, we become richer ourselves.

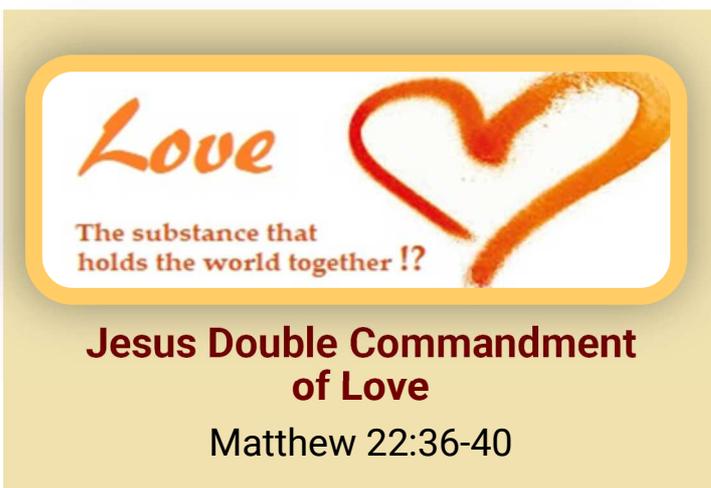
Numerous studies have proved again and again that the most fortunate people are those who help other people and who are generous, rather than concentrating on themselves. Greed makes you unhappy. Share makes happy. Sometimes life is that easy!

What does that practically mean for you and me?

Forget about sacrificing, offering and donation ... invest!

When we collect the offerings in our worship services, talk about contributions, tithing or donations, this often has something so heavy and seriousness about it, and we feel pressurised. Somehow our bad conscience almost always plays a role here. 'I've already bought a pair of expensive shoes - I can make up for it by putting 10 or 20 Rand into the offering bag today'.

Today we collect again for the youth ministry fund and next week for the pastor's salary fund - ok, the pastor, the poor fellow, has to live from something. In some areas of our country the drought and poverty has caused a great famine, and that already for some years - do not go to the restaurant but give something to the Red Cross or the gift of the givers and ...



Oh, me a poor Christian, I must always sacrifice such a lot. Oh yes, it seems I am paying for my sins... (Pause)

Where is the joy? Where is the gratefulness? The spirit of wanting to make a difference?



*One should recognise that your donations come from a grateful heart and not that you have been forced to give. Remember, those who sow sparingly will not reap much. ... God loves a generous giver! God gives you so richly that ... you have enough for yourselves and also for others.*

2 Corinthians 9,5ff

Giving is not primarily a "sacrifice". It is not a matter of doing God a favour. Nor is it a matter of securing the survival of the congregation. And it is certainly has nothing to do with you or me "suffering for the Lord," or even punishment. Giving, according to the Bible has to do with **Stewardship**, investing in God's Kingdom and its spread here in our time. Stewardship is managing and responding to God's gifts, which he has bestowed on each and every one of us in different measure.

The good news today is, we are recipients of many blessings and gifts,

and these we may also share with others who are less fortunate than us, for whatever reason, and we should do so out of pure gratefulness to the Creator God, and not to score "mileage" with him.

Don't forget you were born for something very special: Hear what Jesus says to you and me, Mark 12:1-9:



*Jesus then told them this story:*

Your life is a vineyard that God has entrusted to you. Your gifts, your time, your possessions ... We are not the owners of our lives. Our life was entrusted to us by God - like a vineyard. No, we are not slaves who have nothing to say. We are tenants, Stewards. We are the bosses as long as the owner is not here. We sit on the throne of our vineyard. God created you for the throne, not for slavery. This is the calling of God over your life: the throne. He has entrusted us with our lives - and the world! The fate of this world laid in your and my hand. Think this one through. It is a great trust and responsibility which God placed into our care.

According Mark 12:1-9

And so we work our vineyard. Some more diligent and more responsible

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than others, who do less with their vineyard. But we forget so very quickly that we are only stewards. The vineyard does not belong to us. This world, our life, is only "lent" to you and me. And again and again, God's messengers come to us, like this morning, we hear his word, we hear about people in need, and yes, our consciences are stirred up, and reminded that we are servants of the Lord and of each other. And we are reminded that all that we have belongs to God and not to us. And God asks of us to return a portion of it to him, the owner of the vineyard. And the question is, what do we do? Shall we kill the messengers?

Dear stewards, please do not think that God does not care about how you, a steward, deal with your vineyard! He does!

Yours in Christ's service,  
Pastor i.r. A J Wernecke



Watch yourself, in everything you do,  
discipline yourself in all your conduct

Tobit 4:14

## Watchword August



Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear;  
open your eyes, O Lord, and see  
2 Kings 19:16

### Don't give up hope.

Sometimes threat and danger can be expressed in numbers. We have had to learn a lot of new things lately. Words we hadn't heard before. Values we were not familiar with. Incidence, reproduction rate, number of new infections per day, deaths, free intensive care beds and vaccination rate.

After a year and a half, we are familiar with the scales of the pandemic and fear exponential growth. 10 per 100,000 is quite different from 500 per 100,000.

The numbers try to grasp a coexistence that no human being can actually grasp. Harmless courses on the one hand, ventilation in intensive care on the other. Vaccination advocates and Corona deniers. Lockdown and relaxation. Home office and wave of insolvencies. Much more is happening hidden at this time. Alongside the all-encompassing pandemic,

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we suppress or forget the suffering of the world. We no longer pay attention to the poverty, hunger and violence. Neither in the distance, nor in the vicinity.

*Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear; open your eyes, O Lord, and see.* If we cannot grasp it, perhaps you can. Hezekiah is also threatened. Hezekiah was the king of Judah 2700 years ago. He is the first to say these words and to ask God to listen and to look. Hezekiah's threat can also be expressed in a number: 185,000. That is how many soldiers Sanherib, the king of Assyria, has. Judah is tiny, Assyria is big.

Just a moment ago, messengers of Sanherib mocked the inhabitants of Jerusalem and their king. Hezekiah hears of this. He immediately understands the danger, tears his clothes, puts on sackcloth and goes to the Temple to pray. "Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear; open your eyes, O Lord, and see; hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God." So the verse continues.

185,000 soldiers are an overwhelming force. Probably nothing will help. In any case, Hezekiah has nothing in his hands. Even if his enemies were to provide him with 2,000 horses, Hezekiah would not have enough horsemen. So the messengers of Sanherib mock him. And it is true. They are defenceless. Even the ally in the south, mighty Egypt, does not help them.

When nothing else helps, the only thing that helps is prayer. Ask God to listen and to look. Incline your ear, God. And open your eyes, prays Hezekiah. We are used to taking our fate into our own hands wherever possible. This is also true in times of a worldwide pandemic. For months we have been following rules, limiting ourselves and hoping that it will finally pass. On all of us, on me, on you. What is God doing in the pandemic? Has my God become a stranger to me? Do I still trust God to turn my fate around and defeat overpowering enemies? Can I believe in God, a helper in adversity?

*Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear; open your eyes, O Lord, and see.* Hezekiah can do nothing against 185,000 soldiers. And none of us can say exactly how the coming months, years and decades will unfold. My influence is small, but the threats of our time are far greater than I am. They are overwhelming.

So what is left? Give your best. Make an effort. Be patient. Fight your battle. But above all, don't give up hope! Prayer works. Asking God for something is easy. It does not automatically solve all problems, even though Hezekiah was miraculously saved at that time. But praying lightens the burden of your soul, even today. Because God hears what you say. And God sees what you show of yourself. Of your thoughts, your feelings and your worries.

## From the Bishop's Desk

### Covid, Lockdown, Vaccination, Violence.

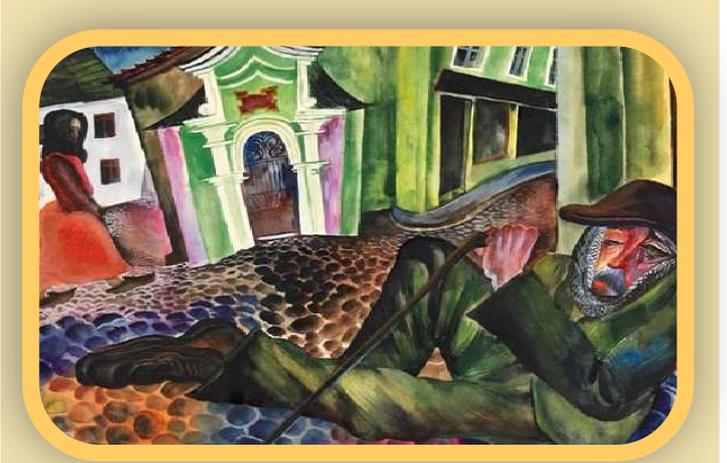
In the July newsletter I made reference to 'the 3 words that are part of our everyday conversation': *Covid-19*, *Lockdown* and *Vaccination*. These still very much impact our life. Now a fourth one has been added: "*violence*". Parts of our country are ravaged by unrest, looting and blatant criminality, so much so, that government has called on the military to act in support of South African Police Service. But will this bring the surge of violence to an end? Will the action prevent further damage done to the economy and community life? Will it prevent the action spreading into our region and, therefore, directly affect us?

There are many reasons why this has happened. Poverty, hunger, unemployment and hopelessness is part of many citizens' daily experience and brings with it many challenges and desperation to get out of such situations. The cry for help is loud and often deafening. Do we hear it, or do we simply continue to live in the way we feel comfortable with as church, as business and in private life? Are we aware of what is happening around us?

How can we be church with and for these people in need?

Sometimes we have the impression that what we are doing through Soup Kitchens, the Food Vouchers and other outreach projects is little and even insignificant. But every life touched by love and care brings hope. So let

us not stop being Church with and for people. Let us share God's abundance. Let us allow God to stretch our imagination and abilities to be His body in servanthood.



The right of the weak and the poor  
Deuteronomy 24: 14-22

Felixmüller, The beggar of Prachatitz, 1924

I invite all of us to prayerfully read **Deuteronomy 24:14-22** and reflect on it; not only with the current situation in mind, but with the question: what is God calling us to do as church, His body, serving here on earth?

The text highlights what we as children of God, should contemplate on during these times in which the signs of poverty, hunger and unemployment are so evident; namely

- Help and be generous to the marginalised and vulnerable people in society; i.e. the poor, hired worker (v14) foreigners the fatherless, orphans, widows.
- Pay a fair wage and not take advantage of them (v14). We should pay them on time because they are dependent on it (v15).

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- Don't always charge them for things. When you have extra, give it to them (v19-20).
- Treat them fairly, because if we treat them unfairly, *"they may cry to the Lord against you, and you will be guilty of sin."* (v18)

So, let us re-imagine the great gift God has given to us: His Church.

Let us -

- take care of the others and one another.
- be church with the people around us, so that our country can prosper and be a light to the world.
- be filled by the Holy Spirit, seek forgiveness and forgive, so that healing can take place and community life is restored.
- reach out in the reconciling Spirit of God, so that trust relationships can grow and our longing for unity as a nation grows.
- unite in prayer, seeking God's abundance for our nation.

### Synod 2021

The date for our Synod has been changed to 29-31 October 2021. The decision to postpone Synod was not taken lightly. We have engaged extensively with the Western Cape government and the medical fraternity regarding the Covid-19 situation. They have all strongly advised us not to meet in person in August, as it is predicted that we might still be caught in the third wave. We hope that in October the situation will have changed so that we will be able to meet in person. Church Council is

still considering different options, which includes a virtual synod meeting.

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.

At the synod the Bishop and Deputy to the Bishop need to be elected.

Please keep the synod preparations and the delegates in your prayers.

### Congregations and Pastor

Dr Ronell Bezuidenhout has been employed on a short-term contract to serve as pastor of the **Southern Cape congregation**. We will, during this period, work towards an agreement to fill the post for a significant time. We welcome her as a colleague and pastor.

May the Lord bless the work his servants are doing on the Garden Route.

## Birthdays August

*Happy Birthday*

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- 02 Aug Renée Sternberg
  - 06 Aug Colin Lentz
  - 06 Aug Edelgard Krieg
  - 09 Aug Kirsty Fillis
  - 10 Aug Callum Bosman
  - 11 Aug Gerry West
  - 13 Aug Sharon Walle
  - 21 Aug Jarrid Angloher
  - 24 Aug Mandy Septoe
  - 24 Aug Uwe Stodtmeister
  - 25 Aug Gabi Weder
  - 26 Aug Gisela Mahlert
  - 28 Aug Stefan Koch
  - 30 Aug Chris Bürger
  - 31 Aug Dieter Lokotsch

## COVID-19

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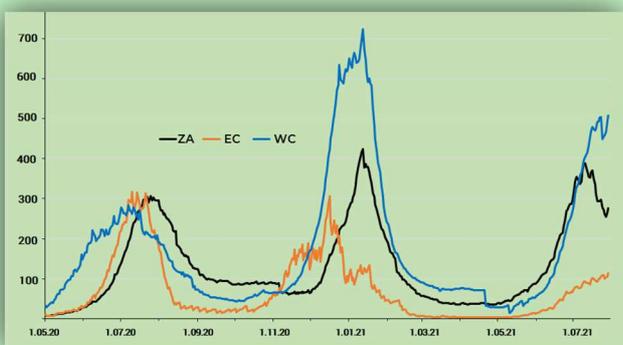
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The cabinet had decided to define the lockdown at adjusted level 3. This means that services with a maximum of 50 people could be held again. In our assessment, however, this is not advisable under the currently published case numbers. We are always in discussion with experts to find the optimal solution for our congregation. According to the current state of knowledge, we are considering offering services in the Friedenskirche again from September. We will keep you informed via WhatsApp .

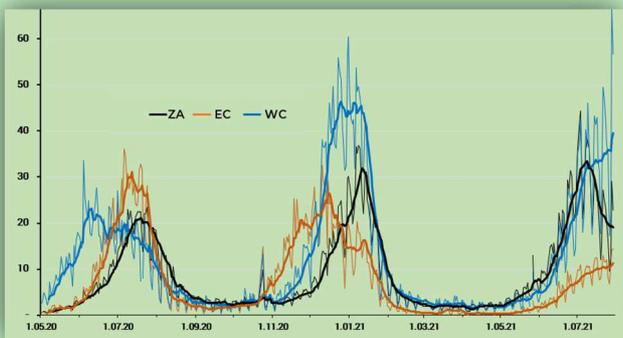
## Lutheran Congregation



Period: 1 May 2020 till 29 July 2021  
South Afrika (ZA), Eastern Cape (EC)  
and Western Cape (WC):

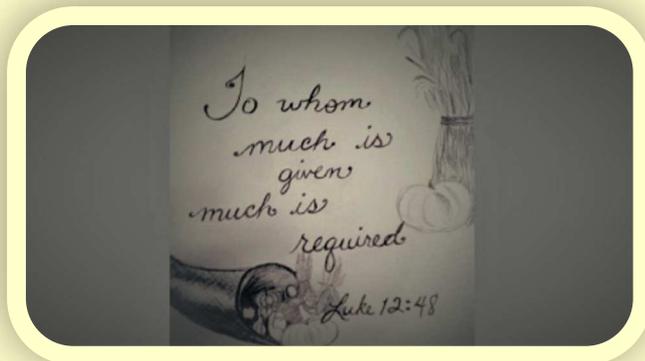


Active infected per 100'000 population



New infected per 100'000 population  
(daily and 7-day average)

1 August 2021 (D)  
9<sup>th</sup> after Trinity



### Watchword (Luke 12:48 b):

*From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.*

At first glance these texts might be interpreted to mean that we must work very hard to be Jesus' disciples, making sure that we have in our own strength the ability to persevere in following Him. Anyone who has tried to live a godly life knows how impossible this is and know that this message would not be gospel – "good news" – but defeat. Sure, there is a cost to being a disciple of Jesus. However, it is not one of effort, but of reorientation of our values toward the greatest worth of being called into God's kingdom and warmly accepted into God's family, all by sheer grace. For Jesus himself bore the greatest cost, the ultimate cost, in our place... .

**Sermon**  
Matthew 7.24-27

# Sundays August 2021

8 August 2021 (E)  
10<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

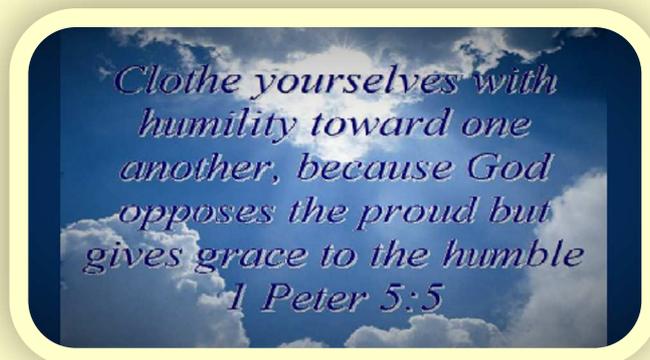


## Watchword (Psalm 33:12):

*Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.*

Israel - a country torn by conflict. A terrible history that separates and unites especially Germany and Israel. Israel - origin of Christianity, despised and idealized, admired, and persecuted. All these facets play a role on "Israel Sunday". Since the 16th century, it has commemorated the day of the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple. Admittedly, it has been commemorated in very different ways throughout its history: While in the past the superiority of Christianity was demonstrated, today the mourning for the injustice done to the Jews and today's good relations between Jewry and Christianity are in the foreground. Even if we do not know what God's plan with the two religions is, Israel remains God's chosen people.

15 August 2021 (E, Family)  
11<sup>th</sup> after Trinity



## Watchword (1 Peter 5:5 b):

*God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*

"My house, my car, my boat" - even if I do not pile it on too thick, I like to show something: a safe workplace, an intact partnership or well-behaved children. But such "achievements" do not count before God. There is nothing I can boast of before him, shows the 11th Sunday after Trinity, neither with my success, nor with my faith. Those who know that they have nothing to show before God, and rely entirely upon him, to them he is turning. Jesus is invited by tax collectors and anointed by a prostitute. They can appreciate his affection and answer with love. We cannot earn God's love, only receive it grateful.

Anthea Bürger has chosen the images for August 2021

**Sermon**  
Exodus 19:1-6

**Sermon**  
Ephesians 2:4-10

# Sundays August 2021

22 August 2021 (E)  
12<sup>th</sup> after Trinity



## Watchword (Isaiah 42:3 a):

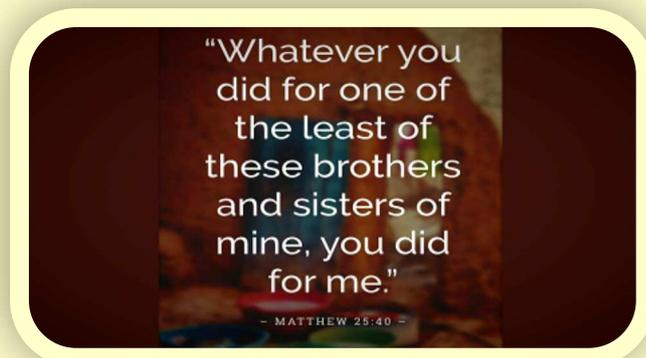
*A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench.*

Sometimes I am silent when I hear about the suffering of other people. Sometimes I stand paralyzed by the challenges of our world. Sometimes I close my eyes so that I will not see the images that are published by the TV stations every day and sometimes I close my ears to the lamentations of desperate fellow citizens. Sometimes I close my heart.

The 12th Sunday after Trinity speaks of Jesus, who opens the eyes and the ears of people, to the vision of a world without suffering and disease, to the end of all injustice. But he goes further: he tells of people who, inspired by the example of Jesus, even bring others out of their paralysis. People are touched in a variety of ways by Jesus and they spread adoration and praise - and build up the Kingdom of God with their faith.

**Sermon**  
Mark 7:31-37

29 August 2021 (E, Family)  
13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity



## Watchword (Matthew 25:40 b):

*Christ says: Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*

All people live out of God's love and we all also know that love enriches our lives. And yet, living out this love is not a given, because we also know about selfishness and coldness of heart. In fact, we would not be capable of love if it were not for God's love revealed to us in Jesus Christ. And so, it is our prayer and our hope today that we may be freed from this and that our hearts may be filled by God and His grace and generosity; that it may enable us to share with others that which we have received from God.

**Sermon**  
Genesis 4:1-16a

# Prayercards August 2021

1 Aug Aiden Groenmeyer

2 Aug Anne Tessendorf

3 Aug Aria Noël Thompson

4 Aug Arowa Coko

5 Aug Benjamin Burger

6 Aug Charmaine Human

7 Aug Dominique Thomas

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

8 Aug Gabi Weder

9 Aug Igor Lokotsch

10 Aug Jan Heineke

11 Aug Jarrid Angloher

12 Aug Jutta Rohwer

13 Aug Karla Arends

14 Aug Katy van Wyk

15 Aug Leon Human

16 Aug Linzi Thompson

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

17 Aug Luke Human

18 Aug Maya Breitfeld

19 Aug Molatelo Rapetsoa

20 Aug Ophelia Coko

21 Aug Ophelia  
van Rensburg

22 Aug Pastor Anja Spiske

23 Aug Rene Koch

24 Aug Ryan Meyer

25 Aug Sigi Sauer

26 Aug Theodore Goliath

27 Aug Tony Thomas

28 Aug Ulrich Koch

29 Aug Uwe Stodtmeister

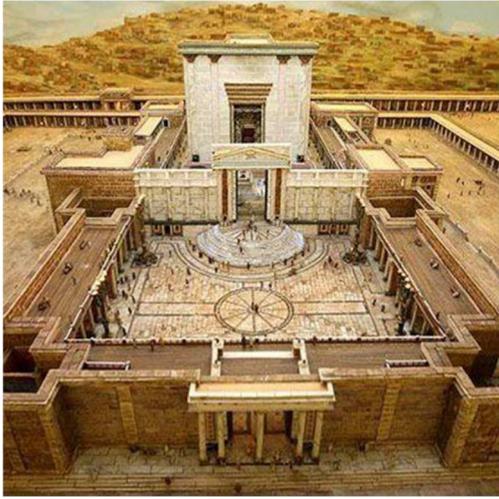
30 Aug Willie Lokotsch

31 Aug Wolfgang Paetzold

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

1. Timothy 2:1

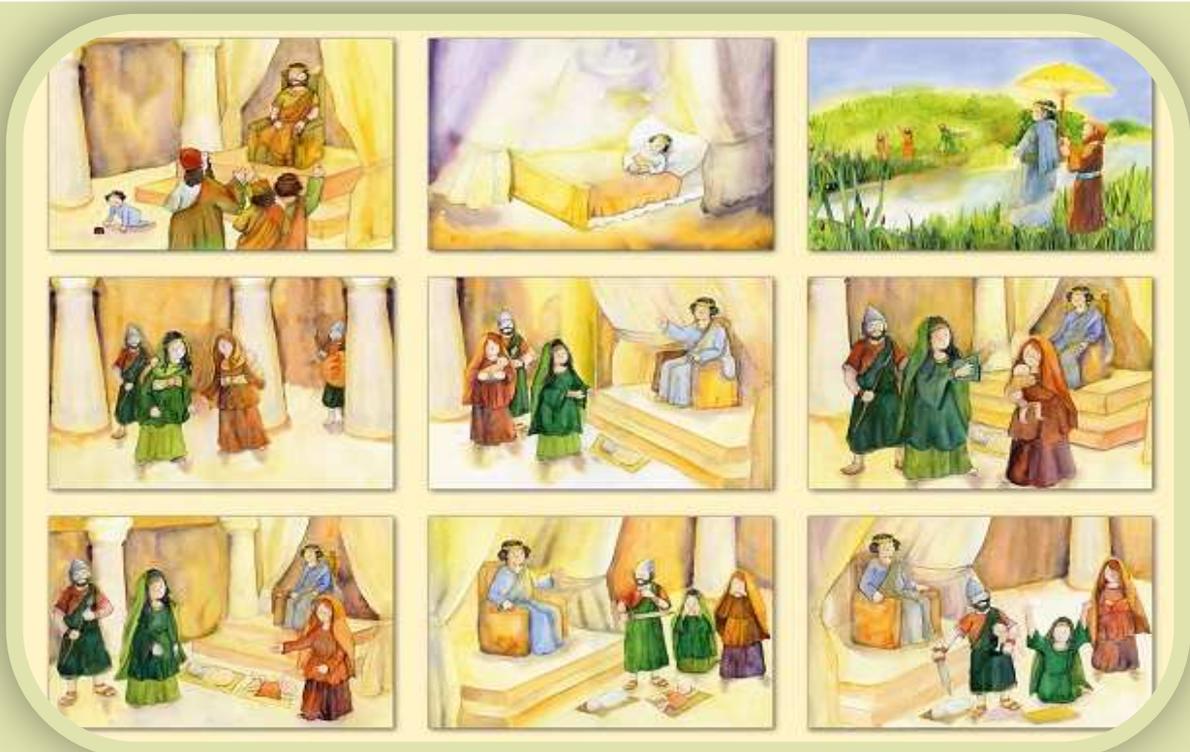
## For your Children / Grandchildren



### King Solomon

King David dies and his son Solomon became the new king of Israel. He prayed and asked God for wisdom to rule the people. God made him the wisest king who ever lived. Solomon did not ask for riches or anything for

himself, so God made him a very rich man. God blessed King Solomon. When people argued with each other they would tell King Solomon and he always had the correct answer. The answer was always fair and wise. King Solomon was a man of peace, and he did not fight wars like his father King David. King David had wanted to build a temple for God, but God said that his temple would be built by a king of peace. King Solomon used the gold and silver that his father had obtained from the cities he had captured to build a beautiful big temple in Jerusalem. People from far away countries heard how rich and wise King Solomon was and came to see the beautiful temple.



Solomon is a good and wise king. One day two quarrelling women come to him and the king is asked to pass judgement. A child was born to both women, but one died and only the other survived. Now each of the women claims that the living child belongs to her. How is Solomon to find out which woman is right and which woman is lying? According to **1 Kings 3:16-28**



# COVID-19 response must include ‘Health for all’

## LWF joins call to world leaders to ensure that “each life is valued and every person’s right to healthcare is upheld”

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) General Secretary Rev. Dr Martin Junge has joined other leaders of religious and humanitarian organizations in calling for a global ‘Health for All’ response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The appeal, spearheaded by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Archbishop of Canterbury’s office, calls for both equitable vaccine distribution and access to healthcare for all people, “regardless of where they live or who they are.”

The letter to world leaders, published on 24 May, notes that COVID-19 has been “a truly global crisis” with no country in the world untouched by both “individual loss and death,” as well as national “disruption to almost every part of life.” Furthermore, it has exposed and exacerbated inequalities, and “caused us to reflect on those longer injustices” in parts of the world where the pandemic “is yet another layer of misery, instability and unrest.”

The letter stresses that the fallout from the pandemic, including an economic downturn and the threat of potentially more infectious variants of the virus, “will be with us for a long



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Every person’s right to healthcare must be upheld

time to come.” A generation of children, especially girls, it adds, have left school and will not return. The signatories note that their organizations are all rooted in local communities where they witness the resilience of people, even in the face of “immense challenges” such as conflict, disasters and famine.

Every person’s right to healthcare must be upheld

In seeking to reverse these devastating dynamics, the letter says, world leaders must commit to ‘Health for All’ “where each person’s life is valued and every person’s right to healthcare is upheld.” People need not only vaccinations for COVID-19 and other life-threatening diseases, but also access to healthcare workers who are skilled and equipped to deliver adequate medical support, it adds.

## COVID-19 response

While the COVAX initiative is seeking to provide vaccines for the most vulnerable people in the lowest-income countries by the end of 2021, current statistics show that many African, Asian and Latin American nations may not achieve widespread vaccination coverage until 2023. The 'Health for All' appeal calls on the international community to support and fund the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator which tackles the broader, more complex issues of information sharing and technology transfer.

As the pandemic has shown us, in our interdependent world, no one is safe until everyone is safe.— Health for All' appeal from leaders of religious and humanitarian organizations

The letter concludes with a call to world leaders to support not only equitable vaccination rollout within and between nations, but also to see their COVID-19 response as just “one important element of a broader health strategy implemented alongside communities to bring longer-term improvements to people’s health” in all parts of the globe. The religious and humanitarian representatives reiterate that “as the pandemic has shown us, in our interdependent world, no one is safe until everyone is safe.”

P. Hitchen  
*Lutheran World Information*

## Trauma Seminar

The past 18 months have been filled with many unexpected and often traumatic events – Covid-19 and related illnesses and deaths; Lockdown restrictions and its negative impact on many aspects of personal, social, professional and church life; economic crisis resulting in businesses closing and many jobs losses; - the list goes on.

How are you dealing with it? How are you coping as not to despair? Can you make sense out of all of this?

In the struggles of everyday life we go through an emotional cycle. We are being negatively affected by the changes that take place. Let us remember that change should not merely be seen in a category of good or bad, as we usually perceive such events as a significantly negative in life.

I invite you to join me for a 90 minute session on dealing with change and trauma. As a guideline we will focus on “the Grief Cycle” developed by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross.

The training session is per Zoom on **5 August 2021 from 19:00 to 20:30** and a link will be sent on registration. Please register by **2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2021** and return the form to [capechurch@elcsacape.co.za](mailto:capechurch@elcsacape.co.za)

Kind regards,  
Bishop Gilbert Filter

For registration forms send an e-mail to [newsletter@lutheran-pe.org](mailto:newsletter@lutheran-pe.org)

## Our Congregation



### The Shards Cross - Church of Peace

Similar to the different pottery shards coming together as a whole at the cross in this image, we are a diverse caring congregation that come together to hear the proclamation of God's Word.

In recent times the Covid alert levels have with good reason restricted our ability to come together face to face for praise and worship in our church building. I miss seeing familiar faces, the sound of our organ and guitar accompaniment to the familiar hymns. I am sure I am not alone in this sentiment.

- Recently, **once** again indoor gatherings were disallowed under the Government's adjusted Alert Level 4 covid restrictions.

Despite this, through technology, contact with our church and Pastor Anja has been maintained. Daily Watchwords and bible readings and Sunday Divine Services for home church have been prepared and delivered to our cell phones. The normally bi-monthly Church Newsletter is presently published every month and sent to our cell phones and E-Mail inboxes.

During these abnormal times, your Church Committee Treasurer and also our bookkeeper are still hard at work. Maintenance work on our church buildings is continuing on Wednesdays each week. Materials and labour need to be paid for. The church bell mechanism is needing a repair and service.

In addition, clearly we are still obligated to pay our **utility bills** to the Metro and Telkom, as well as our monthly **contribution** to the Cape Church each month.

It is vital that we do not fall behind in our congregational obligations as they can be difficult to recover from.

We are living in tough times and finances are often tight.

However, you are encouraged to consider assisting your congregation financially in whatever way is possible in your own circumstance.

Firstly there are the much needed regular monthly contributions to the

## Our Congregation

Cape Church. More details in this regard can be found on the last page of this Newsletter.

Secondly, the congregation's love offerings, normally taken after Divine Services, could not be physically given during Covid restrictions. Some inventive congregants have come up with the idea of giving the offering "virtually" by means of a special EFT. Should you wish to do the same, please include "Collection" in the reference with your EFT.



Then there are the "Belltower" projects:

Some projects that can benefit greatly from your donation and support are:

- The ongoing **maintenance** to our church and buildings. We have so far received offers of support in kind, to help with the much needed exterior cleaning and painting.
- **Repayment** of assistance we received to ensure our hall floor was done on time. Donations could be

made in the form of "purchasing" one or more sq m of the floor at R150 per square metre.

- Refurbishment of the bell mechanism has received some financial support for which we are grateful. However, the **tower itself** needs donations for treatment against rust.
- Maintenance **repairs** to our **hall lights** including hiring or loan of a rubber wheeled scaffold to access the luminaires.

Please give consideration to assisting however you are able. Bearing in mind that all contributions and donations, small or large, help toward our commitment of being church to all and that our church is properly looked after and that we have our Pastor proclaiming God's Word to us.

Reinhard Walle



### Purpose of Friedenskirche

To call people together to tell them the story of God's faithfulness in such a way, that they can find their place in this story and then become "story tellers" for others in the world.

## Financial Notices

Dear congregation members and friends

Incredible, isn't it, the month of July in the year 2021 is almost over. The months have flown by so quickly. Who would have believed at the annual general meeting (AGM) that another lockdown would be imposed and shake up our finances.

In the month of July we were not able to hold a service in the Peace Church and if we look at the Corona statistics (see also page 12) we will probably not be able to hold live services in August either.

I would like to thank everyone who helped us to cover our standard expenses in July. Unfortunately, the income was not enough to pay all the months expenses in full.

The church contributions are the most important income, as these cover the primary material and personnel expenses.

We are grateful to the Cape Church for having a pastor. For 2021 it is a



A little with righteousness is better than wealth with wrongdoing.

Tobit 12:8

60% post and we have monthly stewardship of R 25'200 to pay. Unfortunately we only received R 14'370 in church contributions in July. As there were no services in the Friedenskirche, no collections could be taken in the normal way.

Many thanks to those who sent us R 1,750 in collections via bank transfer. With further donations etc. we were able to transfer R 21'850 to the Cape Church and our debt increased by 3'350 (as we also did not receive enough church contributions in January and May, we are now almost R 15'000 in arrears).

On the last page of the church newsletter you read that the recommended contribution is R 550 per month, but all contributions help. If 38 families contribute R 550 per month, we will reach our budget of R 250'000. The number 550 is the average of all payments: e.g. R 100 + R 1000 equals an average R 550 for the two families.

The maintenance costs are within the budgeted range, additional costs for assistance are absorbed by lower costs for cleaning.

The only administrative costs that are over budget are electricity and water costs by R 2,000. for the year to date.

By the end of the year we need to have enough donations to pay back the rest (R 40,735) of our medium-term loan (MTL). So far we have already received R 7,230.

# Financial Notices

Extract Book-keeping

Jan-Jul

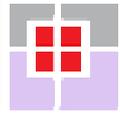
Jan-Jul

Actual 21

Budget 21

<b>Income</b>	<b>232'561</b>	<b>254'847</b>	<b>-22'286</b>
Contributions	129'680	145'833	-16'153
Collections	16'300	21'018	-4'718
Donation	10'020	16'333	-6'313
Events	21'441	23'625	-2'184
Rental Income	32'608	46'778	-14'170
Other Income	22'512	1'260	21'252

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>241'535</b>	<b>253'583</b>	<b>-12'048</b>
60% Post	161'560	176'400	-14'840
outstanding payment	-14'840		-
<b>Maintenance</b>			-
Building Maintenance	6'983	5'250	1'733
Maintenance Help	7'700	4'200	3'500
Music Instruments	947	1'108	-161
Cleaning Costs	5'215	8'085	-2'870
<b>Admin Costs</b>			-
Insurances	12'389	12'390	-1
Water and Electricity	11'940	9'917	2'023
Security Costs	5'897	5'250	647
Telephone	4'998	5'600	-602
Bank Charges	2'419	2'400	19
Licences	1'890	1'890	-
Newsletter	0	600	-600
Travel Costs	1'600	2'333	-733
<b>Other Costs</b>		0	-
Depreciation	8'427	8'400	27
Manse Help	5'600	5'600	-
Sundry	3'970	1'400	2'570
Audit fees	0	2'760	-2'760



## Church Committee 2021

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**Branch Code: 211217**

**Account: 534 200 32476**

**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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