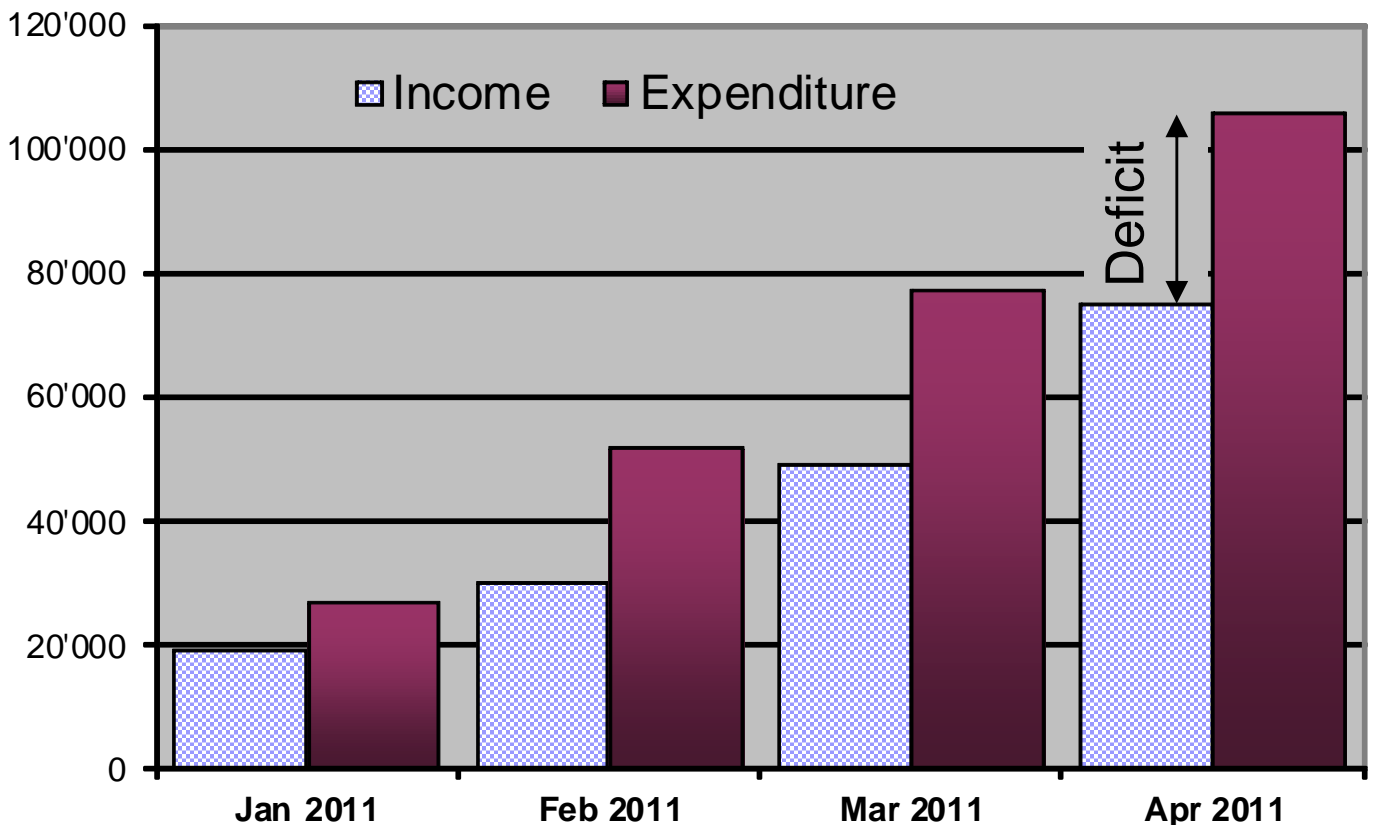




Christus und Seine Kirche laden dich ein!
Christ and His Church invite you !

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The congregation's expenses have grown over time and our Levy which is paid to the Cape Church monthly, has been increased to R21 200.00 per month, beginning 1st January 2011. This represents an increase of 12,2% from last year. The income from contributions, collections and fundraising falls short of this target. The finances show a deficit of R30 000.00 cumulative for the first four months of this year.

Kindly note that the recommended monthly contribution is now **R425.00** per month, but *no contribution is too small or too large.*

Kindly contact Gerhard Fröhlich for more detailed information or if you are able to contribute in any other way. Please find contact details at the back of this newsletter.

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

Bank: First National Bank, Walmer Branch
 Branch Code: 21.12.17
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Planned



Music Evening

Saturday 25 June @ 19:00

Work Day – Church Centre

Saturday 9 July 2011 @ 09:00

Winter Dance

Saturday 30 July 2011 @ 19:30

Steak Evening # 2

Friday 26 August 2011 @ 18:30

Work Day – Manse

10 September 2011 @ 09:00

Movie evening

Friday 23 September 2011 @ (19:00)

Pancake Stall—Oktoberfest

Friday 14 - Sunday 16 October

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 8)

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear congregation and friends,

Recently I found a little book with the Title, “The iron rations of a Christian”, by Heinrich Vogel, who was a lecturer in Theology in Berlin. In it this well know theologian tries to put together very briefly what is really important in the Christian faith – the really important contents, that we would need for our journey on the path of faith. Without these rations, we would starve. I am really fascinated and impressed by this little book, because it gives me in such a simple yet grounded way the stuff that I need to continue on my journey. I share with you the chapter headings and give some comments, so that perhaps you too may find therein some nourishment for your faith.

“1. That God speaks to us.” This is where it all starts. If God had not spoken and would not speak to us, there would be nothing of substance in our faith. Only because He speaks to us, through the living word, Jesus Christ, can we “come to faith” – God’s word engenders faith in us, when we hear it, just like the words of a person that is friendly to us, engender trust towards that person in us.

“2. Who this God is, who speaks to us.” Now Heinrich Vogel gets to the “marrow” of our faith, because we need to know more precisely who this God is, that speaks to us. It is the God of Israel, the Father of Jesus Christ, who through the power of the Holy Spirit creates the new life in us.

“3. What God does to us.” Now the “great deeds of God” are enumerated according to the Christian Creed. God created the world and all that is in it, including you and me. God sustains this world and us through His fatherly and divine goodness. But because the human being wants to be his or her own god, God has to go down the difficult path of “Salvation” in and through his Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him, the man, Jesus of Nazareth, God establishes reconciliation, which means, in Christ (and we are taken into the death and resurrection of Christ by Word and Sacrament) we are reconciled to the Father. And this good news (the Gospel) is proclaimed to us in and through the power of the Holy Spirit, who engenders faith, which is nothing other than trust in this message of Grace, in us. This Holy Spirit is, through Word and Sacrament, the creator of the Church, the community of those that are called to Salvation.

Now you may well say, that all these words, this very compact package of rations for the Christian journey, is made up of all the old, traditional and difficult words, that we modern people no longer understand. And of course that is true. But how else can one package the full content of faith nourishment that we need without losing the most important parts? Perhaps the “iron rations” are to be understood like Biltong, an old piece of Biltong, on which you have to chew long and hard, before you can really taste it and it becomes nourishing again. Such chewing is what we are trying to do in our House Groups, through our conversations, which allow for questions, doubts, and for patient listening to the stories of our faith, until we come to understand and trust the core of the Gospel again, and realise how nourishing it really is. You are all invited to join us in these groups. There is a German and an English one, although at times we meet together. (See info on page 3 or contact one of the church committee—details on the back page).

With hearty greetings and in the hope of soon getting into a good “chewy” conversation,

Yours truly

Felix Meylahn

Watchword for 2011

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

Romans 12,21

Gebetskreis



Prayer Group

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Losung für Juni 2011





»Einer teilt reichlich aus und hat immer mehr; ein anderer kargt, wo er nicht soll, und wird doch ärmer.«

Sprüche 11,24

Watchword for June 2011

»Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want.«

Proverbs 11:24

<p>05.06. 2011</p> 	<p>Exaudi: 6. So. nach Ostern</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>Predigttext Johannes 7,37–39</p>
<p>12.06.2011</p> 	<p>Pentecost: Whitsunday</p>	<p>Divine Service with Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Sermon Text Matthew 14.22–33</p>
<p>19.06.2011</p> 	<p>Trinity Sunday</p> <p>Trinitatis: Tag der Drei- einigkeit</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00</p> <p>10.15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl</p>	<p>Sermon Text Isaiah 6.1–13</p> <p>Predigttext Jesaja 6,1–13</p>
<p>26.06.2011</p> 	<p>1st Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Family Service with Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Sermon Text Exodus 3.1–10</p>

Losung für Juli 2011






»Wo dein Schatz ist, da ist auch dein Herz.«

Matthäus 6,21

Watchword for July 2011

»For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.«

Matthew 6:21

03.07. 2011 	2. Sonntag nach Trinitatis	Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30	Predigttext Matthäus 22,1–14
10.07. 2011 	3rd Sunday after Trinity	Divine Service 09:30	Sermon Text Mark 4.26–29
17.07. 2011 	4th Sunday after Trinity 4. Sonntag nach Trinitatis	Divine Service 09:00 10.15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl	Sermon Text Genesis 50.15–21 Predigttext 1. Mose 50,15–21
24.07. 2011 	5th Sunday after Trinity	Divine Service with Holy Communion 09:30	Sermon Text Genesis 3.1–19
31.07.2011 	6th Sunday after Trinity	Family Service with Holy Communion 09:30	Sermon Text Matthew 12.38–42

Was dem Pastor am Herzen liegt

Was mir auf dem Herzen liegt

Liebe Gemeinde, liebe Freunde!

Vor einer Weile fand ich ein kleine Buch mit dem Titel „Die Eiserne Ration eines Christen“, von Heinrich Vogel. Darin versucht der Autor, der in Berlin Theologie Professor war, das Wichtigste des Glaubens so zusammen zu tragen, dass man es eben, wie eine „eiserne Ration“ mitnehmen kann auf den Lebensweg. Ich bin begeistert von dem Buch, weil es mir so einfach und doch gründlich sagt, worum es eigentlich geht. Ich nenne einfach einige Kapitel-überschriften, die vielleicht auch für Sie und Euch andeuten können, was das Wichtigste für unser Leben als Christen ist:

1. „Dass Gott zu uns spricht.“ Damit fängt es ja an, und wenn Gott nicht zu uns spräche, wäre es mit unserem Glauben gar nichts. Nur weil Gott uns anredet, und zwar in dem lebendigen Wort Jesus Christus, können wir „zum Glauben kommen“ – das Wort Gottes bewirkt den Glauben in uns, so wie das Wort eines uns freundlichen Menschen unser Vertrauen zu diesem Menschen erwirkt.
2. „Wer der Gott ist, der zu uns spricht.“ Nun geht Heinrich Vogel ins Eingemachte – denn wir müssen schon genauer wissen, wer dieser Gott denn ist, der zu uns spricht. Es ist der Gott Israels, der Vater Jesu Christi, der durch die Kraft des Heiligen Geistes in uns das neue Leben erweckt.
3. „Was Gott an uns tut.“ Nun werden „die großen Taten Gottes“ im Anschluss an das Glaubensbekenntnis aufgeführt und erläutert. Der Schöpfer, der alles geschaffen hat und auch Dich und mich. Er erhält diese Welt und uns aus lauter väterlicher, göttlicher Güte. Weil der Mensch aber sein eigener Gott sein will, muss Gott den Weg der Erlösung gehen, durch seinen Sohn, Jesus Christus. In Ihm erwirkt Gott die „Versöhnung“, das heißt, in Christus (und wir werden durch Wort und Sakrament in den Tod und die Auferstehung des Jesus Christus hineingenommen), sind wir mit Gott versöhnt. Und diese frohe Botschaft (das Evangelium) wird uns bezeugt in der Kraft des Heiligen Geistes, der in uns den Glauben, das Vertrauen auf diese Gnade bewirkt. Dieser Heilige Geist ist, durch Wort und Sakrament der Schöpfer der Kirche, der Gemeinschaft derer, die zum Heil berufen sind.

Nun mögen wir wohl sagen, das ist alles noch viel zu kompliziert, die Worte, die da gebraucht werden, sind ja die alten, traditionellen Worte, die mit religiösem Inhalt so übervoll sind, dass wir heutigen Menschen das nur schwer verstehen.

Und das stimmt wohl. Wir müssten uns ganz lange in diese Worte hineinführen lassen, darauf herumkauen, wie auf einem älteren Stück Biltong – und dann werden wir mit der Zeit auf den Geschmack kommen. Praktisch sähe so ein „Herumkauen“ vielleicht so aus: Wir setzen uns irgendwo in eine gute Stube und fangen mit einem Gespräch an – Fragen, Zweifel, Hören auf die Erzählungen, die hinter diesen Worten stehen – ein Glaubensgespräch – und so vertiefen wir uns in diese Sache, bis sie uns klarer wird und wir erkennen, dass da tatsächlich etwas sehr Nahrhaftes drinsteckt, wovon wir leben können. Dazu lade ich Sie und Euch herzlich ein – dazu treffen wir uns in den „Hauskreisen“ (es gibt eine englische Gruppe und eine Deutsche, obwohl wir uns auch manchmal zusammen treffen – siehe Veranstaltungen).

Mit herzlichen Grüßen und in der Hoffnung auf ein gutes Gespräch.

Ihr und Euer
Felix Meylahn

Jahreslosung 2011

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

Römer 12,21



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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Geburtstage

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June 2	Werner Krieg	July 1	Linda Jachens
June 5	Karla Lentz	July 3	Tara Ashley Bride
June 6	Till Heitmann	July 6	Christel Schädler
June 10	Ingrid Haschick	July 8	Mia Meylahn
June 13	Sheldine Septoe	July 10	Phil Gareth van Rensburg
June 13	Martin Weder	July 16	Hans Schaberg
June 18	Dieter Horni	July 18	Dorle Kussing
June 18	Jordan Mächtle	July 18	Elizabeth Wagner
June 19	Gerrit Gädke	July 20	Bernd Mächtle
June 21	Isa Kerstin Brand	July 29	Doreen Stocklose
June 21	Anthea van Rensburg	July 31	Lionel Sonnenberger
June 21	Janine Wright		
June 21	Lynn Cairncross		
June 30	Otto Alfred Bülbring		

Cyberspace News



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

Use your existing Facebook Account to join our Page, to:

- view and tag pictures taken at our congregation's events
- receive notices of forthcoming events in your News Feed
- post comments

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

2011 SYNOD — Report

1st ORDINARY MEETING of the XIIIth SYNOD 2011, held at ST PAUL'S, STUTTERHEIM

Delegates and alternates from Beacon Bay, Bloemfontein, Brakfontein, Dawn, East London, King Williams Town, Komga, Macleantown, Port Elizabeth and Stutterheim in the Eastern Circuit and Bellville, Cape Town's St Martini, Strand Street, Phillipi, Wynberg and George, Paarl, Stellenbosch and Worcester in the Western Circuit and Bishop H.Müller, ELCSA(NT), Bishop E. Hertel, ELCIN(GELC), Bishop W Bowles, ELCSA(COD), Pastor E Moos, Moravian Church in SA, Rev. M. Junge, Lutheran World Federation, Pastor G. Bösemann, Ev Luth Mission, Dr. Ruth Gütter Ev Church in Germany Bishop R. Meister, Landeskirchenamt Hannover, Präsident Dr.F Hauschildt, VELKD, Prof. U. Plüddemann and Mr. R. Johannsen , Synodal Task Team met from the opening service on Friday evening 13th to the closing service on Sunday night the 15th May.

The guest speaker Prof. Douglas Rawlings, Department Microbiology, University of Stellenbosch spoke on the theme "On the seventh day God completed (finished) the work...". An interesting explanation on the creation of life from the first cell that can only be due to the glory of God.

Reports from the Church Council: by the Bishop Nils Rohwer, Treasurer Horst Schöttler and The Desks; Legal Affairs, Lutheran Education, Pastoral Care, Worship, Diaconia (St. Johannes Heim and Friedrich Schweizer Trust), Women and Youth were delivered. In addition reports from the Circuit Conferences East, West and probably the most worked on over the past two years from the Synodal Task Team that investigated the structure of the Cape Church including the office of the Bishop.

Meaningful discussions emanated but mostly from the latter report which included motions proposed to Synod on; working towards greater unity with N-T Church, investigate extending the current pension age of 65 years by another 3-4 years, institute an outreach programme to encourage young people to serve the Church, an alternative order governing visitations, composition of Church Council to 3 Pastors (from 4) and 4 laypeople (from 3). All of which were approved but one to restrict the number of terms that a Bishop holds office to a maximum of three (12 years) did not receive a two thirds majority and was therefore not carried.

The current Chairman (Chris Johl) and Vice-chairman (Mathias Tölken) of Synod were re-elected.

Church Council for the new synodal period will be Chris Johl, Horst Schöttler and Karin Kastern, layperson CCW. New elections were Pastor Walter Schwär and Lynette Burger, layperson CCE. Also the Electoral Committee finally elected was Reimer Mielck (Chairman), Mathias Tölken, Pastor Dieter Trümpelmann, Bettina du Buson and Geoff Andrews.

Bishop Nils Rohwer and Pastor Felix Meylahn (Chairman and Vice-chairman of Church Council) respectively were elected at the previous Synod (2009) and start their second two year term in office.

The second ordinary meeting of the XIIIth Synod will take place in 2013 at Strand Street, Cape Town on dates still to be decided.

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