

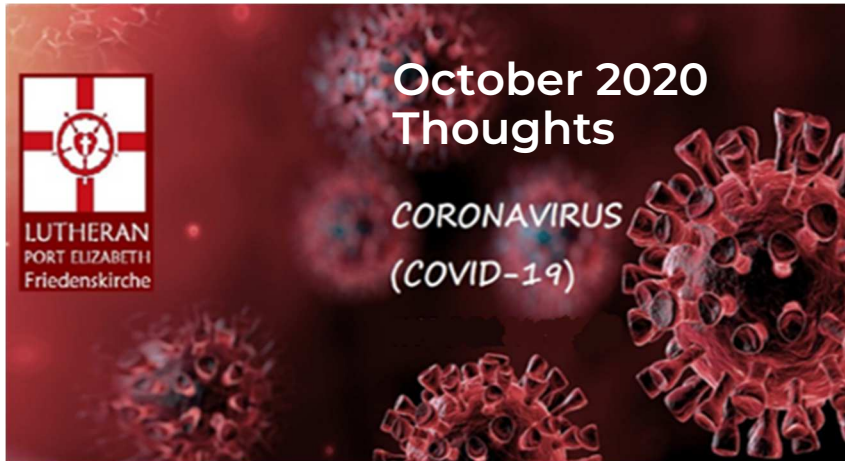


# LUTHERAN PORT ELIZABETH Friedenskirche Church of Peace



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smile behind the mask. One finds oneself looking more intently at someone's eye expression where the "smile" can still be seen.

Presently we are able to attend Divine Services at Church under the observance of the Covid-19

How time passes. It seems just the other day when, on 26 March 2020 we went into the country-wide, what we now know as Level 5, lockdown. The level has now been eased in stages to the present Level 1.

Although this is good news, it indicates a reduced infection rate due to the public's strict observance of covid-19 safety protocols.

However, the virus itself is no respecter of such levels. This is the time when we cannot be complacent or have the idea that just because we are on Level 1 there is little to worry about. On the contrary, the virus is as dangerous now as it was at Level 5. It is our careful continued observance of the rules and protocols that help against the spread. It remains noticeable how, despite our concerns and stresses, there is always time for us to greet each other, and maybe to imagine the

safety protocols that are in place. Continuing are our Congregational WhatsApp, Facebook and YouTube channels that are available to bring the Services to those not able to attend at Church for what ever reason. Thank-you to all involved in this on-going initiative.

Another initiative is our Winter Warmers project that is underway to help meet the physical needs of the Wabamkela Creche children including clothing, soap, sanitizers and masks to help keep them safe from covid-19 infection

In our current, and in all circumstances we are encouraged to pray fervently to God. In Colossians 1:17, the Scripture says, *"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."*

Reinhard Walle

*Chairman of the Church Committee*

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

## From the Pastor's Heart

### **Blessed are the pure in heart**

#### **An examination of the words of Jesus that we find in Matthew 5:8**

I have always struggled with this verse in Matthew for the simple reason that I know very well that I am not pure in heart. I listened to a podcast that opened up this verse for me and then I found this article about it, which I would like to share with you, with the hope that you will also recognize and experience the deep consolation that I have discovered in these words of Jesus.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." A thousand years earlier king Solomon had already asked, "Who can really say, 'I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin?'" If only those who are pure in heart are blessed, then who can really celebrate? Is Jesus promising to bless only those who have kept their hearts pure?

We must remember that in these verses in Matthew 5, Jesus has been pronouncing his blessings on the poor and broken in spirit, on the meek and humble, on **those hungering for, not filled with righteousness**. The question before us

though, is whether this should be read as a law or as gospel. **Is Jesus condemning his followers for not having pure hearts, or is he pronouncing blessings on the recipients of his own pure heart, his own mercy?** I believe that Jesus answers this question for us in the opening verses of John 15:

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:1-4).*

In verse 3 of the above passage, Jesus says, *"Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you."* At the moment of creation, God simply spoke the words, *"let there be,"* and there was. And we find something similar here **as Jesus tells sinful Peter, tax collector Levi, and all the other disciples that they are clean, not because they have always kept themselves pure; not because Jesus knows that they have good intentions; not because they have turned a new leaf and are trying to do better. No. Because of the power of his own declarative word, Jesus is basically speaking a new reality into existence. He simply says it, and it is so.**



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Hebrews chapter 10 clarifies this point even further. In verses 4 to 7 we're told that *"it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.' Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" (Hebrews 10:4-7).* The author of this epistle is interacting with the words of Psalm 40, and he's basically arguing that this Psalm was a prophecy of the coming messiah whose mission was to fulfill God's will. This is essentially what Jesus said of himself in the Sermon on the Mount: "I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill all righteousness."

In verses 8-10 of Hebrews chapter 10 we're told that, *"When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'Behold, I have come to do your will.' He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."*

Notice that in verse 10, sanctification is spoken of in the past tense. **We have been sanctified, purified, and cleansed. But how? By trying**



**harder, or turning a new leaf? No, the text says, "and by *that will* we have been sanctified."** What will is this? It's the will of the messianic deliverer himself, the one spoken of in Psalm 40 who came to do God's will **for us**. Jesus said something to this effect in John 17:19 when he prayed, *"For them I sanctify myself, that they may be truly sanctified."* It was Jesus who submitted to the will of his father, he fulfilled all the righteous demands of the law, and also offered himself as propitiatory sacrifice for our redemption. And so the author of Hebrews concludes by saying:

*"Therefore, brothers (and sisters), since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water" (10:19-22).*

What bold pronouncements! Here we



## ... Pastor's Heart

are called to have confidence and full assurance that Christ, both by his obedient life and sacrificial death, is enough to present us holy and blameless and pure. **In short, we are pure, not because of anything we have done, but because of Christ's own declarative word.** He has washed us with his blood and has cleansed us with pure water. This is why in Romans 8:1 Paul says that *"There is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus."* This is why we do not have to fear God's coming judgment, or a period of indefinite suffering in purgatory that purifies any remaining sins (Roman Catholic teaching). If you are in Christ, ***"Already you are pure"*** (Jn. 15:3), because of the power of his declarative word. *"Out of the anguish of his soul,"* Isaiah wrote of the coming Suffering Servant, *"he will make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities"* (Is. 53:11). By His will, *"we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."* Therefore... Blessed are the pure in heart!; for they shall see God.

This is our all-encompassing hope in life and in death ...

In Christ, Pastor Anja



## Wabamkela



First day, but what means 1.5 m ?



Washing and sanitizing hands !



Wearing masks all the time !



How can I eat now ?



# Winter Warmers for Wabamkela Crèche

*And my God will supply every need  
of yours according to His riches  
in glory in Christ Jesus*

Philippians 4:19

We are excited to announce that from our last update where we had received the funds from the Lutheran World Federation, we are now able to start the purchasing of all the items that the children will receive. The Wabamkela Feeding Scheme officially re-opened their doors on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September after being closed throughout levels 5, 4, 3. Upon re-opening not many children returned as they all live with their grandparents or other family relatives. Initially only on 11 children went to school in the first week of September. By late September a total of 21 children are back at the Wabamkela class with 29 children in the older age group back in the Wabamkela-Masifunde Class. This is a total of 50 children that we are going to clothe and feed for 3 months. The project required some adjusting as the initial number of children was set at 40 children.

On the right is a break-down of what each child will receive over the course of 3 months.

- \* Hand Sanitiser
- \* Toothpaste and Toothbrush
- \* Soap
- \* Maize Meal
- \* Rice
- \* 2 Re-usable face masks
- \* Warm Jacket Pants (Jeans)
- \* Tracksuit Set
- \* Shoes
- \* Socks
- \* Blankets
- \* Beanie and Gloves

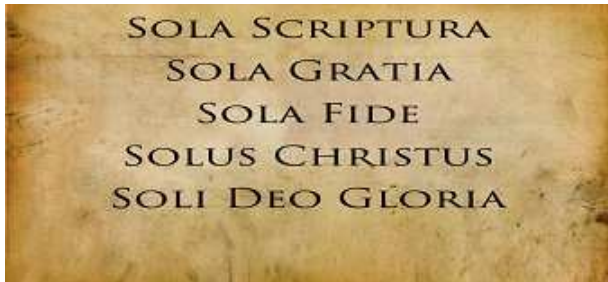
The Purchasing will commence in the first week of October and be distributed to the children at the Wabamkela facility. As the project progresses further updates and announcements will be made. The Committee would like to thank each and every congregant for all their donations thus far towards the Wabamkela children along with the additional funding from the LWF.

With kind regards,  
Ryan Meyer



# The „5 Solae“ of the Reformation

In response to the Roman Catholic Church's claim to be the only true apostolic church and, as such, to have the only valid authority, the 16th century reformers summarised their theological principles in five mottos:



## **Sola Fide** **(By faith alone)**

„For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.“  
(Romans 3:28)

## **Sola Scriptura** **(By Scripture alone)**

„All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.“  
(2.Timothy 3,16-17)

## **Solus Christus** **(Through Christ alone)**

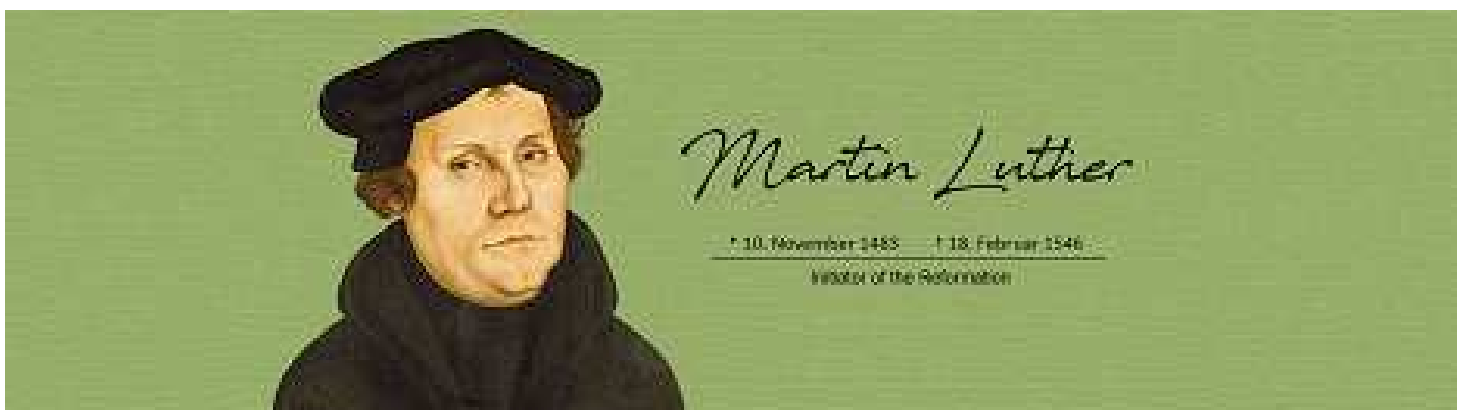
“For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time.“  
(1 Timothy 2:5-6)

## **Sola Gratia** **(By grace alone)**

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.“  
(Ephesians 2,8-10)

## **Soli Deo Gloria** **(Glory to God alone)**

“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen .“  
(Romans 11,36)



# Prayer Cards October

1 Oct Anthea Daniels

2 Oct Aria Noël Thompson

3 Oct Benjamin Burger

4 Oct Chad Human

5 Oct Charmaine Human

6 Oct Christian Seifert

17 Oct Leonard Rosendahl

18 Oct Liane Botha

19 Oct Lima Coko

20 Oct Luke Human

21 Oct Melita Bagshaw

22 Oct Mercia Fillis

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**

7 Oct Dale Thompson

8 Oct Desmond Fillis

9 Oct Dittmar Eichhoff

10 Oct Elisabeth Wagner

11 Oct Elise Schaberg

12 Oct Gavin Groenmeyer

13 Oct Igor Lokotsch

14 Oct Kadean Daniels

15 Oct Kelvin Daniels

16 Oct Leonard Fourie

23 Oct Merle Cairncross

24 Oct Péter Heineke

25 Oct Precious Mulioh

26 Oct Rivka Rath

27 Oct Rosemarie Mittermaier

28 Oct Sheldine Septoe

29 Oct Ursula Eichhoff

30 Oct Warrick Bürger

31 Oct Werner Krieg

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

1. Timothy 2:1



## Birthdays October

*Happy  
Birthday*



1 Oct	Gunter Fröhlich
8 Oct	Willie Lokotsch
11 Oct	Alie Coetzer
19 Oct	Ulrich Koch
21 Oct	Sophie Sternberg
30 Oct	Patrick Septoe



# Watchword for October 2020

Jeremiah 29:7

**“But seek the welfare of the city and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”**

As we emerge with gathering steps from the lockdown circumstances of the past six months there can hardly be a more apt passage for us to ponder, this month. Reports of organisations from across our city gathering in silent protest to highlight the urgent need to rescue our crumbling municipality. Service delivery has all but come to a halt in Nelson Mandela Bay, spurring civil society, churches, unions and business owners to join hands in front of the City Hall to “stop the rot”.

During Jeremiah’s long ministry he warned God’s people of the catastrophe that was to fall upon the nation because of their idolatry and sin and he lived to see the prediction come true with the fall of Jerusalem. But he was steadfast in the prophecy to the day when there would be a new covenant. “Pray to the Lord on its behalf”.

Like the nation of Judah during the reigns of rulers Josiah, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah we are saddled with changes in the leadership of our

city. We are urged in this watchword to both ... seek and pray to the Lord for the welfare of the city. Are we therefore not only to pray but actively seek the welfare. Does this mean we should stand up and be counted so that those in power take note and act? If so, must that protest be silent or heaven forbid, toyi toyi and burn tyres. As many of us lack the rhythm for the former and draw the line at burning candles, SHOUTING in type, in this digital age at scientifically identified targets is more effective than destroying the tarred roads and worse, with fire.

Pray to the Lord on behalf of your city for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Geoff Andrews



# Divine Services - October 2020

4 October 2020 09:30 (D)  
17 Sunday after Trinity

11 October 2020 09:30 (E)  
18 Sunday after Trinity



## Sermon : Matthew 15:21-28

Faith? This question reminds me of my grandmother, saying the evening blessing every day, or of a friend, who hoped that God would heal his mother. I also think of many men and women who went the extra mile, trusting in the power of God, starting aid projects, participating in resistance action, or giving others courage. Faith is not abstract. Faith must be lived. Thus the 17th Sunday after Trinity tells stories about faith: An "unbeliever" persists in her 'confrontation' with Jesus and his apparent rejection turns to acceptance. A father asks for help for his sick son. A blind man regains his sight and is confronted with questions of his faith. Examples of how faith can change people. And if trust does not seem to work for us? A father calls to Jesus, pleading: "I believe, help my unbelief!". And the sermon text tells us: 'I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'



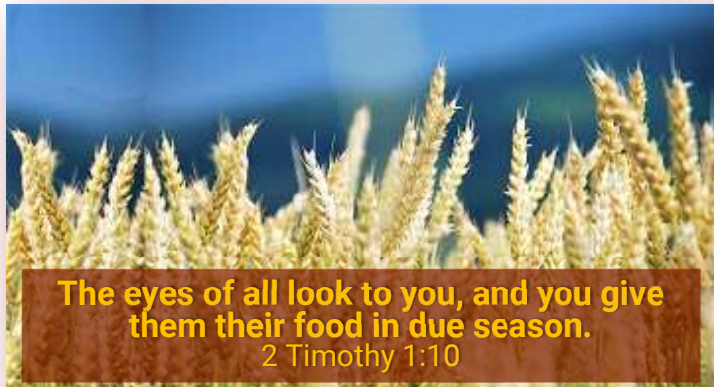
## Sermon : Deuteronomy 30:11-14

The one is not possible without the other: You can be passionate for God, but without love for other people there is emptiness. The other way around is also true: You can do a lot for others, but without the love of God there is no foundation. To love God and your neighbour as yourself - this highest commandment is the central message of the 18th Sunday after Trinity. The Ten Commandments also point the way to the love of God and your neighbour. When Christian communities are open to people of all kinds of backgrounds and life situations, when they work together in a harmonious and friendly manner, encourage each other to believe and to work for peace, they project some of that love.



# Divine Services - October 2020

**18 October 2020 09:30 (E)**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**



**Sermon : Ephesians 4:22-32**

The giant pumpkin and the full ears, the honeycomb and the bread – in the richly decorated harvest altar, the abundance of nature and fruits of labour are quite evident.

But we reap more: food and clothing, every growth and prosperity in partnership and family, big and small successes in our profession – there is so much to be thankful for. The Thanksgiving festival gives room for gratitude and turns it to God. Those who give thanks see nothing as a matter of course and know how to share the gifts they have received from God. Anxiety about our livelihood and excessive worry forms a great part of our lives. We need to hear that we have a generous God who cares about our lives and wants to free us from our anxieties and help us to see beyond our own needs towards responsible sharing. Thanksgiving is a reminder that what is really important in life, we can only but receive.

**Invitation for the Divine Service refer to page 12**

**25 Oct 2020 09:30 Family**  
**Festival of the Reformation**



**Sermon : Matthew 10:26b-33**

Where do I come from? Where are my roots? On the day of the Reformation (31 October), Lutheran Christians reflect on their origins: at the same time, they celebrate the confession and birthday of the Protestant church. This day is reminiscent of the story of the stubborn monk, who nails his 95 theses to the Wittenberg Castle Church in a waving robe, causing a stir throughout Europe. Martin Luther was not a saint, but a man who deeply influenced the Church with his steadfastness, his ardent questions about God, and his courageous commitment to his faith. After his example, many Christians worked on the renewal of the church and still do today. Therefore, the Reformation Day also asks about current grievances and about the Church, which has to reform itself again and again.

**On page 6 are some remarks to the "5 Solae" of the Reformation**

# Harvest Thanksgiving



Dear Friends

This year we would like to earmark our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on the

**18<sup>th</sup> of October 2020**

as an opportunity to generate much needed funds for our congregation. Therefore, this day would be a tithing Sunday to celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness. Harvest Thanksgiving is a giving of thanks for a good harvest. Although most of us are not farmers by profession we all have much to be thankful for in terms of God's provision for and blessings over our lives. Harvest Thanksgiving is a day on which we can express our thankfulness and gratitude and give back, in the true sense of the word, a giving of thanks.

**O give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good;  
for His steadfast love  
endures forever.**

**Psalm 107:1**

# Questions ...

Many of the members of our congregation often ask us:

- Why is the church sending out letters,
- Why creating crowd funding, asking for all this money?
- Why is there a Medium Term Loan...
- What maintenance has been done or is in progress...
- We always giving but we don't see change...

Why why why ... you ask.

These are very valid questions that hover in your minds and are topics of discussion at home.

We encourage open dialog between the committee and the congregation. The committee is elected by the congregation to lead and maintain the church and manage the finances.

Currently many may not be aware that Pastor Anja is not paid by Germany but indeed by the Cape Church. This is what the monthly contributions is paid towards.

In addition to the contributions that are paid, the church's insurance is paid for by the congregation and so are the utility bills (municipality, telephone, cleaning ...).

The church hall is rented out daily to assist in bringing in funds for the congregation as a whole.



## Questions addressed to Church Committee

And with this the hall floor is one of the top priority items to be refurbished along with the water damage to the right of the altar. These are important points and they have to be solved soon, but for that we should have money.

We have created a crowd funding campaign for you to share with your family and friends as another form of "Raffle" without a prize. This money is purely for the maintenance of the church building such as the Hall floor this way we are able to hire the up-graded and well maintained facility out at a higher price allowing us to bring in additional income.

So why was a letter sent out to you personally? You ask... Well what better way to communicate with you if we do not address the letter to you personally. The Church is in dire need of funds and we are opening recognising this and making it clear to each and every congregant. We have to keep the doors open and it is with your assistance that we can continue to do so.

If each person whom is able to do so to contribute towards the "monthly contributions" we would be able to safely say Pastor Anja will be able to continue doing the great work in which she is presently doing.

And what is the medium term loan then? This was an assisted payment plan that was agreed upon to assist the us in paying back the outstanding stewardship contributions.

By the time that the agreed payment plan is complete we are however still going to be in arrears with the outstanding contributions to date.

What this means is we are trying to pay the Cape Church as much as possible to decrease that owing amount.

To do this we need your help, we need you to share our crowdfunding campaign as well as ask your friends and family to each contribute any amount big or small remember every bit counts. This way we can upkeep the buildings and focus all the other monies coming in on the outstanding contributions.

The current maintenance plans have been severely affected by the current COVID-19 situation. But be assured that quotes the Hall floor along with the roof leaks around the building are currently being attended to as a matter of urgency.

We encourage open dialog between the congregation and the committee and hope that we can serve you in the best ways possible.

Yours, Church Committee



## Church of Peace - Care and upkeep of our Assets



The Friedenskirche/Church of Peace has existed in Port Elizabeth for over 100 years now. The Church building has stood on the current Springfield property since 09.05.1971 (49 years).

Maintenance and upkeep of the Church buildings, Manse and grounds is on-going and important.

Read an discussion interview between two church wardens: Auke Brand (AB) and Reinhard Walle (RW).

RW: Auke, the buildings have been exposed to the elements and much wear and tear over the years. External woodwork is starting to rot, cracks are showing, and painting needs to be re-done. There seems to be so much that needs doing.

AB: I agree, but I think it is more than just a building. This is **our** church and as all things that age with time, it is needing more and more continuous care.

RW: Yes, but there seems to be an on-going stream of things that need attention. Will it ever get done?

AB: Well, I think it is a continuous

process. We carry out inspections of the buildings and list problems needing attention.

RW: What is to be done?

AB: Well, a rewarding way is to regularly plan time each week to tackle the repairs or refurbishment one step at a time. If we do not quite finish then it waits till the next week.

RW: And what have we managed to achieve so far?

AB: Having the list helps as it is easier to get perspective on what we have achieved to date. For example, trees have been trimmed, seized or leaking taps repaired, drains / sewers have been unblocked, safety railings and signage fitted in the hall. Some masonry and painting has been done. A new first aid box has been installed in the hall. The automatic garage door at the manse has been repaired.

RW: And do you and the team enjoy doing this?

AB: Well, we look at it from the point of having fun as well as a challenge. When one is enjoying the challenge, having fun and seeing the satisfying result, it is no longer seen as work when you are having a good time with friends.

RW Is gardening also part of maintenance?

AB: Oh yes. I enjoy gardening at home and when there are pretty



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The Hall



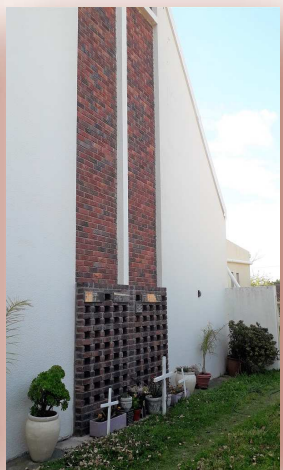
The Manse



The Backyard with Childrens Room



The Belltower



Wall of Remembrance

plants or flowers in bloom I sometimes take some slips and plant them at the church. I add some compost before watering as the soil is a bit poor and the plants need extra nutrition. Keeping existing flower beds clear of weeds and pruning back the plants is also a maintenance task.

RW: What about costs. Does the team pay for maintenance costs?

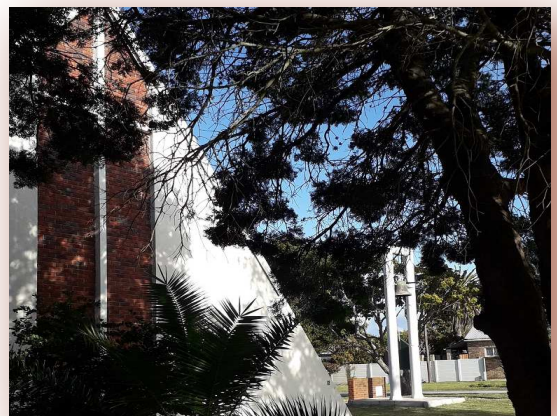
AB: We are mostly re-imbursed by the congregation.

RW: Do you use your own tools and equipment?

AB: Well yes to a degree - especially when it comes to specialised equipment..

RW: Would it maybe be good if the church complex had some basic tools so that it is not always necessary to bring everything from home?

AB: That would be great but we don't want use maintenance funds to buy tools. We already have a large toolbox donated and just need to fill it.





# Church of Peace - Care and upkeep of our Assets

RW: So we need donated tools?

AB: That is the general idea. If anyone in our congregation has say duplicate tools or equipment they no longer need, they could consider donating to help equip our Church tool box. All sorts of hand or power tools in good condition would be very welcome. Power tools do need to be in a safe working condition.

RW: That is great. So how can any-one be of help?

AB: It will be helpful If someone is say to re-arrange their garage or workshop and wishes to donate no longer used or duplicate tools or to offer help with the Church's maintenance projects from time to time,

RW: If anyone has any questions or equipment donations, who can they turn to?

AB: For information they can either contact:

myself, **Auke**:

E-Mail: [warden1@lutheran-pe.org](mailto:warden1@lutheran-pe.org)

or Cell 082 824 7345

or contact yourself, **Reinhard**:

E-Mail: [pwall@web.co.za](mailto:pwall@web.co.za)

or Cell 063 685 0263

Thank-you very much Auke for your comments and information.



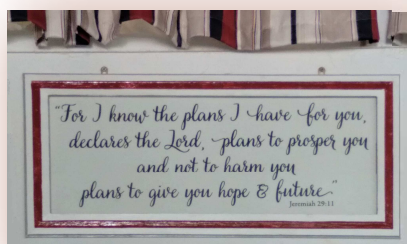
Vandalism at Church door is repaired



Water damage in the church



New: handrails on the steps to the stage



Sayings and mirrors have received a frame



# Financial Status of the Congregation

When I think about the finances of the congregation, the Goethe quote "on top of the world, or in the depths of despair " comes to mind.



Why do I feel like **on top of the world**? We have successfully tried to get support from outside to be able to carry out urgently needed aid for others.

We approached the Lutheran World Federation, and within the LWF framework of the Rapid Response Fund, our project application was approved and with the approximately R 90,000, we can now provide about 50 children of the Wabamkela crèche with warm clothing, masks and sanitizers, as well as some basic food items.

We later asked the Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Lower Saxony to provide 20 immigrant families with food each month. This project, in the amount of approximately R 160,000, was also approved .

It makes me very happy that our projects are being supported and that the "congregation's treasury" is not burdened.

But when I look at the actual financial situation of the congregation, I am **in the depths of despair**, because the income and the expenses are not in balance.

This year we have to pay the Cape Church 31,500 net per month in stewardship. This amount is an already subsidised amount by the Cape Church, as we are un-

able to meet the agreed upon stewardship levy decided by the Synod.

However we have only received R 20,000 in contributions per month (average Jan to Aug).

In order to fulfil our obligations for 2020, we would need to therefore transfer both the current's year's stewardship balance of R 126,000 (September to December) and the outstanding 2020 shortfall amount (January to August) of R 106,000 by the end of the year (September-December). Converted to the last 4 months of 2020, we must receive R 58,000 in monthly contributions.

In addition we still have the obligation to repay the medium term loan. To date the donations towards this so far cover the repayments and we hope for your continued support for the Belltower MTL project .

The compensation of the total of R 110'000 underpayments stewardship income shortfall in the years 2018 and 2019 is still open.

As can be seen every help is urgently needed - whether small or large - to keep our doors open.

Henry Newman

## How can you pay

**CASH** (Collection-Box near Organ):

**Collections:** put the money in the box

**Contributions:** use a named envelope

**Belltower Projects:** take an envelope from the foyer and mark the project.

**Transfer** (EFT) to our bank account:


Banking details refer to page 20


Please indicate your name and the purpose (Contribution, Collection, Donation, MTL, Maintenance ...) as reference

**„Money Wall“:**

Fill the envelope of the Money Wall with the amount printed on it, not your name and contact no. on the slip of paper inside the envelope (you have the chance to win ZAR 500). Put the envelope in the collection box or give it to a church-warden

**Crowd-Funding** (EFT, Credit Card):

We would like to encourage you to contribute any amount towards our Crowd-funding platform and then to share it with your friends and family by clicking on the Facebook icon on the platform  **Share** this will redirect you to you Facebook where you can send it to your family or friends. The link is also posted on our Facebook page where which you can click on to access the crowdfunding platform in order to donate.

To donate it's as easy as googling the link below and then clicking on the  **DONATE NOW** this will allow you to do an EFT or allow you to fill in you debit card details. This is very secure and safe to complete.

<https://gogetfunding.com/bell-tower-project/>

## Job Profile of a pastor

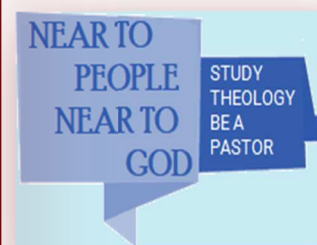
Does a pastor really have to be a superman/superwoman to successfully meet all his/her professional obligations to all of us?

Recently I had to deal with this question more intensively, because the church committee is obligated

to regulate the tasks of the pastor of our 'Peace Church' in the form of a new job profile valid from January 1, 2020.

We might ask: What does a good pastor imply?

The Church of Hanover has produced a promotional video: "Sweat and Blessing", primarily for the promotion of future pastoral care. The clip can be viewed at the link°. Theology opens a horizon on topics that broaden one's view: On oneself; on people; on God; on ancient questions and on questions of today. What answers do we already know? And which questions are waiting for new answers?



The study of theology spans an arc between faith and science. For those who want to help shape society in a courageous and philanthropic way based on their faith and who want to learn more about life and are not satisfied with what is often presented on



° <https://www.kirchliche-berufe.de/berufe/pastor>



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the surface, the study of theology will be an enriching education. Those who also seek contact with people and strive to improve their communicative competence, those who want to pursue the questions of life together with others and not just tick them off, are in the right profession as a pastor. – According to the recruitment advert of the Church of Hanover.

These are all tasks and challenges that pastors take on daily. In their profession, pastors are both sources of inspiration and ideas, as well as companions and contact persons for practically all concerns. They publicly stand up for the message of the gospel, not only on Sundays in the pulpit, but also beyond that in politics and society. They teach in schools, baptize, marry and bury, listen and help in pastoral care discussions and, at the same time, manage a small business, namely the church. These are very many different tasks, which do not always have to do with what many a pastor feels trained for. Very often he/she must first familiarise himself/herself with many of these fields.

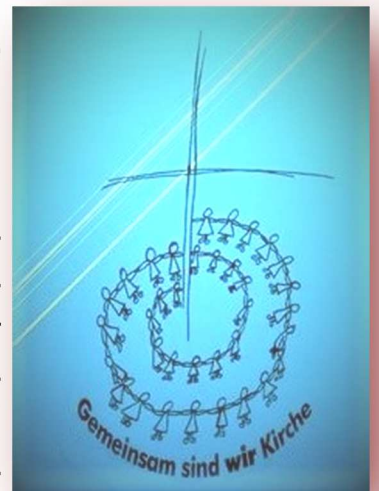
Every pastor is a person just like you and me. This implies that a pastor may have a bad day now and then or becomes ill. Are we, you and I, always in a good mood every day and do we repress everything that depresses us professionally and/or privately?

And yet the church members are not supposed to feel all the worries and needs of a pastor. At this point I would like to stress that the profession of a pastor is a varied and very complex profession and the pastor has a great responsibility. How does a pastor manage to use his / her time and energy resources in such a way that he/she can adequately handle the work with children, youth and seniors?

We, as a church, need to create a carefree framework for the work of a pastor. Yes, we have a beautiful church, the 'Peace Church', we have a functioning community center, we have a parsonage and as a member of the ELCSA Cape Church we also have a pastor.

We are about 200 people or 130 families who need to bear all the costs of "keeping the doors open". We receive no subsidies or grants from Europe or other countries. We are required to pay a monthly stewardship to the Cape Church for the costs of the pastor's office. In addition, we need to pay for all costs of maintenance and renovation of our community center as well as all daily expenses - from communion wine to insurance.

Henry Newman





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