



AGAPE MEAL— EASTER 2014

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

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Planned

Ladies Morning

Saturday 16 August 2014 @ 10:00

Potjie & Movie Evening

Saturday 27 September 2014 @ 19:00

Pancake Stall

Sunday 26 October 2014 @ 10:00

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 1 November 2014 @ 09:30

Carols Coffee Cake

Saturday 20 December 2014 @ 15:00

Regular

Weekly Home Church

19:30

Wednesday evenings

(Combined: English and German)

Monthly Open Door

11:00

Coffee Morning

Last Wednesday of the month

Gebetskreis/ Prayer Group



Contact person:
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Please contact Christel with
your prayer needs

Children's Services 2014

All children are invited to our Children's Services which will be held during the following Divine Services :

1st Sunday of every month-German @09:30

2nd Sunday of every month—English @ 09:30

3rd Sunday of every month– English @09:00 and German @ 10:15

This year Elizabeth Köpke and Kerilee Thompson will lead the English Children's Services and Barbara Meylahn will lead the German Children's Services.

A big thank you to these ladies. We appreciate you!

Family Service geared towards the Youth, Young Adults and Students in our congregation are held **on the last Sunday of every month**. (All children are invited to stay in the Sanctuary during the sermon on this Sunday.)

Contact numbers are :

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Training for Children's Service Co-Workers

A group of ladies (5 in all) met with Felix in the Manse on Saturday 21 June.

Everyone received printed material, "A Handbook for Small Sunday School Leaders" and "Making Room for Children in Church" which lead to an enthusiastic/lively interaction.

There is a very real commitment towards welcoming little ones to be part of the church services.

Bringing children to church may not always be easy, but as members of the family they are needed by all of us to complete the circle at God's table. The Body of Christ assembled is incomplete in their absence.

CONGREGATION NEWS

“Tekkie Donation”

We have managed to sell the last of the running shoes which were so generously donated towards the Christmas Bazaar last year.

Thank you to all involved in this effort to boost the church funds. Much appreciated.

Music Evening held 27 June 2014

Thank you to all the young (and not so young!) musicians who entertained us and to everyone who supplied soup etc for our meal.



Big Thank You from Benedikt Meylahn

I would like to once again thank all the people who made it possible for the music evening to be a success. And I would also very much like to thank all those who gave donations to help me pay for my trip to the Maths Olympiad in India at the end of this year. It is very much appreciated.

CONGREGATION NEWS

ECCSenior Youth Camp held 27-29 June 2014



The Camp was held with the theme:

It's time to be who you are! Who are YOU?

And we used Psalm 8 as the basis for our devotions.

Mostly we were outside though, went hunting, cut up the duiker that was shot and used the meat in a potjie.

I taught the participants the basics of navigating by the stars and we went on a rather long walk/hike on a farm - found a dead sheep that was dragged up into a tree - probably by a leopard.

I think it was fun for all and we'd like to do another camp next year.

Regards,

Felix

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Congregation, dear friends!

Once again my family and I had the opportunity of joining a host of choir enthusiasts in Paarl this year for the annual "Schützwoche". What an amazing experience it always turns out to be – even though to the outsider it may sound like a kind of "choir-boot-camp".

The brass band wakes you up early every morning at 7am and, as you are living in a former school hostel, you have to scoot down a flight of stairs to the men's showers for a quick shower before the others all have the same idea. Then you get together for breakfast and soon afterwards the whole company clocks in for the first round of practices. We do start with a devotion.

This time the choir master, Kantor Jens Staude, gave us some very valuable information about the music we were singing (I'll return to that later). At about 11 there is a short break for some fresh fruit and then back again to the notes, singing away lustily, trying to get the low or high notes right, the runs in the correct rhythm and the sound perfectly to blend with the other voices, of which there are sometimes 8 different ones, singing at the same time.

After lunch there is a slightly longer break for a snooze, but at 3pm it's back to the hall for more rehearsals. Supper at 6pm and then another rehearsal till about 9pm. After the evening devotion, you gather in various groups and chat, or play cards, or have a beer or two, or some lovely Cape wines.

Follow this routine for a whole week and that's pretty much what the Schützwoche is all about.

Approximately 8 hours of singing every day! Sounds cranky to you? Well it is. But my family and I insist that it is the one week of the year we do not want to miss. Of course there is the being together with friends, the good conversations – but then there is also the music. Some of it really ancient, some quite modern – all of it composed and then sung through the centuries to the Glory of God – beautiful and deeply meaningful music with words that, through the singing, enter deep into your heart and remain with you for the rest of the year.

Let me give you just one example. We sang a Cantata composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (BWV 131), which he composed when the town in which he was working had experienced what can only be described as a huge catastrophe – there had been a rampant fire that burnt down many people's homes and the death toll was very high. With quite some detail our choir master told us the background to the cantata and this made all the difference when we started learning it.

From the Pastor's Heart

The opening choir calls to God from the depths of despair:

“Aus der Tiefen, rufe ich, Herr, zu dir” – using words from Psalm 130 and turning them into plaintive cries for God's mercy:

“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!”

I can't really describe it to you – but the singing of this cantata had a comforting effect on me too, even though I have not experienced anything as calamitous as those people back in Bach's time.

I believe, this is why this kind of music is so universally loved – it speaks to us on a deeper level, which cannot be explained or grasped by our minds. It comforts us, strengthens us and reassures us that God is present even in those times when we are full of despair and pain.

All I can do is ask you to go and listen to it too. It is quite easy nowadays to find such music on the internet .

There are various recordings to be found on YouTube, this one being my favourite: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqqFQGV-H54>

May the music comfort you too and remind you that even in the depths we can call for mercy and help to God, even if we sometimes have to wait for a long time for God's grace to come through for us.

In Christ the promise is always: Yes, I will redeem you!

Greetings to you all!

Felix Meylahn







Gottesdienste August 2014 Divine Service

Losung für August 2014

Singt dem Herrn, alle Länder der Erde!
Verkündet sein Heil von Tag zu Tag!
1. Chr 16,23

Watchword for August 2014

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
1 Chronicles 16.23

<p>03.08.2014</p> 	<p>7. Sonntag nach Trinitatis</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>2. Mose 16, 2–3.11–18</p>
<p>10.08.2014</p> 	<p>8th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Romans 6.19–23</p>
<p>17.08.2014</p>  	<p>9th Sunday after Trinity</p> <p>9. Sonntag nach Trinitatis</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00</p> <p>10:15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl</p>	<p>1 Peter 4.7–11</p> <p>1. Petrus 4,7–11</p>
<p>24.08.2014</p> 	<p>10th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Divine Service Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Romans 11.25–32</p>
<p>31.08.2014</p> 	<p>11th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Family Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>2 Samuel 12. 1–10.13–15a</p>

Gottesdienste September 2014 Divine Services

Losung für September 2014





Sei getrost und unverzagt, fürchte dich nicht und lass dich nicht erschrecken!

1.Chr 22,13

Watchword for September 2014

Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid or dismayed.

1 Chronicles 22.13

<p>07.09.2014</p> 	<p>12.Sonntag nach Trinitatis</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>1. Korinther 3,9–15</p>
<p>14.09.2014</p> 	<p>13th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>The Acts 6.1–7</p>
<p>21.09.2014</p> 	<p>14th Sunday after Trinity 14.Sonntag nach Trinitatis</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00 10.15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl</p>	<p>1 Thessalonians 5.14–24 1. Thessalonicher 5,14–24</p>
<p>28.09.2014</p> 	<p>15th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Family Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Genesis 2.4b–9. (10–14)15</p>

Was der Pastor auf dem Herzen hat

Liebe Gemeinde, liebe Freunde!

Da waren wir nun wieder bei der Schützwoche, der alljährlichen – diesmal in Paarl. Erhebend und fröhlich war es wieder, mit meiner Familie und mit etwa 120 anderen Chorsängern zusammen zu sein – täglich fast 8 Stunden zu singen – ein herrlich verrücktes Unternehmen, das wir, besonders unsere Kinder, nicht um alles in der Welt verpassen wollen. Da lebt man dann eine ganze Woche lang in einem alten Schulinternat – Morgens wird man schon um 7 mit Posaunenschall geweckt – rast schnell eine Treppe hinunter, damit man es noch schafft, vor den anderen zu duschen, dann zum Frühstück, herzhaft und gut – und dann los zur ersten Probe des Tages. Und dann proben wir, mit Unterbrechungen den ganzen Tag lang, bis abends um 9 Uhr. Dann trifft man sich zum geselligen Beisammensein, bei einem Gläschen Wein oder Bier, eine Runde Skat oder einfach zum Gespräch über Gott und die Welt. Und am Ende der Woche ist die Musik tief in unsere Herzen gekrochen – hat uns berührt, getröstet, neu zum Nachdenken gebracht und vieles mehr. Und ich frage mich, warum tun wir das?

Sicherlich ist es auch einfach schön, mit anderen Musik-liehabern zusammen zu sein und zu musizieren. Aber für mich steckt da noch etwas anderes drin. Der diesjährige Chorleiter, Kantor Jens Staude, hat uns in einer Morgenandacht erzählt, wie es dazu kam, dass Johann Sebastian Bach die Kantate komponierte, die wir dann gemeinsam gesungen haben (BWV 131). Es war in der Stadt ein großes Feuer ausgebrochen und viele Häuser sind abgebrannt und viele Menschen gestorben – eine wirklich schlimme Katastrophe. Für den Gottesdienst, bei dem an die vielen Gestorbenen und Trauernden gedacht wurde, schrieb Bach diese Musik. „Aus der Tiefen, rufe ich, Herr zu dir!“ Mit Worten aus Psalm 130 half Bach den Menschen damals (und uns auch heute noch) das zum Ausdruck zu bringen, was wir eigentlich nicht in Worte fassen können – was wir eigentlich nur mit solchen geliehenen Worten überhaupt annähernd sagen können. Der tiefe Schmerz angesichts der Katastrophe, die Not des Alleinseins, die Traurigkeit, die auch oft in uns steckt – all das und noch vieles kommt in dieser Musik so zum Ausdruck, dass es uns befreit, zunächst auch zu Tränen befreit – ich stand hinten im ersten Bass und viele von uns sangen während uns die Tränen über die Wangen liefen.

Was der Pastor auf dem Herzen hat

„Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, Herr, zu dir! Herr, höre meine Stimme! Lass deine Ohren merken auf die Stimme meines Flehens!“ (Psalm 130)

Ich kann es gar nicht sagen, was diese Musik eigentlich mit mir macht – es nicht zu erklären oder beschreiben – aber ich kann euch einladen, sie euch mal selber anzuhören – besonders den ersten Chor der Kantate – da werdet ihr wohl auch merken, wie sehr tröstlich und gut das ist – sich dieser Verkündigung in Tönen auszuliefern. Auf YouTube gibt es einige Aufführungen der Kantate – diese hier mag ich am liebsten: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqqFQGV-H54>

Vielleicht hört ihr euch das auch mal an – und versteht dann (mit dem Herzen, wenn nicht mit dem Verstand), warum wir da immer wieder hinfahren, zu dieser Schützwoche.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,
Felix Meylahn

CONGREGATION NEWS

Wabamkela Educare



Our congregation continues to support this facility, which cares for young children in the Walmer Township, through donations of food, cash and sponsorships.

Since our last newsletter two people have undertaken to sponsor a young learner for the year 2015 and a cash donation from abroad has also been facilitated by another person.

Included below are banking details should anyone wish to add their support.

Bank details for Wabamkela is

Account name	Wabamkela
Account no:	9050658735
Type:	Savings
Bank:	ABSA

Fees are: R 50 per month per child .

CONGREGATION NEWS

Ladies Tea to be held Sat 16 August @ 10h00

Last year we introduced this event to our fundraising efforts and it was most successful.

This year our theme is “Alice in Wonderland”.

So come along ladies, lets have some fun together. We are looking for hostesses who will invite guests to join her at her table set for morning tea with delicious eats.

We will have demonstration of flower arranging and a story. Tickets will be R50 each.



Geburtstage / Birthdays

August 2014

06-Aug	Colin Lentz
06-Aug	Edelgard Krieg
08-Aug	Clinton James Sprenger
09-Aug	Eddie Kietzmann
11-Aug	Gerry West
12-Aug	Gerd Bride
13-Aug	Christa West
13-Aug	Sharon Walle
20-Aug	Rosy van Wyk
24-Aug	Mandy Septoe
24-Aug	Uwe Stodtmeister
26-Aug	Gisela Mahlert
28-Aug	Kurt Patrick Septoe
28-Aug	Stefan Koch

September 2014

01-Sep	Frederic Horni
01-Sep	Henry Newman
02-Sep	Brunhilde Koch
02-Sep	Carol Buschold
08-Sep	Victor Sprenger
12-Sep	Rudi Seifert
12-Sep	Sydney Rudolph
19-Sep	Craig Bürger
21-Sep	Nicole Wright
23-Sep	Anthea Bürger
25-Sep	Annatjie Kietzmann
26-Sep	Esther Siegmund Heineke
28-Sep	Lorinda Koch
30-Sep	Brenda Lentz
30-Sep	Warrick Bürger

Contributions/Donations

Payment can be made directly to the church, by means of a deposit into the church's bank account or via electronic fund transfer (EFT). Please do not forget to provide your details under the reference section.

Bank: First National Bank, Walmer Branch
Branch Code: 211217
Account Name: Lutheran Church Springfield
Account Number: 534 200 32476



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