



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

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Café Bingo

Saturday 25 June @ 14:00

Ladies' Morning

Saturday 6 August @ 10:00

Christmas Market

Saturday 5 November @ 09:30

Carol Singing

Saturday 17 December @ 15:00

Regular

Weekly Home Church

Wednesday evenings @ **19:30**
Combined: English and German

Children's Church

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

2nd Sunday each month
@ 09:30

3rd Sunday each month
@ 09:00

Children are invited to stay in the Sanctuary during the sermon on other Sundays.

Leaders of Children's Church:

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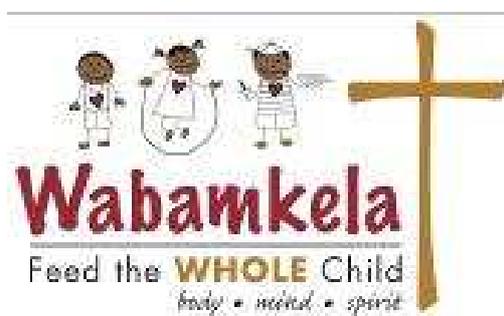
Kerilee Thompson
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Baptism

The baptism of baby Lima Coko, daughter of Sandile and Ophelia Coko took place on Sunday, 13 March 2016. Our hearty congratulations and God's richest blessings for your family!

Mercy Mission

People in need of basics like food, clothing and simple toiletries are all around us. As Church we would like to be able to help people in need in our community. To be able to do this we need any non perishable groceries, clothing and toiletries that you can contribute. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.



Wabamkela educare and feeding scheme operates from Witbooi Street in Walmer Township from Monday to Friday.

Our mission is to feed the WHOLE child - physically, intellectually and spiritually. We started this feeding scheme in 1995 – simply feeding the hungry children from the boots of our cars on our present site. Over the years, the existing shack church was replaced with the hall we now use and the feeding scheme has developed into an educare.

To this end we feed about 40 children aged 3 -6 years old one hot meal a day. We provide fresh vegetables together with carbohydrates daily. Once a week the children get a meat dish (sometimes fish). We also aim to give the children fruit in season twice a week. In addition the children get a sandwich.

To “feed” the children’s minds we teach them basic preschool activities such as counting, cutting, pasting, colouring, puzzles, singing, etc. As we don’t have playground facilities, they walk to the nearby park for play time every day.

The children are also taught Bible stories and verses and prayers as an integral part of their development.

Juliet Watt (Principal)

“Open doors” - opens its doors again

We would like to start our 'Open Door' Meetings again, as was in the past, on every last Wednesday of the month starting at 10 o'clock in our church centre.

We would like to change our emphasis from **'for seniors'** to **'for all who love to sing or listen to Christian songs'**.

Envisaged is a short devotion and prayer (one third of the time), singing (another third) and tea/coffee and cake (the last third).

Besides our wonderful Lutheran songs there is a treasure of other well-known Christian songs.

By singing these old, soul-stirring songs we will praise our Lord, we ourselves will be uplifted and gain new trust and strength. And last but not least – it's very healthy to sing!

Maybe the tea and cake afterwards will not be so healthy, but it will bind us together and give the chance for more personal contact.

'Open door' also means **outreach**. Everybody is encouraged to bring somebody along. That is mission work on ground level.

It would be ideal to also give the guest a lift. If that is not at all possible, please contact Marita, to see whether a lift can be arranged . Just bear in mind that P.E. is a very widespread city and it may not be possible to cater for everyone. In the past the lift-business was a heavy task on only a few. It would be good to share the burden. Please be willing to offer somebody without transport, who does not live too much out of your way, a lift.

I'm looking forward to joyful 'Open Door' Meetings where we can rejoice together.

Contact: Marita Fröhlich 041 360 3317 or 082 564 3409

Traditions during the Easter Season

Colouring Boiled Eggs for Easter

Colourful boiled eggs for Easter has a long tradition in the Church. Many families still hold to this tradition and colour boiled eggs for Easter Sunday. The early Christians saw the egg as an allegory for Death, Burial and Resurrection. The shell of the egg is hard and impenetrable (like the grave) but, hides in itself, life – this points to the resurrection of Jesus.

However, the boiling and giving away of eggs at Easter also had a very practical reason. During the 40 days of Lent, eggs were a forbidden food. But because eggs were plentiful in that period, they were preserved by boiling and then coloured for celebration. After six weeks of fasting (Lent), the egg was a particularly popular food. The discovery of a red-coloured egg from the 4th century proved this age-old custom.

Since the 13th century the colour red is traditional for Easter eggs – representing the colour of blood, and Christ's victory over death (the joy of Easter). Nowadays, many Orthodox Christians will still only use the colour red but, the Western churches use other colours as well.

Deathlike Silence

Holy Saturday is a day of deathlike silence - so in all churches the bells are silent. Within Catholic Churches, Good Friday already marks the time of silence. In Protestant services the bells ring until the hour of death (Good Friday 15:00) – but from then the peace of the grave is observed. On Easter Sunday the bells will ring again to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection.

Paschal Lamb Bread

This delicious tasting bread has a long Christian tradition and is glazed or sprinkled with powdered icing sugar. The lamb points to Jesus Christ who is proclaimed in the Easter liturgy: "Then our paschal lamb, Christ is sacrificed ". The Jewish custom to slaughter a lamb reminds us of the Passover during the Exodus from Egypt (where death passed by each house that was marked by the blood from a lamb). Jesus Christ is seen as the new Passover Lamb, sacrificed on the cross, for all humanity. In Isaiah we read: "... like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth." A cruel picture - unless there is a flag depicted. The victory flag which is shown behind the lamb, points to the fact that Jesus has defeated death forever. Thus, the lamb becomes the sign of the life.

Edmund Henry Newman

From the Pastor's Heart

Thoughts about Easter-Scripture: Luke 24, 1-35

What was Luke thinking about when he wrote this gospel? Is it gospel? He tells the story of the empty grave in such a way, that one would think he is leading his readers rather into unbelief. The women that came to Jesus' grave on Easter morning had to hear what seems to sound like an accusation or reproach: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Then they were reminded of the words of Jesus, which he had spoken to them in Galilee. But all these things do not seem to awake a great recognizable faith inside of them. When the women then started to proclaim what they had seen and heard it was labeled as nonsense, as an idle tale and nobody believed them. With these harsh words Luke ends his version of Easter morning and the empty tomb. Easter-faith seems to need another reason to be believed. But which one? Luke shows us the true reason for an Easter-faith in his telling of the story of Emmaus.

With his artistic way of telling the story of Emmaus, of the encounter of the disciples with the Risen Lord, Luke gifted us with a short story with which we as Christians of this day and age can also describe and understand our faith. Jesus makes it clear to the disciples on the way to Emmaus that the Scripture, everything that has been written about him, the Messiah, has been fulfilled. This "proclamation" struck the disciples so much that they said amongst each other: "Were not our hearts burning within us whilst he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" For these disciples Easter had not yet happened. They found themselves in a huge crisis of faith. Pain and sorrow kept them bound to the past, made them blind to the appearance and accompaniment of the Risen Christ, the encounter which could change everything for them.

Since Easter, Jesus is with us especially to change our present and to lead us into a new future into which He has risen. God Himself is this future. God is always bigger and greater than what we imagine or expect. When we think we have reached the end of our tether; that is when God wants to start something new with us. That is the true meaning of Easter; that is what it means to arise!

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So, the message of the empty tomb in itself does not create an Easter-faith in us. It rather leads to disbelief and doubt. Real Easter-faith is created when it is linked to an encounter with the risen Lord. When He enters our lives, we become convinced and trust that He is alive and He is walking with us throughout our lives and through our death. This is the center of the Easter experience: The one who believes is never alone and discovers the risen Lord right at his or her side, the One who is our way and our companion on our way. And this discovery which changes our lives happens over and over again where the blind become those who see through faith and love.

May we also ever more explore the truth and reality of Easter for our own lives through hearing and understanding the proclamation of the Holy Scriptures and in celebrating Holy Communion, and become those whose eyes are opened and whose hearts are ablaze with Easter joy! Happy and blessed Easter everyone!

(And remember: It is not Easter only on Easter Sunday; it is Easter everyday, because our Lord has risen, yes! He is risen indeed!)

Lord, stay with us, when our hope burns out and our hearts break! Lord, stay with us when everything falls to pieces, when we are disillusioned and in despair! We trust in your Promise: "See, I am with you always, to the very end of the age ."

Amen.

Pastor Anja

Losung für April 2016

Watchword for April 2016

Ihr aber seid das auserwählte Geschlecht, die königliche Priesterschaft, das heilige Volk, das Volk des Eigentums, dass ihr verkündigen sollt Wohltaten dessen, der euch berufen hat von der Finsternis zu seinem wunderbaren Licht. 1.Petrus 2,9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Peter 2.9

<p>03.04.2016</p> 	<p>Quasimodogeniti 1. Sonntag nach Ostern</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>1. Petrus 1,3–9</p>
<p>10.04.2016</p> 	<p>Misericordias Domini Second Sunday after Easter</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>1 Peter 2.21b–25</p>
<p>17.04.2016</p>  	<p>Jubilate Third Sunday after Easter Jubilate 3. Sonntag nach Ostern</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00 10:15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 1</p>	<p>1 John 5.1–4 1. Johannes 5,1–4</p>
<p>24.04.2016</p> 	<p>Cantate Fourth Sunday after Easter</p>	<p>Family Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Colossians 3. 12–17</p>

Losung für Mai 2016

Wisst ihr nicht, dass euer Leib ein Tempel des Heiligen Geistes ist, der in euch wohnt und den ihr von Gott habt? Ihr gehört nicht euch selbst.

1.Korinther 6,19

Watchword for May 2016

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?

1 Carinthians 6.19

<p>01.05.2016</p> 	<p>Rogate 5. Sonntag nach Ostern</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>1. Timotheus 2,1–6a</p>
<p>08.05.2016</p> 	<p>Exaudi: Sunday after Ascension</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Ephesians 3.14–21</p>
<p>15.05.2016</p>  	<p>Pentecost Whitsunday Pfingstsonntag: Ausgiessung des Heiligen Geistes</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00 10:15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl</p>	<p>The Acts 2.1–18 Apostelgeschichte 2,1–18</p>
<p>22.05.2016</p> 	<p>Trinity Sunday</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Romans 11.(32)33–36</p>
<p>29.05.2016</p> 	<p>1st Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>09:30 Divine Service Holy Communion</p>	<p>1 John 4.16b–21</p>

Was der Pastor auf dem Herzen hat

Gedanken zu Ostern - Text: Lukas 24, 1-35

Was hat sich Lukas nur dabei gedacht? Er erzählt die Geschichte vom leeren Grab gerade so, als wolle er einen zum Unglauben führen: Die Frauen, die am Ostermorgen das Grab Jesu besuchen, müssen sich erst mal von den Engeln einen Vorwurf anhören: „Was sucht ihr den Lebenden bei den Toten?“ Dann werden sie erinnert an Jesu Worten, die er in Galiläa gesprochen hatte. Aber all dieses scheint nicht Glaubenseinsicht bei ihnen auszulösen. Als die Frauen dann das, was sie gesehen und gehört hatten, verkündeten, wird ihre Rede als Geschwätz, als „dummes Zeug“ angesehen. „Sie glaubten ihnen nicht.“ Mit diesen harten Worten endet Lukas seinen Bericht vom leeren Grab. Osterglaube braucht einen anderen Grund. Aber welchen? Das zeigt uns Lukas mit der Erzählung von den Emmaus-Jüngern.

Mit dieser kunstvoll gestalteten Erzählung von der Begegnung des Auferstandenen mit den beiden Jüngern auf dem Weg nach Emmaus, hat Lukas uns eine Kurzgeschichte geschenkt, mit der auch wir Christen heute unseren Lebens- und Glaubensweg verstehen können. Jesus verdeutlicht den beiden Emmaus-Jüngern, was in der Schrift über ihn geschrieben steht, sodass sie später sagten: „Brannte uns nicht das Herz, als er unterwegs mit uns redete und uns den Sinn der Schrift erklärte?“ – Für die Jünger war noch nicht Ostern geworden. Sie befinden sich in einer Lebens- und Glaubenskrisen wie sie größer nicht sein könnte. Schmerz und Trauer binden sie an die Vergangenheit, machen sie blind für die alles verändernde Erkenntnis des Auferstandenen, der mit ihnen unterwegs ist.

Seit Ostern, ist Jesus bei uns, um unsere Gegenwart zu verändern und uns der Zukunft entgegenzuführen, in die hinein er auferstanden ist. Gott selbst ist diese Zukunft, Gott, der immer größer ist als unsere Vorstellungen und Erwartungen. Wo wir meinen, am Ende zu sein, fängt Gott mit uns ganz neu an: das heißt Auferstehung!

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Also, die Botschaft vom leeren Grab für sich erzeugt keinen Osterglauben. Sie führt eher zur Verunsicherung, zum Unglauben, vielleicht zum Sich-Wundern. Echter Osterglaube aber macht sich fest an der Begegnung mit dem Auferstandenen. Wenn er in unser Leben tritt, dann werden wir dessen gewiss: Er lebt und geht mit uns durch unser Leben und durch unser Sterben. Das gehört zur Mitte urchristlicher Ostererfahrung: Wer glaubt, ist nie allein, er entdeckt den auferstandenen Herrn an seiner Seite, der Weg und Weggefährte ist; und diese Entdeckung, die das Leben verändert, geschieht immer neu, wo aus Blinden durch Glaube und Liebe Sehende werden. Mögen auch uns im Hören und Verstehen der Heiligen Schrift und in der Feier des Abendmahls die Augen aufgehen und das Herz brennen, dass wir die alles verwandelnde Wirklichkeit von Ostern für uns persönlich immer mehr entdecken und erfahren dürfen.

**Herr, bleibe bei uns, wenn unsre Hoffnung zerbricht und unser Herz ausgebrannt ist! Herr, bleibe bei uns, wenn alles zum Davonlaufen ist, wenn wir ratlos und verzweifelt sind. – Wir vertrauen deiner Zusage: „Seht, ich bin bei euch alle Tage!“
Amen**

Eure Pastorin Anja

Easter Market / Ostermarkt

Our very successful annual Easter Market was held again this year on the 19th of March. (Always the Saturday before Palm Sunday – week end before Easter!)

There was much behind the scenes advance preparation for the event by many enthusiastic and talented people. Baking demonstrations were held to pass on specialist continental baking skills. Long hours were also put into crafting wonderful creative Easter goodies of the edible and non-edible kind.

Our good advertising brought in many visitors on the day who took delight in going through the market and buying the various items on offer in an easy-going continental type of atmosphere.

The various stalls were ably run by their convenors some of who were doing it for the first time. An up-beat, enthusiastic atmosphere brought in many a compliment.

By midday most stalls were near to or were sold out !

Well done to all. Your efforts are realised in the results – approximately 52% more than last year.

Thank you to all who organised, participated and helped in whatever way to make this event the success it has been.

We above all thank our Lord for His clear guiding hand in this event.

Reinhard Walle

Church Committee Chairman





Cake Demonstrations

Thank you to the very talented ladies who lead the cake demonstration afternoons. We appreciate your willingness to share your skills.



Craft Mornings

What a delight it was to spend time together and to learn about various crafts.

We even had a visiting crafter from Germany share her knowledge with us. And see what came from this time. Thank you!



April 2016

04-Apr	Sigi Sauer
05-Apr	Gunnar Gädke
09-Apr	Branson Bosman
09-Apr	Thomas Jachens
10-Apr	Liz Tessendorf
11-Apr	Gisela Ruppelt
11-Apr	Kerilee Thompson
16-Apr	Hans Rohwer
19-Apr	Wayne Gary Böttcher
23-Apr	Neil Anthony Haschick
27-Apr	Mercia Fillis

May 2016

03-May	Karl-Heinz Weber
03-May	Liane Krieg
07-May	Sharon Bürger
07-May	Susanne Zifreund
13-May	Clinton Sternberg
14-May	Ayesha van Wyk
15-May	Geoff Andrews
22-May	Marion Gädke
23-May	Nicholas Jachens
23-May	Sonja Savini
25-May	Roshni Angi Bosman
30-May	Erwin Gehring
30-May	Hildegard Dreier
31-May	Joy Cairncross

Contributions, Donations / Kirchbeitrag

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.

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Branch Code: 211217
Account Name: Lutheran Church Springfield
Account Number: 534 200 32476



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