

PASTORAL NOTE



EVANGELISCH-LUTHERISCHE GEMEINDE SÜDKAP
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Dear Congregation / Liebe Gemeinde

It has been a while since our last Pastoral Note, (27 November 2022). Sending a letter every second week has been a challenge for me, and so I have decided to make the Pastoral Note a monthly letter. It has been suggested by the church committee (KV), to ask at the Annual General Meeting what your preference would be: a quarterly newsletter (as you received in the past) - packed with all the news; a shorter monthly letter; or perhaps no letter, as WhatsApp communication may be sufficient. Please, let your minds ponder on this matter, in the meantime.

ACTIVITIES @ RVH

WORSHIP SERVICES

We are continuing with our two worship services a month, with an English service, and

a German/English service (mostly on the 3rd Sunday). Attached to this Pastoral Note is the

First Semester's Worship Service List, where you can find all the important news regarding Holy Communion, liturgists, etc.



You will notice on our programme, that we have invited our fellow COD Lutheran brothers and sisters, from Pacaltsdorp and Hornlee, for a joint service at Rondevleihoogte, on the 5th of February. For all three congregations this is a joyful

event, but due to unforeseen circumstances, we cannot yet confirm, that this service

will realise, at the time of sending this Pastoral Note. We will let you know as soon as we hear from Pastor Daryl Abrahams and his leadership team.

In the meantime, please diarise this important date.

February is an important month on our church calendar, as this is also the start of Lent, the 40-day period of fasting. (Ash Wednesday is on 22 February this year.)



MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY IN GEORGE

(previously “Seniorenkreis”)

If you have not been able to join our monthly bible study, we heartily invite you to our next

meeting on Tuesday, 14 February, at 09:30, at the home of Elsa Graser.

Kalender/ Programme 2023 (Jan-Jun) Ev. Luth. Gemeinde Südkap/Congregation S. Cape

Datum	Date	Tag Day	Feier Event	Gottesdienst Church Service	Prediger Preacher	Deutsch English	Organist(in)	NB
Januar/January								
	1/1/2023	S	Neujahr	x				
	6/01/2023	Fr	Epiphany	x				
	8/01/2023	S	1. Sonntag nach Epiphany		RB	E	Edna	
	22/01/2023	S	3. Sonntag nach Epiphany		RB	D	Edna	
Februar/February								
	5/02/2023	S	Septuagesime	Holy Communion	RB	E	Thomas	Proposed COD service
	19/02/2023	S	Estomihi		RB	D	Thomas	
März/March								
	5/03/2023	S	Reminiszenz		RB		Edna	
	19/03/2023	S	Lätare	Abendmahl	RB		Thomas	Jahreshauptvers /AGM
April								
	7/04/2023	Fr	Karfreitag	Abendmahl	MD?		Edna	
	9/04/2023	S	Ostern				Edna	
	23/04/2023				RB			
Mai/May								
	7/05/2023	S	Kantate				Edna	
	17/05/2023	Do	Himmelfahrt	x				
	28/05/2023	S	Pfingstfest	Abendmahl	MD		Edna	
Juni/June								
	4/06/2023	S	Trinitatis	Holy Communion	RB	E	Edna	
	18/06/2023	S	2. So n. Trinitatis		RB			



BIRTHDAY WISHES

We would like to congratulate all the members, who have their birthday in February.

May you be blessed with good health and much love in this coming year.

6 Feb: Peter Klews
9 Feb: Rainer Lieske
13 Feb: Martin Detering
15 Feb: Eva Kaulitz
15 Feb: Wolf Von Killian-Philipp
18 Feb: Michelle Klaasen
23 Feb: Maria Hohls
27 Feb: Karen Rothner

KV MEETING: 11 February

In preparation for the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, 19 March 2023, the church committee will have their first quarterly meeting on Saturday, 11 February. (We have already had a short meeting on Tuesday, 10 January.)

The official invitation to this meeting, together with the necessary documents (according to our constitution) , will be sent to all members, via e-mail.

SELLING OF CHURCH PREMISES

The church committee and our lawyers are currently busy finalizing the transfer of our Church property. Various options for relocation are being investigated

and we would like to ask the congregation to include this new venture in their prayers.

CAPE CHURCH ACTIVITIES (CCW*) - 2023

The following dates for CCW meetings and other Cape Church activities (CCW concern) are planned and confirmed by the congregational venues. (The CCW is the Circuit Conference West (Dekanat), of which our congregation is a member):

1. Saturday
4th
of
Feb.
'23,
9h00
at
Strand
Street
-
CCW
meeting
focusing
on
youth
and
young
adults
(all
others
are
welcome
as
well)
under
the
theme
"Church
in
Motion".
2. Sunday
5th
of
March:
our
annual
Church
Day
of

all
CCW
congregations.
Time
and
venue
will
be
announced.

3. Saturday
20th
of
May
'23,
10h30
at
St.
Martini

-
CCW
AGM
for
all
elected
CCW
delegates,
pastors
and
other
Cape
Church
officials.

4. Saturday
19th
of
August
'23

-
Pre-
synod
CCW
meeting
(organized
by
the
Synod),
time
and
venue
to
be

confirmed.

5. Synod

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13th

-

15th

of

October

`23

Furthermore, we would like to remind our congregations of the obligation to have (new or re-elect) CCW delegates nominated and elected at their respective congregational AGM.

Training for Church Committees: Pastor HP von Fintel has offered his expertise to train Church Committees on church law and constitutional Cape Church matters. Please be in contact with Pastor HP (hpvonfintel@gmail.com) or myself (hexriver@mweb.co.za).

Greetings and lots of God`s blessings,

Martin Detering

Chair CCW



LANKWITZ LUTHER ANGEL FACES PRE-SCHOOL (DYSSELSDORP)

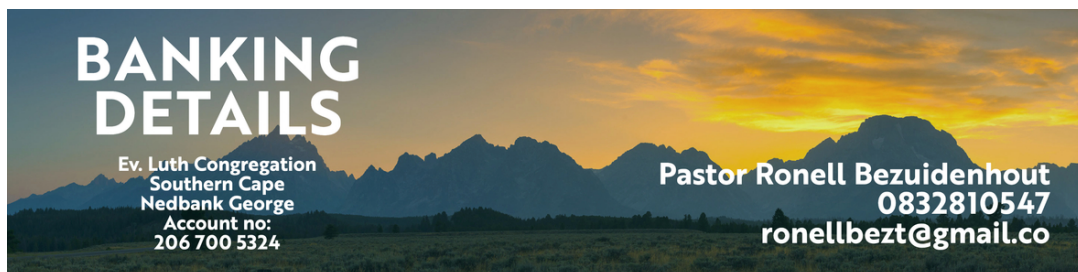
The poverty in the area is heartbreaking!

Our congregation has a long standing relationship with the pre-school „Angel Faces“ in Dysseisdorp.

In the middle of 2022 we took winter clothing to the pre-school. The poverty in the area is heartbreaking.

We received a thank you-letter (with photo's) from social worker, Heidie Booysen. I want to also thank you for your generosity in supporting these young children. It is my prayer, that this may motivate us as a congregation, towards greater involvement in this Lutheran project in the Klein Karoo.

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May the last days of January be filled with peace; and may February find us ready to serve in God's Kingdom.

Kind regards,
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