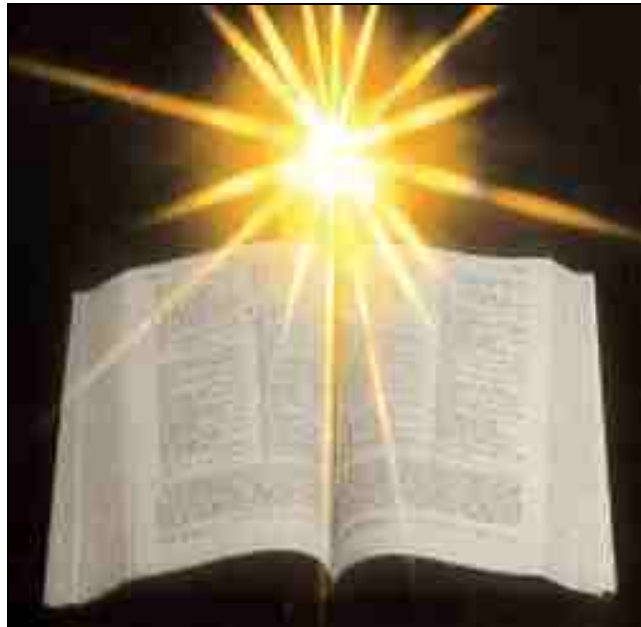


St. Thomas Congregation

Evangelical Church (Lutheran Confession)

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**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.
(Psalm 119:105)**

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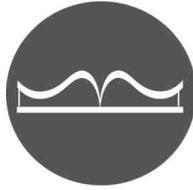
- 6 September Thanksgiving Festival
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- 25 October Confirmation
- 31 October Bazaar

PURPOSE STATEMENT SAINT THOMAS CONGREGATION

- To promote fellowship in a friendly environment, where
- a) God's love in Christ is proclaimed (proclamation)
 - b) love for one another is exercised (care)
 - c) loving others is practised (outreach)

Loved by God. Loving others.

FROM THE PASTOR



On Reading the Bible

Reading a book is in many ways like listening to a sermon. Sometimes you flip from one page to the next and it doesn't speak to you at all. But one day something strikes you, catches your attention, and doesn't let go.

It happened to me the other day. I was reading a book on *Bonhoeffer and Luther*. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran Pastor and Professor of Theology during World War II. He died at the young age of 39. During the war he had joined the German Resistance movement against Nazism, was captured by Hitler and executed a few days before the war ended in 1945. In fact his brutal execution by hanging, naked, strangled by a thin wire, happened only three weeks before the Russians captured Berlin.

The article I was reading reflected on Luther and Bonhoeffer's understanding of Holy Scripture. What struck me was a line addressed to modern day pastors which stated that *the spiritual maturity and vitality of your congregation is measured by the faithfulness of its members in reading the Bible*. The author intimated that congregational spirituality is not gauged by the crowd a pastor may attract through his captivating sermons but to what degree members of his congregation become interested in reading the Bible personally and

regularly again.

In Saint Thomas we make Meditation Booklets available. Many have enjoyed the blessings of the meditations. ***But do you ever read the Bible?*** It is estimated that 44 million Bibles are sold every year. In the USA there is an average of 7 Bibles in every household. But fact is, many Christians hardly ever read the Bible.

There are reasons for this. For some the Bible is too difficult to understand. Stories seem ancient, embedded in a culture foreign especially to the Western World. For their understanding the average Christian relies on the "interpretation" of the professional pastor or theologian. There is some truth in this, of course. The "Bible on the pulpit" is the interpreted Word of God spoken into the current, everyday situation of God's gathering family. But the "Bible on the pulpit" may not and should not replace the ***"Bible on the beside table"***. For generations normal, everyday people, even small children have been inspired by their daily Bible readings. Encouragement is provided by Psalm 1:1-3:

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit

in the seat of mockers. *But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.* He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Especially striking is the phrase, "His delight is in the law of the Lord". Reading the Bible can be equally "delightful" for us today. How?

A love letter from God

Consider the Bible to be a "love letter" from God. For some the Bible consists of endless "rules and regulations" of an era far removed from present day life. And "yes", there are many "rules and regulations". But to understand the Bible you must learn to understand the "heart" and the "innermost being" of the one speaking. The Bible is not only about a God who has spoken in the past. But he still continuous to speak today through his Word. The goal of God's speech is "relationship". He is interested in you as a person. He wants to reconnect you to himself. The core message is "love", a love that does not need to be dissected. Bonhoeffer wrote (schooled in a Nazi prison):

Just as we don't dissect a letter received from a person we love, but simply allow the words to speak to us, carry them in our hearts throughout the day as simply the words of a person who loves us, so also we should read

the Bible. It is only then that our heart *delights* in God's Word.

Bonhoeffer added, that only when he "trusted" the Word in this way, did it become "alive" and a pleasure to read. The "trick" is to immerse yourself in HIM, and to really listen to HIM.

This does not mean that their won't be any "dark" areas in the Bible that cause you to struggle with its content. We need to remember that in the "eternal truths" of the Bible we are confronted and challenged by a reality *foreign* to us, the will of God that opposes the sinful human heart (turned away from God). The Word of God does not affirm our human tendencies, but challenges us to be different.

Where do I start reading?

Reading one of the Gospel's, maybe John's Gospel, is a good start. You could also use a ***Bible Reading Plan***. Have you noticed that such a plan is printed in our Saint Thomas Newsletter (2nd last page)? If you use it, you will read through the whole Bible in eight (8) years. Why so long? I am convinced reading long passages often becomes an "empty" exercise. It is better to read short passages, maybe even memorise one verse, reflect on the passage, and take it with you into your day (or night).

How do I read?

For reflection or meditation purposes it is always good to ask questions, like, *What do I learn about God and his nature? What do I learn about myself?* Luther also provided the following three

questions:

1. Is there something I need to confess (a sin)?
2. Is there something I can thank or praise God for?
3. Is there something I can ask from him?

Bible Reading and Prayer

The goal of the above questions is to *engage* or *dialogue* with God in prayer, based on the passage read. Bible Reading leads to prayer, and prayer leads to Bible reading. Before you read ask God to guide you. When you have read (or as you a reading) talk to God about what you have read.

What is the purpose of Bible Reading?

Paul writes to the Romans: *"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ"* (10:17). In short this means:

In reading the Bible and listening to God speaking God works or imparts faith on the heart of the reader. Faith comes through the Word. There is no other way. It is also through the Word that God gives his life-changing Holy Spirit. As I read the Bible, I *receive* the Holy Spirit. It is no use praying: "God, please change my life", but neglect listening to his Word. Bible reading is an exercise in "listening".

Conclusion

In sincerely hope that your Bible will not gather any dust. The more you use it, the more familiar it becomes to you and the more your relationship grows with HIM who loves you so much. The end result is always greater "humility" - a clear sign of faithful Bible reading.

Yours in Christ
Dieter Reinstorf

Thanksgiving Texts for Personal Meditation

On 6 September 2009 Saint Thomas is celebrating its annual Thanksgiving Festival. Here are some Bible passages for personal meditation:

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Psalms 103:2

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget *not* all his benefits—

Acts 20:35

... remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Proverbs 11:24

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

Malachi 3:10

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

Malachi 3:8

Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' (You do so in not bringing) in tithes and offerings.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:11

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Engagement: Fanie du Toit and Erica Laspé



Fanie du Toit and Erica Laspé are happy to announce their engagement to be married. This wonderful news was well received by the members of Saint Thomas congregation on Sunday, 2 August. Equally pleased are Erica's parents, Bob and Leonne. There is little doubt that Fanie will be a good husband and great son-in-law, not to speak of how blessed Fanie is to get such a beautiful wife.

Two (!) Confirmations

20 September: Conrad Clifton



It doesn't often happen that a young man approaches you saying: "Pastor, I need God in my life. Could you please confirm me in the Christian faith". In rough, those were the words of Conrad approximately a year ago. I visited him in Simonstown where he is enrolled in the SA Navy. Since then he

has been travelling by train on every free Sunday to Wynberg/Constantia, gets a lift with Erica Laspé to church, and comes for confirmation classes at the parsonage. The confirmation classes, in the form of an informal conversation on the main sections of Luther's Small Catechism, were interesting - that is, for me the pastor. Invariably Conrad had a string of questions, which highlighted and stressed the relevance of our Christian faith in everyday life.

On Sunday, 20 September, Conrad will be confirmed in his faith. He will publicly declare his faith in the triune God, make a commitment to the Church of Christ, while we pray for God's Spirit on his life. On the day of his confirmation, Conrad will become an official member of Saint Thomas.

Conrad, we are proud of you. Be strong in the Christian walk and may God bless you as you continue to grow in your faith.

25 October: Errin Johnston, Keegan Karshagen, Sheldon Williamse, and Peter Reinstorf

These four boys have been in confirmation class for almost two years. From 28 September to 1 October they will be attending a **Confirmation Camp** in Kleinmond (thanks to Günther Meier for making his holiday home available). During the camp all work will be revised so that these boys can give a good account of what they have learned. The

Presentation (when they will be presented to the congregation to show what they have learned) is to take place on Friday evening, 16 October. Invited are parents, God-parents, grandparents, church councillors and all members of Saint Thomas.

The confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, 25 October. It will be a festive service.

Dedication of Wall of Remembrance

On Sunday, 9 August, the newly build Wall of Remembrance was dedicated to the Lord by Pastor Reinstorf in a short ceremony immediately after the church service.

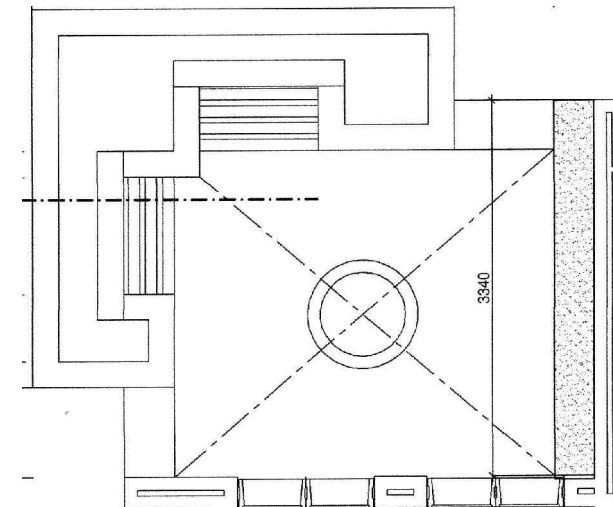
We are grateful that members of Saint Thomas can now store their remains at the church where they worshipped their Lord and shared their faith with fellow believers. They now belong to the "Cloud of Witnesses" (Heb. 1:1) that encourage us to complete the race to eternal life. The first three plaques fastened belong to:

- Elsa Maasch (1908-2002)
- Sheilah Boyd (1925-2007)
- Nora Willis (1912-2008).



Wall of Remembrance Flower Box and Seating

The area before the Wall of Remembrance will be paved. Deon Deetlefs has also provided us with a drawing, featuring a "flower box" and "two benches" (see below). The one bench faces the Wall of Remembrance (to the right), the other bench faces the windows of the foyer in the church (bottom). The Church Council is in the process of getting a quote. The flower box (top left) is about half a metre high.



Saint Thomas Residential Unit



The building of 10 residential units (of which the 1st one belongs to Saint Thomas) to the south of the church has been completed. This massive project was undertaken by David Skibbe. The project was larger (and scattered with more obstacles) than David could ever have imagined. As always David kept his nerve and has presented the congregation with a great unit (3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, lounge, outside braai, etc).

Rent

David (serving as a renting agent as well, without asking St Thomas any agent fees) has secured a six months rent (starting 1 September 2009) at R5900 per month. This amount excludes rates and taxes, and a small monthly levy that needs to be paid by the congregation every month.

Further Expenses

In view of the fact, that the Church unit will be rented out, the church council (taking a long term view) has approved:

- (1) Granite tops for the kitchen at an additional cost of app. R8000,
- (2) Venetian Blinds for all windows at app. R6100, and
- (3) roll-on grass for the garden (quote

is still outstanding).

These extra (one-off) expenses are to be covered by the rental income.

FELSISA subsidy

As agreed with the Synodical Council of the FELSISA, by securing the rent, Saint Thomas will voluntarily and gladly relent on the R2000 a month FELSISA subsidy it has received in the past years. As a congregation we thank the FELSISA and its congregations for the great support it has given Saint Thomas over many years.

Future parsonage?

Depending on the size of the family, the new unit could possibly be used as a future parsonage as the present parsonage in 10 Van Gogh Street, Panorama, belongs to the FELSISA.

CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

ST THOMAS CHURCH BAZAAR

Date : Saturday, 31st October 2009

Time : 09h00 to 13h00

Venue : St Thomas Church, Settlers Drive and Baines Way, Edgemead

Bazaar stalls

Below are the stalls and activities proposed:-

White Elephant; Books; Granny's Kitchen; Tea Garden; Hamburger & Boerewors Rolls; Drinks; Pancakes, Games and Raffle

Some stalls already have conveners assigned, however, these still require helpers to assist such as the Tea Garden, Granny's Kitchen, White Elephant and some others.

A **Bazaar stall list** will be placed on the church notice board on which you are requested to include your name as an assistant or convenueer. You may also telephone Heindry on 084 618 7237 should you be undecided as to which stall may require your assistance and support.

Over and above managing or assisting on a stall there are other planning activities such as the advertising campaign, financial and the hiring of a jumping castle and/or other

children's entertainment equipment which also require commitment from volunteers.

Conveners are reminded to refresh themselves with the basic guidelines regarding stall operation, a copy of the guidelines is available from the Bazaar Committee.

Storage of items at the church for the bazaar is a huge problem and it is suggested that members keep these at home up until the last week prior to the function.

We wish thank all members that will be involved in the Bazaar, for their support and commitment to this function and we pray that the Lord blesses us with fine weather and a great day of fellowship, sharing and celebration.

Kind regards

The Bazaar Committee
Heindry Peyer and David Skibbe

FROM THE TREASURER

We are already past the halfway mark of our financial year and it gives us an opportunity to take stock of what has happened financially and what still has to be done during the remaining period of the year. This report deals with the situation until the end of July 2009.

Expenses

Until the end of July 2009 the total expenses of our congregation amounted to just over R108 000 or 49% of the budgeted figure for the whole financial year. The major expense items were our levy to Synod, where we paid half of our annual commitment (R58 653), the building of the wall of remembrance (R14 606) and the replacement of the old photocopier (R5 130).

Apart from these once-off payments, the rest of the payments are the normal running expenses. At this stage these items are within the budgeted figures with the exception of bank charges. In the past we, as a church, were exempted from certain banking fees. This is the first year in which we have to pay the normal banking fees.

During the remaining part of the year we still have some major payments to make. These payments include amongst others the following; paying the remaining half of our levy to Synod (R58 653) as well as the building of a retaining wall and the paving of the area close to the wall of

remembrance. We will also incur certain costs regarding the completion of our flat. The alarm system in the church is not functioning anymore and has to be replaced. We are still waiting for quotes on these items and at this stage the exact costs are uncertain.

Income

As already mentioned in the previous newsletters, the income so far this year exceeded all our expectations. The total income for the first seven months of the year totaled just over R197 000. Our own contributions so far this year amounted to R84 856. This is more or less the same figure as for the first seven months of last year. A major boost to our income was the donations we received from friends who donated money to our congregation out of love and to make a contribution towards the spreading of the Gospel. So far this year we have received R76 000. What a blessing!

The other regular income items are all as budgeted and up to date. We expect to start receiving rent on the flat as from September. At the same time the monthly subsidy which we received from Synod for many years will cease.

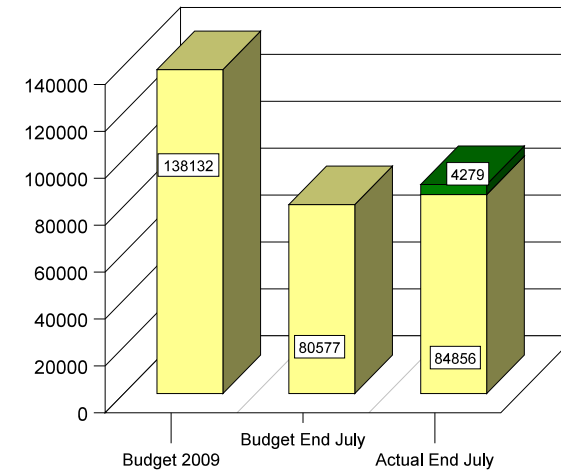
Conclusion

At this stage of the year our finances look healthy. There are however some major expenses that we have to make before the end of the

financial year. It is therefore important that we continue contributing with the same positive attitude as during first seven months of the year. Our contributions are just a small sign of

gratitude for all the blessings we receive in abundance every day.

Contributions can be summarized as follows:



Günther Meier

SYNODICAL NEWS

Meeting of the English-Afrikaans District

The 3rd official meeting of the Eng.-Afr. District of the FELSISA, held bi-annually, is scheduled for **Saturday 26th September**, in Wittenberg (Mpumalanga). Congregations must hand in their proposals to Pastor Reinstorf, who is the chairman of the district, before the end of August. In the past the district served as a forum to make the voices of English and Afrikaans speaking members (and congregations) of the FELSISA heard, not least of all at the Synodical Convention (the main decision making body of the FELSISA). As the Synodical Convention will be held in English from 2010, a decision on the continuity of the district will be taken.

Song Festival

The annual Song Festival of the FELSISA will be held in Wittenberg on Sunday **27 September**. Choirs from various FELSISA congregations join to form a grand choir. As the meeting of

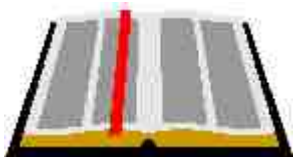
the Eng.-Afr. District directly precedes the Song Festival, Pastor Reinstorf will remain in Wittenberg for this festive occasion.

Reading Service

As Pastor Reinstorf will be attending the Song Festival in Wittenberg, there

will be a reading service at St Thomas on 27 September.

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Studies are held every Wednesday evening from 7-8pm in the parsonage, 10 Van Gogh Street Panorama. After watching the DVD Series, entitled *The Truth Project*,

together, proper Bible *studies* (reading and studying the Bible) will be resumed. Various topics, proposed by the group, will be explored. Everybody is very welcome.



FANIE'S CORNER

ACCESSIBILITY OF CHURCH SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH HEARING LOSS.

On 30 August St Thomas congregation celebrates "Disability Sunday". Here is Fanie's contribution to the topic:

Persons with hearing loss are a diverse

group whose preference regarding the language medium they use can differ considerably. Therefore it is necessary to find out from the person concerned

which communication method he/she prefers. Take note that there are 4 groups of persons with hearing loss, namely:

(1) ***The deaf that prefer to use Sign Language as communication medium.***

They do not see deafness as a disability, but as a language and culture minority group. The church has a responsibility to make the gospel for the Deaf accessible to them in their own language, Sign Language.

(2) ***Those who totally lose their hearing later in life***, do not essentially use Sign Language. They make use of speech reading which includes lip reading. They see hearing loss as a disability. When talking to them, the speaker uses the mouth form with supportive gestures which makes it easier for the person to "read" what is being said.

(3) ***Deafness as a result of ageing*** and/or hearing loss in young people that is of a progressive nature is fairly common. Concurrently with the ageing/illness/acoustic trauma, various degrees of deafness may develop. In churches good sound amplifiers can be used by those concerned. These days many churches have loop systems to assist those with hearing aids.

(4) ***Deaf-blind***. There is a small group of people who are visual as well as hearing impaired. For them special facilities need to be installed in the church building.

Guidelines for more accessible services

The following guidelines may be used to make services more accessible:

(1) ***Lighting***. Good lighting on the face and body of the liturgist is absolutely necessary. Spotlights on parts of the liturgy area where activities take place are of great importance. Disturbing light which distracts attention or shines in the face of the church goer is equal to noise to a hearing person.

(2) ***Visual aids***. Visual aids are for most of the time more than just visual aids for persons with hearing loss – it is communication and integration. Therefore it must support the verbal message fully. A faint image that is out of focus is equal to speech that is not clear or that is too soft. Too many visual effects that are not appropriate are also equal to noise to a hearing person. Text that is shown eg, reading from the scriptures, main points from the sermon, hymns and announcements are of great help, to make those concerned part of the service.

(3) ***Summary of the sermon***. It is of great help if the sermon is made available in writing.

(4) ***Sign Language interpreters***. Where the liturgist cannot do Sign Language, interpreters must be used so that the message can be communicated visually at the simultaneously to the Deaf.

(5) *Lip speakers/transcribers.* Churchgoers who do not use Sign Language will benefit by lip speakers and/or some one who can take notes. Lip speakers are however not interpreters. When talking lip speakers use their mouth form/facial expressions and supportive gestures to make it easier to “read” what is being said.

attached to the church sound system to focus on the T-function of the hearing aids. This facility makes the church services highly accessible for those with hearing loss using hearing aids.

Prayer is a visual experience. Persons with hearing loss keep their eyes open while in prayer.

(6) *Loop system.* This apparatus is

Birthdays

Wishing you a happy and a blessed birthday!

September

- 3 Anton Eggers
- 6 Eckard Köhne / Robert Stirling
- 7 Jason Dini
- 23 Dalene Potgieter



October

- 2 Gitta Schreiber
- 5 Rhod van der Walt
- 6 Storm Marriott-Watson
- 15 Zenka Deetlefs
- 20 Jenny Rewitzky
- 22 Mike Sandmann / Faith Dini
- 25 Deon Deetlefs
- 28 Carl Runds

Toys! Toys! Toys!

Almost ½ Price

Contact Denise Kontsidis
@ 021-5584525



Laughter is good

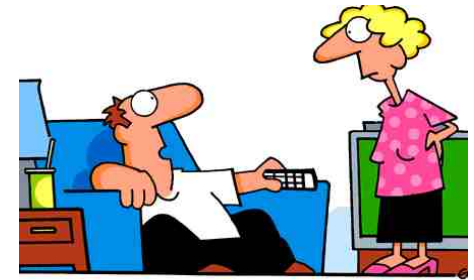


Spring Resolution: Less eating and more exercise - are you up to it?

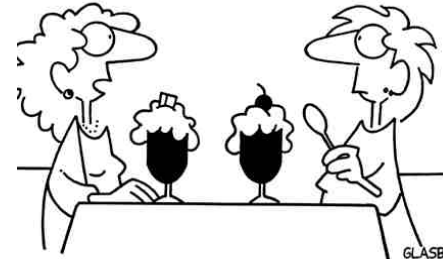


GLASBERGE

“I was going to wake up early to go jogging, but my toes voted against me 10 to 1.”



“My doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually. Today I drove past a store that sells sweat pants.”



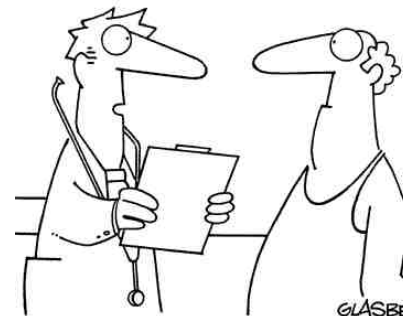
GLASBE

“If you put a crouton on your sundae instead of a cherry, it counts as a salad.”



GLASBERGE

“Potato chips aren't rubbery and blubbery like fat. They're crispy and crunchy like lettuce. That proves they're diet food!”



GLASBE

“The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine.”



GLASBE

“The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there!”



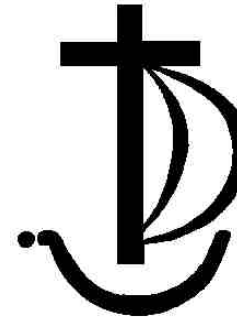
DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

September

01 Ezra 5,1-17
 02 Ezra 6,1-22
 03 Ezra 7,1-28
 04 Haggai 1,1-15
 05 Haggai 2,1-9.20-23
 06 Nehemiah 1,1-11
 07 Psalm 119,145-152
 08 Nehemiah 2,1-20
 09 Nehemiah 4,1-17
 10 Nehemiah 5,1-19
 11 Nehemiah 8,1-18
 12 Nehemiah 9,1-3.32-37
 13 Nehemiah 10,1.29-40
 14 Psalm 119,153-160
 15 Luke 12,1-12
 16 Luke 12,13-21
 17 Luke 12,22-34
 18 Luke 12,35-48
 19 Luke 12,49-53
 20 Luke 12,54-59
 21 Psalm 25
 22 Luke 13,1-9
 23 Luke 13,10-17
 24 Luke 13,18-21
 25 Luke 13,22-30
 26 Luke 13,31-35
 27 Luke 14,1-6
 28 Psalm 5
 29 Luke 14,7-14
 30 Luke 14,15-24

October

01 Luke 14,25-35
 02 Luke 15,1-10
 03 Luke 15,11-32
 04 Luke 16,1-9
 05 Psalm 67
 06 Luke 16,10-15
 07 Luke 16,16-18
 08 Luke 16,19-31
 09 Luke 17,1-10
 10 Luke 17,11-19
 11 Luke 17,20-37
 12 Psalm 21
 13 Luke 18,1-8
 14 Luke 18,9-17
 15 Luke 18,18-30
 16 Colossians 1,1-8
 17 Colossians 1,9-14
 18 Colossians 1,15-23
 19 Psalm 20
 20 Colossians 1,24-29
 21 Colossians 2,1-7
 22 Colossians 2,8-15
 23 Colossians 2,16-23
 24 Colossians 3,1-4
 25 Colossians 3,5-11
 26 Psalm 62
 27 Colossians 3,12-17
 28 Colossians 3,18-4,1
 29 Colossians 4,2-6
 30 Colossians 4,7-18
 31 Daniel 1,1-21



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SUNDAY SERVICES AND DUTY ROSTER

Service Times: Every Sunday at 10.00 (with Holy Communion) / (U) = Usher / RS = Reading Service. Evening Service at 19.00 (7pm) /

DATE	SUNDAY	CHURCH COUNCILLOR	READER	SUNDAY SCHOOL	ALTAR DUTY	FLOWERS	TEA DUTY
6 September	Thanksgiving Harvest Festival	S. Johnston S. Swiegers (U)	D. Skibbe 2 Cor.9:6-15	Antje Eggers	L. Swiegers	F. Dini	F. Dini M. Wybrow
13 September	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Q. Aubrey A. Runds (U)	H. Peyper Rom.8:12-17	Martina Reinstorf	J. Peyper	M. Aubrey	M. Aubrey T. Roseveare
20 September	16 th Pentecost and Confirmation of Conrad Clifton	M. Wybrow G. Meier (U)	C. Melck 1 Peter.5,5-11	Ulrike Reinstorf	B. Schreiber	M. Deetlefs	M. Deetlefs A. Eggers
27 September	17 th Sun a.Pentecost Reading Service	S. Johnston Q. Aubrey (U)	D. Skibbe 2 Tim.1:7-10	Maggi Reinstorf	No Communion	M. Halm	D. Kontsidis J. Karshagen
4 October	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	G. Meier H. Peyper (U)	E. Köhne Rom.10:9-18	Taryn Roseveare	M. Wybrow	E. Crouch	E. Crouch M. Peyper
11 October	19 th Sunday after Pentecost	Q. Aubrey D. Skibbe (U)	S. Swiegers Rom.14:17-19	Antje Eggers	A. Willis	L. Swiegers	L. Swiegers Lauren Swiegers
18 October	20 th Sunday after Pentecost	G. Meier S. Johnston (U)	D. Skibbe Eph.4:22-32	Martina Reinstorf	M. Skibbe	D. Kontsidis	D. Kontsidis L. Wilson
25 October	Confirmation	M. Wybrow Q. Aubrey	C. Melck 1 Thess. 4:1-8	Ulrike Reinstorf	M. Halm	C. Johnston	C. Johnston M. Aubrey
1 November	Reformation Festival	S. Johnston S. Swiegers (U)	E. Köhne Rom.3,21-28	Maggi Reinstorf	A. Willis	M. Hohls	M. Hohls T. Roseveare

Flower Duty

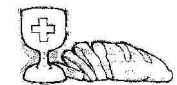
The person on duty is requested to make a (very simple) flower arrangement to be placed either on or next to the altar (the flowers are to be taken home afterwards).

Altar Duty

The person on duty is requested to fill the communion vessels and wafer plate and place them on the altar (and wash the vessels after the service).

Tea Duty

The person on duty is requested prepare the cups and saucers before the service, switch on the urn, serve coffee and tea after the service (provide milk), and wash the dishes



NB: If a person on duty is unable to fulfil his/her duty, please make alternate arrangements.