



# ST. THOMAS CONGREGATION

Evangelical Church (Lutheran Confession)

Newsletter 1 (2011)

FEBRUARY & MARCH

**“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Rm. 12:21)**

**“Our competence comes from God.” – 2 Corinthians 3:5**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By God's grace, my wife and I are in Cape Town! After a process that began in July- 2010 and ended in December, the Work Permit to serve as pastor in Cape Town was finally granted for five years.

We thank you all for your love and your kindness. We arrived on 6<sup>th</sup> January and some of you were at the airport to welcome us. Our oldest son Léo and his wife Carolina came with us. We were very well hosted by Guenther and Lydia in the first days until we moved to our home on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January.

The parsonage was painted inside and some electrical and other repairs have been done. Some people donated or lent us furniture and house wares. Thank you. We are still looking for some more furniture needed in our house.

We had Word Services on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January. Lidia and I and also our children became very impressed by your warm welcome! - Bishop Dieter Reinstorf, former pastor at St. Thomas, came for the Installation Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. From now on we will celebrate Regular Services with the Lord Supper.

The Bible Study began on 26<sup>th</sup> January at the Parsonage. All are welcome to the Bible Study every Wednesday at 07:00pm.

The motto of my graduation and, of course, of my ministry, comes from 2 Corinthians 3:5: **“OUR COMPETENCE COMES FROM GOD.”** The text says: *“Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant .”* (2 Corinthians 3:4-6).

Blessings to all.

Pastor C. Walter and Lidia Winterle

## 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 practiced (outreach)  
**Loved by God. Loving others.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- AGM :

The AGM will be on 27<sup>th</sup> February, after the Service. It's on the Agenda:  
1. Opening. -2. Tabling of the Minutes. - 3. Reports. - 4. Proposals. - 5. Elections. - 6. Sundry Proposals. - 7. Closing.  
- Sundry Proposals and Nominations for Church Councilors are accepted until 13<sup>th</sup> February.

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## BIBLE STUDY:

*Every Wednesday at 19:00 at the parsonage.*

*Bible texts:*

*26.01 – John 3:1-16*

*02.02– Ephesians 2:1-10*

**WELCOME:** Quinton sent the following letter to St. Thomas members when P. Walter and Lídia arrived:

*Hi St Thomas congregation, (Thursday, 06 January 2011)*

*The Winterles are here!*

*They arrived on schedule today. Gunther, Wesley, Mandy and myself were there at the airport to greet Pastor Walter, his wife Lydia, son and daughter in law at Cape Town International. They enjoyed their trip here, and are very happy to be with us. Their journey started at 03h00 this morning. After a brief showing of the parsonage and St Thomas, they were left in the care of Gunther and Lydia, who are graciously accomodating them, while we prepare their home.*

*Tomorrow we are all geared up to collect their luggage at SAA Cargo and hopefully set them up at the Parsonage as soon as possible. - A special thanks to Wesley and Jackie.*

*(Friday, 07 January 2011) - After a good night's rest we set off early this morning. We managed to secure the Winterle's luggage safely to the parsonage and proceeded with sightseeing and shopping. The Winterle's are quite captivated by Cape Town.*

*While we were showing them around town, Gunther was kept busy with the tedious task of arranging all the paperwork and red tape that comes with the welcoming of a new Pastor. We thank him for his effort.*

*Please be reminded that Pastor Walter is currently residing with Gunther and Lydia. He can be contacted through Gunther or via his newly activated cell: 0726333997.*

*Pastor Walter and his family will be introduced to our congregation this coming Sunday 9 January 2011. We hope that our congregation members who are back from holiday will come to greet them.*

*With kind regards, "LOVED BY GOD. LOVING OTHERS", Quinton & Mandy*

**EVANGELICAL CHURCH (LUTHERAN  
CONFESSION)SAINT THOMAS CONGREGATION**

**Church**

27 Settlers Drive, Edgemoad

**Parsonage:**

10 Van Gogh Street - Panorama 7500  
or: P.O. Box 12255  
N1-City 7463

**Divine Service**

Every Sunday at 09:30am  
\* Sunday School & Holy Communion

**Pastor**

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**Treasurer**

Günther Meier 021- 9760313

**Church Councillors**

Günther Meier 021-9760313 - 082 373 8167  
Marja Wybrow 021-5571328 - 082 6255 629  
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Shawn Johnston 021-5591069 - 083 325 9965

**Women's Guild Chairladies**

Jackie Karshagen 021-5587759 - 082-8266412

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Christy Johnston 021- 5591069 - 073 2464 398

**Banking Details**

ABSA (Parow 502 110) - Account Name: St Thomas  
Acc Number: 404 1515 600

**Website:** [www.st-thomas.org.za](http://www.st-thomas.org.za)

**CONGREGATIONAL BIRTHDAYS February &  
March:**

We wish you God's blessings as you are turning one more year in your lives, as a remembrance of God's grace upon you in the years to come:

**Hans Schreiber – 7 February**  
**Lee Laspe – 19 February**  
**Jackie Karshagen – 19 February**  
**Caleb Potgieter – 01 March**  
**Martin Skibbe – 08 March**  
**Shane Swiegers – 11 March**  
**Sheldon Willemse – 11 March**  
**Erica du Toit – 13 March**  
**Anton Potgieter – 16 March**  
**Errin Johnston – 17 March**  
**Teneal Karshagen- 17 March**  
**Quinton Aubrey – 21 March**  
**Brigitte Glass – 21 March**  
**Rolf Hillermann – 29 March**  
**Juanita Peyper – 30 March**  
**Konrad Clifton – 30 March**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**  
**December : R 8.553.00**

**Church Offerings 2010:**  
**R 154,411.00**

**Church Offerings 2009:**  
**R 145,650.00**

(A report will be given at the AGM)



**LETTER FROM BISHOP DIETER REINSTORF:**

*Dear St Thomas members and friends,*

*The few days I spend in Cape Town for the installation of Pastor Dr. Walter Winterle as pastor and shepherd of St Thomas Congregation was a very special time for me. I was overwhelmed to see how so many of you rallied around Walter and Lidia to make them feel at home. While I stayed in their home various people came to give them items for the house, desperately needed as they relocated to Cape Town with a minimum of possessions. But even more heart warming was the love I noticed, not only in the gifts, but words of encouragement and support.*

*As I noted during the installation service, that Pastor Winterle could be installed on 23 January 2011 (as we had always hoped) was nothing less than a divine miracle. Since realising that I would have to relocate, God has opened one door after the other. Although there were obstacles, such as the long delay in issuing a work permit (which tested our faith), God's providence reigned supreme and today you have a new pastor. I encourage you to work together in building God's kingdom and serving the people God entrusts to you. Remember you are LOVED BY GOD. And those who allow themselves to be loved start LOVING OTHERS.*

*We have a truly great God, whose greatness and holiness is seen primarily in his undivided love for us in Jesus Christ. My he continue to bless each and every one of you.*

*Yours in Christ*

*Dieter Reinstorf*

*29<sup>th</sup> January 2011*

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**ST. THOMAS CONGREGATION - EVANGELICAL CHURCH (LUTHERAN CONFESSION)**  
**SUNDAY SERVICES AND DUTY ROSTER - 2011**

**Service Times:** Every Sunday at 09.30 (with Holy Communion) / (U) = Usher / RS = Reading Service.

DATE	SUNDAY	CHURCH COUNCILLOR	READER	SUNDAY SCHOOL	ALTAR DUTY	FLOWERS	TEA DUTY
06 February	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Q. Aubrey J. Johnston (U)	E. Köhne 1 Cor 2:1-16	Tarryn	J. Peyper	L. Swiegers	L. Swiegers M. Aubrey
13 February	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	S. Johnston A. Runds (U)	D. Skibbe 1 Cor 3:1-9	Ulrike	M. Halm	M. Hohls	M. Hohls L. Wilson
20 February	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Q. Aubrey S. Swiegers (U)	S. Swiegers 1 Cor 3:10-23	Christy	A Willis	C. Johnston	C. Johnston J. Karshagen
27 February	38 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	M. Wybrow S. Johnston (U)	Errin Johnston 1 Cor 4:1-13	Errin and Maxine	B. Schreiber	T. Köhne	T. Köhne M. Deetlefs
06 March	Transfiguration of Our Lord	G. Meier W. Aubrey (U)	H. Peyper 2 Peter 1:16-21	Tarryn	J. Peyper	F. Dini	F. Dini D. Kontsidis
13 March	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	J. Johnston M. Wybrow (U)	D. Skibbe Romans 5:12-19	Ulrike	M. Skibbe	J. Karshagen	J. Karshagen M. Hohls
20 March	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Q. Aubrey S. Swiegers (U)	Sheldon Willemse Romans 4:1-8,13-17	Christy	M. Halm	M. Aubrey	M. Aubrey L. Swiegers
27 March	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	G. Meier A. Runds (U)	C. Melck Romans 5:1-8	Errin and Maxine	A Willis	M. Deetlefs	M. Deetlefs L. Wilson

**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.

