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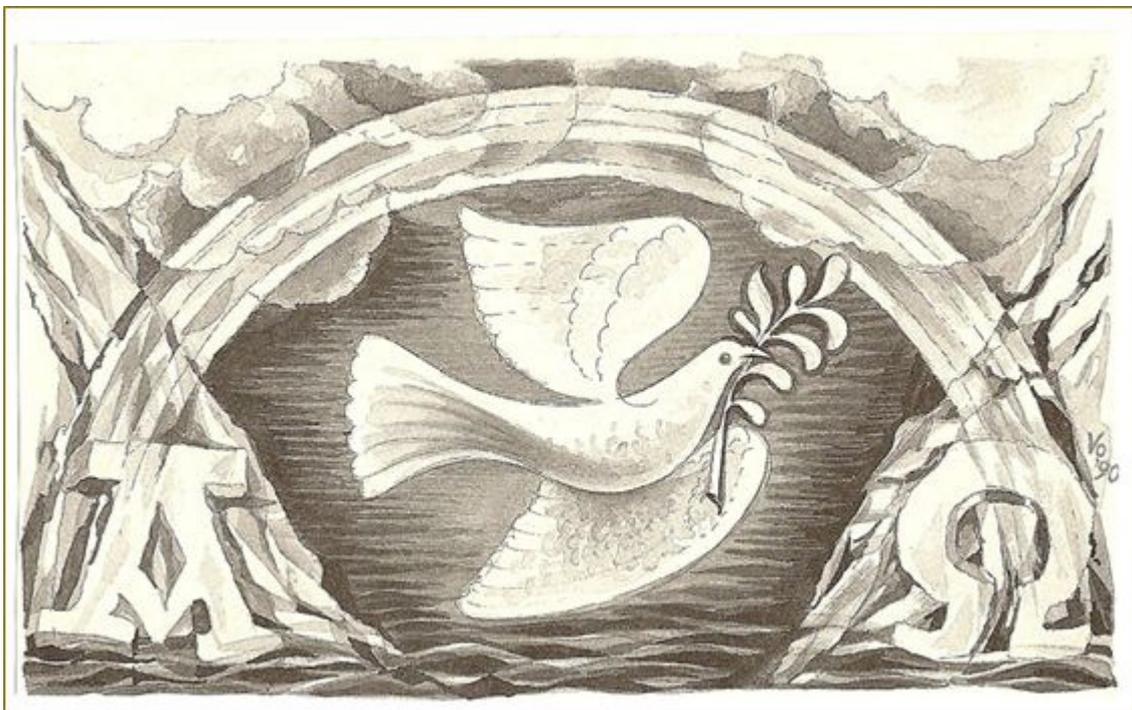
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Watchword

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to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.**

1 Timothy 4:4



Monatsspruch

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Als Jesus gefragt wurde welches das wichtigste Gebot des Gesetzes wäre, gab er die klare Antwort: “Du sollst den Herren deinen Gott lieben, von ganzem Herzen, von ganzer Seele und mit deinem ganzen Verstand. Dies ist das wichtigste Gebot. Das zweite ist gleich wichtig: Liebe deinen Nächsten wie dich selbst!”(Luk 10:27)

Die Anweisung von Paulus an Timotheus stehen unter dieser allgemeinen Aussage von Jesus. Im engeren Sinne ist hier die Rede von äußerlichen Geboten und Regeln bezüglich bestimmter Speisen die nicht gegessen werden durften. Aber Paulus erwähnt auch andere äußerliche Regeln in diesem Abschnitt seines Briefes an Timotheus, und nennt diejenigen, die solche Regeln als strenges Gesetz vorschreiben, “scheinheilige Lügner”.

Wir Christen haben die wunderbare Freiheit, nicht an solche äußerliche Gesetze gebunden zu sein. Was wir jedoch tun müssen, ist, unser Tun und Lassen kritisch unter dieses wichtigste Gebot von Jesus zu stellen.

Zeugt was wir tun und lassen von unserer Liebe zu Gott? Kann unser Tun und Lassen als Liebe zum Nächsten gesehen werden? Unter anderem müssen wir uns immer wieder fragen: Verursache ich mit meinem Tun und Lassen Leid, Schmerz, Enttäuschung oder Traurigkeit? Gebe ich Anstoß mit meinem Verhalten? Bin ich ein Ärgernis für Andere? Somit wird die Freiheit, die wir haben, eindeutig und sinnvoll bestimmt.

Ganz wichtig ist dann auch der zweite Teil des Spruches. Wir haben soviel Gutes von Gott empfangen. Das sollen wir schätzen und mit Dank empfangen. Das gilt besonders auch für die Zeit in der wir leben. Wieviel besser haben wir es doch als so viele Menschen die zu anderen Zeiten oder in anderen Ländern der Welt lebten. Wir können so vieles mit Freude und Dank annehmen.

C Seele

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When Jesus was asked what the most important commandment of the law was, his clear answer was “You must love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind. This is the most important commandment and the second one is equally important, namely: love your neighbour as yourself. (Luke 10, 27)

Paul’s advice to Timothy is based on this teaching of Jesus. Basically this discourse is about basic rules and regulations as to which kinds of food are forbidden under the law. Paul also mentions other rules in this letter to Timothy and calls those who prescribe these strict laws as ‘hypocritical liars’.

Christians have the wonderful freedom of not being tied down to these laws. We have, however, to base all our actions critically on God’s commandment of love.

Is what we do or not do, influenced by our love for God?

Can, what we do, or not do, be beneficial to our neighbour?

We always need to ask ourselves: Is what I am doing or saying going to cause somebody harm, hurt, disappointment or grief? This is what should influence our freedom of choice.

This leads us to the second half of our verse. God has given us so much good in our lives. For this we should be grateful and thank him with all our hearts while we are still here in this world. We are better off than many people world-wide. Let us thank God for that. *Transl Ed Com*

Pastor's Page



On the way - but not alone:

Dear readers and members of the congregation,

The time between Easter and Pentecost is the time of change from dreary doubt to joyous faith and expectation. The story of the disciples walk-

ing to Emmaus (**Luke 24: 13-36**) shows us that. In deep desperation two men (according to old tradition, Simon, an uncle of Jesus, with his nephew, Kleophas,) are on their way, away from Jerusalem. Their hearts of sorrow slowly change to a joyful discovery. This is a description of us, the church even today. From Easter we look ahead to Pentecost and ask: What is church? Luther (1539) wrote of seven signs of the church which we find in a different order in the Easter story of the disciples walking to Emmaus. I am quoting:

1. **Baptism:** 15f *“While they were walking and talking, Jesus himself ... went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.”* This is the symbol of baptism, even if we do not always recognise him, he has promised us: "See I am with you all the days to the world's end". In baptism the risen Lord has promised to be with us also.

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2. Suffering: 17+20-21: *They stood still, looking sad and said: "Our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.* "It is part of being a Christian that we stand under the cross and have to suffer. Suffering can mean that one has to stop all activities, calmly reconsider options and then find new orientation. They can tell the 'stranger' their shattered hopes, their fears, their confusion and their lack of purpose and future. Besides opening ourselves, we are called to listen and care for the suffering.

3. Repentance and Forgiveness: 25 *Jesus said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe."* The risen Lord can be tough and doesn't want us to pause in self-pity. He calls them to repentance and a change of thinking, to their suffering

4. The Proclamation of the Word of God: 27 *Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.* The yet unknown Lord interprets Scripture. Jesus must have been a good interpreter, teacher and preacher of the Bible. They later realized: ***"Did not our heart burn in us when he taught us the Scriptures"***. Oh, may our hearts still burn, when we hear God's word and when his Word awakens our hardened hearts!

5. Prayer: 29 *He walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.* It is one of the most beautiful prayers that the Lord may abide with us. We sing it in the evening, at funerals, in times of trials and temptations: "Abide with us, fast falls the eventide". We can pray it

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at the end of a day, at the end of a week, at the end of being together or departing, at the end of a life.

6. Holy Communion: 30-31 *He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, His blessing and breaking the bread and giving it to them* is symbolic of Holy Communion.

7. How often had he done that before? Now they recognize who was with them on the way the whole time. At the Lord's Table we participate in this joyous discovery: he has risen from the dead and he is with us.

7. The Office of ministry: 33-35 *They got up and returned to Jerusalem; and exclaimed "The Lord has risen indeed"... and they told what had happened on the road, and how they recognised him in breaking of the bread.* The dreary way to Emmaus has changed into a joyous run back to Jerusalem. They want to proclaim the good news to the others. Two groups are joyously shouting at each other: "The Lord has risen from the dead, he has arisen indeed" We also want to bring this message to others in church, at home at our work place.

May the Holy Spirit enlighten and empower us to do just that.

Wishing you God's Spirit,
Georg Scriba

Centenary Festival 18. 03. 2012



Some of our ecumenical partners at our 100th Anniversary:

Front row, left to right: Dr Douglas Dziva (KZNCC), Bishop Dieter Reinstorf (FELSISA), Rev Dieter Lilje (ELCSA-NT – Ex-Bishop), Mayor Chris Ndlela (Mayor), Rev Dieter Schütte (ELM), Rev Sabine Denecke (Pinneberg Partner), Rev Sister Happiness Khumalo (Kenosis), Rev Ntandiwe Nsibande (ELCSA);

Back row, left to right: Rev Georg Scriba, Rev Dr Detlev Tönsing (LTI), Rev Dr Reiner Focke (ELCSA-NT), Dean Gilbert Filter (ELCSA-NT Southern Circuit), Bishop Horst Müller (ELCSA-NT), Rev Peter Russell-Boulton (Hayfields Churches Network), Dean Nkosinathi Myaka (ELCSA), Rev Gertrud Tönsing (UELCSA-LTI), Rev Rolf Schmidt (ELCSA-NT).

Council Window

Once again we can look back with joyous and thankful hearts at a busy month. With the Centenary weekend still in our minds, the buzz of the final touches to the Easter novelties, the baking and the finalisation of the floral arrangements for the Easter Evening continued. What a pleasure it was again to see how everyone became involved.

Our sincere thanks go to the ladies who spent many hours decorating the eggs; to those who donated so generously towards the sweets used to fill the eggs – 1600 eggs; to the bakers for the decadent cakes for the 'Kaffeestube'; the cakes, biscuits and bread and all the helpers before, on the day and after.

To all the ladies a special thank you for the artistic floral arrangements in the church. Not only for the work that went into it, but also the donations of flowers. The musicians and choir made it a very special evening. The photos on the wall added to the splendor. I cannot mention names as so many were involved – we thank you all.

You may have seen the scaffolding in the bell tower, the large bell tied up with rope and busy helpers up and down, planning and fixing. We thank all the men who are involved in this most important endeavor. The bearings had worn and the steel rod holding the bell bent as a result of this – a simple interpretation! This could have ended in a horrible accident.

Thanks are once again necessary for the generous donations we received for the organ. We now have to wait for Colin Hele to come and replace the leather on the bellows. He will do so as soon as he can fit our job into his busy schedule.

We do hope that the builder will be able to make a start on the kitchen in the near future. A few items at the Wall of Memory will also be seen to. We have not forgotten the 'potholes' – we do hope they will not get larger before they are fixed.

We wish you all blessed and joyful Easter days leading up to the celebration of Ascension Day.

Wal Bornheimer

Maintenance



“...Denn Er hat seinen Engeln befohlen über dir, dass sie dich behüten auf allen deinen Wegen – auch auf dem Glockenturm”

“For He will command His angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways – even on the bell tower”

[On the ladder: Gerhard Deppe, Werner Schröder, Rudi Drews, Helmut Oellermann] Organiser: Edgar Ortman



FADING FAST

“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight.” 1 Cor 3:19

Conviction is now viewed as a neurotic tendency. Discipline is considered somewhat sadistic. Determination is, in the minds of the mesmerized masses that which characterises a stubborn fool....a quality not needed and not wanted by those who seek public approval. Without these qualities, however, you have eliminated the challenge that keeps the game of life exciting and rewarding.

Pastor Pakendorf



Pastor Pakendorf and the Connection with the Berlin Mission Church in Topham Road

As is now well established, Pastor Pakendorf held the first Lutheran service in Pietermaritzburg on the 4th August 1912. Somewhat later, on the 17th October 1912, those present at a meeting in the City Hall decided unanimously to establish a Lutheran congregation in Pietermaritzburg. Services were subsequently held in private houses, in a large room at the YMCA, in a hall attached to the Dutch Reformed church and in the St John's Presbyterian church.

In 1914 the first World War broke out, and many of the members, including Pastor Pakendorf, were interned. It was not easy to hold regular services any more. This situation prevailed for 7 years. Pastor Pakendorf, who up to then had also held the position of Superintendent of the Berlin Mission in Emmaus (near Bergville), now (in 1920) relocated to a permanent position in Pietermaritzburg to serve the congregation there. The family purchased a house in Topham Road in close proximity to the Berlin Mission Church building in the same street.

Pastor Pakendorf's granddaughter, Monika Oellermann (wife of Alec Oellermann and now 79 years old) has childhood memories of the start (1939) of the second World War. She also remembers that some of her uncles were schoolboys at Maritzburg College. Indeed, the College Yearbook lists two boys, G A Pakendorf and K E Pakendorf, who were at school there in 1921 and 1926 respectively. Monika also remembers that her grandfather frequently had visitors from Germany and that he held confirmation classes for the German-speaking children in the Pietermaritzburg area. He had a cordial relationship with the resident pastor, Pastor Madondo.. This is illustrated by the fact that several weddings involving family members were also conducted by Pastor Pakendorf in the Mission Church.

Pastor Pakendorf, at this time (1942) was also requested to hold church services for the German-speaking prisoners of war who were held in custody in Oribi Camp. This he did very willingly, and he was instrumental in providing the prisoners with hymn sheets containing well-known hymns.

After 24 years of toil Pastor Pakendorf was laid to rest in 1944. After his death Pastor Karallus (1945 – 1964) and later Pastor Heilgendorff (1965 – 1970) still had close contact with the Topham Road Mission Church.

In 1970 the area in which the church stood was declared an 'industrial area', and this saw the end of the church on this site. Today (2012) there is evidence, uncovered during a recent visit by members from the Church of the Cross, as well as members from Machibisa South Church, that the ties formed by Pastors Pakendorf, Karallus and Heilgendorff with the Topham Road Berlin Mission Church may have, in some way, influenced the current partnership which exists between the above two churches.

Thank you

Nebst meinem täglichen Dank an unseren Herrn danke ich allen die meiner gedachten durch Gebete, Besuche und Liebestaten nach meinen beiden Operationen; Pastor Scriba für deinen Besuch zu Haus.

Herzlichen Dank und Gruß von Mona Volker

Many thanks to everybody who supported me in so many ways after my two operations!

Regards from Mona Volker

Dank

Für alle Glückwünsche, Anrufe, Karten und Blumen, die ich zu meinem Geburtstag bekam, möchte ich mich herzlich bedanken. Ein besonderer Dank gebührt der lieben Gemeinde für das hübsche Kärtchen und den wertvollen Jubiläumsbecher den ich bekam.

M Seele

My sincere thanks for all the good wishes, phone calls, cards and flowers that I received for my birthday. Special thanks for the pretty card and the centenary mug from our congregation. *M Seele*

RAFFLE PRIZES WON AT THE EASTER SALE 30/03/12

Children's hamper: Damien, Ansie Vogt's grandson

Family Easter hamper: Ute Bunge

Cocktail hamper: Horst Kassier

Easter Evening takings: R27075. Thank You!

The Easter Bunny Convention wishes to thank everyone who so generously donated sweets and also those who collected egg shells. Please continue collecting egg shells even now. They can be left with either Irmela Oltmann or Monica Deppe.

Please leave clean, empty 750 g coffee tins in the LC Hall – we need them for the Christmas baking.

Affordable Holiday Cottage

Hospital Visiting Ministry for May 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	M. van Niekerk
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	G. & M. Deppe
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	W. Schulze
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	E. & O. Engelbrecht
27	28	29	30	31			T. Buhr & P. Summersgill

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(an hour's drive from Cape Town)

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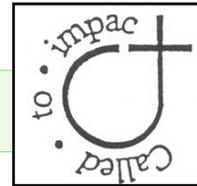
Normal amenities are available in this quiet seaside village. Lovely place to enjoy peace, tranquillity and nature.

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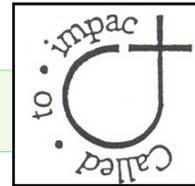
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