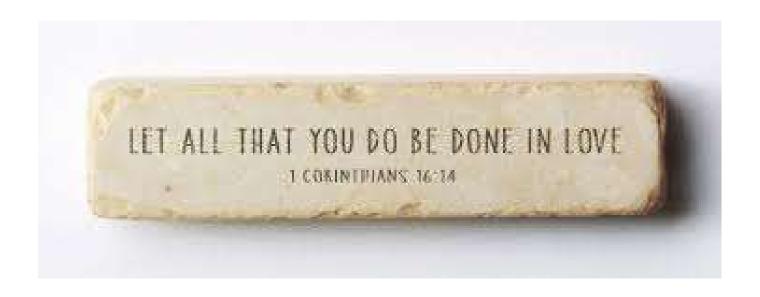
NEWSLETTER March & April 2024



The Coastal Parish.

St Andrews East London St. Peters Komga Luther Brakfontein

From the Pastors Desk. The Symbol of God's love: The Cross!

Dear readers, in Christ. The Watchword that is accompanying us throughout 2024 is taken from 1 Corinthians 16:14 "Do everything in love." (NIV Translation).

This year we want to explore what this love is all about. It is all about what God's love does for each one of us.

Nothing says "I love you" more than a rose. Roses in our world are a symbol of love.

The cross is God's symbol for God's love for us. The Gospel of John tells us chapter 3 verse 16 "For here is the way God loved the world—he gave his only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life."

The bloodstained cross is a symbol for God's love. The gift that John talks about is Jesus dying on the bloody cross for you and me.

The bloodstained cross reminds us that I am the reason JESUS is hanging there! I am the one for whom he died!!! It is only through His death that our life begins. The nail driven through Jesus' hands reminds us that Jesus carried the heavy burden of our sin and that Jesus died because He LOVES US!

The nail driven through His feet reminds us of Jesus' beautiful feet that bring us the good news that we are loved and forgiven. The blood-stained cross reminds us also we do not find God in the places of glory. Rather God shows us that He is found in the brokenness, the brokenness of the body of his Son. That then means that God is found and present in our brokenness, pain, and despair as well. We are not alone as God is with us!

The empty cross is also a symbol for God's love. The other gift that we have received through the cross is eternal life. Eternal life already begins here and now! Eternal life is a way of living in the unending presence of our Father here and now! It is here in our Father's unending presence that we find everything that we need: shelter, help, love, care, acceptance, grace and mercy! May we cling to the symbol of God's love, the Cross. The cross that reminds us we matter, are forgiven and are living in the presence of God. Amen.

Vom Schreibtisch des Pastors:

Gott tut alles für uns in Liebe!

Liebe Leserinnen und Leser, in Christus. Die Losung, die uns für 2024 begleitet, steht geschrieben in 1. Korinther 16,14 "Alles, was ihr tut, soll in Liebe geschehen!" In diesem Jahr wollen wir herausfinden, was es mit dieser Liebe die Paulus von spricht auf sich hat. Es geht darum, was Gottes Liebe für jeden von uns tut. Nichts sagt & quot; Ich liebe dich & quot; so sehr wie eine Rose. Rosen sind in unserer Welt ein Symbol der Liebe. Das Kreuz ist Gottes Symbol für Gottes Liebe zu uns. Im Johannesevangelium lesen wir in Kapitel 3, Vers 16: & quot; Denn so sehr hat Gott die Welt geliebt, dass er seinen einzigen Sohn für sie hingab. Jeder, der an ihn glaubt, soll nicht verloren gehen, sondern das ewige Leben haben & quot; Das blutbefleckte Kreuz ist ein Symbol für Gottes Liebe. Das Geschenk, von dem Johannes spricht, ist, dass Jesus für dich und mich am blutigen Kreuz stirbt.

Das blutbefleckte Kreuz von Jesus erinnert uns daran, dass wir der Grund sind, warum JESUS dort hängt! Wir sind diejenige, für den er gestorben ist!! Durch seinen Tod beginnt unser Leben.

Der Nagel, der durch Jesu Hände getrieben wurde, erinnert uns daran, dass Jesus die schwere Last unserer Sünde getragen hat und dass Jesus gestorben ist, weil ER UNS LIEBT!

Der Nagel, der durch seine Füße getrieben wird, erinnert uns an die schönen Füße Jesu, die uns die gute Nachricht bringen, dass wir geliebt werden und uns vergeben sind. Das blutbefleckte Kreuz erinnert uns auch daran, dass wir Gott nicht an den Orten der Herrlichkeit finden. Gott zeigt uns vielmehr, dass Er in der Gebrochenheit des Leibes seines Sohnes zu finden ist.

Das bedeutet dann, dass Gott auch in unserer Gebrochenheit, unserem Schmerz und unserer Verzweiflung gegenwärtig ist. Wir sind nicht allein, weil Gott mit uns ist! Das leere Kreuz ist auch ein Symbol für die Liebe Gottes. Das andere Geschenk, das wir durch das Kreuz empfangen haben, ist das ewige Leben. Das ewige Leben beginnt schon hier und jetzt! Ewiges Leben ist eine Art, hier und jetzt in der unendlichen Gegenwart unseres Vaters zu leben! Hier, in der unendlichen Gegenwart unseres Vaters, finden wir alles, was wir brauchen: Geborgenheit, Hilfe, Liebe, Fürsorge, Annahme, Gnade und Barmherzigkeit!

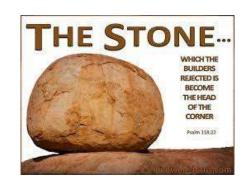
Mögen wir uns an das Symbol der Liebe Gottes, das Kreuz, klammern. Das Kreuz, das uns daran erinnert, dass wir wichtig sind, dass uns vergeben wird und dass wir in der Gegenwart Gottes leben. Amen.

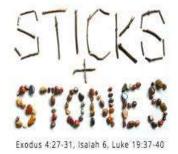
Our Lenten Devotions for 2024 will focus on the images of STONES:



14th February 2024 – Ash Wednesday the theme is: Written in stone – here we are referring to the 2 tablets that Moses was carrying down from the mountain – also known as the 10 commandments.

21st February 2024 – Rejected Stones @ 6pm St Andrews.

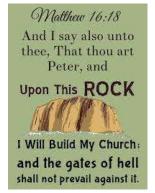




28th February 2024 Sticks & Stones @ 6pm St Crucis.

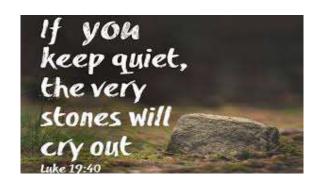
6th March 2024 – Hearts of Stone @ 6pm St Andrews.





13th March 2024 – Upon this Rock @ 6pm St Crucis.

20th March 2024 – Crying Stones @ 6pm St Andrews.





28th March 2024 – Maundy Thursday – **Stones to Bread** @ 6pm St Andrews - A Holy Communion Service.

<u>29th March 2024 – Good Friday – Tomb Stones</u>

8.30am St Peters Komga H/C Service.

10.30am St Andrews H/C Service.

3pm / 15 Uhr - Deutscher Abendsmahl Gottesdienst bei St Andreas.





31st March 2024 – Easter – Promise stones and the Rainbow!

8am H/C service at St Andrews followed by the Easter Breakfast – to which all are invited.

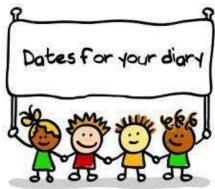


Important Dates

for the Coastal Parish - 2024:

- 6th March 2024- Lenten Devotion 6pm @ St Andrews.
- 10th March 2024 AGM St. Peters Komga after 10.30am Service.
- 13th March 2024 Lenten Devotion 6pm @ St Crucis.
- 20th March 2024 Lenten Devotion 6pm St Andrews.
- 28th March 2024 Maundy Thursday 6pm St Andrews
- 29th March 2024 Good Friday the following services:
 - 8.30 am St. Peters Komga H/C;
 - 10.30am St Andrews H/C
 - 15 Uhr / 3pm Deutscher Abendmahlsgottesdienst bei St Andreas.
- 31st March 2024 EASTER
- 8am Easter Service at St Andrews followed by the Easter Breakfast, all are invited to this breakfast.
- 4th May 2024 CCE AGM St Pauls Macleantown at 9:30 for 10:00am
- 5th May 2024 Luther Brakfontein AGM after 10:30am Service
- St Andrews AGM date to be announced
- St Andrews Church Food Market/ Bazaar 29th June 2024
- St Peters Komga Food Market 26th May 2024
- Christmas Market @ St Andrews 27th November 7th December 2024.

There are lots of other activities happening within the Coastal Parish and the CCE during 2024 – but these are dates that have already been agreed to.



YouCon (Youth/ Confirmation) Program Venue @ St Crucis

10th March 2024 – Sunday @ 4pm – The Passion of Christ (The Cross).

15th March 2024 – Friday @ 6pm – Games Night.

12th April 2024 – Friday @ 6pm – The meaning of Easter.

28th April 2024 - Sunday @ 4pm - What it means to follow Jesus.

10th May 2024 - Friday @6pm - Fantastic Food Night.

19th May 2024 – Sunday @ 4pm – The Holy Spirit.

7th June 2024 – Friday @6pm – The body of Christ.

No Sunday meeting due to exams and holidays.

Confirmation Dates:

6th October 2024 - St Andrews

20th October 2024 - St Crucis.



Sunday School / Children's Ministry.



Let us encourage our children join us at Children's Church.

At St Andrews children's ministry takes place every Sunday @ 8.30am except during the school holidays.



JUMBLE SALE:

These unwanted treasures will be offered "For sale" at a Pop Up Shop taking place at the Kings Mall Shopping Centre in Gonubie. Date to be advised.

We are looking for: Clothing, Evening dresses, Suits, Jackets, Shoes, Household items, crockery, cutlery, ornaments, glassware, jewelry, sports equipment, puzzles, board games, etc. Please drop these items off at the church. For more information, contact your church committee.

St. Peters Komga will be hosting their Food Market Fare on **Saturday the 26th May 2024** at the church in Komga.

Lots of delicious soups (frozen or hot take away), bakes, homemade breads and many more scrumptious items will be on sale. Please



contact Pearl Tessendorf 083 444 9099 for any further information or assistance offered.

CHURCH BRAKFONTEIN CLEANING ROSTER FOR 2024.

Please when you are on cleaning duty check that there is wine, grape juice and toilet paper in the cupboard.

March 2024 – Nettie April 2024 - Dayne May 2024 – Liz June 2024 - Linley





Why is it important for us to take an interest in our congregations?

Firstly, we need to understand that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Cape Church) – ELCSA (CAPE CHURCH), of which our congregation is a member, is a "Congregational Church"



This means that our church is structured from the bottom up.

- Congregational members have the highest authority should they wish to make a "change"; it gets discussed at their AGM and should the congregational members vote in favour of the change then, the church committee continues the process.
- Church Committee is then tasked by the AGM to formulate this change to be tabled at CCE AGM held annually.
- CCE (Circuit Conference East consisting of members from each Congregation in the Eastern Circuit including Port Elizabeth and Bloemfontein). The change is then discussed at CCE and if voted in favour by the members at CCE, the CCE Presiding Committee is tasked to table the change at Synod.
- Church Council (consisting of the Bishop, Vice Chair of Church Council, President of Synod, one pastor from each circuit (East & West – George to Cape Town congregations) and one laity i.e. ordinary congregational member from each circuit, treasurer, and youth delegate) These members are all voted for at a Synod. They are people responsible for making sure any instructions/changes decided upon at Synod are carried out.
- Synod (Consisting of members from all congregations in the Eastern Circuit and the Western Circuit) – the "change" will then be discussed at Synod and voted upon by all members present, Synod then tasks Church Council to carry out the instructions that originally come from the congregation.

Although the Synod is the highest body of ELCSA (CAPE CHURCH) they can only act on instructions from the members of the congregation – **THIS IS US! – You & Me!**

Please make a concerted effort to attend the AGM of your congregation and prayerfully consider making yourself available for Church Committee, CCE or Synod member. Your contribution towards the well-being of your congregation is greatly appreciated. (Compiled by: Leanne Hempel)

Harvest Thanksgiving - Shoe Box Drive: & Thank You notes of Appreciation received:



At the end of December 2023 we within the Coastal Parish were able to pack / fill 90 shoeboxes with groceries and toiletries that were donated during the Harvest Thanksgiving services held at Luther Brakfontein, St. Peters Komga and St Andrews East London. We are grateful for

these donations and here are some notes of appreciation.

Tecoma – Komga:

- 1. A belated Thank You for the Christmas Box we have received. It was very much appreciated. Hester Vorster
- 2. Thank you to all involved. You have blessed us with your care. God Bless you all. No 3 Tecoma.
- 3. Thank you so much for the lovely box of treats. A great deal of thought went into it and every single item will definetly be used or eaten. Bless you and much love Melsie. Please pop in for a cup of coffee or tea when in the area.

<u>The Manor – Southernwood – East London</u>

72 Shoe boxes were dropped off at the Manor: These boxes were anded to residents on Christmas Day. "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for these gifts. It truly makes a difference in the lives of our elderly as the excitement and sadness makes them feel special. Thank you to the Lutheran Church for these gifts".

Requests for the 2024 Shoe Box Drive: ---

- Shoe Boxes empty & Gift bags
- Small containers & bottles as we decant shampoo, liquid soap etc.
- Soaps, Toiletries, Sanitary Pads. Your unwanted gifts please pass them unto us.
- Ribbons, string, lanyards, promotional toiletry bags etc

Please drop off: the church or contact your church warden for assistance.

Berea Gardens Chapel Services:

Pastor HP von Fintel will be commencing with devotional services in the <u>Chapel at Berea Gardens</u> on the <u>12th March - Tuesday morning</u> <u>at 10am.</u> All are welcome to attend.





Your financial commitments to your congregation!

As any other organization or institution - the church and its congregations have financial commitments and responsibilities. Bills,

accounts, salaries, repairs and other expenses need to be paid.

Many fundraisers and fun activities are arranged during the year to enable extra money to be generated – but we also rely on your stewardship, contributions, tithing payments.

Thank you to all members, friends and strangers that are able to assist, but we encourage all to take their pledge commitment serious. Direct deposits can be made into your church's bank account using your surname as a reference.

Banking Details:

St Andrews Lutheran Church

Nedbank: Vincent Park; Br Code 120621; Account No: 120 603 9922

St Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church Komga

Standard Bank: Br Code 120621; Account No: 280 736 606

Luther Church Brakfontein

ABSA: Main Branch East London; Account: 700 480 232

Birthday Celebrations: Wishing you all the best:

March 2024			
1	Renay Lutge	Luther Brakfontein	
2	Elizabeth Schultz	Luther Brakfontein	
3	Elaine Jacobi	St Andrews	
5	Charne Human	Luther Brakfontein	
5	Elvin Krull	St Peter's Komga	
5	L Sonnenberger	St Andrews	
6	Amy Haywes	St Andrews	
6	Willem Kirsten	St Andrews	
8	Justin Meister	St Andrew	
8	Ashley Heuer	St Andrews	
9	Robert Krantz	St Andrews	
10	Francis Hill	Luther Brakfontein	
10	Cynthia Kieck	Luther Brakfontein	
10	Calvin Korte	St Andrews	
10	Kay-leigh Braun	St Andrews	
12	Marleen Weyer	St Peters Komga	
14	Yolanda Hein	Luther Brakfontein	
15	Michael Kieck	St Andrews	
15	Logan Liss	St Andrews	
17	Sherrol Hohls	St Andrews	
18	Karl Kietzmann	St Andrews	
21	Christina Human	Luther Brakfontein	
22	Wendy Sykes	St Andrews	
22	Nicole Vosloo	St Andrews	
23	Annette Heger	Luther Brakfontein	
24	Charmaine Human	Luther Brakfontein	
25	Dillan Human	Luther Brakfontein	
28	Jordan Kleynhans	St Andrews	
29	Olwethu Khalishwayo	St Andrews	
30	Michael Horrmann	Luther Brakfontein	
31	Christopher Sonnenberger	St Andrews	

April 2024				
1	Julie Freitag	Luther Brakfontein		
3	Terrence Braun	St Andrews		
8	Russell Heger	Luther Brakfontein		
8	Amity Hiles	St Andrews		
13	Sylvia Kretzmann	St Andrews		
13	Irene Olivier	St Andrews		
16	Stacey Moore	Luther Brakfontein		
17	Jacques Weyer	St. Peter Komga		
20	Mark Holland	Luther Brakfontein		
20	Patsy Schwartz	St Andrews		
21	Roland Boucher	St Peters Komga		
21	Aidan Penny	St Andrews		
23	Neil Haschick	St Andrews		
24	Shaun Bosch	St Andrews		
24	Renee Johl	St Andrews		
24	Eberhard Schuch	St Andrews		
24	Errol Schultz	Luther Brakfontein		
27	Brian Sporke	St Andrews		
27	Denise Kirchoff	St Andrews		
29	Cuan Human	Luther Brakfontein		
29	Melanie Crossman	St Andrews		
29	Andre Morne Human	Luther Brakfontein		

03 March 2024 Oculi

No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God. Luke 9,62

10 March 2024 Laetare

Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. John 12,24

17 March 2024 Judica

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20,28

24 March 2024 Palm Sunday

The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. John 3,14-15

28 March 2024 Maundy Thursday

He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. Psalm 111,4

29 March 2024 Good Friday

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life John 3,16

The Watchword for 2024:

Let all that you do be done in Love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Liturgical Colour: Violet

Sermon: 1 Peter 1,(13-17) 18-21 Old Testament: 1.Kings 19, 1-8(9-13a) Epistle: Ephesians 5, 1-2 (3-7) 8-9

Gospel: Luke 9, 57-62

Liturgical Colour: Violet

Sermon: Luke 22, 54-62 Old Testament: Isaiah 54, 7-10 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1, 3-7 Gospel: John 12, 20-24

Liturgical Colour: Violet

Sermon: Genesis 22, 1-14 (15-19) Old Testament: Genesis 22, 1-14 (15-19)

Epistle: Hebrews 5, (1-6)7-9(10)

Gospel: Mark 10, 35-45

Liturgical Colour: Violet

Sermon: Philippians 2, 5-11 Old Testament: Isaiah 50, 4-9 Epistle: Philippians 2, 5-11 Gospel: John 12, 12-19

Liturgical Colour: White

Sermon: John 13,1-15;34-35 Old Testament: Exodus 12, 1-4(5)6-8(9)10-14

Epistle: 1.Corinthians 11, 23-26 Gospel: John 13, 1-15; 34-35

Liturgical Colour: Black/None

Sermon: Matthew 27, 33-54 Old Testament: Isaiah 52, 13-15; 53,

1-12

Epistle: 2.Cor. 5, (14b-18)19-21

Gospel: John 19, 16-30

31 March 2024 Easter

Christ says: I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Rev.1, 18

Liturgical Colour: White

Sermon: 1.Samuel 2, 1-8

Old Testament: 1.Samuel 2, 1-8 Epistle: 1.Corinthians 15, 1-11

Gospel: Mark 16, 1-8

April 2024

07 April 2024 1. Sunday After Easter Quasimodogeniti

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1.Peter 1,3

Liturgical Colour: White

Sermon: John 20, 19-20 (21-23)

24-29

Old Testament: Isaiah 40, 26-31

Epistle: 1 Peter 1, 3-9

Gospel: John 20, 19-20 (21-23)

24-29

14 April 2024

2. Sunday After Easter - Misericordia Domini

Christ says: I am the good shepherd. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me, and I give them eternal life. John 10,11a.27-28a

Liturgical Colour: White

Sermon: Genesis 16, 1-16

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34, 1-2 (3-9)

10-16+31

Epistle: 1 Peter 2, 21-25 Gospel: John 10, 11-16

21 April 2024

3. Sunday After Easter - Jubilate

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come. 2 Cor. 5,7

Liturgical Colour: White

Sermon: 2 Corinthians 4,14-18

Old Testament: Genesis 1, 1-4(4b-

25)26-28(29-30; 2,1-4a Epistle: Acts 17, 22-34 Gospel: John 15, 1-8

28 April 2024

4. Sunday After Easter - Cantate

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
Psalm 98,1

Liturgical Colour: White

Sermon: Revelation 15, 2-4

Old Testament: 1 Sam 16, 14-23 Epistle: Colossians 3, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 19, 37-40

Tea Duty @ St Andrews:



Due to the Easter Breakfast 31st March 2024 there will be no Tea & Cake in March 2024.

<u>21st April 2024 -</u> Lucille Römer, Megan Penny, Sharon Penny; Catherine Collocott & Sheila Liss.

19th May 2024

Bettina du Buson, H&A Schlüter, M Köpke, B von Fintel, E&S Hohls & A Fortmann.

Flower Duty:

03rd March 2024: Sheila Liss 10th March 2024: Erika Puchert 17th March 2024 Brigitte von Fintel 31st March 2024: Bettina du Buson

7th April 2024: TBA 14th April 2024: TBA 21st April 2024: TBA 28th April 2024: TBA 5th May 2024: TBA



Please let Vera Johl know, should you want to bring flowers for the altar on a specific Sunday.

Family News:

Our sincere condolences to Leonhard Rode on the passing of his daughter Ingeborg and her son Neo. May our Lord Jesus Christ embrace you and the extended family. Möge der Herr Gott dich in seine Armen nehmen und dich trösten.

<u>Birth:</u> Melissa and Tero Kantelo congragtulations to you as parents and the extended family on the birth of "Gabriel Kantelo" born on the 15th January 2024 in Finland. 10th grandson to Audrey Human.

Errors/Mistakes – while every care is taken to have correct information in this newsletter – mistakes do happen. Please contact - Bettina du Buson, 083 295 0506 or email: bdubuson@gmail.com

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