



Aug 2026 - Oct 2026

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43, 19.

„Denn siehe, ich will ein Neues schaffen, jetzt wächst es auf, erkennt ihr's denn nicht?“ Jesaja 43, 19.

A New Thing: Reflections on Isaiah 43: 19 and John 9

Look again at the cover of this newsletter. A man stands on the edge of a cliff. Behind him, darkness — thick, low clouds, almost black. In front of him, light breaking through in bright, glorious shafts. He is standing exactly where the two meet.

That image is a picture of grace. Not a man earning his way from darkness into light, but light breaking in on him — unearned, entirely God's doing. Isaiah 43:19 carries that same image. "I am doing a new thing" — God is the subject of that sentence. Not "you will do a new thing" or "you will finally see clearly enough to notice it." God acts. The only question left for us is whether we perceive it, and even that is gift. Isaiah says elsewhere it is God who opens blind eyes, not we ourselves who learn to see.

As this reflection is being written, we are in John 9 this week and the same grace sits at the centre of that story. Jesus comes across a man blind from birth and does something strange: he bends down, spits into the dust, makes clay, and smears it onto the man's eyes.

Go back to Genesis 2, where God forms the first man from the dust of the ground. Jesus is not repairing this man's eyes. He is recreating, the way God has always created — out of nothing the man contributed, nothing he asked for, nothing he did to deserve it. The man didn't even know who Jesus was yet. Grace came to him before faith did.

That order matters. The man is healed first, and only slowly, across the chapter, does he come to understand Who healed him — from "the man called Jesus," to "a prophet," to at last, kneeling, "Lord, I believe!" Faith is not the price for his sight. Faith is what grows in the light he was given for free, out of Grace.

Contrast that with the Pharisees, who spend the whole chapter trying to reason their way to the truth by their own authority, their own categories, their own sight — and end up more blind than the man who started without eyes. It is not a story about who is smart enough or righteous enough to see. It is a story about grace going first, to the one who could not have found it on his own.

So, look at the cover again. The man standing at the border of darkness and light hasn't stepped into the light by his own strength. It has come to find him. He has come to find him. For Christ is the Light of the world. That is the new thing God is always doing — not waiting for us to perceive our way toward him, but breaking into our darkness first, remaking us before we even know His Name. That is Grace.

Pastor (intern) Wikus Opperman

Chair Person's Annual Report 2025-2026:

As chairperson of the Kreuzkirche church committee, I present a summary of our activities from May 2025 to April 2026. Our congregation is administrated through two ministries: Kreuz & Community and Kreuzkirche Housekeeping. We officially have 182 members across 85 households, though with approximately 20% we have limited contact. Despite this, we are grateful for the support we receive from both members and non-members.

Kreuz & Community Ministry

Under Pastor Schalk Treurnicht, this ministry oversees worship services, meetups, outreach, and our affiliation with the Cape Lutheran Church. Weekly services include an English service at 09:00, multilingual services, and a German service on the third Sunday. Our church facilities are also used by a nearby Methodist congregation for Shona services.

Our worship benefits from a dedicated team, including readers, flower arrangers, and musicians, notably organist Thaniel Frans and others. Special thanks to the Hellström family for restoring our Paul Ott pipe organ. We are also working on formalizing liturgies, a project endorsed by the Synod. We hold various regular activities, including prayer meetings, Bible studies, and services at St Johannis Heim and other community events. Outreach remains a priority, supporting charities like MES and Tygerberg Hospice. Our annual outreach service with St. Phillips Kraaifontein is a highlight. Collaboration with the Cape Lutheran Church enhances our inter-congregational communication, allowing us to participate in joint projects and events.

Kreuzkirche Housekeeping Ministry

I oversee this ministry encompassing Finance, Parsonage, and Church Office. Special thanks to all who contribute to our fundraising efforts, including bazaars and community meals, which are vital to our finances. Rental income helps maintain our parsonage, although we faced losses due to a neighbour relocating.

We received an inheritance and donations, including funds to improve security. I encourage all members to consider their contributions to maintain our financial health, including supporting the Parsonage Fund.

The Parsonage encompasses our church's facilities, with ongoing maintenance needs. Major projects include upgrades to our church tower and security systems, reliant on fundraising.

We have stable tenants in various properties, including Inspiring Horizons and the Cape Guild of Weavers, contributing to our community.

The church office, run efficiently by Christiana Duwe and supported by a capable team, is crucial for our operations and event planning.

Our church committee meets regularly, and I encourage congregants to engage as co-opted members to share their skills. We value your involvement in our activities, be it through fundraising, services, or community outreach.

We utilize SMS, WhatsApp, and newsletters for communication with our members and the community.

In conclusion, I echo Theodore Roosevelt's words: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Dieter Geiger (text shortened by E-G. Brunke)

Dritter Sonntag nach Trinitatis; 21-06-26) V a t e r t a g



From R to L: Victor Schröder, Shermon Collins, Dieter Geiger, Detlev Ahlert, Schalk Treurnicht and Wikus Opperman.

Ist Gott für mich, EG 351, 13 Römer 8, 31 – 39

Mit welchem Jubel kann Paul Gerhardt sein Lied beenden. Wer so singen kann braucht einen Perspektivwechsel. Wir schauen dann nicht auf das Elend, das uns täglich begegnen kann, sondern wir schauen dann auf das, „was im Himmel ist.“ Ach, wie gerne singe ich diese Strophe!

Von dem Kirchenvater Augustin soll der Satz stammen: „Wer singt, betet doppelt“. Martin Luther hat viel vom Singen gehalten, weil damit gemeinsam etwas ausgedrückt werden kann, was oft die Sprache nicht mehr schafft. Darum ist das gemeinsame Singen im Gottesdienst in der lutherischen Tradition immer fest verankert gewesen. Schön, dass dies inzwischen auch in der katholischen Messe gelebt wird. „Mit Singen nämlich können wir Gottes Herz erweichen. Glauben ist „heart to heart“- Kommunikation, von Gottes Vaterherz zu des Menschen Herz und umgekehrt.“ So habe ich es in einer Predigt einmal gelesen.

Musik ist die Sprache der Affekte! Und diese Sprache ist so wichtig. Luther hat mutig formuliert, dass man mit dem Singen „den Teufel vertreiben könne“! Das kommt mir immer in den Sinn, wenn wir diese Liedstrophe singen.

Aber nicht mit einem Heile-Welt-Singen, wie „Heile heile Gänschen wird bald wieder gut“, sondern es ist ein Singen, das aus der Erfahrung der „tiefen Not“ geboren wird. Es ist ein Lied nach den Tränen oder vielleicht schon mit Tränen!“

Singend schon den „Himmel auf Erden“ erfahren und bekennen können ist ein großes Geschenk. Noch eine andere Formulierung von Luther fällt mir ein: „Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein, und lasst uns fröhlich springen, dass wir getrost und all in ein mit Lust und Liebe singen, was Gott an uns gewendet hat und seine süße Wundertat; gar teu'r hat er's erworben.“

13. Mein Herze geht in Sprüngen und kann nicht traurig sein, ist voller Freud und Singen, sieht lauter Sonnenschein. Die Sonne, die mir lachet, ist mein Herr Jesus Christ; das, was mich singen machet, ist, was im Himmel ist.

Ps Reinhard Keding

The way in which the first congregation after Pentecost conducted their fellowship with one another (Acts 2: 42) has always inspired me, although I realize that such a model is not feasible today. Nonetheless, we can still learn from those early Christians.

During the “Church in Motion” workshop held in May this year, it became evident that long-standing members in our congregation often experience a sense of disconnectedness from newcomers, and vice versa.

Furthermore, the congregation as a whole also remains disconnected from members of our immediate surrounding society, such as the Somali community. These are, indeed, difficult challenges to grapple with!

Within the established congregation itself, relationships can also become somewhat superficial, often limited to social interactions such as fundraising activities and coffee after services which in itself does indeed fulfil an important role.

However, there is still a clear need for deeper, more intentional spiritual and pastoral relationships. These are most often fostered when we engage in shared “dwelling in the Word,” where spiritual needs are more naturally identified and addressed.

Long-standing members are encouraged to actively assist newcomers in feeling welcome and supported as they find their place within the congregation – and I am pleased to say, that this is taking place. At the same time, newcomers are encouraged not to remain passive observers, but to take initiative and participate in congregational life. This process takes time and requires patience from all involved as we get to know one another better.

We are called to prioritise meaningful spiritual engagement among all congregants - both long-standing members and newcomers - and to intentionally cultivate appropriate, organic spaces for such interaction. A music group, for example, could serve as such a valuable pathway for building closer relationships.

It is true that the primary focus of the congregation is – and should always be - the proclamation of the Gospel. However, this must be accompanied by intentional care for the basic humanitarian and spiritual needs within our diverse, multicultural community.

Members may face deeply personal challenges related to work, relationships, illness, or other life circumstances. Such burdens are not meant to be carried alone. Rather, individuals are encouraged to reach out to the pastor or fellow congregants for support. This care may take various forms, including home or hospital visits, in-depth pastoral conversations, and prayerful accompaniment.

Let us allow God’s spirit to guide us through the changing times we find ourselves in and focus on a closer-knit community characterized by mutual support and fellowship.

Ernst-G. Brunke

Dear sisters and brothers,

I am grateful to be amongst you here in Belville. With the help of our *pastor (intern)* Wikus Opperman, I will be holding the office of ministry as pastor of the *Kreuzkriche* until the end of this year—and perhaps beyond.

My full name is Hans-Christoph Thapelo Lange. I was baptised in the ELCSA Western Diocese, Mabopane congregation, where my father served as missionary of the Hermannsburg Mission. I was confirmed at the Johannesburggemeinde of the (now) NELCSA. I therefore feel at home and cherish both the traditional German services, as well as the lively African services. Initially, I studied Civil Engineering at the University of Pretoria. After working for three years in the construction industry, I made the costly decision to resign and follow the call to study a Bachelor of Theology and Philosophy at Stellenbosch University. After completing my Master's degree (on the themes of faith and science), I served at St Martini congregation for two years as *pastor (intern)*. Currently, I am enrolled as a doctoral student for a joint degree with Stellenbosch University and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

My wife, Shani Lange, whom I met during my Master's degree, works at Stellenbosch University as a lecturer in Latin. We have a two-year-old daughter and a three-month-old son, who both light up our lives.

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look forward to our journey together!

Ps Hans Christoph Lange

Friedenslied (nicht im EG). Zu singen nach der Melodie: „Nun lob mein Seel dem Herren“ (EG 289).

Die Schlußstrophe dieses Friedensliedes ist eine Mahnung! Nein, ich möchte nicht, dass wir kriegstüchtig werden, wie es der deutsche Verteidigungsminister fordert. Ich wünsche mir das wir „friedenstüchtig“ werden.

Natürlich bin ich mir bewusst, dass sich ein Volk auch wehren können muss, wenn es angegriffen wird. Und ich weiß, dass wir aus dem Dilemma zwischen Aufrüsten und Abrüsten nicht herauskommen. Aber als Christ bin ich eher auf der Seite derer, die sich gegen den „Krieg als Notwendigkeit“ wehren wollen. Nie wieder Krieg! Der pazifistische Gedanke darf meines Erachtens nicht aufgeben werden! Er muss ein Gegenpol sein zu dem Gedanken, dass nur die Aufrüstung den Frieden bewahrt.

Mich erinnert diese Strophe an das Lied: „Wach auf, wach auf, du deutsches Land“ Den Text und die Melodie schuf Johann Walter im Jahr 1561. Das ursprünglich 26-strophige Lied ist in einer Version mit 7 Strophen im Evangelischen Gesangbuch (Nr. 145). Damals war es Weckruf, die Frucht der Reformation nicht zu verschlafen.

Ich habe in den vielen Jahren meines Dienstes dieses Lied noch nie in einem Gottesdienst gesungen.

Den Frieden lieben, zum Frieden anstiften, das bleibt die Herausforderung, die Jesus uns zumutet. Das zu leben will ich mit „unerschrockenem Mut“ versuchen.

Der Dichter führt den Gedanken eschatologisch weiter und erinnert an den „ewgen Frieden“ der uns mit dem Tod geschenkt werden soll.

„Wie im Himmel, so auf Erden“, so beten wir im Vaterunser! Was also im Himmel da ist, soll auch auf der Erde möglich werden. Darum hoffe ich nicht erst nach dem Tod auf den Frieden, der höher ist als alle Vernunft.

6. Ach, lass dich doch erwecken, wach auf, wach auf, du harte Welt, eh als das harte Schrecken dich schnell und plötzlich überfällt! Wer aber Christum liebet, sei unerschrocknes Muts, der Friede, den er gibet, bedeutet alles Guts. Er will die Lehre geben: Das Ende naht herzu, da sollt ihr bei Gott leben in ewgem Fried und Ruh.

Ps Reinhard Keding

Elisabeth was born on 9 December 1944 in Vryheid, northern Natal, the youngest of five children of Kurt Kliem, a German immigrant and school principal, and Margarethe (née Von Staden), a pianist and daughter of a Free State farmer. Her siblings were Dietrich (deceased in his 20s), Gisela, Jurgen, and Uli.

At age five, the family moved to Port Shepstone, where she attended school and later matriculated at Port Shepstone High School. She excelled at tennis and horse riding and learned piano from her mother.

After school, she moved to Cape Town, living with her sister Gisela and studying at UCT's College of Music, majoring in piano and violin, and qualifying as a teacher. Her first post was in Bloemfontein, where she played violin in the university symphony orchestra.

She later joined her sister and brother-in-law Friedrich in Vryheid, becoming the school's first music teacher and founding a pupil orchestra. A teacher exchange year in Freiburg, Germany, followed, where she taught music and became engaged to lawyer Klaus Willner. Their relationship was close and loving, but ended when she returned to South Africa after her father's death and took on the care of her mother.

Elisabeth and her mother later settled in Boston, Bellville, near Gisela and Friedrich. As her mother aged, Elisabeth developed a strong interest in elder care and studied Social Work at UNISA, specialising in geriatric care, completing her practical training at St Johannisheim.

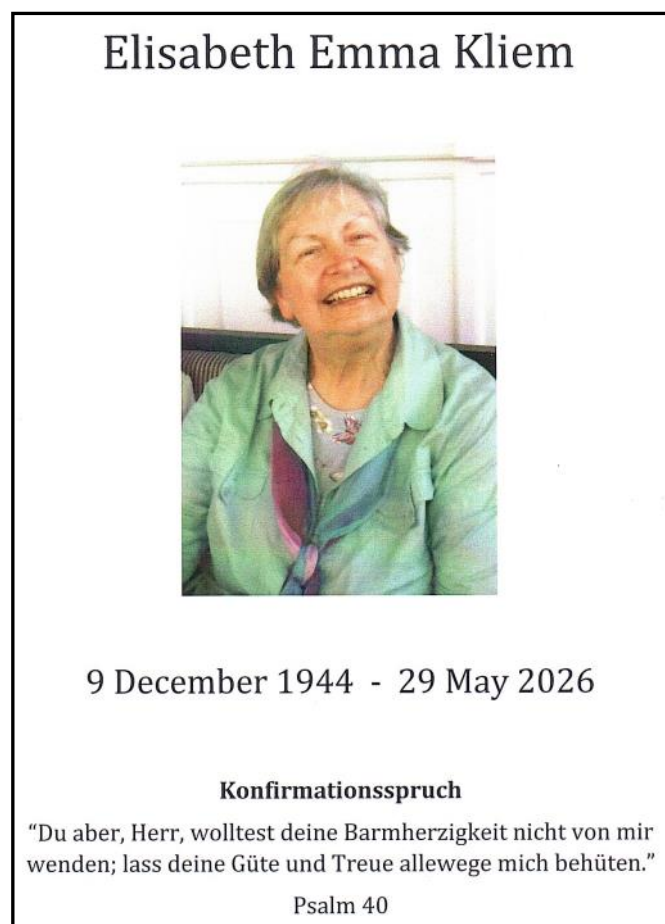
During the 1990s, she worked at St Johannisheim in management and social work, supporting its expansion and many community activities, including outings, concerts, festivals, choir events, and fundraising bazaars. She was closely involved in the daily logistics of the Heim in its early, largely self-sufficient years. She was later appointed manager but stepped back when professional administration was introduced, after which she was dismissed and asked to leave her apartment. This was a difficult period for her and coincided with later financial challenges at the Heim.

Elisabeth remained deeply family-oriented, helping with family events, supporting relatives during illness, and staying active in the Middle Street Kreuzkirche. She had no children of her own but was closely involved in the lives of her nieces, nephews, and their children.

In later years, after returning to St Johannis Gardens, she developed Parkinson's disease and gradually became frailer, eventually moving into frail care. Despite increasing disability, she remained gracious and appreciative, often expressing thanks to visitors. Her closest companion throughout this time was her sister Gisela, who visited her daily and provided constant support.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the sisters, nurses, and caregivers at the frail care facility who looked after Elisabeth with dedication and compassion, enabling her to live her final years with dignity.

Hermann Wittenberg (shortened by E-G Brunke)



G E B E T

Wir laden Sie ein, dieses Gebet regelmäßig zu beten:

Du, unser einziger Herr, lass uns mithelfen, dass Dein Name auf Erden gepriesen werde und Dein Heil sich ausbreite über alle Welt;

dass die Hoffnung, die Du uns gegeben hast, Licht und Kraft werde für unser eigenes Leben und für alle, die Du liebst.

Amen.

Johann C. Blumhardt



Kollekten Verteilung - Collection distributions2026

January	Bibelgesellschaft in Südafrika South African bible society
February	Jugendarbeit - Youth projects
March	iThemba La Buntu
April	Musik - Music C.C.
May	Theologische Ausbildung Theological Education CC
June	Tygerberg Hospice
July	Mes
August	Eigene Gemeinde Own Congregation
September	Solidarity CC
October	iThemba La Bantu
November	Missionsarbeit - Missionary work CC
December	Kinderheim Elim

Ingrid en ek is al baie jare lidmate van die Bellville Kruiskerk-gemeente - en Ralph Rix is iemand met wie ons ook 'n baie lang pad saam gestap het. Op Ralph kon 'n mens altyd staatmaak. Hy was vriendelik, hulpvaardig en het sy dienswerk in en om die kerk met groot getrouheid verrig. As ek reg onthou, is hy gedurende Pastor Hahne se bediening amptelik as die kerk se koster en toesighouer aangestel.

Ek onthou ook goed hoe ek Ralph dikwels gekontak het, wanneer daar onsekerheid was oor iets by die kerk, veral ná 'n Sondagdiens. Dit kon wees dat 'n deur of venster dalk nie behoorlik gesluit was nie, dat 'n verwarmersper abuis aangebly het, of dat kerse nog gebrand het. Dan kon ek vir Ralph bel, selfs laat in die aand, en hy was altyd bereid om ondersoek te gaan instel en seker te maak dat alles in en om die kerk in orde was. Hy het dit telkens met 'n positiewe gesindheid en gewilligheid gedoen.

By basare was Ralph ook altyd 'n staatmaker. Hy het getrou gehelp om alles in plek te kry vir die groot geleentheid, en ná afloop van die basaar weer te sorg dat alles netjies teruggepak en in die stoorkamer gebêre is. Hy was gewoonlik vroeg-vroeg op sy pos, dikwels nog voordat die ander medewerkers opgedaag het.

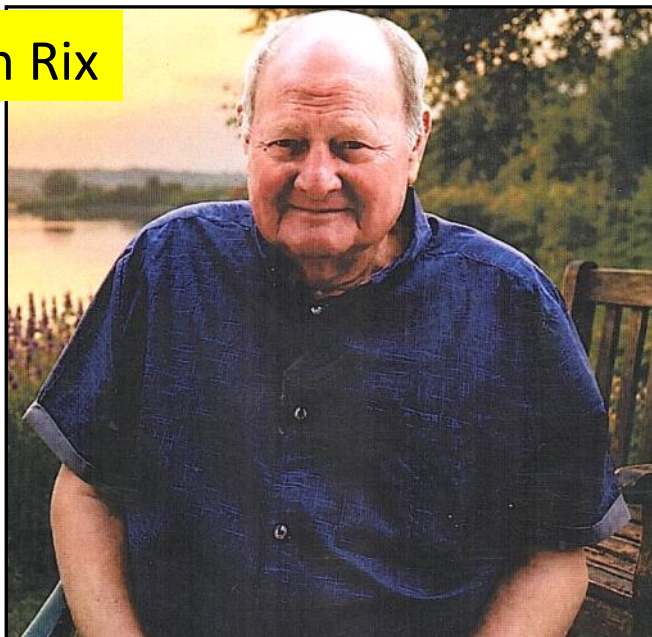
Die kleuterskool sal hom ook met dankbaarheid onthou. Oom Ralph (ook oupa genoem) was daar wanneer die kinders soggens afgelaai is, en weer in die middag wanneer ouers hulle kom haal het. Sy teenwoordigheid het vir baie ouers en kinders 'n gevoel van vertroue en veiligheid gebring.

Ons sal Ralph altyd onthou as 'n getroue gemeentelid wat sy plek met dankbaarheid en toewyding volgestaan het. Sy diensbaarheid en bereidwilligheid om te help het 'n blywende indruk gelaat.

Baie dankie, Ralph. Jou bydrae tot ons gemeente sal nie vergeet word nie !

Ernst-G. Brunke

Ralph Rix



Induction - church committee members



Cynthia Kgaditsi

(30-06-2026)



Shermon Collins

The future shape of ministry at Church of the Cross

On Sunday 5th July 2026 our congregation welcomed Pastor Hans-Christoph Lange in our midst. The Cape Lutheran Church Council has appointed him to serve Kreuzkirche in a 65% pastoral position from 1 July 2026 until 28 February 2027. We encourage the congregation to support him as he grows in his ministry.

The appointment follows the departure of Pastor Schalk Treurnicht, whose service agreement expired on the 30th of June 2026.

For now, the 65% post covers pastoral care, visitations, administration, Thursday office hours, YouTube meditations, responsibility for occasional services, Sunday divine services, prayer and Bible meetings, attention to ad hoc projects such as newcomer focus as well as attending Church Council meetings and Pastors Convocations.

We are thankful that Wikus Opperman will continue as intern at Kreuzkirche until the end of 2026. In addition to the 65% post, his activities will include some services, prayer and bible study meetings under the mentorship of Pastor Felix Meylahn and Pastor Hans Lange.

During a special service that will be held at 12h00 on Sunday the 2nd of August 2026, Pastor Lange will be ordained to serve as Pastor collaboratum at Kreuzkirche. This is an interim status that may last between one and four years, after which he will be eligible to be elected as pastor of a congregation or to apply for pastoral vacancies within the church.

This interim appointment provides an opportunity for our congregation to prayerfully discern the future shape of ministry at Kreuzkirche. Please keep Hans-Christoph, Wikus and the congregation in your prayers as we seek God's guidance for the future of Kreuzkirche.

Dieter Geiger (cc chair)



Gemeindeessen am Sonntag
den 7. Juni, 2026.



A hearty word
of thanks to all
those who made
this wonderful
event possible !





Birthdays

August

06 August	Sonja Ewald
08 August	Christel Andrag
12 August	Elisabeth Hollemann
14 August	Anja Meyerkort
15 August	Courtney Popkiss
17 August	Edmund Michl
18 August	Rolf Kriebel
18 August	Liska Kassier

21 August	Sonja Gutknecht
21 August	Monika Langenhoven
22 August	Hans Andrag
23 August	Jürgen Briegel
23 August	Gisela Prüter
29 August	Cecelia Ross
31 August	Schalk Treurnicht jnr.

A Special Birthday Wish to our Elderly

Rolf Kriebel celebrating his 90th

Birthdays

September

01 September	Karl Nuss		
03 September	Anja Müller		
03 September	Karl Von Aulock		
04 September	Renate Langenhoven		
04 September	Hans-Christoph Lange		
06 September	Victor Schröder	17 September	Kyle Ross
09 September	Annegret Büttner	17 September	Nina Roussouw
11 September	Irma Fröhling	17 September	Gisela Wittenberg
11 September	Carla Rix	19 September	Grèston Frans
13 September	Anita Schröder	19 September	Namvuyo Hlongwe
	William Köhler	20 September	Louise Pringle
		22 September	Daniella Ahlert
		26 September	Bernd Prüter
		28 September	Detlev Ahlert
			Soame Mamabola
		29 September	Henrike Kovats
		29 September	Hans Prüter

A Special Birthday Wish to our Elderly

Louise Pringle celebrating her 80th

Karl Nuss celebrating his 85th

Annegret Büttner celebrating her 85th

Birthdays **October**

02 October	Else Röhrs
03 October	Bärbel Steynberg
07 October	Rainer Prüter
09 October	Yngvild Steytler
13 October	Gilbert Popkiss
14 October	Anel Beneka
14 October	Martie Walzl
15 October	Irmela Kriebel
16 October	Alex von Aulock
16 October	Karli von Aulock
18 October	Heinrich Andrag
18 October	Dieter Geiger
22 October	Jennifer Brandy
22 October	Johannes van Eck
22 October	Urda Witte
27 October	Herbert Hellström
28 October	Nicoline Hellström
29 October	Zoë Buhr
29 October	Karl Ewald
31 October	Duduzile Kgaditsi

A Special Birthday Wish to our Elderly

Yngvild Steytler celebrating her 70th

Dieter Geiger celebrating his 70th

Irmela Kriebel celebrating her 90th

WHY

On the street I saw a small girl -
Cold and shivering in a thin dress,
With little hope of a decent meal.
I became angry and said to God:
“Why did you permit this?
Why don’t you do something about it?”
For a while God said nothing.
That night He replied, quite suddenly:
“I certainly did something about it.
I made you!”

(author unknown)



There is excitement in the sporting world. The Springboks are playing again, and the football World Cup has been bringing moments of joy, disappointment and plenty of discussion among fans. It is exciting to follow these events. They add something to our weekly routine and remind us how easily we become caught up in the stories unfolding around us.

Yet those are not the only headlines filling our phones, radios and newspapers. We also hear of viruses spreading to different countries, reminding us of only a few years ago. The wars continue as Russia and Ukraine still exchange fire, while the Middle East remains as unstable as it has been for many years. An earthquake in Venezuela leaves thousands missing while the number of casualties continues to rise. The world often feels as though it is balanced on a knife edge.

I sometimes think back to when I was younger and believed the world was a much better place. Looking back, I realise the world itself was no different, I simply knew much less about it. There is a certain peace that comes with not knowing what is happening beyond your own little corner of life, but that peace is only an illusion. We are not called to ignore the world around us. As the body of Christ, we are called to see it, to care for it and to pray for it. The early church was known for its love, joy and generosity, even while living under persecution. Their lives were not easy, but their hope did not depend on their circumstances. Their trust, hope and joy were found in something eternal; God himself. That is why Psalm 42 continues to speak so powerfully to us today.

It is almost as if the writer has just spent time with God when another troubling headline reaches his ears. The questions, fears and pain of the world press in on him once again. Yet his first response is not to despair but to turn back to the Lord.

"As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God... My soul thirsts for God."

His longing for God is unmistakable. Yet almost immediately the struggles of life seem determined to drag that trust into the dust, while others ask the question Christians have heard throughout the centuries: *"Where is your God?"*

The psalmist answers those questions by remembering.

"These things I remember... Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God."

He remembers worshipping with God's people. He remembers the songs, the prayers and the joy of gathering together. There is something deeply encouraging about being with fellow believers. A church service is a celebration of faith, fellowship and love. We hear God's Word together. We pray together. We gather around the Lord's Table. We sing together. But we also share coffee, tell stories of God's faithfulness and listen to what our brothers and sisters are experiencing. The struggles of the world do not disappear, but they no longer have the final word.

The psalm continues its honest rhythm.

"Why have you forgotten me?... Why are you cast down, O my soul?... Hope in God."

Again and again the writer moves between confidence and discouragement, praise and sorrow. It is a familiar rhythm. Our own hearts often move the same way as the world's headlines shift between celebration and tragedy. The question, then, is not whether good or bad news will come. It certainly will. The deeper question is where our hope is rooted. What shapes our lives? Who is our salvation?

May this season of Trinity remind us that God's kingdom is already at work among us. May we be reminded again of the kindness of our heavenly Father. May the grace of Christ draw us close whenever we feel overwhelmed, and may the fellowship and power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us to live each day as God's dearly loved children.

Ps Schalk Treurnicht



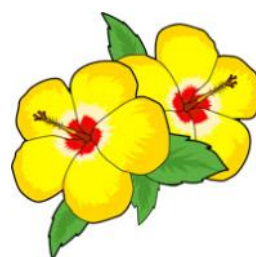
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<u>TUESDAY</u> General enquiries - Church office: secretary: 09:00 till 12:00	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> Home Office for pastor and secretary – please call to make appointments. Devotion (Andacht) at the Heim @ 15:00 1st Wednesday of month: German/English 3rd Wednesday of month: English	
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COFFEE AND FLOWER DUTY PLAN

August 2026 to October 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coffee Duty</u>	<u>Flower Duty</u>
02 August	Bring and Share	Gisela Prüter
09 August	Fam Ahlert	Anel Beneke
16 August	Liezel Engelike	Liezel Engelike
23 August	Yngvild Steytler	Carla Buhr
30 August	Hildegard Vogel	Christiane Duwe
06 September	Gisela Prüter	Bazaar Flowers
13 September	Renate Langenhoven	Christiane Duwe
20 September	Anel Benake	Fam Ahlert
27 September	Sharon Collins	Makayla Nathoo
04 October	Gisela Prüter	Annegret Büttner
11 October	Yngvild Steytler	Hildegard Vogel
18 October	Liezel Engelike	Liezel Engelike
25 October	Sharon Collins	Makayla Nathoo



Pieces of a Puzzle

Each lifetime is the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.
 For some there are more pieces.
 For others the puzzle is more difficult to assemble.
 Some seem to be born with a nearly complete puzzle.
 But know this. No one has within themselves
 All the pieces to their puzzle.
 Everyone carries with them at least one and probably
 many pieces to someone else's puzzle.
 Sometimes they know it. Sometimes they don't.
 And when you present your piece,
 Which is worthless to you,
 to another, whether you know it or not,
 whether they know it or not,
 You are a messenger from the Most High.

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner



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