

Dear Friends,

Strong, crazy, sacrificial. That's what love is! It makes us all kinds of things for our beloved. Mountains have been climbed, hazardous valleys crossed, tossing rivers swam through and dangerous animals starred in the eye. Some have even have given up his or her own life in order to save the life of the beloved.

God refers to this ultimate sacrifice in Bible: **Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.** (Romans 5:7) It's crazy, but God knows, it has been done before. What is crazier than that? This is: When someone gives up their life so that the *enemy* can live! That's love that lacks logic and sense. It challenges our human comprehension. It feels wrong, absurd and pointless. That this is truly ultimate love is shown the following verse: **But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** (v8) The Son of God gave up His Throne in heaven and came to earth in order to pay the ultimate price as He endured the excruciating pain of the cross. He willingly allowed this to be done to Himself out of love for us sinners—God's enemies (v10)! Because of His act of love our sin is forgiven. Instead of enemies, we can be men and women of God. This love is not from this world. This Gospel did not spring forth from human imagination. This is the heartbeat of a higher Being. This is the God that we follow, worship and love in return. Because He has loved us so!



Beloved in the Lord, February 14th is Valentine's Day, the day of love. Think of the One who blessed you with the ultimate gift of love: Jesus! It's exactly two months later that we will commemorate this act of His ultimate love: Good Friday, the day of the cross is on April 14th. That is the true day of love.

Have 60 days full of Christ's love for you.

In His service, yours

Pastor Tepper

**"I never really hate to know
if I'm important to you."**

-Anonymous

The bright winter sun shined on us during our Coffee2go Cart outreach at Merode on a Wednesday in January.



Please Pray...

- For all of our married couples that we stay united and committed to each other as we grow together in our faith and live toward the future in God's Kingdom; that we learn from Christ what love and forgiveness means and practice it in our relationships.
- For all of us that we remember that love, in the true meaning of the word, is ultimately found in the arms of our heavenly Father.
- For Christians on fire for the lost and hearts open for our Gospel message.
- For those with birthdays this month:
- Feb 14: Hemson

Send your prayer requests to: pastor @ alcb.be and specify whether it is private or to be shared.

Upcoming Events... Last minute updates/changes: www.alcb.be

Sunday, Feb 5

Wed., Feb 8

Sunday, Feb 12

Wed., Feb 15

Sunday, Feb 19

Wed., Feb 22

Sunday, Feb 26

Wed., March 1

Sunday, Mar 5

Wed., Mar 8

Saturday, Mar 11

Sunday, Mar 26

4:30pm Worship Service in Woluwe-St. Pierre

7:30pm Discovery Bible Study, Etterbeek

4:30pm Short Worship Service in Woluwe-St. Pierre

with an information meeting afterwards

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2:30pm **Adult Bible Study and Kids' Club** (p.2)

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6:00pm **Daddy Daughter Dance** (in Vossem, p.2)

10:30am Worship Service in Leefdaal

with a quick lunch and **General Meeting** (p.2)

Worship services are held normally at: Ave. Salomé 7, Woluwe-St. Pierre (across the Centre Sportif, close to Stokkel)

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Once a month we invite you to get together to discuss a Bible passage to-

gether. Just grab a cup of coffee or tea and join in! It's a good place to ask questions you might have.

On Sundays, 2:30-4:00 p.m. (just before our church service).

The children enjoy instruction and fun at the same time during their Kids' Club.

Ask pastor for the location. (pastor@alcb.be)



Meeting the Family

I've been at ALCB for... about 10 months.

Once upon a time I... was really fat, a computer game addict, long-haired, a huge fan of heavy metal and gifted with a terrible taste for clothes (not all of it at the same time, though).

I find a lot of joy in... worship music, articles and talks where scientists relate the things mentioned in the Bible to the scientific knowledge of today, or things which show beautiful footprints of God's work, both in the large and the small structures that exist in the universe.

Regarding the more worldly things, I like swimming and the gym, music and TV series, such as the BBC production "Sherlock", or all-time classics like "Friends".

It's not fashionable but... I'm not on Facebook. And I don't use WhatsApp, either.

If my life was a book, the title would be... "The man who had four family names". That's due to my complex history: born in Poland with some remote German ancestors on one side of the family, emigrated to Germany followed by an integration to the max (including the name aspect), and eventually married to my wonderful wife Eva.

I came to ALCB because... once Eva and I went to a Sunday service of the German Protestant Church. We didn't feel it would be "the one" for us, though - but we noticed a poster of the ALCB hanging in the foyer. So we tried the ALCB the week after, and that one was right.

One thing I love about ALCB... The fact that children are an important part of the congregation, thus taking Jesus' statement "let the children come to me" literally. I also love the children's message (which works very well for adults, too!) and the "This is the day" song.



Martin

Our Investments in People's Lives

Thanks to all who have set up automatic bank transfer for tithes, contributions and donations for automated giving for God's glory.



Mission '17 € 25,000*	Sunday Offerings	Bank Transfers	Total (goal vs. received)	Giving goals*
December	€ 904.42	€ 330	€ 1,234.42 (59%)	€ 2,083
January	€ 1,039.97	€ 330	€ 1,369.97 (66%)	€ 2,083
Year to date	€ 1,039.97	€ 330	€ 1,369.97 (66%)	€ 2,083
Things that you support	Preaching ministry	Lives served	You, your family	February € 2,083

* 12 x 2,083=25,000 € is what we need to raise ourselves in Brussels. We are subsidized by the LCMS and the SELK for our total budget.

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catechism quiz

1. What is the First Article about?
2. What are the benefits of Holy Baptism?
 - A. Welcome party for the newborn
 - B. Chance to wear a fancy dress
 - C. Forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation
 - D. Free hair rinse
3. What does "covet" mean in Commandments?

Answers:

1. God the Father.
2. C.: It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare. See Mark 16:16.
3. yearn to possess something, especially something belonging to another.