

Dear Friends,

I remember when I was a child sometimes after having watched a movie I would go on pretending I was in the movie. Only after a while reality took back over. I can now see it at times in my own children and it makes me laugh.

But there is a lesson to be learned that is not so funny: Many people live their lives as if moving about from one film set to the other, illusions that the world makes you believe are real and the highest goals: success, money, beauty, sex, health, sport... However, these are deceptions made of card board, facades propped up by scaffolding. They cannot withstand the storms of life and will collapse sooner or later, for sure at the end of times.

The Holy Spirit calls you out of a life of illusions, away from the pretentious movie sets of the world. He calls you to wake up from the dream to a the one true reality, the presence of God and the relationship with the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit leads you to Jesus, to Him who was crucified and bore your sin, your wrong choices, your pursuit of the fake reality that the world wants you to believe in. The Holy Spirit reveals to you the Risen One who was the first one to rise from the dead. He shares with us this new "life" and it is Life in the full sense of the word! He leads you all the way to eternal life.

It may be that the way leads through dark times. There are conflicts with people, struggle with your own sin, circumstances that want to drag you off to the make-believe reality of the world. Those are times when you might want to give up.

But the Lord is with you through His Spirit. He is also called the Comforter. He leads you to bright heights. The good gifts that God gives, you may enjoy without forgetting your purpose and destination.*

With His help I and my family are now starting a new era of our life as we move to Germany after almost 10 years in Belgium. With His help I will take over the ministry in Plauen/Germany. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit you will be well cared for here in the capital of Belgium. It has been an honor and joy to serve God in our friendly international church in Brussels. May God guide you to the higher calling and purpose for which He created you.

Pastor Tepper

"Don't follow your heart.

Follow the conviction of the Holy Spirit."

*- The heart is deceitful above all things,
Jeremiah 17:9*



Please Pray...

- For **Brussels** that God would send His Holy Spirit to open and prepare the hearts of the people that they might experience the love of Jesus.

- For a smooth and protected move of Pastor's family to Germany, for a good installation in the new town and congregation.

- For our ALCB that we stay steadfast and united in the months of transition, for volunteers and joyful church attendance, for Johannes as interim pastor.

- For those with birthdays this month:

- June 2: Tamas

- June 6: Matthias

- June 10: Katie

- July 11: Maria

- July 17: Lauren

- Aug 1: Marc

- Aug 28: Eva



The old
Sint Paulus
Church in
Vossem
(Tervuren)

On June 4 for Pentecost we tried out our new substitute church building. ALCB is meeting there during the summer (see page 2)

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

Sunday, June 11

4:30pm Worship Sunday Service in Woluwe-St. Pierre
We say farewell to Pastor and his family

Wed., June 14

7:30pm Discovery Bible Study, Etterbeek

Sunday, June 18

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

Wed., June 21

7:30pm Discovery Bible Study, Etterbeek

Sunday, June 25

4:30pm **Confirmation** Service in Woluwe-St. Pierre

Sunday, July 2

10:30am Worship Service in **Sint Paulus, Vossem**

Sunday, July 9

10:30am Worship Service in **Sint Paulus, Vossem**

Sundays, July 16

10:00am Worship Service in our partner church in

to August 20

Antwerp, Tabakvest 59 with Pastor van Hattem

Sunday, August 27

10:30am Worship Service in **Sint Paulus, Vossem**

Sunday, Sept 3

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

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

Pastor Johannes: pastor@alcb.be www.alcb.be

* (Feste Burg Kalender, 4. Juni)

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● **Summer Services in Vossem** – We no longer have the barn available for our worship services outside

of our usual sanctuary in Ave. Salomélaan. Instead we will meet in Vossem (between Leefdaal and Tervuren) in the village church, called Sint Paulus (Adress: **Dorpsstraat 10**)

● **Antwerp is inviting** – Between July 16 and August 20 our partner congregation in Antwerp is inviting us to come and join them for worship. Service at **10:00am at Tabakvest 59 in 2000 Antwerp**.

Farewell

This summer Pastor Matthias and his family is leaving Brussels.
I've been at **ALCB** for... 9½ years as pastor of this congregation, almost a decade! I lost some hair over the years, but I gained many friends at ALCB!

Once upon a time I... was infamous in my home country for not speaking English. That was until God called me to out of the blue to go to the USA for an study exchange year. That year changed a lot: I learned English and met my soon-to-be-wife. ☺

I find a lot of joy in... my Lord Jesus, my wife and family, reading fantasy novels, sitting at a campfire with a good Bavarian beer, nature, friendships, traveling...

It's not fashionable but... I still like my Doc Martens

If my life was a book, the title would be... For the Audience of One

I came to ALCB because... there was an international church that needed a pastor and wanted me to do outreach!

One thing I love about ALCB... is the welcoming, friendly and joyful atmosphere which shows how quickly newcomers can connect and how many will stay after the Sunday service to chat with one another. There are other things like the diversity of nationalities and languages and the many children we have.

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.

In the new budget we have higher expenses in the first semester, for which we need to compensate in the second one. Please keep up your giving. This will determine whether we will call a pastor in 2018.

Mission '17 € 16,600*	Sunday Offerings	Bank Transfers	Total (goal vs. received)	Giving goals*
April	€ 1.774.56	€ 620	€ 2,394.56 (173%)	€ 1,383
May	€ 988.00	€ 650	€ 1,638 (118%)	€ 1,383
Year to date	€ 6,464.86	€ 2,750	€ 9,214.86 (133%)	€ 6,915
Things that you support	Worship Services	Lives served	You and your families	Jun-Aug € 4,149

* 12 x 1,383=16,600 € is what we need to raise ourselves in Brussels. We are subsidized by the LCMS and the SELK for our total budget until this summer.

Walking with the Lord

Register your children now for VBS (Vacation Bible School)! The VBS ministry is a joint effort among several churches in the Brussels area and is always a wonderful experience both for children and helpers! The day includes Bible stories, snack, crafts, games, and great music!

**Monday – Friday, 21 – 25 August, 2017
from 10:00 – 14:00**

at IBC, Lange Eikstraat 76-78, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem

<https://ibcbrussels.com/ministries/children/vacation-bible-school/>

For Children, ages 5-11 (participation fee: EUR 25, payable on the first day – reduced fee for third/fourth child of same family)

For Junior Helpers, ages 12-15 and **Senior Helpers**, ages 16+ (preschool & nursery provided for your little ones while you are helping)



● **Farewell Celebration** – You are all invited to join us for the official sendoff of Pastor Matthias. He has been serving this congregation and the people in the city for almost 10 years. He and his family are moving to Plauen in the East of Germany where he is taking over a ministry. He will be here until the end of June.

● **Interim Pastor Johannes** – He will take over the first of Sundays of July and will be officially leading you in worship from September on. Please support him in our church with your gifts and talents and with your prayers!

● **Confirmation Sunday** – We have four confirmands this year: Alzbeta, Anna, Grace and Vini. Join them in this important step in their faith walk as they confirm their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior on **Sunday, June 25th**. It's also the last Sunday in Woluwe before the summer and the last service with Pastor Matthias.

● **The summer hibernation of church contributions**
We are looking forward to the much deserved summer break. Unfortunately at the same time, our church income takes a big plunge. **Would you please make a standing order with your bank** if you haven't yet to have your offerings transferred regularly. (Account information on bottom of p.1 and www.alcb.be, right side). We truly thank each person who is willing to join in the mission of providing the funds necessary to spread the love of Christ.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Please help the body of Christ with your gifts.

Please support Pastor Johannes and the team of elders in their ministry to you by attending, participating and volunteering in order to maintain a healthy life of the church.



catechism quiz

the lutheran

1. Complete the sentence: I believe in [...] the resurrection of the _____ and life everlasting.
2. Recite the explanation of the Second Article.
3. True or false: Wanting to do better is not part of our confession of sins.

