

Anchored in the Lord – Called to Brussels



Dear members and friends of ALCB, the new academic year has started and also our church life is again as usual. In September we have had a service each Sunday. And it was great to meet so many happy people there! In the last four services we were always at least 20 people. That's amazing! And we not just talked about church family; after a long summer and nice individual holiday trips we could realise and feel that we have a church family, a home harbour with our ALCB, where we can anchor to find rest and peace through the Word and Sacrament of our merciful God. In the Bible we find a song of David, Psalm 133. It says: *"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."* With pictures of

overflowing wealth and blessings the words of the Psalm tell us that it is a God-created, healthy and holy thing to have a godly community. – Let us be thankful for these goods as well as to be good housekeepers. We receive all these good things from God but we have to use them. Let's develop our ALCB as such a blessed anchor place for us and many others – for God's honour and for our best.

Yours Pastor Johannes



Our church members with birthday this month:

- ☪ 03.10. Johannes Reitze-Landau
- ☪ 15.10. Emily Palmer
- ☪ 17.10. Andrea Vahrenhorst
- ☪ 19.10. Michael Russo
- ☪ 25.10. Martin Hoffmann
- ☪ 28.10. Naike Shoo



Please pray for...

- ...the victims of hate and terror worldwide, that they may be healed in body and soul.
- ... for the terrorists and fanatics, that their eyes may be opened to see God to find peace and love.
- ... for our church family that it may be a shelter and harbour for many.
- ... for all the pupils and students, who started into a new academic year.

Our next services:

Please be aware of our new service time! Because of a new youth ministry by the German Protestant Church, we have to change our service time for time being from October 22nd to 15:00! On October 15th we will be in the Sint Paulus church in 3080 Tervuren-Vosseem again.

Date	Sunday	Service	Time	Place
01.10.	Harvest Festival	Service with Holy Communion	16:30	Woluwe
08.10.	17 th Sunday after Trinity	Service with HC and Installation of P. Johannes	16:30	Woluwe
15.10.	18 th Sunday after Trinity	Service with Holy Communion	16:30	Vosseem(!)
22.10.	19 th Sunday after Trinity	Service with Holy Communion <i>(new time! ⇒)</i>	15:00	Woluwe
29.10.	20 th Sunday after Trinity	No service!		
05.11.	Reformation Festival	(Oecumenical) Lutheran Service tbc! - info later		City



View on our church family

Church family is not always just the Sunday congregation, it's also about the sick and homebound. The nature of our congregation brings with it that we have just very few of these people because most of us leave Brussels again after some years. Two of them, Betty and George Boomer in La Hulpe, I have visited these days. We had a good time and celebrated Holy Communion together.



Update on our financial situation



The two pastors of our Belgian Lutheran Church met some weeks ago to discuss our new financial situation in Brussels after Pastor Tepper left us. We are happy to announce that we don't have to pay any old bills any longer. Our contributions to the Mission project are all paid. Even though some ALCB members don't make (or can't make) any financial contribution we have a good financial basis with the regular bank transfers and Sunday offerings. But we can't pay a full "real" salary for a pastor. We have applied for a subsidy by the Belgian State but we don't have any answer yet. Therefore President Gijsbertus van Hattem and Pastor Johannes decided for the time being to pay €600,- per month to Pastor Johannes for his work. In addition to that we need around another €600,- for the church rent and the fee for the organ player so the sum we need every month adds up to €1200. In September we reached that goal easily and we had less costs because we were just three times in the German Church instead of four or five times. But in the future, there may be month with less income and it's still not enough to pay a full salary. So please consider any contribution (also just a few Euros are helpful) to ALCB! Thank you very much for all your contributions and offerings!

Month	Bank transfer	Offerings	Earnings in total	Expenses	Conclusion
September 17	€650,-	€1337,-	€1987,-	€1032,50,-	€954,50

Hillsong Young & Free from Australia in Brussels

On **Tuesday, 10th** a group from the big Hillsong community will give a concert in Brussels (at the Expo, Palais 12 at 20:00). Hillsong makes modern Christian worship music. The idea is to **join the concert together**. If you like to come with Pastor Johannes and some others, contact him **as soon as possible** to organise tickets! More information: <http://www.cvents.eu/en/hillsong-young-free-in-bruessel-b/>



Exhibition about Reformation in East Central Europe

This exhibition can be found in the „Chapel for Europe“ in the EU quarter. The plan is to visit it as a group on a Saturday, 21st in the afternoon and afterwards have fries and a beer at Place Jourdan. Date and time has to be confirmed! If you are interested to join the group, please contact Pastor Johannes! More information on www.resurrection.be | The exhibition can be visited Monday to Friday from 11:00 to 15:00 | Entrance free

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