

Dear Friends,

Working your way up to the top, rising above others, striving for higher things. Some have encountered this mindset in the business world. The more you work and apply yourself, the higher you can climb. That brings recognition, honor and some additional income. Jesus said that He **must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.** (John 3:14-15). You could think that He strives to tower over others like a certain kind of politician who loves to see their statues raised on pedestals or their over-sized pictures on buildings around the country for everyone to see and to admire.

However, His elevation that Jesus is talking about is different. It leads *downwards*. His path leads to the cross and with that to the greatest shame and disgrace. Only the most contemptuous scum are hung on the cross.

On Good Friday Jesus was high above all others on the hill of Golgotha, He was clearly visible to everyone around, all the attention was on Him. People came out to see Him on display. But what an unappealing sight they saw. Jesus did not pursue to be lifted up above others, like we might imagine from the business or political world. He knew about the elevation to the cross. It marks the low point of His humiliation. Lifted up on the cross, He is on the very bottom, on the lowest point, completely down. Lifted up, but instead of recognition and honor shame and disgrace.

There He is at the very bottom, but from there God the Father raised Him up with His resurrection and ascension. As the Risen One, he now again shares in God's Power, Glory and Honor. And that is why we worship him on the cross as the Exalted One. This we do in Lent as well as in the Easter weeks and every day of our lives. We believe that He has redeemed us with His death on the cross, taken away our shame and disgrace, and brought us to life with Him, now and forever.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that You have gone the way into the depths to save us. We worship You as the Lord of glory. We ask You to lead us on the way to the life for which you have died and saved us.

Dear friends, have a blessed remaining time of Lent and a very happy resurrection fest. Your *Pastor Tepper*

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

- Romans 10:9



Please Pray...

- For our relationships that we boldly bring Jesus with us wherever we go and draw others to salvation in Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- For us fathers that we faithfully teach the Word and catechism to our families in word and deed.

• For those with birthdays this month:

- Apr 2: Vini
- Apr 4: Upendo
- Apr 5: Natalie
- Apr 9: Michelle
- Apr 22: Astrid

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

Our team of elders and pastors after the GM (fltr):

Pastor van Hattem, Marc, Pastor Matthias, Grepshon, Eva (newly elected) and Pastor Johannes



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

Sunday, Apr 2

Wed., Apr 5

Sunday, Apr 9

Sunday, Apr 16

Wed., Apr 19

Sat., Apr 22

Sunday, Apr 23

Wed., Apr 26

Sunday, Apr 30

Wed., May 3

Sunday, May 7

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

7:30pm Discovery Bible Study, Etterbeek

4:30pm Palm Sunday Service in Woluwe-St. Pierre

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

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All day **Ecumenical Church Day**, Ixelles

With outreaches organized by Pastor

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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 together. 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)

KIDS CLUB

Walking with the Lord

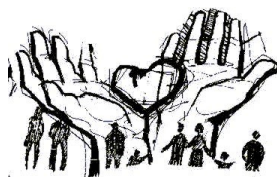
15 Million reach 15 Million – Every day we're getting closer to the **Global Outreach Day on May 27th**. It's been estimated that at least 15 million Christians will participate. It's the biggest Evangelistic mobilization ever. It works with one simple action: Share the Gospel with at least one person, knowing that millions of Christians are with you all over the world. There are many ways to share the Gospel, look for one that fits into your culture: You can invite someone for ice cream or get together for coffee while you talk about Jesus and His love; you can gather with your church and friends and go out in teams, help the poor, offer someone a ride, pray for the sick, wash a car... Do the thing that God has created you to do. Whether you are organizing a large team or inviting someone for coffee, you can make an eternal difference in someone's life.

Everyone can reach someone. And together we can reach the world. What plans are you making for the G.O.D. 2017?



Task Cards

Together we can do great things for God's glory.



We have implemented a new idea of involving church members in the different part during and around our Sunday gatherings. There are a number of people who always help, and others don't know how to do it. So, we came up with the task cards. When you come in you may pick one from the magnet board. Each card has a description of the task on it to guide you. You may recruit others to help you.

Greeter – Welcome people as they come, especially new-comers, and give them a hymn book and a bulletin

Lector – Help with the reading

Offering – Let the basket go around and brings it to the altar

Prayer – Read the prayer of the church after the Creed

Clean up Sanctuary – Pick up bulletins and hymnbooks etc.

Clean up Kitchen – Bring everything from the fellowship time back and wash the dishes

Communion Helper – Walk with Pastor around with the tray of individual cups

Communion Ware Helper – Wash the chalice and put everything back into the suitcase.

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*
February	€ 1,319.68	€ 600	€ 1,919.68 (139%)	€ 1,383
March	€ 1,342.65	€ 550	€ 1,892.65 (137%)	€ 1,383
Year to date	€ 3,702.30	€ 1,480	€ 5,182.30 (125%)	€ 4,149
Things that you support	Counseling	Lives served	Sinners; the troubled etc.	April € 1,383

* 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.




● **General Meeting** – We met for our annual assembly at the end of March. We joyfully celebrated our last Sunday in the stable since we are giving up the parsonage in June. Thanks everyone for the delicious Pot Luck lunch. During the GM Pastor van Hattem came from Antwerp to be with us. We appreciated the significant rise in the giving in the past months. That is important for the future of the church as our support from the LCMS and the SELK will stop by July. Johannes will serve as the interim pastor. The church will continue with services every week-end. We elected Eva Hoffmann as an additional elder to Marc and Mr. Shoo.

● **Daddy Daughter Dance** – On Saturday, March 11 we had our second DDD. We got a good response and were actually overbooked with over 50 participants. **A big thanks to all the helpers** to make this community event happen. During the welcome speech we let the Gospel shine through and had a short prayer. Then it was all dancing and having fun.

● **Spring Picnic** – Mark your calendars for Sunday, **May 14 (changed date!)** for our annual church outing! 11a.m. worship service. Afterward picnic with BBQ and fun together on the grounds of the school.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Please help the body of Christ with your gifts.

-  Give cheerfully from your income
-  Pick a "Task Card" at church
-  Join our outreaches



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catechism quiz

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.