

Dear Friends,

School is starting up again. A new school year, a new grade, new teachers, new schools... Time for the little ones to learn – for *life* of course. What a blessing. Some children are never given that chance.

And after school, do we stop learning? You are unlikely find someone who says: “Do yourself a favor and stop learning!” Instead much has been said about why great people never stop learning. It is a wise attitude to stay teachable.

In the Bible we read: **Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.** (Ps 25,5) As believers we seek to understand the Bible’s presentation of the Gospel. So we need to adjust our own perspective to match the biblical worldview. Because we know God as our Savior and we trust in Him, we want to know more about Him, understand more of His plan with humankind. Reading and rereading the Word of God is the only way to soak up that biblical worldview.

In school we say: “You learn for life.” Think about what that means for studying our Bibles: Here you learn for life also – and for *eternal* life on top of it! As Christians we want God guide us in His wisdom. Having a clear biblical worldview helps us to evaluate occurrences and opinions around us. He also encourages us, builds us up, fills us with the peace of the Holy Spirit. Studying the Bible is not at all like homework. It’s a guidepost for life and to life.

I invite you, believers and unbelievers alike to come alongside each other. Let’s dive into the Word of God and seek together the God who has revealed Himself in Scripture. We are on the journey together. We don’t have all the answers. But we know and trust that Jesus is the answer.

To all of you: Have a blessed new school year.

Pastor Tepper

**When life gets
too hard to stand,
kneel.**



Summer church attenders on one Sunday with a surprise visit from the Proskurovskis from Luxembourg. Above: The flowers on the altar often came from our neighboring Flemish farmer. Thanks to Mr Pennickx.



Please Pray...

- For good start of the new school year, safe travels for our students to and from school and a good learning environment.

- For our families that we prepare one another for path that leads to heaven.

- For the peace in the world and our brothers and sisters that are persecuted for their faith in Christ.

- For those with birthdays this month:

- Sept 1: Susanne

- Sept 2: Judit

- Sept 15: Lillian

Send your 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, Sept 4

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

Sunday, Sept 11

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

Sat., Sept 17

5:00pm Worship Service in Leefdaal with PotLuck (p.2)

Sunday, Sept 18

No service because of Car Free Sunday

Fri-Sat, Sept 23-24

Open Doors seminar: Standing Firm through the Storm

Sunday, Sept 25

2:30pm Bible study and Kids’s Club

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

Sunday, Oct 3

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

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

How to Care For the Sick — While a trained and licensed physician must be sought to treat illness and injury, there is no malady that cannot be helped with faithful attention and prayer.

1. **Assess the nature of the problem.** Visit a local pharmacy if the illness is a simple one. Over-the-counter medications usually provide temporary relief until the body heals itself. If symptoms persist, the sick person should see a doctor and get a more detailed diagnosis.
2. **Pray for them.** Intercessory prayers are prayers made on someone else's behalf. Recent studies point to healing in hospitalized patients who have been prayed for—even when the sick were not aware of the prayers. Add the afflicted person to your church's prayer list.
3. **Call in the elders.** Prayer and emotional support from friends and family are vital parts of healing, living with illness, and facing death. Ask the pastor to assemble the church elders (leaders) for prayer and the laying on of hands.

Here's what the Bible says on this topic: *"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord."* (James 5:14)

Taken from the Lutheran Handbook by Augsburg Fortress)

Meeting the Family

I've been at ALCB for... around 4 months now.

Once upon a time I... lived in Japan for a semester. Despite being there completely alone and having only limited knowledge of oral Japanese, I did not get lost (I am still grateful and a bit proud of this). I just lost a lot of weight, even though I ate like crazy (Japanese food is super low in calories, my weight loss could only be stopped by compensating with a whole chocolate bar per day, which was great!).

I find a lot of joy in... watching a German evangelism broadcast called "Mensch, Gott!" ("My goodness, God!"). I get really excited hearing people's astonishing stories how God reveals himself to us humans today and how he can and does change lives to the good.

It's not fashionable but... I kind of have the same hair cut all my life (just the styling I like to vary depending on my mood of the day).

If my life was a book, the title would be... "The Blessing of Getting Older". I really enjoy getting older and don't understand this stressful youthism. In my view, a few wrinkles and grey hair make people attractive and are more than compensated by the growth in character and the valuable experiences in life. So, I'm looking forward to the years to come!

I came to ALCB because... God showed me the way.

One thing I love about ALCB... Actually, there are several things: The welcoming attitude, the international atmosphere, the true conviction and belief of the pastor and members, the follow up of God's messages in daily life...



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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 '16	Sunday Offerings	Bank Transfers	Total (goal vs. received)	Giving goals*
June	€ 1,099	€ 830.00	€ 1,929.00 (92%)	€ 2,083
July-Aug	€ 819,10	€ 1,460.00	€ 2,279.10 (54%)	€ 4,166
Year to	€ 6,294.34	€ 5,590.00	€ 11,884.34 (71%)	€ 16,664
Things that you support	Newcomers	Lives served	Expats	Sept. € 2,083

* 12 x 2,083=25,000 € is what we need to raise ourselves in Brussels. We are currently subsidized by the LCMS and the SELK for our total budget of € 55,000.

● **Car Free Sunday** – Because on Sunday, Sept 18, cars can't get in or out or around the town we will come together in Leefdaal once again **on Saturday, Sept 17, at the parsonage at 5 p.m.** Please stay afterwards for a **potluck dinner** together to celebrate the beginning of the new school year.

● **Open Doors** – is inviting to a teaching seminar in at IBC discusses the topic "Standing firm through the storm" and answers the questions: What is persecution and how does it begin? What biblical and prayer resources do we have? How does the persecuted Christian stand firm? Friday 6pm. Sat 9:30am-4pm. Ask pastor for more information at pastor@alcb.be