

Cross Beams

St. Crucis Lutheran Church
Beacon Bay
Luther Church, Brakfontein
Pastor Muriel Kossmann

December 2001 – January 2002



Watchword for 2002

**Surely God is my
salvation;
I will trust and will
not be afraid,**

Isaiah 12:2a

Dear Friends of Luther and St. Crucis,

Time seems to fly - we are already here five months.

I feel, I am still trying to find my feet, while I am at the same time already quite involved in many activities of the congregation.

I was encouraged by my committee members to write my personal story, how I got involved in ministry. It is a rather unusual story. Due to this there will be no space for a message from the watch word.

I hope you find this in order.

When we were in Germany, I was a Dietitian. I used to give classes for adults at a Lutheran Adult Education Center. My classes were basically on how to make wholesome food. I also gave classes to loose weight, which I enjoyed.

We came to SA the first time in 1984 on a two years contract and stayed in Paarl. Our daughter was born here. We got involved in the Lutheran Church in Paarl. Our children were both baptized there. We were not really involved in the Church in Germany before. We had not found a spiritual home for ourselves yet. So Paarl really was wonderful. It was a small and caring community. And we got wholeheartedly involved.

We went back to Germany the end of 1985. After three years, we had the opportunity to come back to SA, which we did. And luckily we could go to Paarl again. Being back in Paarl I got involved again in the Church. Since our children were getting older, I started to think about becoming a minister. I inquired about details - and was so shocked about the fact that it would take 7 years all together. I put the thought aside. But, the thought would come again and again. I saw our bishop in this matter. I was already 38 years. The bishop gave direction to my studies. I found out that Unisa had a "Satellite-Institution" in Wellington, about 15 km away from Paarl. The Hugonote College in Wellington trained missionaries, youth workers, and social workers on a Christian foundation. The training was in Afrikaans. So I had to learn Afrikaans. I started in January 1994 in Wellington; my

classmates were mostly 18 years old. After a year we were a group of 14 youth workers cooperating in a good spirit.

I had always somebody to 'lean' on: in Wellington were two lecturers very helpful in times of difficulties; it was not always easy. From my second year on I was supported by Pastor Felix Meylahn. I did my practical year in his congregation in Bellville. In 1996 I finished my studies in Wellington. Due to my subject choice I was accepted as a Honors student in theology at the University of the Western Cape.

This was a wonderful year. From there I went to Pietermaritzburg for my Lutheran training. I passed the first theological exam. And after two years as a vicar under Pastor Felix Meylahn and Pastor Silke Moolman I passed my second theological exam in November. I was ordained in Bellville on the 11.12.2000.

That's how it all came together. The Lord guided me wonderfully.
(I did not think my story would be that long)

Other News from The Pastor's Desk:

- We need new Sunday school teachers.
- We look for people to write about the history of Luther in Brakfontein.
- Our visiting group needs new members.
- We need new delegates for Synod and CCE.
- Please take note of our changed service times due the cooperation of St. Crucis and Luther congregations.
- Confirmation class starts on the 15.2. 2002 with a Bring and Braai.

I wish to all of you:

May you have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

May the Lord guide you and be gracious to you.

And may you have time for a good rest before the New Year 2002 starts. Yours in Christ

Muriel Kassmann

ST. CRUCIS BEACON BAY AND LUTHER CHURCH BRAKFORTEIN

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO OUR SENIOR MEMBERS

December 2001

DENZIL RADLOFF	04.12.1932
RHONA KASHULA	06.12.1932
DENNIS WEYER	25.12.1934
BERTHA MOLDENHAUER	26.12.1931
DORIS BRANDT	28.12.1917
GISELA KUKARD	30.12.1931

ELIZABETH FREITAG celebrates her **100th BIRTHDAY**
"20 December 1901"



January 2002

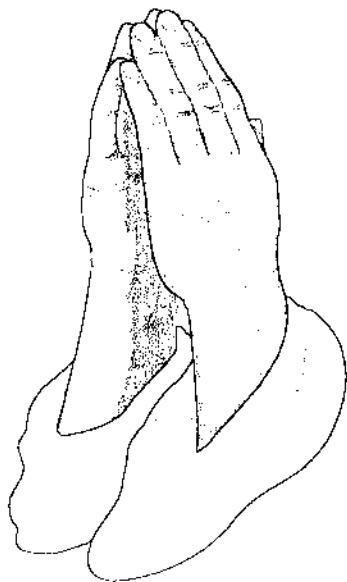
STANLEY BOTTCHER	07.01.1932
TREVOR ELLIOTT	17.01.1936
ULFRIED HEIN	19.01.1938
VERINA MAREE	20.01.1937
AUGUST REABOW	22.01.1941
TINA WORTHMANN	24.01.1940
IVOR BUSS	25.01.1938
EDUARD KIECK	28.01.1923
IVAN KIECK	31.01.1924
CLARICE KOPKE	31.01.1925

5 suggestions for praying the Psalms

BY ERIC HULSTRAND

1. Read the psalm slowly, a phrase at a time. Not every phrase will strike you at the moment. If not, simply move on.
2. When a particular phrase speaks to you, stay there. Always stay where there's fruit. Repeat the phrase several times. Pause and reflect. What thoughts and feelings does this move in you? What is the Lord showing you?
3. Stay with this phrase. Let the psalm put your feeling into words. Express it honestly: Yell at God. Complain about your friend. Cry out against injustice. Give praise.
4. Move on when you feel the Spirit has moved on. Repeat this process as phrases stand out for you. Don't feel you must go through the whole psalm. The purpose is not to "cover the psalm" but to meet God.

When you feel that your time with the psalm is over, respond to God in whatever way is appropriate. It might be praise, questioning or just "Amen."





Christmas Tree

St. Crucls invites ALL to their Christmas
Eve service and Nativity Play

Date: 24th December 2001

Time: 19h00

Place: St. Crucls Lutheran Church



Christmas Party

*The annual Christmas Party for the Seniors of
St. Crucls and Luther Church, will be held on
Saturday 8th December 2001 at 14H00
in the church hall*

Friends Welcome!

NEWS & NOTES

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following St. Crucis and Luther members who celebrated very special birthdays:

- ✠ HILDA TESSENDORF celebrated her 90th birthday on 8th October
- ✠ LIZZIE FREITAG celebrates her 100th birthday on 20th December

"With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation."

(Ps.91.16)

BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following St. Crucis members on the birth of your babies:

- ✠ BEVERLEY & GUSTAV SLABBER on the birth of your son JAEN-ROUX on 10th October
- ✠ VIVIEN & SAMANTHA VOCKERODT on the birth of your son TIMOTHY JOHN on 14th October
- ✠ KAREN & VAUGHN WICKS on the birth of your son ROSS on 28th October

"But for those who honour the Lord, his love lasts for ever, and His goodness endures for all generations of those who are true to His covenant and who faithfully obey his commands" Psalm 103:17-18

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to OTTO & GERTIE KARSHAGEN from St. Crucis on the celebration of your 50th anniversary on the 31st December.

"Grace be unto you and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come" (Rev. 1,4)

NEW MEMBERS

St. Crucis has welcomed the following new members :

- ✠ MARK & CHERYL BENKENSTEIN and their children DANIEL, ADAM & LEAH

Our Lord has once again added to our membership and we praise Him and give thanks.

BIBLE-STUDY

The Young-Adults Bible-study group to meet again in the New year every fortnight on a Thursday at 7.00 p.m. Check programme for dates.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next session of confirmation classes will start on the 15th February 2002 with a “bring and braai” where further dates and details will be arranged.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone for donations and for sponsoring the fun walk – we were able to raise R570.

There will be ongoing practices for the Christmas play on Sundays at Sunday School and a final full-dress rehearsal on the 22nd December in the church at 2.30 p.m.

We are also looking for interested confirmed members to teach Sunday School.

STARLIGHTS

In December the Starlights will have a Christmas Party at Nahoon Dam. A date has not yet been decided on but parents will be contacted with details.

No Junior youth meeting in January.

SENIOR YOUTH

Friday 7th December – Bonfire and Boerewors Rolls at Bonza Bay Beach at 7.00 p.m. Please all meet at the beach.

No meeting in January.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

This year the ladies decided not to exchange gifts at their Christmas Party but instead to bring groceries which will be given to the needy.

There will be no meetings in December or January as many people are away. We will start meeting again in February.

Thanks to all the ladies who attend so regularly. We hope that in the new year we will see some new faces at our meetings.

Early next year there will be 2 cake sales which will be held at Servistar (2nd March and 4th May).

SENIOR SPORTS

There will be no sports meetings in December or January. Thank you one and all for your co-operation. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th February 2002. A blessed Christmas to you all.

THANKS

- ✚ Thanks to all Congregation Members for donations of fruit, veggies and other products at Harvest Thanksgiving. Everything was taken to Silver Crown Home where it was much appreciated. There is a letter of thanks from Silver Crown on our notice board.
- ✚ Thanks to TONY SCHRIER for fixing the lock of the back door and saving us having to have lots of keys made.
- ✚ Thanks to DERRILL HEMPEL for bringing a team of weeders in and cleaning the garden so nicely and for donating a stepladder to enable the pastor to open the frontdoor.
- ✚ Thanks to the WA, CHARLOTTE ANDREWS and all the other helpers for their support throughout the year.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please pray for:

- ✚ VAL SONNENBERGER who is ill and needs to be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers.
- ✚ BEV BOETTGER who is recovering from treatment
- ✚ AUBREY BECKMANN and his daughter GLENDA who are both not well
- ✚ OLGA REYNOLDS for ongoing health problems.
- ✚ JEAN OLSEN who is having an operation

CROSSBEAMS

We are planning to feature advertisements in the Newsletter for members of the congregation for a small fee to cover costs of printing & postage. If anyone knows of Congregants that need to be put on the mailing list for Crossbeams due to being shut-in or ill, please contact the office or write the message down in the book in the foyer. Any items of interest can be written down for our use.

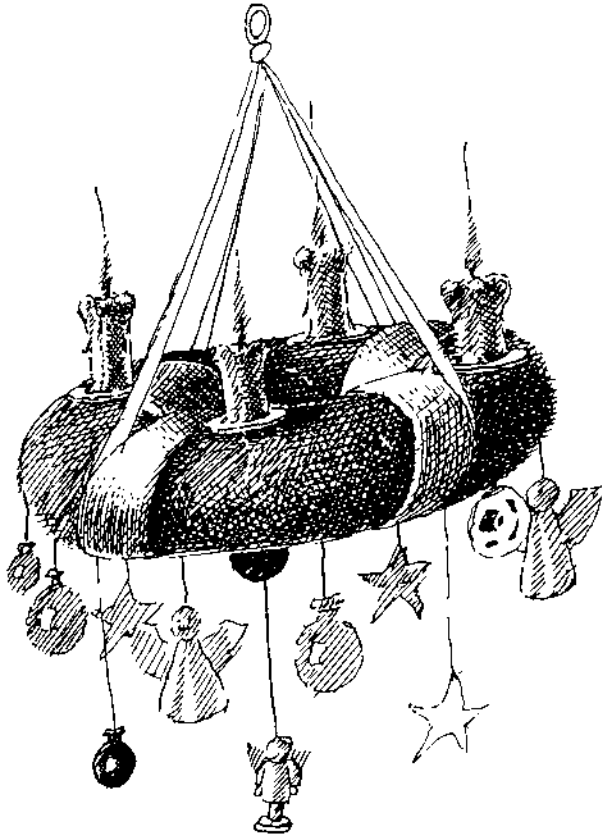
There will be a need for delegates for Synod and CCE to be chosen at the next A.G.M. – please consider applying for the position.

FUTURE EVENTS

The **SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held on the 8th December at 2pm.

Rowan's Christmas Choir will be having their choir evening at St. Crucis on the 9th December at 18h30 so keep the date free for an entertaining evening.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT at St. Crucis will be on the 16th December 2001 at 19h00.





Carols By Candlelight

DATE: 16th December 2001

PLACE: St Crucls Lutheran Church

TIME: 19h00

There will be a bring and share finger supper after the Carols

All are Welcome



Favourite Hymns....

The Dentists hymn:

Crown him with many crowns

The Weatherman's hymn:

There shall be showers of blessing

The Contractors hymn:

The Church has one foundation

The Tailors hymn:

Holy, holy, holy

The Golfer's hymn:

There is a green hill far away

The Politician's hymn:

Standing on the promises

The Optometrist's hymn:

Open my eyes that I might see

The SARS agent's hymn:

I surrender all

The Gossip's hymn:

Pass it on

The Electrician's hymn:

Send the light

The Shopper's hymn:

.....Sweet by and by

And for those who speed on the highway:

80km....*God will take care of you*

100km....*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

120km....*Nearer my God to thee*

140km....*Nearer still nearer*

160km....*This world is not my home*

180km.....*Lord, I'm coming home*

And over 200km....*Precious memories*

ALPHA II

A LIFE WORTH LIVING

The first of a series of the “Alpha II” course was completed towards the end of October. There was a total of five groups (8-12 people per group) who, after viewing the segment of video by Nicky Gumble on Paul's letter to the Phillippians, would then discuss Paul's message in respect to their current lifestyles as Christians.

The groups, who comprised members from East London, Beacon Bay, King William's Town and Macleantown Lutheran Churches, were blessed to have both Pastor Lutz and Pastor Kossmann at most of these Thursday evening sessions.

The groups all felt that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they had a better understanding of God's Grace and Love for us, and also how God expected us to live as Christians in our daily lives.

These groups have now formed “house groups” and will continue to meet on a fortnightly basis to continue in spiritual discussions and fellowship. For more information on these groups, please contact either **Chris Johl** (St. Andrew's) or **Elna Schwartz** (St. Crucis).

May God bless these housegroups in their fellowship.

ALPHA 2002

St. Crucis will be running both **ALPHA I** and **ALPHA II** (A life worth living) courses during the year.

If you would like to participate, please put your name and telephone numbers on the lists at both St. Crucis and St. Andrew's Churches.

We very much look forward to worshipping God and having Christian fellowship with you.

God Bless

CHARLES GREEN

PROPERS FOR DECEMBER 2001 AND JANUARY 2002

EPISTLE READING

GOSPEL READING

2nd December
1st Sunday in Advent
Romans 13:8-12 (13-14)

Matthew 21:1-9

9th December
2nd Sunday in Advent
James 5:7-8

Luke 21:25-33

16th December
3rd Sunday in Advent
1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 11:2-6

23rd December
4th Sunday in Advent
Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 1:(39-45),46-55,(56-57)

24th December
1st Sunday After Christmas
Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

25th December
Christmas Sunday
Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:(1-14), 15-20

30 December
Sunday After Christmas
1 John 1:1-4

Luke 2:22-40

6th January
Epiphany Sunday
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

13th January
1st Sunday After Epiphany
Romans 12:(1-3), 4-8

Matthew 3:3-17

20th January
Last Sunday After Epiphany
2 Corinthians 4:6-10

Matthew 17:1-9

27th January
Septuagesimae Sunday
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Matthew 20:1-6a

WE GET TOGETHER!!!

WORSHIP SERVICES:

SUNDAYS AND FESTIVAL DAYS

Contact: Pastor Muriel Kossmann

7270406
Cell. 0823785162

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

(HELD DURING THE SERVICES ON SUNDAYS)

Contact: Carlen Richter

7261244

SENIOR SPORTS:

MOSTLY HELD ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Contact: Mona Schreiber

7072203

WOMENS' AUXILLARY:

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Contact: Elna Schwartz

7481750

BIBLE-STUDY:

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY MORNING (9.00 a.m.)

Contact: Pastor Muriel Kossmann

7270406

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE-STUDY:

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY EVENING (7.00 p.m.)

Contact: Pastor Muriel Kossmann

7270406

CHOIR:

Contact: Mona Schreiber

7072203

VISITING COMMITTEE:

Contact: Jenny Krull

7481918

SENIOR YOUTH:

MEET AT THE CHURCH ONCE A MONTH ON A FRIDAY

Contact: Sharonne & Bruce Dewing

7354236

JUNIOR YOUTH (STARLIGHTS):

MEET AT THE CHURCH ONCE A MONTH ON A FRIDAY

Contact: Derrill & Alison Hempel

7321501

HOUSEGROUPS:

Contact the group leaders:

EAST LONDON Mark Benkenstein

7354054

BEACON BAY I Elna Schwartz

7481750

BEACON BAY II Chris Johl

7481500

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7403690

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Treasurer: A.Schrier

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Mr. A. Schrier 7483526
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Secretary: J.Holland
Treasurer: A.Heger

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Mr. M. Lutge 7374069
Mr. A. Heger 7374001

Organist



DECEMBER 2001




"But the Lord is Faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one." 2 Thess 3:3



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KEY

Lords Supper
Sunday School

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
30. ST. CRUCIS LUTHER CHURCH Worship Service 9:00am A-Team 	31. No Service					1. St. Andrews 14:30 Christmas Market (Weihnachts Market) in Church Hall. Junior Youth Nahoon Dam 10:00
1st Sunday After Christmas						
2. ST. CRUCIS LUTHER CHURCH Worship Service 8:00am A-Team Pastor Lutz 	3. No Service	4	5.	6.	7. School Closes Senior Youth - Bonfire & Boerewors rolls at Bonza Bay 19:00 Meet at Beach	8. Seniors Christmas Party 14:00
1st Sunday in Advent						
9. ST. CRUCIS LUTHER CHURCH Worship & S/S 9:00am B-Team Combined Christmas Choir 18:30 	10. Youth Leaders Meeting at Patricks 19:00	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
2nd Sunday in Advent						
16. ST. CRUCIS LUTHER CHURCH Carols by Candlelight 19:00 Nativity Play 18:00	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22. Full Dress Re-Hearsal for Christmas Play 14:30
3rd Sunday in Advent						
23. ST. CRUCIS LUTHER CHURCH Service will be at St. Andrews 8:30am Service with Baptism 9:00am	24. St. Crucis Nativity Play 19:00 	25. Christmas Day St. Crucis 8:00am  Luther-No Service Please attend St. Crucis service	26.	27.	28.	29.

JANUARY 2002



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KEY

**Lords Supper
Sunday School**

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col 3:17

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
<p>6. ST. CRUCIS LUTHER CHURCH Worship Service 8:00am B-Team</p> <p>Worship Service 10:30am A-Team</p>	7.	8.	9.	<p>10. Bible Study 9:00am</p> <p>Young Adults Bible Study 19:00</p>	11.	12.
Epiphany Sunday						
<p>13. ST. CRUCIS LUTHER CHURCH Worship Service 9:00am A-Team</p>	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.
1st Sunday After Epiphany	No Service	<p>15. St. Crucis Church Committee meeting 19:00</p>				
<p>20. ST. CRUCIS LUTHER CHURCH Worship Service 10:15am B-Team</p>	21.	22.	23.	<p>24. School Opens</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00am</p> <p>Young Adults Bible Study 19:00</p>	25.	26.
Last Sunday After Epiphany						
<p>27. ST. CRUCIS LUTHER CHURCH Worship & S/S 9:00am A-Team</p> <p>Youth Service 19:00</p>	28.	29.	30.	31.		
Septuagesima Sunday						