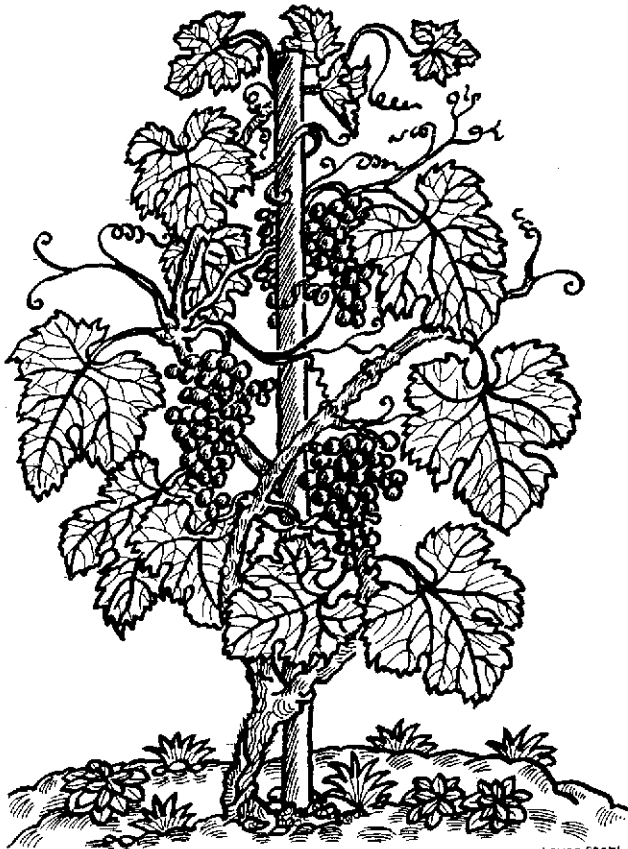


Cross Beams

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

October – November 2001



Layer-Stahl

26. September .2001



Dear Friends,

since you are reading our news letter right now - I hope you find it worth while. Please do encourage your fellow congregants to read the news letter as well; especially the insert with all the dates...! It helps to know what is going on. And if you would like to give us any feedback, please feel free to do so. If you have any ideas, any suggestions, either write in the book in the foyer or pick up the phone and let us know. We need your comments to be more "user friendly". Thanks.

The watchword for October from Luke 15:7 has inspired me to share with you a few thoughts on that. It reads as follows:

Just so I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine upright people, who have no need who have no need of repentance.

Dear friend, we all try to be good Christians - as I try to be a good pastor. To focus on being good - there is nothing wrong with that. Being a good Christian implies a shift of our focus. A shift away from ourselves towards our fellowmen/-women . For this a guideline could be Phil. 2:4 (but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you not look into your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ). Yet all this is not so easy. That is why I find the watchword so encouraging. Since it encourages us to admit our failures, since it encourages us to also look where we would not be so successful. But not in a way of self-pity. We are rather encouraged to turn to the cross over and over again. And we are encouraged to repent. To repent, where we do fail, where we do not live according to Phil.2:4.

We are actually ensured that there will be joy in heaven about anybody turning to the cross and admitting: "Without you, Lord Jesus Christ, I cannot get it right to live a life according to your will. I need your

forgiveness. I need the assurance, that you will be on my side and that nothing in my life can separate me from your love."

We are actually invited here to dare to look at our life and admit where we need the Lords help. Isn't that encouraging?

Speaking only for myself - I couldn't live without that assurance.

May God strengthen you in your daily life and may he also encourage you to turn to him and his cross, and admit where you need his help.

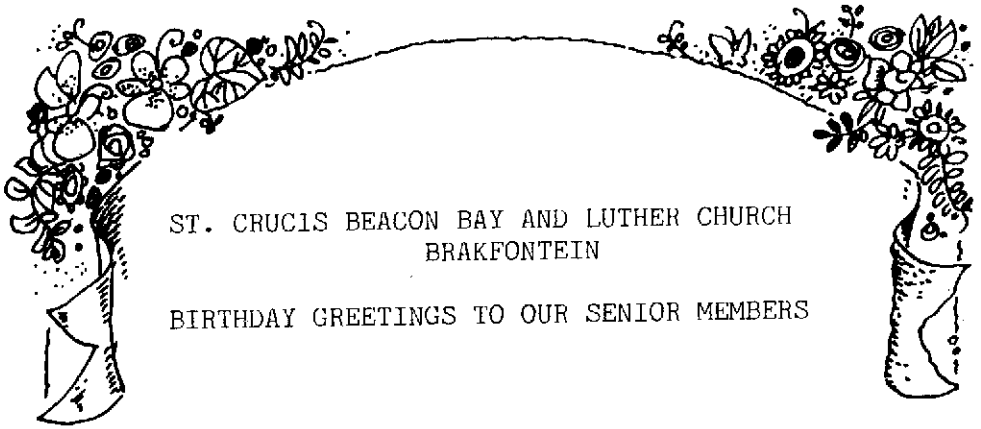
God bless you

Muriel Kossmann

News from the pastor's desk:

- ⇒ Luther services start from October on at 8.30 in the mornings.
- ⇒ We had a workshop on listening skill for the visiting group. It was quite successful and well attended. And it was great fun, since we practised everything in role plays. This could be repeated anytime.
- ⇒ On the 22.9. the sonday school teachers of CCE had a fruitful workshop offered by Pastor Felix Meylahn from PE, who is vice bishop since the last synod and responsible for the desk education.
- ⇒ The first course of confirmation class is completed. It was decided to work in a block system, where I see the confirmands 5x per term for 1 ½ years. We work from 18-20h. I think, we had a good time. Even though I wonder if our children are not far too young to work on abstract concepts as God, grace and sin.....
- ⇒ Our bible study Thursdays every fortnight would like to welcome new people. In the moment we prepare the texts for the coming Sunday.
- ⇒ To those who would like the news letter posted:
If you provide us with an addressed envelope with a stamp on we will post it to you with pleasure. But without that assistance we cannot afford that service unfortunately. Please do understand that.





ST. CRUCIS BEACON BAY AND LUTHER CHURCH
BRAKFORTEIN

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO OUR SENIOR MEMBERS

06 10	HENDRIETTE LENTZ	1919
08 10	HILDA TESSENDORF	1911
19 10	BARBARA FOURIE	1940
22 10	NITA DUMINIET	1936
24 10	IVAN LUTGE	1931
24 10	GEORGE MAREE	1932
26 10	CECIL BODE	1931

02 11	OLGA WEYER	1936
03 11	HILTRUD HORRMANN	1927
09 11	IRENE SWARTZ	1939
09 11	GERTRUD KARSHAGEN	1924
10 11	FRIEDA HEMPEL	1932
11 11	MARGERY WEYER	1934
13 11	MERVYN WEYER	1936
13 11	IVAN HEMPEL	1938
15 11	AUBREY BECKMANN	1931
16 11	HELMA KIECK	1924
18 11	HELENA BERNDT (DASSIE)	1937
28 11	LOURENS POHLMANN	1941
28 11	TONY SCHRIER	1940
29 11	BERYL SWART	1941
30 11	ELLA WEYER	1922

NEWS & NOTES



OBITUARY

It has pleased Almighty God to take

DAPHNE ROSE BECKMANN

of St Crucis Congregation from this earthly existence. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

"I will both lay me down in peace & sleep, for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety". (Psalm 4:8)

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Timothy & Robyn Muller on the birth of your son
CHRISTIAN TIMOTHY on 5th September 2001.

"But for those who honour the Lord, His love endures 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)

BAPTISMS

WAYD HENSBURG, son of Felicity & Eric Hensberg on 29th July 2001

NICHOLAS JAMES WEYER, son of Kevin & Lisa Weyer on 19th August 2001

JAYDEE GAIL NICHOLSON, daughter of Gail & Derek Nicholson on 16th September 2001

"Rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **AUDREY & ANDRE HUMAN** from Luther Church on your 30th Wedding Anniversary on the 16th October.

NEW MEMBERS

St. Crucis has welcomed the following new members :

TINA & MERVYN WORTMANN

KEVIN & LISA WEYER and **NICHOLAS**

We pray that you will be happy in your new spiritual home.

FAREWELL

We say a sad farewell to **GINNY & ERROL SCHULTZ** from Luther Church and wish them every success in their new venture. They will be sorely missed and we pray they will be happy in their new spiritual home.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **JENNY HOLLAND** from Luther Church on being selected for the Border Masters Netball team. We are very proud of you.

GOOD LUCK

To all our Matrics, University Students & other scholars, we wish you luck & will pray for all of you during the end-of-year exams.

BIBLE-STUDY

Bible-Study will be held every fortnight at St. Crucis and will be on the Church programme. By request we are looking at starting a young adults bible-study class - if you are interested, please contact the office. When the Alpha II Course has ended, we will also look at starting an evening Bible-study. If you are interested please contact the office or Pastor Kossmann.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The first session of Confirmation Classes is over and went reasonably well. The next session will start on the 15th February 2002 with a "bring and braai" where further dates and details will be arranged.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The fun-walk will take place on the 28th October during the church service.

STARLIGHTS

On the 5th October the Starlights will be going on a putt-putt evening. Parents will be notified of the time.

In November there will be an end-of-year braai but the date is still being decided on. The date and time will be advised.

SENIOR YOUTH

The Laser Games evening was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

On the 19th October the Senior Youth will go on a night-ride on the Kretzmann's farm. Please note that we will leave the church at 6.45 p.m.

On the 9th November we are going to the Super-tube in Westbank. Please note that we will leave the church at 6.00 p.m.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

On the 17th September our meeting was held at the church where we also gave some T.L.C. to our table cloths. The W.A. Ladies are hopefully going to the Silver Crown home in November to share tea/cake and a kind word with the residents.

The next meeting will be held in the Church Hall on the 16th October hosted by Myrtle. Anyone out there who would like to help or join us phone Elna 7841750 anytime.



SENIOR SPORTS

Senior Ladies & Gents please note that the next meeting will be on the 10th October at 9.30 a.m.

On the 14th November at 9.30 a.m. we will get together for the last meeting of the year.

THANKS

A big thank you to KENNY GERNETZKY for making a wooden cross for the Education Centre and donating a towel-rack for the W.A. to raffle.

Floradale was kind enough to donate 3 trees to beautify our Education Centre area and we thank GERALD & VYVYAN MULLER.

DEREK NICHOLSON & HIS STAFF prepared the holes for the trees and planted them – thank you Derek and Co.

BAZAARS

Luther Bazaar was a great success with a total of R23 655 profit made.

The Church Committee thanks all Congregation Members and many non-members for their unstinting help and for supporting us.

The final figure for the St. Crucis Bazaar was R31,285. Thanks to all the stall convenors and their helpers for the great work. Once again, it was many hours of hard work which was done with willing spirits and a sense of enjoyment. Thanks for all donations received in money, goods, produce, meat etc.

To all our supporters and everyone who braved the weather, we say thank you from the Bazaar Convening Committee.

C.C.E. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting will be held in the Education Centre at St. Crucis on the 6th October at 1.30 p.m. There will be a guest speaker and a pottery demonstration ending with a light supper. Anyone planning to attend please contact the church officé (7482102) for catering purposes.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please pray for :

VAL SONNENBERGER who is ill and needs to be kept in everyones' thoughts and prayers.

BEV BOETTGER who is undergoing treatment in Johannesburg.

AUBREY BECKMANN and his daughter GLENDA who are both not well and are suffering the loss of their wife & mother.

ERICA SCHENK to recover from her operation.

OLGA REYNOLDS for ongoing health problems.

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.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

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

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

FOUND

A pair of Polaroid sunglasses. Enquire at the office.



FOR SALE

ITEMS OF QUALITY HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE, PLUS ELECTRICAL
APPLIANCES IN EXCELLENT
CONDITION. PHONE ILVA SCOTT
7351080 AFTER 6 PM



Have you ever thought that God might want to get in touch with you, and, because you are too busy to listen, He might write you a letter? It might go like this

Hullo my dear,

As you got up this morning, I watched you and hoped you would talk to me, but you were too busy getting breakfast for everyone and seeing them off to school and work.

I waited again. I hoped there would be a few minutes as you dusted and swept, but you were too busy making plans to go shopping and to work in the garden. You sat down for a short rest, and I thought you would surely greet me, but you sprang to your feet and ran to the telephone to speak to a friend.

I watched and waited all day long. At lunchtime your neighbour came over, and you had a meal together. I thought you might greet me then, but you were both so busy chatting that there was no time.

The children came back from school and you helped them with their homework. I was so glad to see how kind you were to these

little ones, and hoped you would have a minute to talk to me.

Your husband joined you all for the family meal, and I was sure that you would ask a blessing on your house and on your food, but again you were all so busy talking that the opportunity went by.

Bedtime came and I guess you felt too tired! You plopped into your bed and fell asleep in no time. That's OK because you know that I am always there for you. I have more patience than you will ever know. I hope that you will be just as patient with others.

I love you so much that I wait every day for a nod, a prayer or a thought or a thankful part of your heart. It is hard to have a one-sided conversation.....

You are getting up again, and once again I will wait with nothing but love for you, hoping that today you will give me some time.

Your friend
God.

May we suggest that you spend a little time today, talking to God?

After all, He is your best friend!



DAILY READINGS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2001

OCTOBER

1. Romans 6:18-23
2. Hosea 13:9-14
3. Mark 5:21-24,35-43
4. Romans 4:18-25
5. John 18:3-9
6. Mark 9:1-10
7. Matthew 15:21-28
8. Mark 5:24-34
9. James 1:1-13
10. Hebrews 11:23-31
11. Hebrews 11:32-40
12. John 19:28-30
13. Matthew 14:22-33
14. Mark 12:28-34
15. Matthew 6:1-4
16. 1 Timothy 1:1-8
(9-11)
17. Song of Songs 8:4-7
18. Mark 3:31-35
19. Romans 14:20b.-
15:1),15:2-7
20. Matthew 5:17-24
21. Mark 2:1-12
22. Mark 10:46-52
23. John 7:19-24
24. Ecclesiastes 12:1-7
(8)
25. Mark 6:7-13
26. Matthew 27:39-44
27. Proverbs 3:1-8
28. Mark 10:2-16
29. Exodus 23:10-16
30. Exodus 18:13-27
31. Matthew 5:1-12
(Reformation Day)

NOVEMBER

1. Exodus 19:3-9
2. John 18:28-32
3. Ecclesiastes 12:9-14
4. Matthew 5:38-48
5. Romans 12:17-21
6. 1 Samuel 26:5-24
7. Proverbs 29:18-25
8. Isaiah 32:1-8
9. 1 John 3:13-18
10. 2 Timothy 2:1-5(6)
11. Luke 17:20-30
12. Mark 4:1-9(10-12)
13. Mark 13:9-20
14. Hebrews 13:1-9b.
15. 1 John 2:18-26(27-29)
16. Matthew 26:36-41
17. Mark 13:30-37
18. Matthew 25:31-46
19. Matthew 7:21-27(28-29)
20. Hebrews 10:26-31
21. Luke 13:22-27(28-30)
22. Ezekiel 14:12-23
23. Matthew 26:59-66
24. Revelations 20:11-15
25. Matthew 25:1-13
26. Deuteronomy 34:1-7(8)
27. 1 Peter 1:13-21
28. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15
29. Ezekiel 43:1-7a.
30. Matthew 27:50-54



The christian life
is like an airplane.
When you
STOP, you
DROP!!

PROPERS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2001

EPISTLE READING

GOSPEL READING

7TH OCTOBER
17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
ROMANS 10:9-17

MATTHEW 15:21-28

14TH OCTOBER
18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
ROMANS 14:17-19

MARK 12:28-34

21ST OCTOBER
19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
EPHESIANS 4:22-32

MARK 2:1-12

28TH OCTOBER
20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8

MARK 10:2-16

4TH NOVEMBER
REFORMATION SUNDAY
ROMANS 3:21-28

MATTHEW 5:1-12

11TH NOVEMBER
3RD LAST SUNDAY OF CHURCH YEAR
ROMANS 14:7-9

LUKE 17:20-30

18TH NOVEMBER
2ND LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
ROMANS 8:18-25

MATTHEW 25:31-46

25TH NOVEMBER
ETERNITY SUNDAY
REVELATION 21:1-7

MATTHEW 25:1-13

* Some people come into our hearts and quickly *
* go. *
* Some stay for a while and leave footprints *
* on our hearts .. *
* And we are never, ever the same. *
* Author unknown. *

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WATCHWORD

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent. (Luke 15:7)

<i>SUNDAY</i>	M O N D A Y	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
	1.	2.	3.	4. BIBLE-STUDY 09H00 ALPHA II 19H00	5. STARLIGHTS (Putt-putt)	6. C.C.E. MEETING 13H30
17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY						
7. ST. CRUCIS WORSHIP & S/SCHOOL 08H00 B-Team on Duty L/S. LUTHER CHURCH 10H30 A-Team on Duty L/S.	8. S C H O O L O P E N	9.	10. COMBINED SENIOR SPORTS 09H30	11. ALPHA II 19H00	12.	13.
18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY						
14. ST. CRUCIS WORSHIP & S/SCHOOL 09H00 A-Team on Duty LUTHER CHURCH NO SERVICE	15.	16. W.A. MEETING 09H00 C.C. MEETING 19H00	17.	18. BIBLE-STUDY 09H00	19. SENIOR YOUTH NIGHT RIDE (Leave church at 18H45)	20.
19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY						
21. ST. CRUCIS WORSHIP & S/SCHOOL 10H00 B-Team on Duty L/S. LUTHER CHURCH 08H30 B-Team on Duty	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY						
28. ST. CRUCIS WORSHIP & S/SCHOOL 09H00 FUN WALK (Bonza Bay) A-Team on Duty LUTHER CHURCH NO SERVICE	29.	30.	31.			

(Ezekiel 34:16)

N O V E M B E R 2 0 0 1

WATCHWORD

I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

<i>SUNDAY</i>	M O N D A Y	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
				1. BIBLE-STUDY 09H00	2.	3. WORKSHOP LUTHERAN KEY TO SCRIPTURE INTER- PRETATION (for Church Wardens & S/School Teachers) 9H00 - 12H00
REFORMATION SUNDAY						
4. ST. CRUCIS WORSHIP & S/SCHOOL 08H00 B-Team on Duty L/S. LUTHER CHURCH 10H30 A-Team on Duty L/S.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9. SENIOR YOUTH (SUPERTUBE - WESTBANK) (Leave church at 18H00)	10.
3RD LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR						
11. ST. CRUCIS WORSHIP & S/SCHOOL 09H00 A-Team on Duty LUTHER CHURCH NO SERVICE	12.	13.	14. COMBINED SENIOR SPORTS (last meeting of the year) 09H30	15. BIBLE-STUDY 09H00	16.	17.
2ND LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR						
18. ST. CRUCIS WORSHIP & S/SCHOOL 10H00 B-Team on Duty LUTHER CHURCH 08H30 B-Team on Duty	19.	20. W.A. CHRISTMAS PARTY 09H00 C.C. MEETING 19H00	21.	22.	23.	24.
ETERNITY SUNDAY						
25. ST. CRUCIS WORSHIP & S/SCHOOL 09H00 A-Team on Duty L/S. LUTHER CHURCH NO SERVICE	26.	27.	28.	29. BIBLE-STUDY 09H00	30.	