



Dear Friends,

A movie character tumbles off the cliff or out of a window, but just in time someone swoops in with an outstretched arm to lift the dangling victim to safety. In another movie the protagonists are under assault and a hero fights the attackers back with power that seems to shoot out from an outstretched arm. We don't need to name these movies, because these scenes appear frequently and are too numerous to name them all.

The image of an outstretched arm for salvation is much older than the 100+ years of movie history. Over 3,000 years ago God promised His rescue to the Israelites who suffered in slavery in Egypt: **'I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.** (Exodus 6:6) God has always seen the pain of His creatures. He has always been filled with compassion for people who are caught in bondage. He has always been the Savior who delivers and who restores freedom. God's outstretched arm can reach beyond human restrictions. God's outstretched arm can bring back what we thought was lost forever. God's outstretched arm has all the power while our human strength falters.

It's this omnipotent arm of God that people saw in Brussels on the Global Outreach Day on May 28th in the street drama that we performed to the music of the song *Set Me Free* from Casting Crowns. Every time Jesus stretched out His arm the demons who had been tormenting the person in the middle that they kept in bondage of their evil schemes, dropped to the ground like dead flies. Jesus' outstretched arm is a demonstration of both His compassion and His power!

The drama ends with Jesus remaining as the only one standing in the posture of the cross with all the other actors on their knees, acknowledging Him as Lord. It's the cross where Jesus stretched out His arms. What happened wasn't weakness. It's in the outstretched arms of Jesus on the cross that we see the full extend of His love for a lost world: Both His compassion and His power to set us free!

*Pastor Tepper*

**"There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ."**

- Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)



Please Pray...

- For **Brussels** that God would send His Holy Spirit to open and prepare the hearts of the people that they might experience the love of Jesus.
  - For our fellow Muslim citizens and for the Muslim world during **Ramadan** from June 6 to July 5 that Jesus may reveal Himself to them in a powerful way.
  - For the **students** to finish their school year well.
  - For those with birthdays this month:
    - June 2: Tamas
    - June 6: Matthias
    - June 10: Katie
- Send your requests to: pastor @ alcb.be and specify whether it is private or to be shared.



„Outreach“ with an *outstretched arm* at Place le la Monnaie

Upcoming Events... Last minute updates/changes: [www.alcb.be](http://www.alcb.be)

**June 1-5**  
**Sat., June 4**  
**Sunday, June 5**  
**Sat., June 11**  
**Sunday, June 12**  
**Sat., June 18**  
**Sunday, June 19**  
**Sat., June 25**  
**Sunday, June 26**  
**Sat., July 2**  
**Sunday, July 3**

European Lutheran Conference (ELC) in Antwerp (p. 2)  
 9:00am Rapid Response Training (p. 2)  
 4:30pm Worship Service in Woluwe-St. Pierre  
 All day: Outreach in Brussels  
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 All day: Outreach in Brussels and Zottegem  
 4:30pm Worship Service in Woluwe-St. Pierre  
 with Pastor Johannes Reitze-Landau  
 All day: Outreach in Brussels  
 4:30pm Worship Service in Woluwe-St. Pierre  
**with Confirmation of Naike Shoo**  
 All day: Outreach in Brussels  
 10:30am Worship Service in Leefdaal (p. 2)

**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

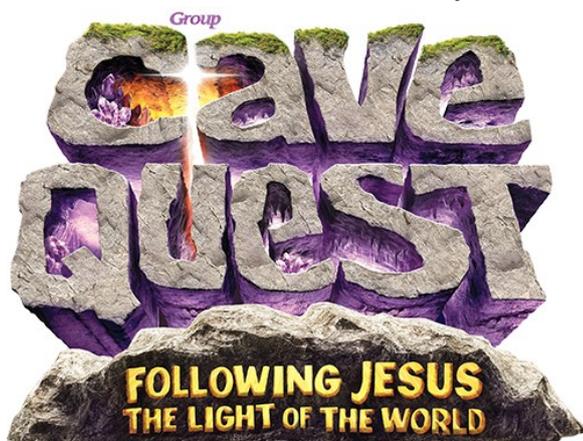
Once a month we invite you to get together to discuss a Bible passage together. Just grab a cup of coffee or tea and

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)



## Walking with the Lord

**Power from above to do the work below** – In Acts 1:8 Jesus said: *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.* Passages like this one compel us to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From Genesis through Revelation, Scripture presents missions as the heartbeat of God. Therefore at ALCB, we are doing just that by equipping, encouraging, and serving the world in Jesus' name! Evangelism plays an essential role in the life of our church. We attempt to carry out the command of Jesus by conducting various evangelistic outreaches in the city of Brussels and beyond. There is more to it than dancing on the streets. It's about a heart that is overflowing with the love of Christ for a world that is perishing without Him, our Lord and Savior. Love. That's really the heart of it all. His love for us. Our love for them. Come by our side, look over our shoulders and see the **different ways** of how we connect with the people. They have the right to know their Savior. We have the duty to introduce Him to them. Why don't you come sometime and watch?



**Register your children now for VBS (Vacation Bible School)!** The VBS ministry is a joint effort among several churches in the Brussels area and is always a wonderful experience both for children and helpers! The day includes Bible stories, snack, crafts, games, and great music! The Teppers will be there!

**Monday – Friday, 15 – 19 August, 2016 from 10:00 – 14:00 at IBC, Lange Eikstraat 76-78, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem**

- For Children, ages 5-11 (participation fee: EUR 25, payable on the first day – reduced fee for third/fourth child of same family)
- For Junior Helpers, ages 12-15
- For Senior Helpers, ages 16+ (preschool & nursery provided for your little ones while you are helping)

Preview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILqUxzM0Y1M>

You need to pre-register as places are limited, so be sure to register early! Register by following this link:

<https://ibcbrussels.com/ministries/children/vacation-bible-school/>

### 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*
April	€ 712.90	€ 530.00	€ 1,242.90 (60%)	€ 2,083
May	€ 958.50	€ 730.00	€ 1,688.50 (81%)	€ 2,083
Year to	€ 4,376.24	€ 3,300.00	€ 7,676.24 (74%)	€ 10,415
Things that you support	Worship services	Lives served	Members and visitors	June € 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.**

● **Funds are Cut, New Plans are Made** – As announced in church, the German partner church SELK is not continuing their contribution to our Brussels mission project. That means that a significant part of our budget is cut and we have to change gears. Pastor will move to a different congregation by summer next year. The church board with the Pastors van Hattem (Antwerp) Tepper and Reitze-Landau (Brussels) are working on plans to continue our spiritual home at ALCB.

● **G.O.D.** – Millions of Christians shared their faith on the *Global Outreach Day* on May 28. In Brussels about 1,000 people saw the Gospel drama and we connected with dozens in friendly conversations. Read testimonies about in on [www.globaloutreachday.com](http://www.globaloutreachday.com)

● **European Lutheran Conference (ELC)** – Antwerp was host of the ELC with sister churches and guests from 1-5 June. Part of it was the commemoration of 450 years of Lutheran Church in the „Lower Countries“ (Netherlands and Belgium). This is organized by our church in collaboration with the University of Antwerp on 2-3 June with speakers from home and abroad.

● **Billy Graham Rapid Response Training** – In the aftermath of an accident, catastrophe or natural disaster people need spiritual help. This training on Sat., June 4 taught us how to minister to people in difficult situations.

● **Summer Services in Barn** – During July and August we have our Sunday services at 10:30 in the morning in the barn in Leefdaal.



## catechism quiz

1. List all 10 Commandments in the correct order.
2. Are we worthy of the things for which we pray and do we deserve God's forgiveness?
3. What great and precious things are given in Baptism?

Answers:

1. No other gods, don't misuse the name of God, keep Sabbath day holy, honor parents, don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't give false testimony, don't covet 1+2
2. No (see explanation to the 5th petition of the Lord's Prayer)
3. In Baptism God gives us for free forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil and gives eternal salvation.

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