



# 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

### 5 Important Things the Lutheran Reformers Wrote

... and why they're still important today

In this issue: #2 **The Small and Large Catechism** – Martin Luther led a team of people to see how well congregations were doing making sure people got the good news of Jesus. They found that many Christians in their territories didn't know the most basic parts of the faith. Luther wrote the Small Catechism so families would have a handy summary of the Christian faith. He wrote the Large Catechism so pastors could learn to preach so that people would have faith.

#### Important Things Luther Said ... and what he meant by it

„The Law says, 'do this' and it's never done.

Grace, 'believe in this' and everything is already done.“

*Heidelberg Disputation (1518)*

This shows how important Luther believed it to be that Christians understand the difference between God's law and the Gospel. A life free to serve others begins with this. No matter how well you keep the law, only the free gift of the Gospel can save you. (both taken from the *Lutheran Handbook by Augsburg Fortress*)

## Meeting the Family

I've been at ALCB for... more than 15 years. You may call me ALCB's official dinosaur!

**Once upon a time I...** used to live and work in Sydney. Unfortunately visa requirements didn't allow me to stay and so I somehow ended up in Brussels - which I grew to love fondly despite its lack of kangaroos (yummy!). I still get "homesick" though from time to time and I only finished 3/4 of my trip around the Australian continent, so here's a plan for retirement!

**I find a lot of joy in...** singing, hiking and skiing; the latter definitely not happening often enough due to certain geographical circumstances. And I greatly enjoy using my always supportive ALCB fellow members as guinea pigs for my latest cake recipes!

**It's not fashionable but...** ok ok I admit it, in wintertime I'm reading books with my gloves on. In bed. My hands are just getting really really cold!

**If my life was a book, the title would be...** "How I came to Brussels for 6 months and forgot to leave"

**I came to ALCB because...** I had been a member of our German sister church "SELK" all my life and it was an obvious choice to continue to attend a Lutheran church. I did check out the German church, too, but quickly figured out that confession was more important to me than language. Apart from that, ALCB is simply a friendly bunch of people!

**One thing I love about ALCB...** now where do I start? The welcoming international atmosphere, the many kids attending the service, the hymns which are often the same as back home - and not to forget the occasional culinary treats from all over the world!



Esther

● **Giving** – If you haven't yet put in your contribution into the church funds this year, you can still easily catch up in these days. We continue to rely on donations for our church and mission in the city. Please transfer your contributions or donations to the account of our congregation (see front page, at the very bottom). Please don't forget to give from your 13<sup>th</sup> month pay.

● **winter2go – Sat., Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**: Evangelism for beginners: Slip into a Santa costume (beard optional) and sing Christmas carols with the group (everyone can do that), hand out Christmas leaflets. If you dare: Ask people what the reason for Christmas is—and then tell them about Jesus.

● **Christmas Market Tervuren – also Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**. Plan and prepare our tent at the *Social Christmas market*. You will meet with Johannes and do this together. You can help beforehand even if you aren't there on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

● **Discovery Bible Study** – Join our small group every week on Wednesday, 7:30-9:30p.m. at the *akaZOE* café, Rue des Celtes 17, Etterbeek (see picture on p.1). It's a friendly, open atmosphere young adults. It's ideal for bringing believing and un-believing friends. All are welcome!

### Our Investments in People's Lives

Mission '16	Sunday Offerings	Bank Transfers	Total (goal vs. received)	Giving goals*
September	€ 792.94	€ 680	€ 1,472.94 (71%)	€ 2,083
October	€ 1,075.56	€ 480	€ 1,555.56 (75%)	€ 2,083
Year to	€ 8,162.84	€ 6,750	€ 14,912.84 (80%)	€ 18,750
Things that you support	Discipleship	Lives served	You and your family	November € 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.