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“Enough is a feast” is the topic chosen for our synod from 24 to 27 October in Piet Retief. Enough - when do we have enough for a feast?

Not enough - that is what people experience who do not have enough to eat, or the farmer or business woman whose debt is so big that bankruptcy is staring them in the face.

The problem comes with those who can never have enough, no matter what. Especially those who do have enough for a feast, often want more and more, and share less and less - until we reach the stage of “enough is enough”.

Nature is shouting “enough is enough” - it cannot keep up restoring where we have destroyed it. The body shouts “enough is enough”, when it can no longer cope with the overworked, overfed life style.

People shout “enough is enough”, and start protesting against poor service delivery, ill spent public money, corruption.

But even more worrying are those who have stopped shouting, protesting, speaking, those who are so hungry, poor, disillusioned, that they have completely given up.

“Enough” - that is what God said when he sent Jesus to this world. Enough! I am showing you a new way!

“Enough” says Jesus, I will provide, I will care for you! His forgiveness is enough, enough to set me free.

“Seek first the kingdom of God”, he then promises, “and all these things will be added to you!” - you will have enough. Not enough to feed your greed, but enough so that you can live, and can share. And that Enough is as good as a feast!

Enough is as good as a feast when people realise where the real priorities lie, the real treasures of life. When they realise that they are already receiving them, they can experience the deep satisfaction of “enough”.

Jesus, when speaking to his followers says: “Freely you have received, freely give!” (Mt 10,8)

When we Christians radiate this love of Christ which is enough, abundantly enough, then the feast of life has started!

May our Synod help us on this journey towards the feast of knowing that through Christ we have enough.

Hart Mülle

News from the Church

On 1 September **Pastor Heike Jakubeit** started her serving in St Peters, Pretoria congregation. She comes to us from Oldenburg, Germany on a six year contract via the EKD. May she, together with the congregation and her colleague, have a blessed time in Pretoria!

Dean Theo Jaeckel was elected by the **Kroondal** congregation as their new pastor on 8 September. As a result of this, **Augsburg** will become vacant in January 2014. May God guide the congregation as they embark on finding a successor.

Congratulations to **Pastor Mark and wife Carmen Meier** on the birth of their daughter **Megan** on 13 August 2013. May the Lord richly bless the family!

On 20 October the **Moorleigh** congregation is celebrating its centenary. For quite some time this congregation was the head quarter of the Hermannsburg Mission in South Africa and was also well known for its “Mission Press”, a printing press that published many books and documents. May God grant that this congregation will continue to be a blessing.

This year’s synod will be the last major Church event that **Piet Retief** congregation is hosting this year. Indeed, it was quite a load that they carried, and so far every event went off well. We thank the congregation for their dedication, and hope that the remainder of the year will be quiet!

During this year’s synod the following **elections** take place: Lay members of Church Council, lay members of Circuit councils as well as deans for Northern, Eastern and Southern Circuit. Please remember these elections and the synod as a whole in your prayers.