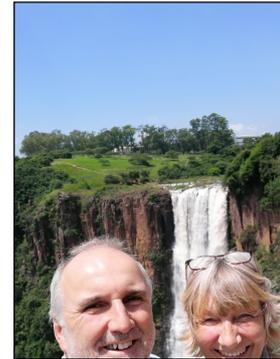


Pastor Profile

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Personal history:

Date of birth: 21 September 1962

Where I grew up: Born in Eshowe, KZN, to a missionary family. My father, Lothar, came out as a missionary of the Hermannsburg Mission Society and my mother is a descendent of Missionary Heinrich Filter, who served in northern KZN. The first 10 years of my life I grew up and went to school in Eshowe, until my Father was called to be the Pastor of Lutherkirche in Durban in 1972 and President of the Hermannsburg Lutheran Church. There I attended Penzance primary school and moved on to do my matric in Glenwood High School. I enrolled for engineering at Durban University of KZN, but soon switched over to begin with studies in Theology at the Pietermaritzburg university of KZN. After completing my degree, I continued for another year of studies at the University of Stellenbosch, returned to Pietermaritzburg to do an Honours degree and my first theological examination.

In 1987 I did my internship in a Lutheran Congregation in Seggebruch, Germany, where I met my wife, who had also just completed her Theological Studies. We married in 1988 and had our first child, Daniel, while doing a year of further studies in Tübingen, Germany. In 1989 we returned to South Africa to continue with a second year of internship in the Harburg congregation (KZN). In December 1989 I completed my second theological exam and was ordained in Harburg. After doing a compulsory year of National Service, we were called to serve in the Ev. Luth. Church of Piet Retief, where we remained for 10 years. During that time our daughter, Aninka, was born and I served as Dean in the Eastern Circuit for 8 years. We then moved on to serve another 14 years in the congregation Bethany (Izotsha) on the South Coast of KZN until 2014, and since then have been serving the Hillcrest Congregation. Since then, we have been blessed with two more children (in laws): Thorben Weymann and Liesl Müller-Nedebock (Wortmann).

My personal interests lie with music, working with people (with a great love for children) and I have a strong passion for nature and environment (photography).

What makes church relevant to people and society today? I see the Church playing the vital role of creating the space in which the world can get to know and experience God and where God can serve his children. Church is the body of Christ in this broken world, through which God is reaching out actively, through the hearts of its members... serving, teaching, ministering, loving, redeeming, saving, healing, proclaiming, reprimanding, forgiving ...