



# E-Salt

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## Person of the Week



**Michael Keily is a new member of the SICC Church Council, appointed by the Council to take Kjartan Ólafsson's place. Thank you, Michael, for your willingness to serve the SICC!**

### From the sermon for Pentecost, May 31

*Someone has said that when suddenly tears spring to our eyes, or we catch our breath when we see something incredibly beautiful, or all of a sudden there's a lump in our throat, as we say, or even a sudden sadness – not to ignore these powerful feelings. That they may be of God – Pentecost moments – God breaking through to us, possibly, in a special way.*

### We are invited to the Christuskirche Sommerfest on June 14

The SICC has been invited by the Christuskirche to worship with them at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 14, and then to join them for their Sommerfest. If you are able to bring a salad for the food table, it will be appreciated very much. (There will be no separate SICC worship on June 14.)

### Benefit Concerts Continue for a New Gemeindesaal Piano

Remember that two concerts remain in the benefit concert series for a new Gemeindesaal piano:

Friday, 12 June, 8:00 pm. Music of Iceland with Rosa Baldursdottir and Peter Arnesen.

Sunday, 28 June, 7:30 pm. Final concert with Musikum and Salzburger Chorverband.

### Birthdays

Congratulations and best wishes to those celebrating this summer! (And if your birthday is not among those listed, please tell Mike and have your name added to the list!)

June 1: Lena Ratley

June 13: Moira Kierlinger

June 14: Rebecca Taufer

July 6: Joo-Hyeon Park

July 23: Patricia Taufer

August 3: Dinka Vlatković

August 9: Adrienne Kirsten

August 9: Irene Stieg

August 11: Ewald Hejl

August 25: Peter Arnesen

August 27: Nelly Saffinova

August 30: Beate Kleber

### Bible Study

- The Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 2:30, has moved to the Navisotschnigs'. Please call Genevieve for directions to their new home: 0664-5583722.
- The Student Bible Study is also meeting at Navisotschnigs' – 7 pm on Wednesdays.
- The Wednesday Evening Bible Study is not meeting right now.

## **Prayer Group at Nancy Smith's**

The prayer group continues to meet on the first and third Monday, 7:00 pm, at Nancy's. Call her for directions: 0676-7774634.

## **Praise and Prayer Gathering held on June 4**

The first of what may become a regular time of worship was held Thursday evening, June 4. This informal get-together for singing and praying was organized by Miriam Brown and Lynne Königer. The group that attended agreed that it was the kind of gathering that we need to build up the body of Christ – and the hope is that it will be held regularly in the months to come. Please watch for an announcement of the next gathering.

## **Farewell Events**

A special coffee hour will be held on Sunday, June 21, after worship to wish the Spanglers well on their return to the U.S. Also, a party for Liz will be held at Chris Prentice's on Saturday, June 20, at 3 pm – call Chrissy, 828361, for more information; and a party for Liz and Mike also will be held on June 20, 7 pm, at the Africa Bar – Cliff Shepherd can supply the details, 0664-2361954. (The Spanglers' last Sunday will be June 28. They and their bicycles return to the US on July 1.)

## **Our Church Finances**

Our small congregation is doing well financially, but we still are falling a bit further behind, month by month – spending a little more than we are receiving. And this year is more difficult than usual, with the going and coming of pastors. (We do appreciate the "Solidarity Fund" gift of 3000 euros from our diocese – this has helped tremendously.)

But several more people have begun regular giving through the use of a Dauerauftrag – a regular bank transfer. This continues to be a good step in the right direction. If you have not done so, please speak to your bank about a regular transfer to our account: Volksbank, BLZ 45010, Konto 106849. Remember that we receive no help from the government.

Also – there is the opportunity to give dollars for our support to: "Austria Mission" c/o Kathy Frick, Peace Lutheran Church, 805 W. Olrich St., Rogers, AR 72756, USA.

## **Additions and Corrections for the Directory**

Church Council (on inside cover): please delete Kjartan and add Michael Keily

Heidi Roggenbauer: new handy number, 0665-4577459

Joanna Jones: new handy number, 0664-73603514

Genevieve Navisotschnig: [gennavi@gmail.com](mailto:gennavi@gmail.com)

Moira Kierlinger: [moirakie@gmx.at](mailto:moirakie@gmx.at)

Michael Keily: [michael.keily@gmx.at](mailto:michael.keily@gmx.at)

## **From the Pastor**

*Along with your offerings and gifts (see above) your presence at worship, Bible study, and other gatherings is essential in the life of the SICC, and never more essential than in this time of change. It's easy to "slack off" in the summer, and to get busy with special activities, but our small congregation cannot afford to have people take too much time off – you are needed, and you are badly missed when you're not there. Partly, this is because we have an important ministry, especially in the summer, to tourists and students. And, especially, the SICC needs to be alive and ready to welcome a new pastor in early August.*

*And, most importantly, there is never a time when thanking and praising God is optional!*

