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Person of the Week



Anna Bartlett is a very special “daughter” of this congregation, and we rejoice with her on her confirmation at the Auferstehungskirche (Salzburg-Süd) on Ascension Day, May 21. With Anna are her parents, Eddie and Kathy Bartlett, and Mike and Liz Spangler.

From the Sermon for Sunday, June 21

We can only, in humility, confess that which we have come to believe:

- That the Lord God was with David as he stood before Goliath and declared, “This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand.”
- That in that great windstorm, the waves beating and breaking the disciples’ little boat, that God was with them, he who stood up in the midst of his frightened friends and said to the boiling sea and the howling gale, “Peace! Be still!” And it was still.
- That that little Protestant refugee band who journeyed from Salzburg to Ebenezer, Georgia, who, indeed, came close to being shipwrecked themselves the last few kilometers of the voyage, that they knew and experienced the truth that is pictured here behind me, that the Lord was their shepherd.
- And that the little church called the SICC has come into being because a few people in Salzburg trusted that God would bless a ministry to English-speaking people in this place.

We can only, in humility, confess that which, by God’s grace, we have come to believe – that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Benefit Concert for a New Gemeindesaal Piano

Remember that one more concert remains in the benefit concert series for a new Gemeindesaal piano:
Sunday, 28 June, 7:30 pm. Final concert with Musikum and Salzburger Chorverband.

Kathy Bartlett Is New Web-Page Editor (www.salzburgchurch.com)

Kathy is enthusiastic about this opportunity to keep our church web-page up-to-date, and to improve it with current news, more links, photos, and more. In fact, soon the church may change our E-Salt delivery system, simply asking you to go to the web-page and clicking on the latest E-Salt. Thanks, Kathy, for taking on this responsibility! – To contact Kathy with your news and ideas, just go to the web-page and then click on the e-mail tab. Thanks! (And **thank you** once again to Wolfgang Untergasser, who has been our E-Salt “publisher” just about since I arrived.)

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.

Birthdays

Congratulations and best wishes to those celebrating this summer!

June 1: Lena Ratley	June 13: Moira Kierlinger	June 14: Rebecca Taufer
July 6: Joo-Hyeon Park	July 23: Patricia Taufer	August 3: Dinka Vlatkovič
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.

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

Moira Kierlinger: moirakie@gmx.at

Michael Keily: michael.keily@gmx.at

From the Pastor

Liz and I thank you very much for the farewells last Saturday and Sunday, for many very generous gifts, and your countless good wishes. We appreciate all you have done for us, not only in these past days but all through our three years with you. We love you, and in God's grace that love will surely abide. We will treasure our friendship always.

A special thank you to the Church Council, and to Wolfgang Untergasser and Arthur Domig, for arranging and leading worship in July and early August until Glynthea's arrival. (Her first Sunday – don't miss it – will be August 9.)

Many have asked about the words I say after Holy Communion. Of course, they are not original – you find most of the words, in slightly different form, in 1 Thessalonians 5. But they have become a special charge and challenge to the congregation and to myself, and so let me leave them with you now:

***Go out into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good.
Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted.
Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.***

Mike