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## Person of the Week: Michael Keily



Mike has now taken over the responsibility of Treasurer of SICC from Peter Arnesen. We thank Peter for his help in this role and wish Mike all the best with his new task.

## SICC CALENDER

Sunday: 11am – **Worship**, followed by Coffee time

Tuesday: 7.30pm – **Prayer group**, Strubergasse 49/5/12.

Wednesday: 2.30pm – **Women's Bible Study Group**, Strubergasse 49/5/12

Wednesday: 7.30 pm – **Students' Bible Study**, at the Navisotschnig's, Hegigasse 3/10

Thursday: 1pm – **sacred space**, hospitality lunch at the Mozarteum Cafe

*These sentences appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:*

*The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'*

## SICC COMING EVENTS

November 6 – **Men's Dinner**

November 15 – **Thanksgiving/Ethnic Night**

December 9 – **Christmas Carol Service**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 6pm – “Open House”:



Join us at Strubergasse 49/5/12 for food, fellowship and fun!

*Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community! Smile at someone who is hard to love! Say 'Hello' to someone who doesn't care much about you! Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help you!*

*Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.*

## ECUMENICAL NEWS

### **Stirring holy disorder through prayer.**

A prayer service for peace in an historic Lutheran church in the East German city of Leipzig triggered the chain of events that exactly a month later led to the opening of the Berlin Wall. Twenty years later that event has been celebrated and remembered.

"More than 2000 people leaving the church were welcomed by tens of thousands waiting outside with candles in their hands. Two hands are necessary to carry a candle and to protect it from extinguishing so that you can

not carry stones or clubs at the same time." The peaceful outcome of the Leipzig demonstration marked a turning point in the democracy protests, which gathered force throughout East Germany. This was followed by the opening of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 1989 and free elections in March 1990.



**Prayers Today:** In October of 2009, 80 parishes in 18 cities in the former East Germany, are

recalling the events of 1989 ago by holding services of prayers for peace. "Twenty years ago people found a place in the churches to formulate their discontent. From there they went onto the streets and the squares. That way the protests became a peaceful revolution of candles and prayers." Bishop Ilse Junkermann of the Protestant Church in Central Germany. "With our Monday prayers this October we would like to remind people how faith can bring change, but we also would like to again stir holy disorder and give hope against resignation."



*Jottings from the Pastor's Desk*

Living in Salzburg, Salzburger Land, on the Salzach River we are certainly reminded of salt. We even have 'E-Salt'! In the Old Testament, salt was used to symbolize the covenant between God and the people. It was a symbol of commitment and of peaceful relationship. For Jesus salt was the symbol of discipleship. Salt in a number of cultures remains a symbol of friendship, peace and sharing. When

someone is described as 'the salt of the earth', we know they are a good person; a person of worth; of wit, someone who can be trusted. It is not someone of arrogance with an unrealistic opinion of him or herself. Whereas in contrast we say take what this person says with a pinch of salt. This one is not to be trusted; cannot be relied upon; lacks truth and wisdom. As the people of God, we are to be about living lives that flavour our relationships with others. Love is the key to being God's salt shaker; to full hearted discipleship; to living out God's Covenant of peace. We nourish ourselves by living in relationship with God and then in response to this great love be about Living lives of flavour!

## STUDENT LUNCHEON



On October 18th, as a church family we enjoyed a wonderful Welcome to Students' Lunch in the Gemeindesaal following a Special Church Service in which Yukari Aotani played a beautiful violin solo. We welcomed four students and a Student Worker who is involved with the Student Bible Study on Wednesday nights.

God bless,  
*Glynthea*