

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

16 JUNE 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a church with open arms,
where each person is welcome in God's all-inclusive love.*

Jesus shared God's gracious love with all people, and we seek to follow this example. People of any economic status, marital or family situation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability are welcome to full participation in our congregation. We honor the unique gifts of each.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev. Prof. Dr. Arnfridur Gudmundsdottir

Presider: Rev. Prof. Dr. Dirk Lange

Reader: Faith Fookes

Prayer leader: Marc de Chassey

Altar care: Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti

Assisting ministers: Eva de Chassey, Rumiko Jaussi, Ana Villanueva,
Nathan Wilson

Ushers: Alessia de Chassey, Caetano de Chassey

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost + 16 June 2024, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Malawi, Zambia*

Guest Preacher: Rev. Prof. Dr Arnfridur Gudmundsdottir

Guest Presider: Rev. Prof. Dr Dirk Lange

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

We walk by faith,

not by sight.

This path is death defying,

as we learn to no longer live for ourselves,

but by the Spirit that sustains us,

sensing the love of Christ urging us on.

In the reign of God abiding,

we see not just what it is but what might be,

the promise calling us to grow into God's community

like strong trees,

where the birds sing from the branches,

joining in our praise and thanksgiving.

Hymn

This is a day of new beginnings

Brian Wren

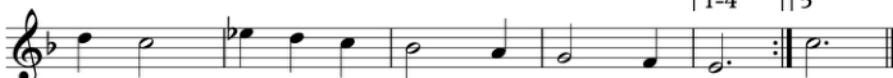
Carlton R. Young: USA



1. This is a day of new be - gin-nings, time to re -
2. For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
4. Christ is a - live and goes be - fore us to show and
5. In faith we gath - er round the ta - ble to taste and



mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -



bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
gin - nings; our God is mak - ing all things new.
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Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of hope,
if only we had loved you with our whole heart, with all our strength,
would the seed of your love have overcome our fears?

Forgive us.

If only we had loved our neighbors as ourselves,
would the flower of peace have blossomed instead of thorny stares or
spikey retorts?

Forgive us.

If only we had trusted in the promises of your realm,
would our song have been thanksgiving for the gentle rain

rather than the barren rumble of selfish grumbling or the gusting tornado of frenzied pride?

Forgive us.

If only we believed that in Christ, all things are new,
would we still be re-working the ideas we know are worn out soil?

Forgive us.

God of all futures,
***keep on planting in us the seeds of your good news,
so love wells up in us like a surprise,
and a harvest of joy leaps from our lives
honoring your Beloved, Jesus Christ.***

Response

Nkosi, Nkosi

$\text{♩} = 72$

G. M. Kolisi: South Africa

Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba ne - nce - ba.
Lord have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first system of musical notation is in 3/2 time. It features a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Kres - tu, Kres - tu, yi - ba ne - nce - ba.
Christ have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second system of musical notation is in 3/2 time. It features a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

In 'ne-nce-ba' the middle syllable, 'nce.' is pronounced by making a 'tsch' sound that a mother uses to reprimand a child, with the addition of a nasalized beginning.

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Words of Assurance

Hymn of Praise

Utukufu

Leader All Leader

Utu - ku - fu. Utu - ku - fu kwa mu - ngu juu A - ma - ni
Sing glo - ry! Glo - ry be to God on high. Let peace reign!

All Leader All

A - ma - ni du ni - a - ni K'we - nye ma - pe - nzi K'we - nye ma - pe - nzi me
Peace be to all cre - a - tion. Let love in - spire us! Let love be gen - erous and

Leader All Leader

ma K'we - nye ma - pe - nzi K'we - nye ma - pe - nzi me - ma. Si - fa
full. Let love in - spire us! Let love be gen - erous and full. Praise God!

All Leader All

Si - si tu - na ku - si - fu He - shi - ma Si - si tu - na ku - he shi - mu
Voi - ces will rise to praise you. Give ho - nor! Voi - ces will rise in your hon - or.

Leader All

E mu - ngu Ba - ba Mwa - na ko - ndo - o wa mu - ngu.
We are your child - ren; Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer written by Gladys Yegon

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
showing that the Lord is upright;
God is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in God.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Dumisani Abraham Maraire: Zimbabwe

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu, Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 4

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Arnfridur Gudmundsdottir

Hymn

We plant a grain of mustard seed

Mary Bryan Matney: USA

Sally Ann Morris: USA



1. We plant a grain of mus - tard seed, and
 2. Our ac - tions, grain more than words, de - fine how
 3. When stooped to lend a help - ing hand, we
 4. Make love our pur - pose, love our aim, for
 5. So may our new be - gin - nings prove, like
 6. Our lives will be ful - filled and blessed if



in our faith we find the proof of God is
 love's ex - am - ple feeds a great - er love, for
 find a touch that heals, for love in - vest - ed
 love en - dures all things, and choos - ing love our
 liv - ing bread and wine, that through our com - mon
 through the seeds we've sown and by the love that



love, in - deed, which blos - soms from its kind; the
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 we pro - fess the love of Christ is known, and



proof of God is love, in - deed, which blos - soms from its kind.
 great - er love, for love di - vine bursts forth from small - est seeds.
 love in - vest - ed will ex - pand to bear the fruit love yields.
 choos - ing love our lives will claim the peace for - give - ness brings.
 through our com - mon hu - man love we taste what is di - vine.
 by the love that we pro - fess the love of Christ is known.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.*

He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts

Cantique de Jean Racine
Music by Gabriel Fauré

Choir

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.*

*Répands sur nous le feu de Ta grâce puissante;
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois!*

*Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,
Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé;
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à Ta gloire immortelle,
Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.*

*Word of the Highest, our only hope, eternal day of earth and the heavens,
we break the silence of the peaceful night; Savior Divine, cast your eyes
upon us!*

*Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
that all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
banish the slumber of a weary soul, that brings forgetfulness of your laws!*

*O Christ, look with favor upon your faithful people
 Now gathered here to praise you;
 Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;
 May they go forth filled with your gifts.*

Offertory music

Ndimi tima

English paraphrase, I-to Loh, alt.

as taught by Clara Henderson: Malawi

Leader *All*

Ndi - mi ti - ma, *All* Ndi - mi ti - ma yo ko - ndwe - ra.
 O be joy - ful, We will be joy - ful in our hearts

Mbu - ye wa - thu ti - ya mi - ka.
giv - ing our thanks to our Sav - ior.

Leader *All*

E - chi - fu - ndo, *All* E - chi - fu - ndo cha - ke chon - se.
 Grace and mer - cy, mer - cy and grace ev - er - last - ing,

Leader *All*

Ndi - cho - sa - tha, *All* Ndi - cho - sa - tha ntha - wi zon - se.
 ev - er - last - ing, mer - cies of God are for - ev - er.

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Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

Sanctus

Sanna Sananina

South Africa

San - na san - na - ni - na, san - na, san - na, san - na.

1. san - na - ni - na. na. San - na, san - na, san - na - ni - na. 2. san - na - ni - na.

1. na, san - na - ni - na, san - na san - na san - na 2. San - na.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembrance

At this table we remember Christ Jesus, the seed of hope growing within us, becoming bread, becoming his body, broken, yet healing what is broken. We remember Christ Jesus, the first fruits of all creation, becoming wine, becoming blood, poured out, and in the pouring making all things new. We proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Lord's Prayer

in our many languages

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.***

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

***Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.***

Agnus Dei

Hena Mwana

as sung by Hena Mwana Mberere: Tumbuka hymn: Malawi

1. He - na Mwa - na wa mbe - re - re. Wa - ku - ye - gha za
 2. Wa - ka - ye - gha M'thu - pi la - ke Wa - ka - wu - ra ku -
 3. A la - bi - ska Pa - mphi - nji - ka U - mo I - yo wa -

Refrain
 kwa - na - nga zi - thu zo - se. Mwa - na Mbe - re - re
 zgo - ra - ko Pa - ku - mko - ma. (Wa-)
 ka - su - zgi - ki - ra i - se.

To verse 3 and refrain
 Wa - ti - ye - ghe - ra Za kwa - na - nga Zi - thu zo - se.

1. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away all our sins,

2. He took it away through his death,

Refrain: The Lamb of God, has taken away all our sins.

3. In his blood, all our sins are washed away

Invitation to Communion

Songs during communion **Jesu, tawapano**

Patrick Matsikenyiri: Zimbabwe

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Je - su ta - wa - pa - no. Je - su ta - wa - pa - no.
Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here;

Je - su ta - wa - pa - no; ta - wa pa - no, mu zi - ta re - nyu.
Je - sus, we are here; we are here for you.

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The Kingdom of God is justice and peace

Taizé: France

$\text{♩} = 74$

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly

Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

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Chimwemwe mwa Yesu

Zambia

Leader

1. Chi - mwe - mwe mwa Ye - su. Chi - mwe - mwe mwa Ye - su.
2. U - mo - zi mwa Ye - su. U - mo - zi mwa Ye - su.
3. Mu - ten - de mwa Ye - su. Mu - ten - de mwa Ye - su.

All Leader

- Chi - mwe - mwe mwa Ye - su. Chi - mwe - mwe mwa Ye - su.
 U - mo - zi mwa Ye - su. U - mo - zi mwa Ye - su.
 Mu - ten - de mwa Ye - su. Mu - ten - de mwa Ye - su.

All Leader

- Chi - mwe - mwe mwa Ye - su. Chi - mwe - mwe mwa Ye - su.
 U - mo - zi mwa Ye - su. U - mo - zi mwa Ye - su.
 Mu - ten - de mwa Ye - su. Mu - ten - de mwa Ye - su.

All

- Chi - mwe - mwe mwa Ye - su.
 U - mo - zi mwa Ye - su.
 Mu - ten - de mwa Ye - su.

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1. Rejoice in Jesus. 2. We're one in Jesus. 3. Peace in Jesus.

Njo njo njo

Chichewa chorus: Malawi

1st Leader 2nd People

Njo njo njo mwa Ye - su m - ku - li moy - o hal - le - lu - jah.

Leader

People

Ti - kon - dwe - re - re	hal - le - lu - jah.
Ti - san - ga - la - le	hal - le - lu - jah.
Ti - bvi - ne bvi - ne	hal - le - lu - jah.
Ti - si - ke - re - re	hal - le - lu - jah.

Repeat 3 times then DC al fine.

Ti - kon - dwe - re - re	hal - le - lu - jah.
Ti - san - ga - la - le	hal - le - lu - jah.
Ti - bvi - ne bvi - ne	hal - le - lu - jah.
Ti - si - ke - re - re	hal - le - lu - jah.

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Jump with joy for Jesus-life everlasting.

Sing now with gladness, joyfully praising, dancing our praises, shouting with laughter.

Sending Forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE! Church retreat to take place in Romainmôtier on Saturday, 21 September

This year's day-long church retreat will take place at Romainmôtier Abbey, one of the oldest Romanesque churches in Switzerland (c. 11th C). We'll enjoy a walk through the woods and worship in the Abbey, and we'll share a picnic lunch as well as plenty of fun and games. All ages welcome! If you plan to participate, please send your name, the name of accompanying children (with ages) and your phone/email to office@genevalutheran.ch.

Year to date financial update from the Treasurer: May 2024

Dear Congregation members,

Please find below a monthly financial update of our church. This update was already given to you at the Spring Assembly on 26 May 2024.

Income:

Our budgeted income for 2024 is CHF **321,145.-** (excluding the 3K contribution from Music Ministry fund, which would make the budget CHF 324,145.-). The pro-rata total income as of 30.04.2024 should have been about CHF 107,000.- But the actual income stands at CHF 85,501.- which is about **CHF 21,500.- behind our target**. Last year at this point of time our income was over CHF 97,000.- (12K more than 2024, even if our budget was slightly lower than this year). Compared to the past 5 years, we are at the lowest income for April 2024 (barring 2022).

Therefore, I request you to continue giving throughout the summer this year, to bring our finances back on track.

Expenditures:

The expenses as of 31.04.2024 is CHF **95,000.-** which is about **CHF 7,000.- more** than the income, primarily due to lower pro-rata income .

On behalf of the CC, I wish to thank you for your generous support to our congregation's ministry and look forward to the same in the coming months.

Warm regards,

Dinesh Suna
Treasurer, ELCG-ESC

‘Et vogue la galère’ (And so it goes) 11 to 20 June, Temple de la Madeleine

A wave of 31,000 little paper boats will invade the Temple de la Madeleine. An artistic and poetic project, but oh so poignant, it aims to bear visual witness, through the force of the accumulation of these fragile paper boats, to what our memories and imaginations no longer want to see or hear. Presented together, however, they form an enchanting, powerful river, an attempt to raise awareness of a daily drama.

These frail paper boats represent so many people who have disappeared in the Mediterranean trying to reach Europe since 2014. Since this figure is unfortunately constantly rising, visitors will have the opportunity to make additional boats, to take home or add to the exhibition.

Naming them by name: Sunday, 16 June from 12h00 to 17h00.

Reading of the names of those who disappeared in the Mediterranean Sea and the circumstances of their deaths. Some members will be participating in this event and if you wish to read today from 16h00 to 17h00, please contact Maritza Vitela at 076 445 07 15.

Fête de la Musique 21-23 June

Throughout the Fête de la Musique, 21-23 June, there are free concerts in our church building. A full schedule is here: <https://evenements.geneve.ch/fetedelamusique/>

Worship during the Fête de la Musique:

Joint Service with the German-Speaking Congregation, 23 June

On the Sunday of the Fête de la Musique, the English- and German-Speaking Congregations will worship together in a service filled with music. The service will be at 11h00 on 23 June. All are welcome!

Fête de la Musique - Looking for Volunteers on Sunday 23 June

Our church is once again a venue for the Fête de la Musique—concerts will take place in the sanctuary throughout the weekend—and our congregation will be selling food and drinks in the church garden on Sunday 23 June, from 14h to 18h. We are looking for bakers who can donate something for the sale (sweet or savory) and helpers who can sell food and drinks throughout the afternoon. Please mark the sign-up sheet this morning if you're able to help, or contact Dorine van Teeseling or the church office.

Church School - Last Class on 23 June

The final church school Sunday of the year will be 23 June, with classes resuming in mid-September. Contact Thomas Wilson with any questions.

Tuesday, 2 July, 6:30pm, ELCG: Chamber music concert in support of Gemeinderaum renovation

Jean François Ballèvre, Ines Ladewig Ott and Raphael Ott will perform music from Haydn, Suk, R. Schumann, C. Schumann, and Schostakowitsch. Light apéro to follow. Entry free, donations welcome.

Serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 6 July

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 6 July 2024. It takes place from 9h00 until about 13h00 at Le Jardin de Montbrillant (Rue de Montbrillant 3) just behind Geneva Cornavin train station. All are welcome to sign up and help prepare and serve a warm meal. Contact the church office or Elisabeth Benn (chriselis_benn@bluewin.ch) for more information.

Worship on 7 July at 11h00 (not 17h30)

On the first Sunday of each month, our congregation's worship service moves from 11h00 to 17h30. Next month is an exception, however: worship on Sunday 7 July will take place at 11h00. The regular evening schedule resumes the following month: worship on 4 August will be at 17h30.

Looking for Musicians in Worship this Summer

Warm up your voices and tune your instruments! As the choir takes a break during the summer holidays, you are invited to sing or play one of your preferred pieces of music during the offertory in worship. If you'd like to play on one of the Sundays,

between 30 June to 8 September, please put your name on the sign up sheet or contact Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg.

Women's Circle

Ladies! You're invited to come to our Church Women's Circle! We will gather in our church, which is our village, on one Saturday each month for coffee and croissants and to share in fellowship and fun. All women church members and regular attendees are welcome in the Circle. We plan to meet on the following dates: **13 July, 10 August from 10h00 to 12h00**. Contact Marit Bauer-Moore (079 320 3046; maritbmoore@hotmail.com) or Cynthia Wilbers (079 409 8503; cwilbers@gmail.com) for more information.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

Our congregation holds a simple coffee hour after worship each Sunday.

Preparation for coffee hour is by neighborhood groups:

23 June – Group E

30 June – Group A

7 July – Group B

14 July – Group C

*If you can help on a week when your group is assigned,
please let your group's coordinator know.*

Music Camp this Summer

From Sunday, 11 August to Friday, 16 August 2024; there will be a summer camp organized by our music director Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg at La Lécherette in Vaud. The camp is for children ages 7 to 13, and previous musical knowledge is not required. The whole team together with the children will create a musical with a Circus theme, and the performance of the musical will be held on Sunday, 18 August at 16h00 at the ELCG. The cost for the week is CHF 400 per child (accommodation, food and transport included) with a discount for multiple children from the same family. Contact Katharina (katharina@genevalutheran.ch) to sign up or for more information.

2024 AICEME Youth Conference in Paris

The Association of International Churches of Europe and the Middle East (AICEME) warmly invites you to join us for our annual Youth Conference! Connect with other young believers and explorers from a wide variety of sister churches as we discover what it means to be disciples. We are so delighted to hold

this conference again! We can't wait to see you all in Paris for this joyful time of learning, fellowship, and fun!

When: 1-3 November 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday midday)

Where: Paris, France. The American Church in Paris (65 quai d'orsay 75007)

Who: Youth, aged 13-18

Sleeping location: ACP

Please save the dates if you're interested in attending. ELCG participants will register as a group in early September.

Andy Willis on Sabbatical - June to August

After ten years with our congregation, Andy Willis has been granted a three-month sabbatical this summer. From 1 June through the end of August, he will be away from the congregation, taking time for rest, reflection, and time with his family.

Worship will be led by a number of different people during these months, including both members of the congregation and visiting clergy. You can find the schedule on our website.

A **care team**, composed of both lay and ordained members, is in place to offer support at any time. Contact Maureen Gumbe (079 331 29 81 / whelminaweekes@aol.com), and she can connect you with people ready to help.

For **administrative matters or other questions** related to the congregation and its ministries, contact Riza Le Geyt in the the church office (022 310 50 89 / office@genevalutheran.ch) or congregation president Nina Kiderlin.

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This Week's Schedule:

Tue, 18 June	20h00	Choir rehearsal with the German choir
Thurs, 20 June	19h30	Choir rehearsal
Sun, 23 June	10h00	Church school
	11h00	Joint service with the GSC on the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Rev. Dr. Katrin Hildebrand preaching and presiding

Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30

Our church is entirely self-supporting. Our ministry is entirely funded by the contributions of members and friends of the congregation. There are three ways you can donate today:

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By cash: Place your contribution in the offering bags during worship.

By U.S. dollar check: Make the check payable to “Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,” and on the memo portion, write “GMG 0858”.

Thank you for your support of our ministry together!

If you are a guest in our congregation today, *please fill out the connection card below—you can place it in the offering bag or hand it to the pastor or one of the ushers. We would love to be in touch and answer any questions you might have about our congregation.*

ELCG Connection Card	
Name	_____
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New to Geneva? Y/N	Date