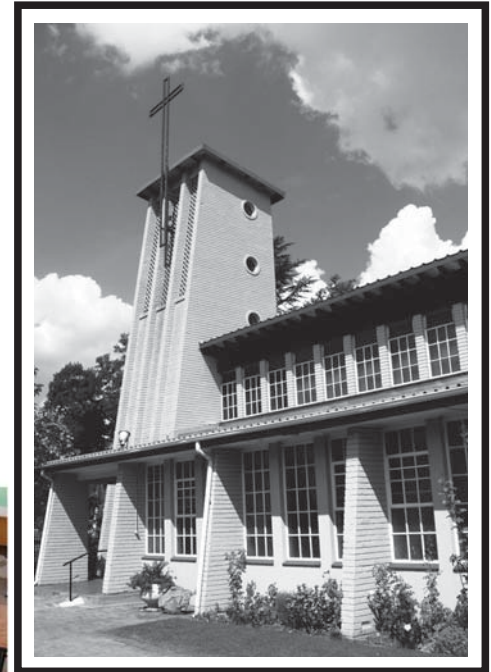


Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Vaal Triangle

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History

The Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in the Vaal Triangle was founded in 1950 under the leadership of Pastor Werner. The Church was built in 1959. At that stage we were a Church serving mainly the German community in the Vaal Triangle. As many of the German descendants did not speak German any more we needed to expand.

In 2005 we started our English service which had grown into a dynamic, multicultural group. During the English service on Sundays at 10:30 we also have our Kids Church. We have also started with church for children with special needs during the English Service.

Vision that we are working towards

We are an outreaching and inviting congregation
To grow in faith and number
To worship God with a joyful heart
To love one another unconditionally
To serve others to grow God's family
To lead people to recognize and use their gifts
To reflect the love of God to the world

Loving
serving
leading
worshiping



Services

German Service @ 9:00

It is a liturgical service led by Pastor Remo Koehne.

English Service @ 10:30

A lively, contemporary and multicultural service with an anointed band. The service is led by Pastor Remo Koehne. The Holy Communion is served every last Sunday of the month.

Kids Church @ 10:30

Kids church is at the same time as the English service. At the kids church the gospel is preached to them in an illustrative way. They come back for communion with their parents on the last Sunday of the month.

Church with Wings @ 10:30

Church for children with special needs is held during the English service. The gospel is explained to them on a level they can understand. Their parents can join the regular service without being worried about their children.



Fellowship Groups

We have different fellowship groups:

English and **German Bible Studies** and an English and Afrikaans **Teens Bible Study**.

We have a **Women's League**, and a **Seniors Group**

Outreaching programs

Alpha Course

This is a 10 week course on Christian basics.

Outreach through our school - Wings for Life school for Special Education

The Lutheran Church started Care Bears Pre-School for children with different needs in 2006.

The objective of the school is to take care of children suffering from brain damage, Autism, Down Syndrome, physical disabilities and learning barriers. Three years ago Care Bears started with 1 special needs child. Today the two schools provide special needs education for 38 children with many on a waiting list. In 2008 we started Wings for Life school for special education. This is a registered primary school that caters for children that cannot adapt in the main line school. The majority of children are in the autistic spectrum disorder.

- We are the only nursery school in the Vaal Triangle that specialises in children that have learning disabilities
- We are a non-profitable and non-racial organisation
- The education department acknowledges the need and supports our vision.

We are in the process of building a new school that will be donated by BHP Billton.

Needy

Providing food packages to needy families in the church and people knocking on the door for food.

Individual Outreaches

A member in our church do Prison Outreach
Two members work with drug addicts

Youth

"Young people, it's wonderful to be young! Enjoy every minute of it. Do everything you want to do: take it all in. But remember that you must give account to God for everything you do. So refuse to worry, and keep your body healthy." - Ecclesiastes 11:9

Kids Club

Kids Club meets every second Friday in the tearoom at the church. We start at 17:00 and go on for two hours with fun, worship, Bible stories and games. Kids Club aims for children between 6 and 12 years.

Teens for Christ

Teens for Christ is for 13 to 18 year olds and meet for fellowship every second Saturday at 17:00. We have discussions about the issues of life and we have lots of fun. Sometimes we have a movie night or an outdoor activity.
We have a teen cell group every Wednesday at 17:00

Young Adults

For young people 18 years and up; we meet every second Sunday at 16:00. Every one young at heart is welcome. We have Bible study and every now and then we have a social, watching movies or just having some good fellowship.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes every Friday at 17:30.

Kailager Camp

Need a break? Need some good fellowship? Join us for the Kailager camp! For one week we will be right on the beach near Port Edward. The Kailager camp for teenagers are every year at the beginning of January



Challenges

- Unity and diversity
- Youth to feel welcome in the church
- Teach needy to fish
- Teach members how to be and make disciples
- Further a spirit of giving
- Getting parents of schools involved in church and getting the congregation to see school is part of the vision of reaching out.