

# The American Church in Berlin

an ecumenical home for people from diverse nations  
sharing God's love in Jesus Christ



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
October 24, 2010

**THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN BERLIN**  
at the Luther Church in Berlin-Schöneberg  
Bülowstraße at Dennewitzplatz

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An Ecumenical, International Christian Community

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**Welcome to the American Church in Berlin.** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with this faith community and invite you to return every time you are able. May this celebration of life in Christ bring you hope and joy!

***Herzlich willkommen in der American Church in Berlin.** Wir freuen uns, dass Sie den Weg zu uns gefunden haben, um mit uns den heutigen Gottesdienst in dieser Glaubensgemeinde zu feiern. Wir laden Sie herzlich ein uns zu besuchen so oft wie es Ihnen möglich ist. Möge diese Feier des Lebens im Glauben Christi Ihnen Hoffnung und Freude bringen.*

**Nursery care** is available in the room behind the altar. Children up to age six may be taken there before worship begins. For safety and for everyone's comfort, please accompany your child if you bring your child to the nursery during worship, walking quietly to the back around the left side. Coloring materials for all children are available in a basket near the table at the entrance.

*A prayer before worship: Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen*

## **The Gathering**

Welcome

David Look, President of the American Church in Berlin

Prelude

Praeludium

J.K.F. Fischer

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;  
**praise him in his mighty firmament!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
**praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

Let everything that has breath  
**Praise the Lord!**

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Apostolic Greeting**

The grace given to us in Christ Jesus, the power of God who calls us with a holy calling, and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. **Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**The Word**

Children's Time

Karin von Rosen

Anthem (Chamber Choir)

"O Sing Unto the Lord"

Lowell Mason

*O sing unto the Lord a new song  
Let the congregation of the saints praise him  
O sing unto the Lord a new song  
Let the congregation of the saints praise him.*

Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

read by Rev. Dr. Gerdi Nützel

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who is now facing death. Though others have let him down, Paul is sure of his faith in the Lord, who has stood by him and lent him strength.*

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-7 (read responsively)

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.  
**Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Solo                                    “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”  
  Nanita Rica Winniewski

Holy Gospel                         Luke 18:9–14

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                                “Living Reformation”                         Pastor Stephan Kienberger

## **The Response**

Anthem (Contemporary Choir)    “Smilin’ More Every Day”                 Bill Butterworth

*I know Jesus is my Savior, I will never be alone.*

*Looking around the world for a while, not much reason for the world to smile;*

*Reading the paper, watching the news, diff’rent opinions, different views.*

*People smiling less ev’ry day, I’m so glad I can honestly say*

*I’ve found the answer to the problems of life: the answer is found in Jesus Christ.*

*I know that I’ll live forever, I know heaven is my home;*

*I now Jesus is my Savior, I will never be alone.*

*There was a time when I couldn't smile, had my eyes on the world for a while;  
Then I saw what the Bible has said: It's not of works, trust Christ instead.  
Now I'm smilin' more ev'ry day, I'm so glad I can honestly say  
I found the answer to the problems of life: the answer is found in Jesus Christ!*  
*I know that I'll live forever, I know heaven is my home;  
I know Jesus is my Savior, I will never be alone. (Repeat)*

## The Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**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.**

(\* i.e., one *universal* church)

Installation of Rev. Stephan Kienberger *(Congregation remains standing)*

*(Rev. Arden Haug)* Having been authorized by the Church to install Rev. Stephan Kienberger, our co-worker in the Gospel, as pastor of the American Church in Berlin, I now ask for certification of this call.

*(David Look, ACB President)* We, of the American Church in Berlin, after prayerful deliberation, have elected and appointed Rev. Stephan Kienberger to be our next pastor. I present him and this letter certifying the call.

*Congregation may be seated*

*(Rev. Arden Haug and Rev. Dr. Christof Theilemann)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

And again: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matt. 28:18-20)

Hear the words addressed to Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Tim. 4:12-16)

*(Rev. Arden Haug and Rev. Dr. Christof Theilemann)* Pastor Kienberger, in the presence of this congregation will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the church?

*(Pastor Stephan Kienberger)* **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church?

Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people? Will you nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, leading them by your own example in the use of the means of grace, in faithful service and holy living?

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. *(Congregation)* **Amen**

*Congregation please stand*

And you, people of God, will you receive this messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

*(Congregation)* **We will.**

Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ? **We will.**

The office of pastor of the American Church in Berlin is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever.  
*(Congregation)* **Amen**

### Prayer of the Church

*Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.*

Lord God, we pray for the whole Church, all nations, those in need, the parish, our pastor and his family, the bishop and all ministers in the Church, all Christians in their vocation, and the community served by the parish. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

How dear is your dwelling to us, Lord of hosts. We pray for your church, that it may be a welcome place for all in need of healing and community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even the sparrow finds a home in you, O God. We pray for birds of every kind, and thank you for their joyful song by day and night. Keep them and all your creatures safe from harm. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hope of Israel, we pray for peace and healing in the Holy Land. Bring an end to religiously-motivated violence, and help people of different faiths see your face in one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The humble are exalted in your presence, O God. We pray for all who struggle with shame, self-doubt, or any kind of infirmity. Lift them up in the love and acceptance of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You stood by Paul in his final days, O God, and gave him strength. We pray for our congregation's ministry to the dying, that those on their final journey home might be accompanied by our love and prayers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless Ethel Besong, Cirel-Liza Arrey, Alexander Zimmerman, Jean-Raffael Kemter-Clermont, Danny Buck, Margie Nubbemeyer, Yvonne Warda-Crawford, and Jie Su as they celebrate birthdays this week and enter this new year of life in your presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear now the prayers of this congregation:

*Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*(David Look, ACB President)*

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

You have been called to be among us to lead worship and preside at the Holy Communion.

Offering

Offertory

Larghetto

M. Brosig

Offertory Response      Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from all whom all blessings flow,

Praise him all creatures here, below,

Praise him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Offertory Prayer

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Eucharist**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Lord's Prayer

*(Led in German by Bruder Franziskus M. Schaar)*

*Vater unser, der Du bist im Himmel, geheiligt werde Dein Name. Dein Reich komme, Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel so auch auf Erden. Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute, und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unser'n Schuldigern, und führe uns nicht in Versuchung sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen, denn Dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. Amen.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

*We invite all who believe in Christ to come to the Lord's table. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please wait for the ushers to direct you to the altar. Grape juice, rather than wine, is offered in the intinction cups held by the communion assistants on the far right and the far left. Welcome to this holy meal!*

#### Distribution Music

Hymn 513	Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Hymn 517	Praise to the Father
Hymn 518	Beautiful Savior
Hymn 551	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

#### Communion Blessing and Prayer

God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Der Herr segne dich und behüte dich. Der Herr lasse sein Angesicht über dir leuchten und sei dir gnädig. Der Herr erhebe sein Angesicht auf dich und gebe dir Frieden. Amen.*

#### Hymn 260

On Our Way Rejoicing

*please be seated*

#### Announcements

#### Postlude

Allegro maestoso

F. Mendelssohn Bartholdy

#### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP COORDINATOR:	Amanda Halgrimson Walzer
LITURGIST:	Eva Zimmerman
LECTOR/PRAYER LEADER:	<i>to be announced</i>
CHILDREN'S TIME:	Karin von Rosen
ACOLYTE:	Victoria Low
GREETERS/USHERS:	Margit Frank, Thomas Hinz, Heidemarie Mielert, Bernd Schmeißer, Sue Smith-Hinz
TELLERS:	Sarah Mattern, Frank Reynolds
NURSERY:	Jin Li Luetzow
COMM PREP:	Eva Zimmerman
COMM ASSTS:	David Look, Eva Zimmerman, Nilu Dorschner, Rev. Arden Haug, Amanda Halgrimson Walzer
COFFEE HOUR:	Congregation

*Today's altar flowers were provided by Paul and Luise Hoffman in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.*

## SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY:	9:30	Confirmation/Adult Forum/Kids of the Spirit
	10:30	Chamber Choir Practice
	11:00	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>&amp; Installation of Pastor Stephan Kienberger</b>
	12:30	<b>Special Coffee Hour</b>
	12:30	Youth Group Brunch Club (Upper Room)
MON:		<b>November Newsletter Deadline</b>
	16:00-18:00	Learning Café (Luther Church)
	19:30-21:00	Young Adults (Luther Church)
TUES:	19:30	Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Luther Church)
WED:	10:00-12:00	Women's Bible Study (Parsonage)
THURS:		<i>No Bible Study</i>
FRI:	17:00 – 19:00	Laib & Seele (Luther Church)
	18:00	Gospel Choir
SAT:	17:30 – 21:00	Kids of the Spirit Halloween Party (Luther Church)
SUN:	..7:00	Young Adults Reformation Festival trip to Wittenberg
	9:30	Confirmation/Adult Forum/Kids of the Spirit
	10:30	Chamber Choir Practice
	11:00	<b>Worship</b>
	12:30	Contemporary Choir



## NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (October 31)

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WORSHIP COORDINATOR:	Nilu Dorschner
LITURGIST:	Karin von Rosen
LECTOR/PRAYER LEADER:	Beulla Vasanth
CHILDREN'S TIME:	Pastor Steve
ACOLYTE:	Anna Kienberger
GREETERS/USHERS:	Sabine Dahnert, Amanda Halgrimson Walzer, Alexander von Engelhardt, Tatjana von Rosen, Thomas von Rosen
TELLERS:	Marc Weider, Eva Zimmerman
NURSERY:	Liliana Mochmann
COMM PREP (Nov. 7):	Heike Beck
COFFEE HOUR:	Congregation
FLOWER DONATIONS:	Lecia Nel

### **The American Church in Berlin – An International Congregation**

Today we are using German as an additional language in our words of greeting, the Lord's Prayer, and the benediction. Each week we will use a different language to reflect and welcome our international community. Over twenty-five different countries are represented in our congregation.

### **Today, October 24 - Service of Installation for Pastor Stephan Kienberger**

Today we are celebrating the formal reception of our new pastor and his family in our community and the wider Berlin community. We especially thank The Rev. Arden Haug, ELCA Regional Representative for Europe, for his attendance here today.

### **ACB Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study**

Women of all ages are invited to the ACB Parsonage at Leberstr. 7 (S1 Julius-Leber-Brücke stop) from 10 am. to 12 noon for a time of reflection, music, and fellowship. We will begin **Wednesday, October 27**, with the three-part Bible Study from Lutheran Woman Today titled "Pray Always" written by ELCA pastor Gladys G. Moore. If you wish to read ahead, you can download the materials from the [lutheranwomantoday.org/biblestudy](http://lutheranwomantoday.org/biblestudy) . Otherwise we will provide a copy for your use at the Bible study. Please contact Kristi Kienberger at 813 20 21 if you have any questions.

October 27 - 10-12	Pray Always - Persistence
November 3 - 10-12	Pray Always - Waiting With Patience and Hope
November 10 - 10-12	Pray Always - Power
November 17 - 10-12	Thankful Praise and Prayer
November 24 - 18:00	Thanksgiving Eve Service ( <i>No Morning Bible Study</i> )

## "Herz freu dich" Sommerabschied und Herbstsegen

With Pfr. Wolfram v. Heidenfeld, Ev. Königin-Luise-Kirchengemeinde and Pastor Stephan Kienberger, American Church in Berlin. With reading and prayer in English. **Thursday, 28. Oktober 2010**, 19.30 Uhr, Zwölf-Apostel-Kirche zu Schöneberg.

## Thursday Morning Bible Study for Moms with Small Children

Carolyn Buckley is interested in running a Bible study group for mothers with small children and babies at her apartment on Thurs mornings beginning this October. She would like to arrange a babysitter for an hour and the participants could pay her a small fee. Please call her at 01738 344 981 if you are interested or send her an e-mail at [pc2405@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pc2405@yahoo.co.uk) .

## Kids of the Spirit Halloween Party This Coming Saturday, October 30

Kids of the Spirit would like to invite all ACB children and youth for a Halloween Party on October 30 in the Luther Church starting at 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. All ACB kids and kids-at-heart are welcome to come with their costumes (although nothing too scary please!). We will carve pumpkins, bob for apples, trick-or-treat, and more. A sign-up sheet will be at the ACB entrance table for your RSVP. We're looking forward to a fun time of sharing cultural traditions and fun with one and all!



## Youth Group Fundraising Auction

### Next Sunday, October 31

Don't miss this! We're going to hold an auction during coffee hour next **Sunday, October 31**. Please look at the insert in the bulletin for a preview of the auction offerings. If you still have something that you would be willing to donate, fill out the form on the table by the youth bulletin board or talk with Daphne. Thank you so much for your support!

## ACB Young Adults – Monday Evenings

We will continue to meet for Bible study and social time on Mondays, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at ACB's Luther Church (now with heating!) We will read and discuss passages from the New Testament in the context of our life. We will also share joys and concerns within the Christian community of ACB. All who feel like young adults are welcome (contact: Dietrich Rein, 0179 739 4470, or Sarah Batt-Nauerz, tel. 030 7676 8361)

## Young Adults Reformation Festival Trip to Wittenberg, Next Sunday, Oct. 31

Those who want to get up early are welcome to join a unique Reformation Sunday in Luther's city of Wittenberg. We will attend the service, visit the Luther House Museum and enjoy the medieval market. Please contact Dietrich for more information.

**Preparing for the Next Women's Getaway Brunch on Saturday, November 20**  
The next Christian Women of Berlin Brunch will feature a *Christmas Market and Silent Auction!* We are looking forward to the event; however, we need your help to make this the most successful brunch ever!

*Christmas Market:*

We are looking for vendors who are interested in selling their homemade goods and crafts! At our last Christmas Market, ladies were able to purchase jewelry, homemade jams, cards, and crafts. The cost per vendor table is 20 Euro which includes the table fee and brunch for one person. The deadline to register as a vendor is November 5, 2010. If you are or anyone you know is interested in hosting a table, please call Andrea Robertson at 36 74 63 80 or email [info@cwob.de](mailto:info@cwob.de)

*Silent Auction:*

The last CWoB Silent Auction featured wonderful items ranging from candles, tea sets, and jewelry to terrific gift certificates for massages and counseling sessions! We would like to make this year's Silent Auction even more attractive but we need your help: All items for the Silent Auction are donated by the women who attend the brunch - YOU!

Have you ever received a gift you didn't use? Remember that present you didn't take out of the box because it just didn't match or fit in your home? Or perhaps you have a friend who owns a business or restaurant? Or do you have access to tickets for concerts or sporting events? We are hoping for a variety of new items, gift certificates and tickets this year.

Our Silent Auction Team will be collecting items at the brunch on November 20 until 11:00am. If you think your "small gift items" are not worthy of a Silent Auction, bring them anyway! We welcome all gifts and may combine various smaller items to make amazing gift baskets! All proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to CWoB.

To help with planning and preparations, we would appreciate it if you could let us know before the brunch what gifts you are bringing for the Silent Auction. Call Kim Bleck at 802 60 03 or email [info@cwob.de](mailto:info@cwob.de) - Thank you!

Join the Team: We need more people to help us plan the details and take care of smaller tasks! Email us at [info@cwob.de](mailto:info@cwob.de) if you can help before or during the event. In addition, several members are leaving the Planning Team and we will only be able to plan more brunches in 2011 if we get more help!

**Care of Your Personal Belongings at ACB**

All worshippers are asked to take care of their personal belongings at all times within the church premises. Since a church is a public place, please do not leave any valuables (purses, wallets, money, etc.) lying around unattended.

## **Operating Fund**

Budgeted Local Offering Income to Sept. 30 € 48,677

Actual Local Offering Income to Sept. 30 € 50,413

**Giving to ACB** The American Church in Berlin depends on the offerings and gifts from members and visitors for its financial obligations.

ACB has an account with the Commerzbank: BLZ 100 400 00, Konto Nr. 02612 91900. This account is used for both the General Operating Fund and the Luther Church Campaign. If you give by bank transfer or envelope, please designate whether your gift is for the General Operating Fund or the Luther Church Campaign. If you wish to receive a tax statement at the end of the year please make sure that the church office has your address as well as name.

If you wish your gift to be tax-deductible in the United States, you must make your dollar check payable to one of our partner organizations, "The American and Foreign Christian Union" (AFCU) or "The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America" and write the words "for ACB" on the memo line of your check. The church issues year-end receipts of giving acceptable for both German and American tax returns.



## **ACB Fall Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, November 21, 2010**

12:30, Luther Church

### Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Determination of a quorum
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of minutes of Spring 2010 congregational meeting
5. Election of Nominating Committee for 2011
6. Finances of ACB - Presentation of Budget for 2011 and vote
7. Old Business
8. Exoneration of the Officers (Entlastung des Vorstandes, congregation confirms that officers have acted faithfully to their call, as far as presented)
9. Any other business / Results of election
10. Adjournment with prayer



**“Voices of Gratitude – a Cornucopia of Music”**  
**ACB's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner and Concert**  
**Saturday, November 27, 2010**

For the 8<sup>th</sup> year the American Church in Berlin presents a special combination of a dinner and concert. First enjoy a family-style traditional Thanksgiving Dinner prepared to perfection by our own Dinner Team. The dinner includes homemade pumpkin soup and roasted turkey complete with all the trimmings! After treating your taste buds, you can feast your ears on select musical morsels from classical to contemporary, instrumental and vocal: Opera, Gospel, Christian contemporary, Soul, Jazz and more.

Please join us on November 27 when once again we welcome about four hundred members, friends and friends-to-be for fantastic food, fascinating fellowship and magnificent music in our home, the historic Luther Church on Dennewitzplatz!

The benefit will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010 at 18 hrs.** The concert will follow the dinner and begin at **20.30 hrs.**

Tickets for the event will be available beginning Sunday, October 10, 2010. Tickets cost 22 Euros p.P. full price. Reduced price for children and students as well as those with social benefits I.D.s is 8 Euros, proof of eligibility is needed. Children five years old and younger eat free of charge, but still need a reservation. If you are able, we kindly ask you to buy an extra full price ticket which can be given to someone who might otherwise not be able to attend this wonderful family event.

In order to be able to keep the price of the tickets as low as possible and still offer reduced price tickets (below costs to us) we must secure sponsors and as much volunteer help as possible to organize and manage the event. Even if you have never done this type of volunteering, don't worry! You will be part of a team with an experienced team captain armed with detailed instructions and unbelievable enthusiasm. So ***please*** sign up on the sheets at the entrance to the church!

**Dinner reservations are required.** From October 10 on, please make a reservation by e-mail. Send your e-mail to [acb.events@email.de](mailto:acb.events@email.de) . You may also call or fax the event line at **03212-332 332 1**. *This is a regular local phone call (ca. 9cts/min.) within Berlin.* Your reservation will be confirmed within 48 hours.

**The DEADLINE for dinner reservations is November 15, 2010.**

Your ticket purchase and any additional donations will support ACB's community outreach and ministry programs – specifically our work in the local neighbourhood with children and families.

Everyone is welcome, so invite your friends and family!

***Special thanks to all who have helped in today's worship service***

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Chairperson, ACB Call Committee  
American Church in Berlin Congregation*

**Next Men's Night Out Event, Friday, Nov. 12 at 8:00 p.m.**

We'll meet for talking, drinking and eating in a typical old Berlin restaurant with good "Alt-Berliner Art" food and drinks, especially several kinds of beer at reasonable prices (more information can be found at [www.Wirtshaus-zum-Nussbaum.de](http://www.Wirtshaus-zum-Nussbaum.de)).

"Wirtshaus zum Nußbaum"

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Deadline for registration is Sunday, November 7. Please use the list on the table next to the church's entrance, call Michael at 8546621, or send him an e-mail at [gaby.hosenfelder@t-online.de](mailto:gaby.hosenfelder@t-online.de) .