

Dear ICL family

Matthew 23:12 Amplified Bible (AMP) Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be raised to honor.

The Passion Translation (TPT) Remember this: If you have a lofty opinion of yourself and seek to be honored, you will be humbled. But if you have a modest opinion of yourself and choose to humble yourself, you will be honored."

(ESV) Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OUR AMERICIAN CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!



The 96th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is returning to the streets of New York City.

Last year's celebration returned to pre-pandemic form after 2020's event was made for TV only. This year's parade will include thousands of marchers through the streets of Manhattan on Thursday, November 24 beginning at 9 a.m. local time.

The spectacle will once again delight New York City spectators and a national television audience. This year's parade will feature 16 giant character balloons, 28 floats, 40 novelty and heritage inflatables, more than 800 clowns, 12 marching bands, 700 clowns, 10 performance groups and, of course, Santa Claus.

As the giant helium balloons were filled yesterday, ahead of the parade today, a familiar character took to the skies – Snoopy – as an astronaut, 49 ft tall, 43' long and 29' wide. That's a big, inflated character!!

Very interestingly, on the same day as he was getting inflated, another astronaut was being celebrated:

Marco Sieber has been chosen as a "career astronaut" by the European Space Agency (ESA) – he is thus set to become only the second Swiss spaceman in history.

The 33-year-old from Bern was selected from a total of 22,500 candidates who applied for a spot in the latest promotion. The other members of the elite crew are from Belgium, France, Spain, and the UK.

Sieber, who currently works as a urologist in the bilingual Swiss city of Biel/Bienne, is also a paratrooper in the Swiss army, as well as the holder of a private pilot's licence.

He previously worked as chief medical officer for the Swiss forces in the KFOR international peacekeeping mission in Kosovo. And in his free time, Sieber is a fan of adventure sports, including skydiving, paragliding, scuba diving, ski touring, and kitesurfing.

And, despite all his achievements, I heard him being interviewed yesterday and he came across as a most humble, down-to-earth sort of guy (maybe not the best choice of phrase



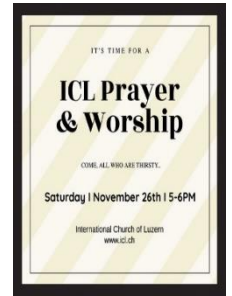
for an astronaut!) I was reminded of Matt. 23:12 as I heard him speak and wanted to remind us of how we can take time afresh over this advent to recognise the ONE who ultimately humbled himself -and who was lifted up to the ultimate highest place. In Philippians 2, Paul reminds us that Jesus left heaven's glory, became like a man, humbled himself to death of a cross...and was

then exalted to the highest place. Let's humbly bow, make room for Him again in our hearts and exalt Him to as Lord of all.

The Advent church brochure available with details of the church programme is now available

Men's Pizza night. This Friday (25th November) 7pm at ICL . All men welcome.

This Sat. 26th November 5-6pm Prayer and Worship time at ICL with Juhee and team



Sat. 26th Nov. Lantern Procession, leaving the Salvation Army at Bruchstrasse 59, 5:15pm Luzern (around the corner from the church).

Please join the procession with your kids and also provide cakes to share with the local community afterwards (Cakes can be dropped of on Fri. 25th 7pm at ICL or Sat. by arrangement with the pastor)

Winter Coats for Ukraine

We have been approached by Novo International to help with this collection of winter coats (and any other warm clothing) for Ukraine. They have a van and driver ready to leave in the first 2 weeks of December. Please bring your contributions (clean, good condition) to church this Sunday (27th Nov). See Sandra.

Windrad Luzern - Gassenweihnacht 2022

Our local missions partner, Windrad, is hosting their big Christmas party for the people they serve (those on the fringes of society) on 26 Dec 2022, Monday.

Here are a few ways we can be involved:

1) Make a Present Box - get a clean, old shoe box, fill it with useful daily items and long-lasting food items, costing about CHF20/box. Wrap it nicely and label it; male, female or neutral (can be used by both). Put your gift boxes into the collection box.

2) Bake Cookies - pack your baked goodies in a box and put them into the collection box. Please make sure they will last at least 10 days. These will be distributed on event day.

3) Help on event day. If you are available and willing to give your time in serving food, cleaning up or just talking/praying with people, contact Sandra.

The collection box for Windrad will be at church from 4 Dec onwards. Collection ends 11 Dec.

Benefit Concert and Ukraine Cultural Evening

Date: 17 December 2022, Saturday

Time: 4 pm (Concert begins, Cultural Evening follows after a short break) Location: ICL Sanctuary

The Luzerner Troubadoure brings us colourful pieces from beautiful opera choruses and Christmas carols. In the second part (Cultural Evening), we learn about Ukraine, pray for its people and share a bit of Ukrainian food. For the second part, please sign up at icl.ch (click on the event name on calendar at the bottom). This helps us estimate the amount of food to prepare. Thank you. Flyers are available for you to invite family and friends.

*May the meekness and majesty of Christ be our focus and our example over Advent.
God bless, Pastor Paul*