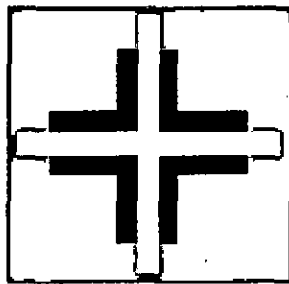


DEUTSCHER GOTTESDIENST



GERMAN CHURCH SERVICE

First Sunday of every month (except July and August) at 2:00 PM at
CENTRAL ST. MATTHEW UCC 1333 S. CARROLLTON AVENUE NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118

EINLADUNG ZUM GOTTESDIENST IN DEUTSCHER SPRACHE
am IV SONNTAG NACH EPIPHANIAS, dem 2. Februar 2020, um 14 Uhr,
am SONNTAG INVOCAVIT, dem 1. März 2020, um 14 Uhr
mit dem Heiligen Abendmahl,
am PALMSONNTAG, dem 5. April 2020, um 14 Uhr

Jeweils danach gemütliches Beisammensein mit Kaffee und Kuchen und DVD Vorführung.

Liebe Freunde des Deutschen Gottesdienstes!

Ich begrüße Sie zum neuen Jahr mit der Jahreslosung für das Jahr 2020: » Ich glaube; hilf meinem Unglauben!« (Markus 9,24) Who among us, in a moment of crisis or despair, has never had occasion to repeat the aforementioned words of this father at the end of his rope, whom we meet in the ninth chapter of St. Mark's Gospel? Often it is easier, or at least I find it so, to understand God's loving presence in my life through the lens of time: "I couldn't see it then, but God was working his purpose out," I've said more than once. The gift that such perspective imparts is a sense of confirmation. Even when our eyes are veiled, we may still rely on God to work his will for our benefit. In moments of stress or anxiety, however, it is not uncommon for that sense of assuredness to depart. In those times, it is not as though we have completely abandoned God, but our faith, our belief has been delivered a wound. To expand on the words of the despairing father from Mark, we say to God, "I am trying my best to find you and to see you better, but right now I am struggling!" The good news is that God has never demanded such an absolute faith, unbruised by the challenges of life (does it even exist?). Rather than insist on such perfection, in Christ God show us his desire to work with us as we are: to help our unbelief, to heal us, and to save us.

The year 2019 was a year of budgetary stabilization for our Church. As you will see from the figures below, we again closed our books in a deficit position, but not to the degree that we did last year (-\$1,900). In 2019, we collected more revenue in Memberships and Church Offerings than in the previous year. We also trimmed expenses by approximately \$2,500. I remain deeply thankful for the work of the Vorstand and our Parish Administrator, Horace George, without whose assistance we would be considerably disadvantaged. Thank you, dear parishioners, for your generous support of German liturgy in the City of New Orleans.

INFLOWS-INCOME

Contributions & Cash	\$	1,762.75
Memberships	\$	5,360.00
German Church Offerings	\$	9,928.00
Interest Income	\$	215.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$	17,265.75
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	-18,510.21

OUTFLOWS-EXPENSES

Church Expenses & Cash	\$	3,547.00
Gifts Given, Good Will	\$	415.00
Insurance, Mission Upkeep	\$	733.65
Office, Transportation, Misc.	\$	8,634.56
Pastor's Compensation & Exp.	\$	4,650.00
Payroll, Taxes, Bank Svc. Fee	\$	530.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	18,510.21

OVERALL TOTAL 2019.	\$	-1,244.46
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Um den Deutschen Gottesdienst auch weiterhin zu fördern, erbitten wir Ihre gütige Unterstützung in Form einer Mitgliedschaft. Das beiliegende Schreiben ist ein Gruß unseres Präsidenten, Raymond Calvert. Mit ganz herzlichen Grüßen und vielen Segenswünschen an Sie alle.

Ihr,
Pastor Richard Easterling+

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NEWS FROM THE GERMAN CONSULATE

Consular Services in New Orleans on February 11, 2020 at Deutsches Haus

The German Consulate General will offer consular services in New Orleans on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 in the afternoon.

Appointments made at rk-s@hous.diplo.de by Feb. 4th.

The following consular services will be available:

- information on family matter including certification and acceptance of name declarations and applications for birth registration
- information on citizenship matters and acceptance of applications
- delivery of name certificates
- certification of signatures for declarations of consent, renunciation of inheritance etc.

Please be aware that applications for biometric passports and identity cards cannot be accepted due to technical reasons. Such applications can be submitted with the honorary consul, Ms Susanne Veters Cooper, upon appointment.

Fees can only be paid in cash in US dollars. Credit cards will not be accepted.

Please keep in mind that appointments are mandatory.

Please contact the Consulate General by Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at rk-s@hous.diplo.de and include the following information:

- full name, mobile number
 - specify your request (if a certification of signature is needed please include the document that needs to be certified)
- Information on consular services including all necessary documents can be found on our website at www.germany.info. Please make sure to bring all necessary documents in their original form along with copies as requested on the website. The Consulate General is looking forward to meeting you in New Orleans!

EVENTS AT DEUTSCHES HAUS

FEBRUAR 2020

Kulturabend. Tuesday, February 4, 6 pm. Fritz Bultman. *Food service will be available before the talk. The event is free and open to the public.*

Kino. Wednesday, February 12, 7:30 pm. Movie: Im Juli (In July). A rare German romantic comedy. *Screened in German with English sub-titles. Free and open to the public. Food and drink available for purchase.*

Galvez Street Night. Friday, February 14, 3:00 - 11:00 pm. Galvez Night will be held monthly in the Bier Stube on the 2nd Friday of the month. *Celebrate the memories and lore of Deutsches Haus Galvez Street!*

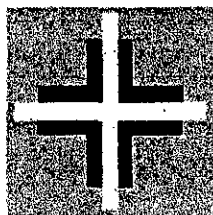
Mardi Gras Ball and Costume Party. Saturday, February 15.

Mardi Gras. Tuesday, February 25. *Haus closed.*

MÄRZ 2020

Day at the Races. Saturday, March 7, 11:30 am at the New Orleans Fairgrounds. Join Deutsches Haus for a day of horse and dachshund races. See the website for information and tickets <https://deutscheshaus.org>

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Dear Friend of the German Church Service,

This January marks the tenth anniversary of our reorganization after the closing of the German Seamen's Mission. The German Church Service continues to host the only German language liturgical service in the state of Louisiana, The Rev'd Richard Easterling continues as the main celebrant in our liturgical celebrations while Dr. James Oakes direct the choir. Our beloved Pastor Heinz Neumann is fully retired and lives in Colorado.

To help defray costs for our German Church Service, the board requests that we seek support from the members of our congregation the form of memberships. Your contribution is tax deductible under the 501 c3 incorporation. Your contribution helps us defray our expenses. Please select one of the categories below. Any amount is appreciated.

The German Church Service office is housed at the Old Metairie Protestant Church in Metairie Road. GCS rents one room for office space and another room for our choir to rehearse.

Thank you in advance for your financial assistance. I also request your prayerful support for God's guidance in our mission to the German-American community.

Very truly yours,

Raymond Calvert
President, Board of the German Church Service

2020 German Church Membership

- \$25 Single
- \$50. Family
- \$100 Corporate
- \$ _____ Other

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