

parish letter April/May 2022



Experiences and impulses:

These days, it's the beginning of March, I meet a lot of people who can't hear or see the news about the war between Russia and Ukraine. Some are angry or even speak of hate. They immediately ask the question: "Am I allowed to hate Putin?"

Others are downright paralyzed with fear, seeing WWII in their mind's eye. Still others try to become masters by trying to figure out how it all came about. I feel huge powerlessness in myself and others. I can not do anything.

An old acquaintance would like, if she had a bus, to pick up Ukrainians at the border and bring them to safety. When she says that, her eyes sparkle. I see others thrive as soon as they start talking about something they can do.

It's good to do something, not just stand there faint. It's good to have a point of reference. What am I aligning my actions with? What is the use of everyone's misery? What helps that peace becomes more and more possible?

Guard your own
anger, your own hate
(permit). god is
addressee of my anger
and my hate
my fear and
Uncertainty. He
takes me serious
about my feelings
and help me out of
there. In
conversation with
God



or with people who can handle it, we can get to the bottom of the emotions that lie beneath the hate, the anger. For me it is often fear and helplessness. Jesus says: "In the world you are afraid...". Fear is part of life in our daily lives. But there is one who lives beyond fear, who has overcome it. "...but be of good cheer, I have conquered the world."

Where Jesus is is the place where fear can be overcome. For me it is prayer and fellowship with people who also believe that Christ has overcome the fears of this world and allows us to overcome them through him. People who pray with me, look for ways out of fear and trust that God has fear and narrowness, breadth and hope for us.

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Where we overcome fear, we have eyes, ears and hands free again. In his presence we can hope and trust that what we are doing is being used by God, that peace is possible in small steps.

We can help by being open to people fleeing to us from war zones and donating to aid organizations. Then the relief supplies arrive exactly where they are needed.

And in the current dismay caused by the war in Ukraine, let's not forget all the other crisis and war zones. In Africa, Latin America and Asia, too, people are dying of malnutrition and a lack of medical care, of persecution and war.

You are welcome to donate through the World Mission account. If you do that without a cue, World Mission has a free hand to donate the money use where it is needed most.

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Let us trust that God is present in everything and that more and more people trust in Christ, who can help us to overcome our fears and hope for the resurrection to go into a new future for all people and nations.

It wants to be Easter, in us, in Ukraine, in Syria, in Afghanistan and everywhere where violence reigns.

It will be Easter because God is alive among us in Christ.



birthdays

April: 02.04. Jan Schmidt, 03.04. Kevin Duda, 06.04. Tamara Miloserdov, 07.04. Ricarda Akkermann, 15.04. Rosemarie Letzig, 18.04. Karin Stolze, 29.04. Volker Huhn.

May: 01.05. Vincent Baltuttis and Freimut Lehmann, 02.05. Walter Hinrichs, 09.05. Karsten Suchanecki, 11.05. Jana Kreutzenbeck, 12.05. Jürgen Großkopf, 13.05. Regine Deiß, 15.05. Jason Perlik, 05/18. Rolf Kreutzenbeck, 20.05. Erika Trojan, 21.05. Pauline and Niklas Kobabe, 22.05. Ella Schmidt, 23.05. Christoph Georg von Bibera, 31.05. Kyra Perlik and Anna-Lena Cieslik.

We wish everyone a blessed, fulfilling new year of life, with many wonderful encounters.





Ricarda and Thorben Akkermann have become parents. Samira, born on October 27th, 2020, has been part of the family since March 4th, 2022. We are happy for the parents and grandparents.

And Thomas Sellmann has become a grandfather for the fifth time. Oskar- Frederik Kolasius was born on February 5th, 2022 in Giessen. We wish parents and grandparents a lot of happiness.

church services

We celebrate under 3G conditions as long as the restrictions still apply. We sing with a mask, otherwise the masks can be taken off at the seat because we can keep the distances.

date	topic	who preaches
03.04	Theme service/take away food	Regina Stolze
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10.04		
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04/15	Good Friday with supper	Regina Stolze
04/17	Easter with brunch	Regina Stolze
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01.05	Theme service/take away food	Regina Stolze
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08.05	With supper	Regina Stolze
05/15		Robert Schmidt
22.05		Regina Stolze
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05/29		



At Easter, like 2 years ago, we want to offer an Easter brunch. As with takeaway lunch, if you feel like it, bring something with you, stay after the service and enjoy the fellowship. There is always enough there so that anyone who wants to can stay.

Important appointments

prayer circle via WhatsApp (collect concerns every Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and then pray)

Video home group Wednesdays 5pm. If you contact me, I'll be happy to email you the link. You can also participate by phone.

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women circle: 14 days in even calendar weeks at 3:30 p.m. **home group** [https://meet.jit.si/Hauskreis Recklinghausen](https://meet.jit.si/Hauskreis_Recklinghausen)



teen hangout Info Fabian Akkermann **multi-generation**

meeting every Thursday from 4 p.m

- Sports and games - cooking together - getting creative - knitting and crocheting

WomensCorner Info Leila Akkermann

Holiday Pastor: From April 19th to 24th, 2022 Please contact Leila Akkermann for community questions.

Holiday program: Cooking course

During the Easter holidays, there will be a cooking class for children in our community on April 11th and 12th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please invite children over the age of 10.

If you would like to help as an employee, just let us know. It sure is fun.



Easter sacrifice

Easter is a wonderful opportunity to give some of the new life that comes from Christ. As a congregation, we traditionally gather our Easter offering again. You are welcome to do this in the Easter service or transfer it to the account of the parish:

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Half of the proceeds should go to the church and the world mission.

And we can give joy through

something that makes us happy. A visit, an invitation, a conversation, a phone call, a small gift, a smile, let's use everything that God has given us. Let us think especially of people who especially need a bit of Easter joy.

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Rosemarie Letzig





..has been living in South Africa with her husband Matthias and their children Vincent, Albert and Stella since December 2021.



Annekathrin Buchold is a social worker and music therapist. To come their diverse Experience in choir direction and piano accompaniment. A South African-German choir project has shown how Musik can build bridges. Now she is collaborating with the Methodist Church in Southern Africa Programs in which music is used as a form of encounter work and therapy. "Music is a medium in many ways that allows community to be experienced and experienced despite differences," explains Annkathrin. "The Challenges facing the country in today's post-colonial and post-apartheid era are very diverse. The programs



Family Buchold- arrived in Johannesburg

should be sustainable, people and Support and enable and be designed in a resource-oriented manner. That's why my work starts with listening, observing, perceive

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