

parish letter August/September/October 2022



We live in times in which we are expected to give a lot of bad news. I grew up in times of economic growth or miracles. That shaped me. The hard times were a thing of the past in my childhood. It was rarely talked about. The future promised good. Everything was supposed to get better and got better and better. We had to be very economical with everything, but as a family we were able to afford more every year. Everything seemed possible. And that's how it turned out...

Now we are facing completely new challenges. We've known it for a long time: growth is limited. We can only win the future worldwide by carefully handling the available resources. Nevertheless, we experience that in many places people just keep going.

This not only applies to the handling of the global resources available to us. It also applies to how we as a church deal with our resources in our communities. We continue...

Life goes on. Giving up is not an option either. What we need is radical trust that God is not just somewhere, but right in the middle of the things that scare us. God is very close to where we are.

Experience challenges where we tackle them. He is near and in the midst of our fear of change. Trusting him more and more helps to be able to take the small steps that we recognize as helpful and sustainable.



We need growing trust that God has good, new ways for all challenges. And we need to strengthen each other in this trust. That's why we are church. No one can always trust on their own that it is enough to face everyday challenges with courage. It needs the brothers and sisters who support, trust and are confident that God has a good way for us as humanity and as believers, which leads us to a fulfilled, liberating life.

In September I will have been traveling with you for 4 years. Those were 4 years full of discoveries (2 ½ years under corona conditions). I am happy that I can probably be on the road with you for another 3 years. I am very happy to have you as siblings. Sometimes it encourages me just to think of you. Sometimes I need contact with you, just like that, and sometimes I also need someone to whom I can confide my worries. It's good to be in a community that doesn't throw away the chunks when challenge after challenge comes along. It feels good to live in a community that looks together for God's good ways.

I want to thank you for being my church. I want to grow with you in trusting that God has gifted us all wonderfully and in many ways.



There is so much in us that we can help each other to discover. Strong trust in God grows into strong self-confidence because we do not expect of ourselves and of each other the things that only God can do. This frees our heads, hearts and hands for all the things we can do ourselves with a light hand. I look forward to all the new discoveries and paths God is leading us into in my 5th year of service with you.

birthdays

August 5.8. Anja Kreuzenbeck, 8.8. Nicole Kmita, 14.8. Hildegard Ermlich, 21.8. Timon Alferink, 23.8. Henning Akkermann, 29.8. Klaus Heilman.

September 3.9. Finn Kobabe, 4.9. Jürgen Werner, 11.9. Bernhard Deiss, 13.9. Tobias Letzig, 15.9. Michael Cieslik, 17.9. Catherine Schmidt, 21.9. Robert Schmidt, 22.9. Henryk Wysotzki, 25.9. Juna Amelia Schmidt

October: 5.10. Fabian Akkermann, 8.10. Walter Bloch, 12.10. Margaret Bloch, 15.10. Christiane Bludszat (60), 22.10. Elfriede Weiland, 25.10. Brigitte Heilmann (80).

Only the names of those who have given us permission to publish their birthday appear here. If you would like to be named here... just let us know. Of course, this also applies vice versa.



studies

School is over for...

Fabian Akkermann, he is moving to the May Born Vocational College in the Metal Department

Kyra Perlik begins the 3-year nursing course at the Knappschaftskrankenhaus

Taria Perlik changes to the Herwig Blankertz vocational college for a 3-year apprenticeship as a beautician

Timon Alferink begins after passing his high-school diploma

Vincent Baltuttis stays at the Waldorf School and starts an apprenticeship there.

Annegret Deiß has completed her master's degree in psychology and is starting her advanced training as a child and adolescent psychotherapist.

Marcel Pracht begins his teacher training Pauline Kobabe begins her training as a hotel manager. Hjana Kreutzenbeck attends the vocational college in order to graduate from secondary school.

Aya changes elementary school, from August she goes to the Kohlkamp school.

We wish you all a good start in the new phase of life. Have faith in God and in yourself. God made you wonderful.

announcements

At this point warm greetings from Ingrid Bullerjahn. She is happy to have visitors and is also interested in small excursions in the area. Telephoning is rather difficult.



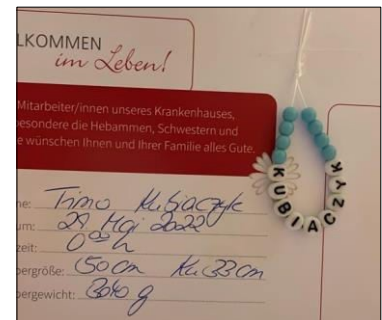
meeting

On 25 September, Juna Amelia Schmidt turns one year old. This Sunday we want to bless them in the service. Here you see her with her parents and her big one sister Ella. We are happy with them Parents on this special birthday and wish the whole family energy and joy in and with each other. Thank you for allowing us to be your church.



Pray

On May 29, 2022 Dominik gave birth to his little brother Timo. His parents Patrycja and Wojtek Kubiaczyk and their two children need our special intercession. Timo still has to endure a series of operations. We wish the family the supporting and strengthening power of God. We look forward to the day when we can be joyful with you.



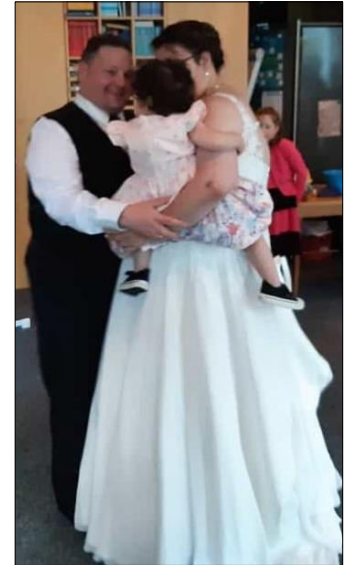


From Ricarda Akkermann:

On July 1st, 2022, Thorben and I celebrated our church wedding in the community with our families, friends and the community.

It was a wonderful day for us that we will not soon forget.

We would like to thank you very much for all the congratulations, cards and words that have reached us.



Taking leave

Jürgen Großkopf left our community. He served for many years on the ward board of directors, serving as chairman and secretary. Now he would like to devote himself more to non-church social tasks, especially in refugee aid.

Dear Jürgen, it is a pity that we are losing you from our community. But you want to remain a friend of the community and remain connected to us through the community letter and the friendships that have grown. We wish you many good, constructive and beneficial experiences for your work in other places and also for you personally.

church services

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. followed by church coffee. Every first Sunday of the month with takeaway lunch. Cordial invitation.

date	theme	who preaches
07.08.		Regina Stolze
08/14		Regina Stolze
08/21		Regina Stolze
08/28		
04.09.		
09/11		
09/18		Regina Stolze
09/25	Blessing of Juna Amelia Schmidt	Regina Stolze
02.10.	Thanksgiving with takeaway	Regina Stolze
09.10.	lunch	
16.10.	With supper	Regina Stolze
23.10.		Jurgen Werner
30.10.		Regina Stolze

Important appointments

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

We meet on Wednesdays by appointment **Video home group**

Link: [https://meet.jit.si/Hauskreis Recklinghausen](https://meet.jit.si/Hauskreis_Recklinghausen) You can also participate by phone.

women circle: meets on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. in even-numbered weeks. **multi-generation meeting** every Thursday from 3:30 p.m. in the house and garden. Playing, tinkering, chattering, tinkering and whatever else comes to mind.



From October 3rd to 6th, the Lego building days will take place in our community from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They cost €20 per child.

Would like to advertise it. We are urgently looking for assistants for the construction management. Please contact Rosemarie Letzig.

From the community meeting on 12.06.

We discussed our finances at the community meeting. The most important thing in a nutshell: We still have reserves in the municipal treasury from the good years. But we had to take around €5,000 of that in 2021 to cover all the costs. The main reason for this is that some of our older siblings have died and their good monthly contributions are therefore missing. We can and want to compensate for part of these amounts by donating money that we as a municipality are entitled to for the administration of the residential buildings to the municipal treasury. What else can we do? We can use even more possibilities to sublet the community rooms. What we are already doing on a small scale. However, this means that strangers also work in our kitchen, for example, and not everything can always be found there, where we would like to see it. We have to accept that. We will also increase the cost of rentals appropriately to account for rising energy costs.

I have decided that I will not be reporting my travel expenses for 2022. That saves me the billing and the community a good thousand and it doesn't hurt me. And I'll make some more jam if you guys help me get the fruit. It's blackberry season. Blackberries grow in many great places, a little off the streets again this year in abundance. Anyone who wants to help picking is welcome. It's best to freeze them and store them in the freezer in the church, I'll take them with me little by little.



And then we basically intend to get involved as a community in areas in which we have gifts that are needed by society and see that this can also be refinanced. For example, in a care offer for people with dementia or the care of children under 3 years of age. Here we will take another step after the summer holidays and look at such a project and find out how something like this can be financed.

And we have an experienced third-party funding applicant in our community. Margret Bloch has applied for amounts in the 4-digit range for the basement church in many places. Not every proposal leads to success, but every time... She would like to introduce someone to this work, because she doesn't want to do it until she turns 100.

There have already been great ideas for individual projects in the past, such as a sponsored run. And maybe you still have great opportunities how you can help with fun and a light hand that we are financially well positioned in the future. For me it's important,

that what we give, we give gladly and happily. Nobody should feel pressured. There is deep wisdom in Paul's saying (2 Cor 9:7) that God loves a cheerful giver. Not in the sense that if I can't give happily, God doesn't love me, but if I can give happily, I experience the love of God as a flow of energy through my giving. (You have to experience it, words can't describe it).

I'm confident that our household won't really worry us, not even if energy costs go up again now.

One of our apartments needs to be renovated. It still has the toilet in the stairwell. It's Jörg's turn and he's getting offers, which isn't easy at the moment. However, we do not have to cover the costs for this from the municipal budget. The houses have their own reserve accounts and the district committee or conference is responsible for the rehabilitation of the houses.



And our committee for administration has become smaller again. Jürgen Großkopf has left our community as an employee and church member. Actually only Jörg Akkermann and I (Regine Stoltze) are still on the committee. For professional reasons, our treasurer can only be there occasionally. We are looking for someone who will help and, for example, prepare the utility bills for the apartments. There are programs for that. Please pray for this area of church ministry. I still need support with growing trust.



And we discussed something else in the community meeting. We also want dogs to be brought to community events can become. Dog owners must ensure that their dogs do not endanger anyone and must ensure that our older siblings in particular are not in danger of falling.

Therefore the request to all dog owners:

- Dog on a short leash at events.
- Make sure that the dog does not approach anyone who is afraid of him.
- No legacies on the premises.
- Sandbox is taboo for dogs.

And the board of directors decided: In the future, the parish newsletter will appear again, as before, every 3 months. This saves shipping costs and saves some time for those who develop it.

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