



Experiences and impulses:

This year leaves everything to wait. April was colder than expected. When we had hoped to meet in the garden on one occasion or another to just talk to each other. So far, May has not been more inviting either. But summer will come and the number of people vaccinated will increase. That will most certainly help us overcome the pandemic.

Until then it is a matter of hope and hope to carry on. We can do that in a very practical way.

We chose a seed tape with the imprint "Hope bearer" with this community letter by post. If you do not receive a community letter in the mail, you can get a hope seed tape at the community center.

What should you with it? You can take it as a reminder for yourself that it is our mission to carry on the hope that we ourselves have been given. You can also wear it as a bracelet.

Or you give it to someone who has become a bearer of hope for you or someone you know want to encourage hope to carry on. And you can put the seed band in soil, keep it moist and wait eagerly to see which seeds will sprout.



That's how it is with hope. We hope and do things that we can do with that hope in mind. For this we do whatever is necessary whenever, within the scope of our possibilities. And we expect something to happen that will change for the better. We expect God to do something wonderful.

This is especially true in all of the areas in which we are concerned. Carrying worries and concerns makes our lives difficult. And involuntarily we then carry worries and concerns to others and also weigh down their lives. So it is good when we meet hopefuls who do not fend off our concerns and worries or brush them aside, but simply carry their hope with them and to us. Then suddenly I can see the silver lining again and to go and hope.





It's good to meet such people, to work with them, to share my free time with them. That makes my life a lot easier, even in times of pandemic. And I can be a bearer of hope again.

Hope though does not allow to be put to shame; for the love of God is poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5.5

Birthdays

June: 04.06. Marie Cieslik, 17.06. Ulrike Wagner, June 22nd. Leila Akkermann,

July: 01.07. Jan Ole Stoltze, July 3rd. Thomas Braun, July 12th. Ulla Hinrichs and Chandrakeerthi Kmitta, July 13th. Ralf Kirsten, July 22nd. Alice Alferink, July 29th. Preti Jerosch, July 31st. Biyon Senapathige and Gabriel Baltuttis

Church services

We have in the church leadership decided that, if the infection rate remains stable, we will offer hybrid church services again from Pentecost, followed by church coffee, because fellowship with one another is very important to us. Please bring your own mug with you.

date	theme	Who preaches
06.06.		Regine Stoltze
13.06.		Regine Stoltze
June 20		Regine Stoltze
06/27		
04.07.		Regine Stoltze
07/11		
07/18		
25.07.		

ImportantEvents

Prayer group via WhatsApp (every Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. collect concerns and then pray) Video house group Wednesday 5:00 pm., even if we can meet again on site, Here the link: https://meet.jit.si/HauskreisRecklinghausen You can also participate by phone.

Women's circle: so soon it goes, in the garden ... Teenie meeting Tuesdays 6pm is possible again to a limited extent





Evangelischmethodistische Kirche

Multi-generation meeting in good weather outside in happy company with: Sport and playThursdays from 16h. Food and more we still have to hope for it Creative meeting point for knitting and Crochet Womens Corner by arrangement

Ricarda and Thorben Akkermann want to celebrate their wedding in our community center on July 2nd. We wish for this day not only low incidence values, so that all guests can be there, but above all a fulfilling and mutually uplifting future together under the blessing of God.

Vacation pastor: 06.-29.07.2021 Occasional representation: Congregational questions to Leila Akkermann

The new basketball hoop has moved into the garden and the fire bowl has already been used.

Spring became colorful and came to go to neighbors and our seniors. Everyone could pick up a flower to keep or give away.

community!



The Easter breakfast was also to-go this year and once again sparked a lot of joy among those who helped and those who received them. A picture is worth a thousand words! A special greeting to Waltrop. We are a great



The tree grates and the back lawn have been spruced up. Special thanks to Lia Schniederjahn, Silas Suchanecki, Rosemarie Letzig and the Akkermann family. They literally rummaged through the dirt for us.









The basement church's Easter campaign was a complete success. The donated great flowers could be distributed to many from the area around the cellar church, together with a greeting card and something for the children. The siblings of the old, closed congregation were also reached. Special thanks to everyone who helped. You were great!



A Special thanks at this point to everyone who participated in the great video service on the subject Racism from Duisburg and Recklinghausen have participated. It was



a totally exciting project that we should repeat with a similarly exciting topic.

The cellar church in Duisburg and the church in the garden in Recklinghausen have worked well together for more than a year. Working together gives me a lot of hope that the church has a future.

What's going on in Duisburg?



The building is sold. We are looking for a new solution that we can afford. Thanks to everyone who pondered and pondered and even promised us financial support.

The association is founded and the application for non-profit status lies with the tax office.

As soon as it is possible, we will meet as an association and discuss how things can, should and will go on. God lives in the basement church, no matter where she puts up her tents!

Partner municipality Preston

"God does not look at our mistakes, only at our potential" This saying is in the last letter of our partner church in Preston. Our visit to Preston was planned about a year ago. Unfortunately, he had to be out due to Corona and so far there has been no opportunity to catch up with him. In England the numbers are already better than here. That gives hope.

When it becomes apparent that you can travel again, we will start new planning.

The picture is from our last visit to Preston, it was taken in the Butterfly Park in Lancaster.

The Preston community has been just as affected by the pandemic as we are.

At times there was church service via video conference, currently the congregation can already celebrate church service together again.

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In order to maintain cohesion, the community also carried out many joint activities, such as handing out food and flower arrangements.

The community has also introduced a system of small groups to keep in touch with one another and also to identify where active or pastoral help is needed.

I am already looking forward to the next visit in Preston when we can see the church and the people we love again.

Maybe Brexit will make it more time-consuming, but the people are certainly just as warm and the country is just as beautiful as it was before.

Thomas Deiss

Children's vacation weeks in Recklinghausen



July 14/1514-16h, Andrea's paper pearl jewelry workshop Deiß and team costs 3 €

July 21/2214-16h, knitting and crocheting, Rosemarie Letzig and Team ${\bf \in 5}$

July 28/2914-16h, felt workshop, Gabriele Cohnen and team 8 € 04/05/0814-16h, stilt making workshop, Regine Stoltze and Team €12.50

11/12/0814-16h, batik workshop, Regine Stoltze and team 7€

Registrations will only be made this year online (Ricarda Akkermann) or via RosemarieLast. The times, except for the pearl workshop, can still change.

It will definitely be great experiences again with children from all over Recklinghausen. You are welcome to advertise it.

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