



Experiences and impulses:



Open the door ... The most famous Advent song takes us into an Advent event. People in a city expect an important person on whom a lot depends for their future: They hope for great changes, more protection, more quality of life. They are full of expectation, hope, and joy. And they shout to each other: **Open the doors and open the gates ... Clear the way so that nothing prevents him from coming to us as quickly as possible.**

What do we call to each other? What is important to us What do we want to do in Advent so that nothing stands in the way of God's coming to us?

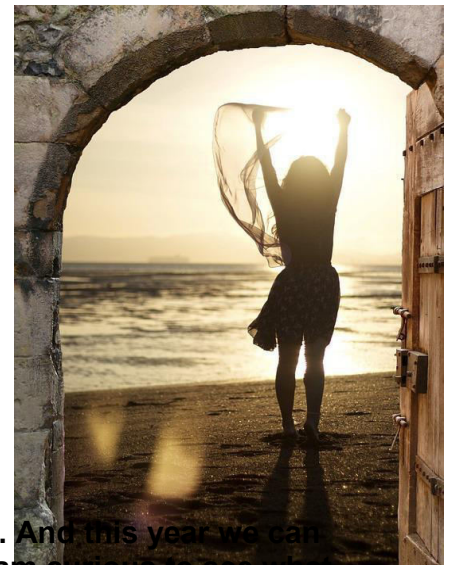
I really enjoyed Advent last year. I would have liked to have celebrated church services with you, but I thought it was good that there was so much less hustle and bustle: No Christmas gift purchases, no major preparations for the celebration, no additional events and appointments.

Instead, I had time that wasn't planned in advance. I

could ask me the question: What can we / what can I do to make people happy? And I had time to put that into practice with others. The most wonderful experience was that others were quickly ready to participate. They too had time, were not already scheduled for other tasks and were happy to make others happy.

This year we hope that Advent does not bring us such restrictions. And I hope that I can take something from last year with me into Advent this year: have time to spare and do things together with others that make everyone happy.

Sharing joy with others is the modern shape of the door tall and Make goals wide. Joy opens us to God's presence in our lives. And this year we can hopefully invite guests again and share joy with each other. I am curious to see what good ideas will be given to us. Let us then share them (call out) and put them into action. In this God comes to us in a completely new way and makes this dark season of the year brighter and warmer.



I wish us a blessed Advent that overflows with experiences that make us aware that God is on the way to us through all the little things that we experience to make our life rich and perfect.

Birthdays

December: 3.12. Andrea Deiß, December 15th. Nina Baltuttis and Lisa Tietze,
December 18 Taria Böhm and Siegfried Ermlich, December 25th. Karola Kreutzenbeck,
December 27th. Christina Cieslik.

January: 5.1. Gunhild Schwand, 7.1. Eduard Weiland, 11.1. Daniel Letzig, 13.1.
Ruth Trojan, 14.1. Ursula Kmitta, 16.1. Andreas Baltuttis.

Church services

Every Sunday 10:30 a.m. Please bring a cup for the church coffee.

<i>date</i>	<i>topic</i>	<i>Who preaches</i>
05.12.	2nd Advent lunch	Regine Stoltze
12.12.	3rd Advent	Dankmar Fischer
19.12.	4th Advent	Regine Stoltze Last Supper
12/24 17: 00h !!!	Christmas Vespers	Regine Stoltze
01/02/2022	New Year service / lunch	Regine Stoltze
09.01.		Regine Stoltze
16.01.		Regine Stoltze Last Supper
23/01		Robert Schmidt
01/30		Regine Stoltze

Important appointments

Women circle: Tuesdays 3:30 p.m. in the even calendar weeks.

14.12. Advent celebration of women. Cordial invitation

Prayer group via Whats App (collect concerns and pray afterwards every Monday
from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Home group Fortnightly via jitsi.meet (If you want to join, just contact Regine Stoltze.)

Teenage club every Tuesday 6 pm-8pm, there is no meeting place for teenagers during the school holidays

Homework assistance Thursdays by appointment

Multi-generation meeting every Thursday from 4pm with a different focus



Lunch together after the service

During the lockdown period, many of us began to see the value of community in an entirely new way. We thought about offering lunch again on a regular basis. However, this should not become an additional compulsory course.

Anyone who wants to stay and bring food is cordially invited. Those who prefer to eat at home can of course do so freely.

I would just like to try it out with you guys to see if it's good for us. Every 1st Sunday of the month: if you feel like it, you bring food and eat with others. Those who only want to come for lunch are also very welcome.

Prayer

In the past few weeks we in the congregation have particularly experienced how good it is to pray together and to support others in prayer in difficult situations. We have not found ourselves supported only by the intercession of others. We got concrete help. God was healing among us.

This gave rise to the idea of putting together a small prayer book with helpful prayers. This can help when we are lacking our own words or when we feel empty.

If you send me your prayers, I will collect them. They can be formulated yourself or by others (please obtain consent if the authors have not been dead for more than 70 years) or prayers in the public domain (without copyright).

I'm looking forward to this project.



Church letter

I have been writing the congregation letter for almost 2 years. That not only gives me work, but also a lot of fun. So that the church letter can become more of our church letter again and so that we can inspire each other to enjoy ourselves through the church letter, we want content editing again.

I know: Simply asking: "Who would like to work there?" Is rarely crowned with success. But I ask you to think about what you can and want to contribute. And if you want to be asked directly, give a noticeable sign, and I'll be happy to ask.

Admission to church membership

So far 2 people have registered. A conversation has been arranged with another. So in the new year we will celebrate a church service together for acceptance into church membership. I'm particularly looking forward to that.

There is a lot going on again in Haus Höhenblick in Braunfels 4 women have from October 29th to 31st participated in the encouragement days of the community federation (see photo). From November 2nd to 4th I was there for the district assembly and from November 18-21. a group of women wanted to go there for the encouragement days for women, which unfortunately was canceled. The women meet in our community center to have fellowship and to be creative.



The Hut of good deeds is also this year in its familiar place. We are there on December 4th. from 11 am to 8 pm. Thanks to everyone who helps to open the gate of joy at this place and who accept donations for all the good projects.

On November 13th was again Church plaster in the community. Everyone who had the time helped. We laughed a lot, but also achieved a lot!




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