



## *Experiences and impulses:*

A year ago...



Do you remember? Do you remember? We stood that 1st time together with all people facing the same challenge: We have to cope with a pandemic, or live.

When the news came to cancel all services until Easter and to look for other ways for congregation life, I still thought: This is temporary. Then came Easter and Pentecost and I was glad that we got the video sermon relatively quickly

or implemented the impulse via video on the channel of the cellar church in Duisburg.

We were creative. Have used the free time to rethink and do things. The play and meeting room, the music room and the teen lounge in Recklinghausen. Much has been cleared and renovated in Duisburg.

Then came summer. We were able to carry out the holiday activities, albeit with smaller groups and at a distance. In Duisburg they had to be interrupted because the incidence value there was too high. And then came autumn. The values rose and we decided at the beginning of November to stop the hybrid services again. (We celebrated church services in Recklinghausen and Duisburg, recorded them with the camera and uploaded them to YouTube).



Since then there has been the impulse via video and a liturgy in which great music videos are linked that take us into the power of faith in other countries and cultures, which often thrills me. It's great what there is to discover. And if you have an ad blocker, you can also celebrate the service without advertising. With advertising in it maybe also has the charm that we celebrate worship in the middle of normal life. Worship, faith wants to be everyday.

In the middle of normal life, unfinished, trying out, searching ... we are on the move without the fixed and familiar structures that give us support and orientation. There is so much missing

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a lot of. Singing together, talking and laughing over church coffee, small encounters on the fringes of events and sometimes the whole week structure. But there is also searching, being on the move ... We can grow beyond the daily routine of the church, be on the move with friends and neighbors and live faith in connection with them.

**Come to our permanent house, naked and unsecured. Make a light tent out of it that barely covers us until morning; because those who live safely forget that they are still on the way.**

For many years this has been my favorite stanza of the song "Come in our proud world" by Hans von Lehdorff, (No. 330 Hymnal).



Those who are on the move are better off with light luggage. The gospel, what we believe, must also be transportable in the truest sense of the word. And it's good to have things with you that are appropriate to the situation and culture we're entering.

It's good to be authentic on the road, in clothes that fit me and that I feel comfortable in. And it is good to trust that, as Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5, we will be "clothed" with the glory of God. This can happen in the middle of everyday life, in conversation with neighbors and acquaintances, friends and colleagues. And it is not something that we have to laboriously manufacture, but that is something that God does / gives.



Suddenly, in the middle of being on the road with a more or less familiar person, the glory of God appears.

In and after such moments I am always filled with deep gratitude and joy. A wonder at God's glory. For me these are Easter experiences that sometimes cannot be described in words any more than the Easter experiences of the disciples of Jesus. He ... appeared. And he wants to appear in our everyday life, in our everyday encounters. I look forward to it. **Happy Easter!**

### *Birthdays*

**April:** 04/06 Tamara Miloserdovs, April 7th. Ricarda Akkermann, April 15. Rosemarie Letzig, April 18. Karin Stoltze, April 29th. Volker Huhn.

**May:** 01.05. Vincent Baltutis and Freimut Lehmann, 02.05. Walter Hinrichs, May 9th. Karsten Suchanecki, May 11th. Jana Kreutzenbeck, May 12th. Jürgen Großkopf, May 13th Regine Deiß, May 15. Jason Perlik, May 18. Rolf Kreutzenbeck, May 20. Erika Trojan, May 21. Pauline Kobabe, May 23. Christoph Georg von Bibera, May 31. Kyra Böhm and Anna-Lena Cieslik.



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

### *Church services*

The experts have been talking about a third wave of the pandemic in March for some time. We see that, despite the lock down, the infection rate remains high. We will again invite to church services in our beautiful community center as soon as it is acceptable for everyone. Let us use helpful ways and forms, together in community

to come and stay. We are still hoping for a common service at Easter.

<i>date</i>	<i>theme</i>	<i>Who preaches</i>
04/02	Good Friday	Regine Stoltze
04/04	Easter	Regine Stoltze
04/11	Topic: "Racism in front of and behind your own front door"	Regine Stoltze
April 18		Regine Stoltze
04/25		NN
02.05.	Come on, May ... What we can do for nature	Regine Stoltze
09.05.	Rogate Sunday of the World Mission su Pentecost	Regine Stoltze
05/23		Regine Stoltze
05/30		NN

### *Important appointments*

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

**Video home group** Wednesdays 5pm. If you get in touch with me, I'll be happy to send you the link by email. You can also participate by phone.

**Women's circle:** as soon as possible, in the garden ...

**Teenage club** Tuesdays 6pm is again possible to a limited extent (5 pers.)

**Multi-generation meeting**

**Sport and play** Thursdays from 4 p.m.

**Food and more**

**Creative meeting**

**Knitting and crocheting**

**WomensCorner** by arrangement

**Vacation pastor:** From April 20-25, 2021



### **Easter sacrifice**

Easter is a wonderful way to give away some of the new life in Christ. You can do this through small gifts to people you know and / or through a gift in the form of the Easter sacrifice. It should go to the world mission in equal parts



To help people who cannot help themselves and to use the tasks of the congregation to make our congregation attractive in the future for people who need us.



Our **Spring promotion**, Distributing flowers to neighbors and our older siblings in the community was well received.

The deliverers had great encounters again. Some of the neighbors even served sweets for the younger messengers. Many thanks to everyone who took part: bought flowers, designed pots, planted, decorated and brought the addressees over. And thanks to you older siblings for bearing the restrictions of the pandemic so bravely together with us. We hope to meet again very soon and celebrate together. (Image: Freimut

Lehmann while chatting with the messengers through the window)



Dear Congregation, on this way we want to say goodbye to you. We will not forget how open and kind we have been received in the community.

We will also keep fond memories of the joint church services, excursions, leisure time and community activities.

Many personal friendships have developed, including after ours

Exit will remain. We leave the congregation as friends and look forward to one or two visits and seeing you again.

**Christina, Michael, Anna-Lena and Marie Cieslik**

*Dear Ciesliks, we already miss you! We wish you many inspiring encounters with the sacred and with people who touch you on your way. We look forward to whenever we can be that for you in the future. Your community*



**What's going on in Duisburg?**



Unfortunately, the church in Duisburg is now to be sold. At first that was a shock for everyone in charge. But God always has a way. So we are thinking about how we can continue working with our neighbors in the future.

Perhaps there is the possibility of being able to stay in the house as a tenant, but certainly with a significantly higher rent.

But maybe it is also good for the work of the cellar church to have a

To have a light tent that barely covers us until morning. If all else fails, we can rent a garage and store essentials there and play more outdoors. But who knows...

In all the years of work in Duisburg we have seen how much God can and does. We want to trust that in the future too. We want to listen and do what we are told to do. Please pray that we can remain the contact point for children and young adults in the neighborhood and that we can pass on some of the love that has been given to us.

From 15.03. The children's lessons are allowed to start again, outside with 20 children, in the rooms only with 5 children.

Please pray that the work will start well again.

And as a cellar church, we unfortunately have to say goodbye to Ari. She finished her studies and got a job in Düsseldorf. That's great for Ari, a real loss for the cellar church. Ari was an important contributor.



## *Nice news in the Corona period*

Have on March 12, 2021 *Regine Deiss* and *Stefan Foerster* civilly married in Bochum. We wish the bride and groom all the best and God's blessings for their common life.



## Children help children **Land by the lake**

Malawi is a fairly narrow country in southeast Africa, characterized by the huge Lake Malawi, which makes up almost a quarter of the country's area. Fish is therefore an important source of food for the people of Malawi. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. It is therefore highly dependent on support from abroad. Almost three quarters of the population live in poverty, around a quarter are considered undernourished. 80% of the people in Malawi live in the countryside and feed on

what they grow themselves.



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**Sonntag der**

**Hilfe kommt!?**

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With the collection »Children Help Children« 2020/2021 we support:

the construction of further kindergarten churches with suitable basic equipment: this includes a large church room that is used as a kindergarten, a lockable material room and an office room as well as, where not already available, an outdoor kitchen and toilets, the further training of the employees in the kindergartens and the implementation of the concept of »community-based child welfare«, which is strongly promoted by the government in Malawi. This explains questions of health, nutrition and much more.

Since there were no church services this year, we ask for your support for the "Children help children" campaign.

Please transfer your donations to our community under the heading "Children help children". Your donations will then be forwarded to the world mission and at the end of the year you will receive a donation receipt as always.

You can find out much more under the link:

<https://www.emkweltmission.de/kinder-helfen-kinder-in-malawi/kinder-in-malawi-in-diemitte-stellen.html?L=916.html>

Karola Kreutzenbeck

**The 3rd ecumenical church convention in Frankfurt will be decentralized and digital! 13-16 May 2021**

We don't need to travel to Frankfurt to be part of the large community. We can look and tackle our immediate surroundings. There is already a great list of options that you can find here on the internet.

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Things are suggested that we have on our to-do list anyway: sowing bees' pastures, building insect hotels and looking around where we are needed in our neighborhood and where we can look at and do something with other people, so that solidarity, Charity and justice can grow among us.

And we can comfortably participate in events from home.

**Off to the decentralized digital church convention!**

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