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I can see our apple tree from my favorite spot in the kitchen. I've been able to watch the apples grow for a few weeks. I look forward to every apple I can put in the jar.

A good year after my mother died, I started making jam from all the fruit I could get my hands on. Only over time did my mother's inheritance come into play

When she made jam, she was always in a special, almost peaceful state. Because her to be together. And even as a little M I help to seal the finished jars with cellophane.

This peaceful state also comes to me when I make jam or jelly. It took me a while to grasp that. I inherited a very practical love of making jam, in my case.



Love is the most important thing that remains of our lives: **What remains is faith, hope, love - these three. But the greatest of them is love.**

What remains is not the jam. What remains is the love with which we meet the people around us. Jam is sometimes my vessel for it.

Dandelion, violet and lilac, elderflower and rose blossom, strawberry already in the glass. I have peaches in the pot right now and they are finally ripe. And then there is apple, pumpkin and quince. It's a celebration. I can happily continue cooking for people who lovingly collect empty jars for me and eat the jam. And in every glass there is something of the love I was given.

birthdays

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

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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 Smith,
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, 22.10. Elfriede Weiland, 25.10. Brigitte Heilman.

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.

School is over for...



Fabian Akkerman has completed his year at the vocational college and is starting a SFJ in the construction game farm.

Pauline Kobabe started training as a geriatric nurse (Hedwigsheim) in April.

Jana Kreutzenbeck has successfully got the 10th grade secondary school certificate and is now continuing to do the secondary school certificate.

Marcel Pracht is on the after completing his training Looking for a job as a day to day assistant.

Pahanmi Senapathige switches to the Kunibert vocational college in August

We wish you all a good start in the new chapter of life, made wonderful, you can trust that.

New in the community:

Hello, I'm Mieke Mulder, I was born in the Netherlands and will be 72 years old in August. People call me Maria here in Germany. I came to Germany at the age of 19 through marriage. I have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. I lived mostly in Germany, with a few breaks. I've been back in Germany since the end of May 2021. I've settled in well and feel good again. Thanks to God's blessings, which brought me to your church and where I feel safe and at home.



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church services

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>who preaches</i>
06.08.	with a community meeting	Regina Stolze
08/13		Daniele Kotys
08/20		Robert Schmidt
08/27		Dankmar Fischer
03.09.	family service	Regina Stolze
10.09.		Jurgen Werner
09/17	With supper	Regina Stolze
09/20 3:30 p.m	Worship service for people with dementia and their families	Karola Kreutzenbeck and Regine Stoltze
09/24		Daniele Kotys
01.10.	Thanksgiving with takeaway lunch	Regina Stolze
08.10.		
15.10.	With supper	Regina Stolze
22.10.		Daniele Kotys
29.10.		Jurgen Werner

We invite you to the **1. Worship service for people with dementia changes and their relatives** 09/20/2023 3:30 p.m

Worship service followed by a round of coffee in our community rooms. This service is also suitable for people who do not suffer from dementia. Feel safe in the familiar, spend the afternoon in warm-hearted community, receive gifts from God.

Important appointments

At the **01.10. we celebrate Thanksgiving** with a special thanksgiving, half of which will benefit the church and half of the world mission.

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

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, chatting, tinkering and whatever else we can think of.

Women's Corner usually the last Friday of the month. About Leila Akkerman

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At the annual conference in Braunfels in June, I was again assigned to work in the Recklinghausen community. Actually, my term of service would have ended this summer. But we sat together in the church leadership and considered whether it wouldn't make sense for the work of the church if I extended it for another 2 years. This is possible because God has given me good health in addition to a great church and because the superintendents and bishop have also agreed to it.

I attached the condition to my extension that we as a church start at least one new project with which we reach people who need God's care and love. This includes the service for people with dementia changes and their relatives, which we will start in autumn. And we want to offer regular, low-threshold care for people with dementia and a family café.

Something is also happening in the area of working with children. The children at our Trial tents were there, would like to experience that more often and also the kids with the Cooking courses want a continuation. And the employees enjoy it.

It would be great if we could find someone with scouting experience. Then we could offer a regular scout meeting once a month.



What worries us in church leadership is finances. In the last few years, some of our older siblings have died, and I have reported about this again and again in the parish newsletter. We miss your good financial contributions now. If we as a whole congregation do not succeed in increasing our regular income, we will have to apply in the fall for the pastoral position to be reduced to 25%. We are currently missing €1700.00 per month.

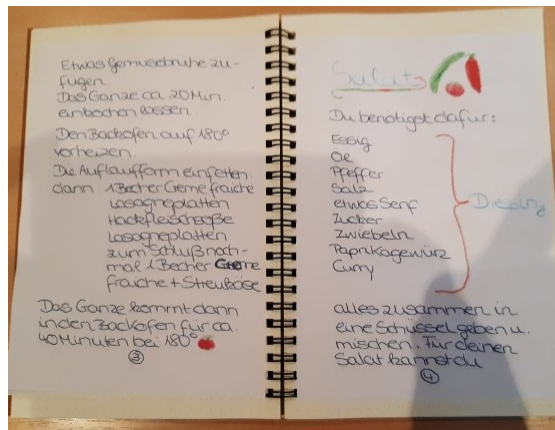
As a church, we have an important mission: to familiarize people of all ages with the love of God and to live and work with them in fellowship with God. I am very grateful that people keep coming to our congregation and want to work and help so that we can maintain our building and pay the 50% pastoral position. I pray that this will also be possible in the future.

God has many ways for us into a fulfilled future. I want to walk it with you for another year.

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Say goodbye to hunger, cooking doesn't hurt



Viola and I have a motto as part of the s with eight children on 05.07.

at, lasagna and fruit salad. beautifully decked en consumed the food. it tasted and all ne repeat. We also had a lot of fun

ecki-Kobabe and Leila Akkermann



At the 26.6. there was another cooking class led by *Nina Baltuttis*. Here, too, 8 children happily cooked. There were wraps. The employees have put together a small cookbook for all the kids. This way you can cook the recipes again and again at home.



At the 30.6./1.7. found that **taster** church garden instead. All in all it was a great event with setting up and taking down tents together, preparing meals and eating together, playing together, night hikes and a long campfire with marshmallow grilling, scary stories and a little sleep. The 12 participating children would like to camp with us again in the future. We've already made an appointment.

Special thanks to *Fabian Akkerman*, who has put his heart and soul into it.

Schoolyard games like grandma used to play

In the beginning we were looking for an idea, a "Magician's complicated. She was rejected. Then my Anja said: Just play!

I tried to remember, how was that again "Help, help, I'm drowning..." or "Henriette, golden K, did my daughter know the games?"

Rubber twist, jumping rope, marbles is that played in schoolyards these days? And the idea was there: games we used to play in the schoolyard.

We looked for games and sayings and thought about how we could organize the morning.



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The first children came at 9.30 a.m. and then it started. At first we played together, then we each played rubber twist, skipping rope and marbles as we wished, and finally string games. The children were super, lively, happy and sporty. While jumping rope we played: "Hen-ri-ette, golden chain, golden shoe, how old are you?". From zero to 103 almost every age was represented. We all laughed a lot. And then we even played a Gumm twist game that I didn't know.

It was a great morning, with great kids and lots of fun.

children and the helpers *Anyaa* and *pahanmi*. Next year



tie-dyes 17./18.07. is fully booked and will certainly be a happy, colorful hustle and bustle in the garden again if the weather cooperates.

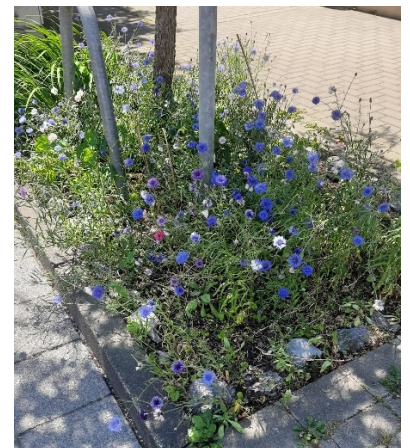
Under the slogan **matted again** 27./28.07. we will be felting nice characters again with Gabriele Conen. This offer is open to all generations.

wool worker 01./02.08. , formerly learning to crochet and knit, is back in the program, this time for all generations.

some women from the community again
mperstrasse. Our neighbors are happy

Emarie Letzig and Tamara Miloserdovs

and all helpers.



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Absence Pastor

7.-31.8.2023, holiday

September 26-28, 2023, District Assembly Braunfels



Pastor Olav Schmidt leitet seit dem 1. Juli 2023 die EmK-Weltmission. Zuvor war er sieben Jahre als Missionar in Malawi.

»Unsere Partner haben Potential. Doch manchmal können sie es nicht entfalten, weil die Möglichkeiten vor Ort begrenzt sind. So kann zum Beispiel in Malawi eine Schulung nicht stattfinden, weil der Bus unterwegs drei Pannen hat. Der Grund: Statt Autos in Afrika zu produzieren, werden gebrauchte Autos mit hohen Kilometerständen nach Afrika exportiert. So spart man sich im Globalen Norden die teure Entsorgung und schafft einen Markt für Ersatzteile, die man sich jedoch im Globalen Süden oft nicht leisten kann.



Als Missionssekretär möchte ich helfen, solche Abhängigkeiten zu überwinden. Entwicklung geschieht vor Ort, Kreativität wird freigesetzt und Freiräume werden geschaffen. Dadurch versetzen wir unsere Partner in die Lage, ihren eigenen, gleichwertigen Beitrag zum Auftrag unserer Kirche zu leisten: Menschen zu Nachfolgern Jesu zu machen, um die Welt zu verändern.«

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