



## Travelogue in picture and sound

On the occasion of a well visited evening with impulse, the Communio in Christo Sister Lidwina together with the deputy Superior General Deacon Manfred Lang spoke about their visit to the East African country Tanzania where they attended three Communio meetings and had several encounters with bishops.

For her chronological report Sister Lidwina had prepared a PowerPoint presentation including many illustrative photos and short videos, which allowed the audience to immerse themselves in the encounters and experiences of the two-week trip as well as the life and daily challenges of the local people. At the end of the evening, small bags of Tanzanian rice were distributed to the audience in appreciation of the love shown by a nun when she gave 20kg of rice to the Communio guests in Tanzania for the community in the motherhouse. (ml)



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## Arriving...?

It might be clear to most of the Christians that the word „Advent“ derives from the Latin languages meaning „arrival“. It might as well be known who is coming.



Jutta Lindenfels, deaconess of the Protestant parish of Roggendorf, would like to "take another closer look" together with many visitors at what arriving in our lives is all about. On Thursday, December 14, she will do so at an evening of reflection on this topic starting at 7 pm in the house chapel of the Communio in Christo (entrance at Bruchgasse). Those who wish can already take part in the Holy Mass at 6.30 pm.

„Who is arriving when, where, and how? Who is actually expecting whom? What does the Advent period mean to me today, in 2023? No longer „every year again“ but more towards „today, here and now...“ explained the Deaconess.

And the Communio in Christo Sister Lidwina added: "This evening is about pausing in Advent, taking a breath in the everyday stress of Christmas preparations - on the way to the feast of the birth of the one we await. Every year, here and now, in a world tormented by unrest and catastrophes and also in our very personal lives." (hg)

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# The "Tree of Life" as a symbol

After a break due to the corona pandemic, once again a memorial service was held for the deceased in the long-term care facility together with relatives and residents. Traditionally, the service is organized together with the residents of the Social Institute Communio in Christo e.V.

They had chosen the motto "Tree of Life". "The leaves of the tree are a symbol of our path through life," explained Maria Scheidtweiler, head of the social therapy service. Meanwhile, the music group of the long-term care facility provided the music for the ceremony with songs matching the theme.

Residents and relatives of the deceased were thus able to say goodbye once again. One relative emphasized: "Even if it hurts, it's good to have the opportunity to remember the deceased in this way, to pay tribute to them, and at the same time it is a chance for me to find closure for myself. After all, I came here for years to visit my relative. The facility has also become home to me." (ms)



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## Everything is changing, nothing stays the same...



Everything is changing, nothing stays the same, "turn, turn, turn": In 1965 the band "The Byrds" renewed the message of the 2500-year-old words of the prophet Kohelet and turned it into a worldwide hit. And the message is still valid today, as the guitar duo Guido Jackson-Wilms and Dr. Norbert Feinendegen demonstrated with a short church concert in the house chapel of the Ordo Communio in Christo in Mechernich.

The two theologians and musicians who had been invited by the Communio in Christo, also played "Streets of London" by Ralph McTell, Linda Ronstadt's "When we're gone, long gone" and Leonhard Cohen's "Hallelujah". (ml)

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# Epiphany Concert: Start of the advance booking

The “Mainzer Musici” will continue the series of Epiphany Concerts in Mechernich on Saturday, January 13, from 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Mechernich Town Hall. This time, the orchestra, conducted by Professor Benjamin Bergmann, will perform works by Bach, Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Mozart, Sarasate, Schubert and Strauss.

Tickets are available in advance at a cost of 17 euros (and 20 euros at the box office) from Communio in Christo (Bruchgasse), Bücher Schwinning (Dr.-Felix-Gerhardus-Straße), Hobbyladen Eich (Bahnstraße) and from the shop located in the Mechernich railroad station (Friedrich-Wilhelm-Straße). The concert is sponsored by the financial institute Kreissparkasse Euskirchen. (rl)

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# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## CONCERN ABOUT CHURCH AND WORLD

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„With great concern I regard a world of hatred. People have drifted apart and become estranged. They are so egoistic that they do not care about the distress of others. Corruption has become the greatest evil. The churches are empty.

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