Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche

Ich bete für meine Kirche 2014

August 17 to 23 **Senior Citizens (Senioren)**

Above all, keep your love for one another at full strength, because love cancels innumerable sins.
(1 Peter 4,8 NEB)

Unexpected Change

How can people with all their differences manage to get along with one another? There are not only the easy going types. Everyone is unique.
And that can often lead to fencing off, excluding, and dividing groups into friends and foes.
Peter in his letter suggests love as the standard for a successful cooperation. I remember a man who obviously did not like me at all. It seemed to me that he avoided all contacts, that he probably talked negatively about me and made my life difficult. Whenever I saw him, I felt uneasy. Then, suddenly one day he surprised me with a friendly greeting. He shook hands with me, asked how I was, and told me that he had included my well being in his prayers. This man, whom I had thought to be so negative, was praying for me! What a surprise! God's love had become the standard for his behavior. And I discovered that love cancels sin and changes my wrong impressions. I will change my way of thinking and overcome mistrust and prejudice.

When, for instance, I make a mistake while driving my car, and an attentive driver on the street with me reacts with care, I see an example for successful co-operation. And more examples are given in the life of Jesus.

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I give thanks

- For older people in our congregations who show understanding for the young
- For older men and women who are active in different church groups.
- For experiences shared by the older generation.
- For the past camp for senior citizens (14 – 21 July at Hohenboeken) with the retired Rev. H.-A. Steeger.

I am praying

- That old and sick people will find good Christian care and win new hope in hospitals, senor residences, and at home.
- For older people to have an open heart for the young.
- For the camp for senior citizens in the Luneburger Heide in September with Superintendent Christian Voller-Morgenstern and Rev. Andreas Fahnert.

Senior Citizens (Senioren)

The goal of the EmK groups for senior citizens in all their diversities is to reach them with appropriate church related offers. All three conferences have commissioners or secretaries for this purpose. The work is planned and organized in the conference teams, and the local work is supported.

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