Keeping the Line Open -A Journey Through Time

July 24 to August 15, 2023 Switzerland and Germany

"What would Nightingale do?" Kaiserswerth, 2023

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July 29, 2023 Crossing the Border

The journey to Kaiserswerth began by **tram** in Bern, Switzerland: <u>Trams in Bern - Wikipedia</u>

From Bern station, accessed the rail system via **Swiss Travel Pass**, to Zurich Main, and to Zurich Airport.

I chose to take a plane to Dusseldorf by **Eurowings** instead of **Eurail**.

Arrived in Kaiserswerth, to the north of the city of Düsseldorf and next to the river Rhine: <u>Kaiserswerth -</u> <u>Wikipedia</u>

A taxi driver was a friendly English-speaking man from Israel. I requested a 2 hour tour after check-in, and arranged another 2 hour tour prior to a 2 pm Sunday church service.



Kaiserswerth, the City of Düsseldorf

July 29 to August 3, 2023 Stayed at the MutterHaus:

<u>History - Hotel MutterHaus Düsseldorf (hotelmutterhaus.de)</u>

July 30, 2023 Attended Sunday Service in Japanese:

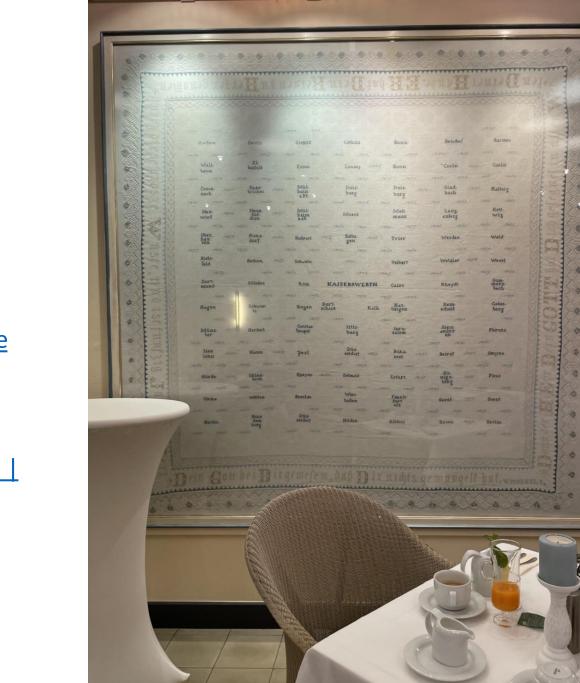
<u>デュッセルドルフ日本語キリスト教会Japanische</u> <u>Evangelische Gemeinde Düsseldorf e.V.</u> (duskyokai.wixsite.com)

August 1, 2023 Met Dr. K. Stückrath

Kaiserswerther Diakonie: kaiserswerther-diakonie.de | Kaiserswerther Diakonie Düsseldorf (KWD)

August 2, 2023 Met Nurse Midwife Z. Davidopoulou

<u>Florence-Nightingale-Krankenhaus Düsseldorf-</u> <u>Kaiserswerth</u>







Kaiserswerth, the City of Düsseldorf

July 30, 2023

Rode a taxi to the church, back to Kaiserswerth by tram <u>Trams in Düsseldorf - Wikipedia</u> to navigate through the City of Düsseldorf, by **Regional Line**, obtained a 3-day pass. No easy access to reach the church located the other side of the river Rhine

August 2, 2023

Test ride on Regional Line from Kaiserswerth to Benrath-Btf, meeting place for a 4+hours ride to Stuttgart on August 3, need to arrive at 9 am.

Brief visit @Schloss Benrath <u>Stiftung Schloss und Park</u> <u>Benrath (schloss-benrath.de)</u> Back on time from Benrath-Btf, the appointment @ the Birthing Center of Nightingale Hospital

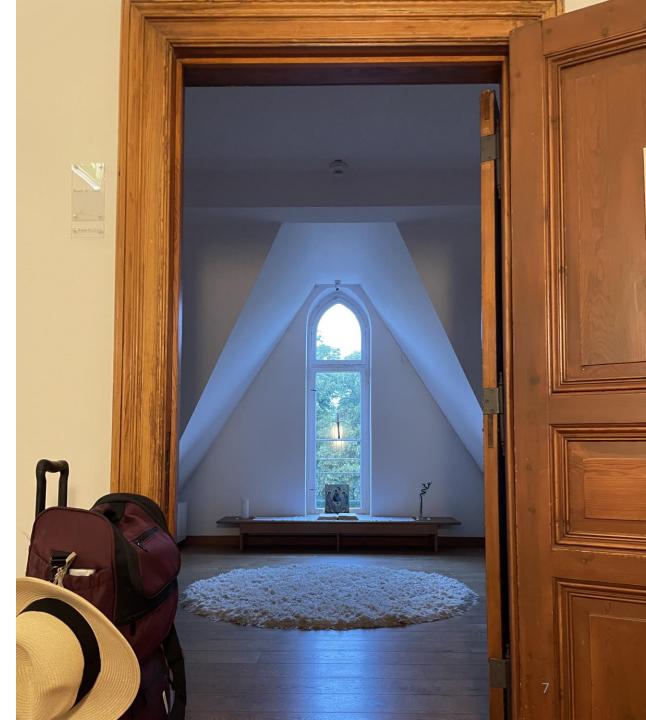


August 3, 2023 Departing from Kaiserswerth, the City of Düsseldorf

Stopped at the Hotel Mutterhaus chapel, a couple doors from my room, no chance to meet anyone using this small place for prayer.

Breakfast buffet open from 7 am, packed breakfast (+ lunch).

Walked to Kaiserswerth Tram station, took one toward Dusseldorf downtown, reached underground Main station, then transferred.



Schonblick, The City of Stuttgart

August 3 to 6, 2023

Attended 4 days Japanese-speaking Christian Summer Retreat:

One of the speakers was Rev. Funakoshi from Odessa, Ukraine.

<u>Schönblick | Christliches</u> <u>Gästezentrum Württemberg -</u> <u>Schönblick (schoenblick.de)</u>

<u>第40回Stuttgart-Schwäbisch</u> <u>Gmünde-ヨーロッパ・キリスト</u> 者の集いのオフィシャルサイト! (europetsudoi.net)



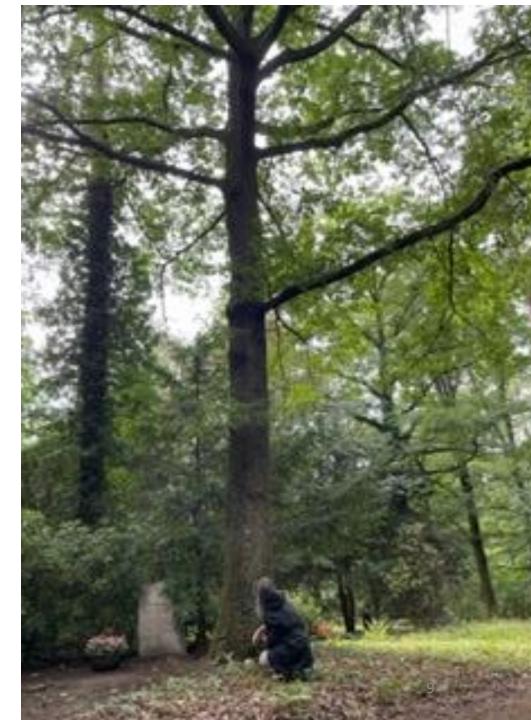
The City of Stuttgart

August 6 to 8, 2023

Stayed with Alex, German friend. We took multi-media classes together @ Berkeley City College, Peralta Community College a long time ago.

Spent two nights of catching-up, including a visit to her parents' cemetery, tree burial, simple plates of their names/dates of birth and death on the chosen tree: <u>Waldfriedhof Stuttgart – Wikipedia</u>

No navigation/planning required for me as Alex is a longtime resident. She picked me up from the retreat center and make sure that I was inside of **Eurail**, bound for the City of Kassel (one transfer at Frankfurt): <u>Eurail</u> <u>German Rail Pass</u> <u>Eurail.com</u>



Babelplatz, The City of Kassel

August 8 to 14, 2023,

Stayed at an old apartment Airbnb, hosted by artist family. Greeted by the portrait of Joseph Beuys, <u>Stiftung</u> <u>7000 Eichen</u> Peaceful place for a new beginning.

As a public health nurse, one of the principles I've kept is to be humble and open to new challenges:

"If I know what I do NOT know, I am OK. If I do NOT know what I do NOT know, I am in trouble."

The same principle would apply here, but at a much smaller scale. Learning/understanding new languages could be painful necessity.





Friedrichsplatz The City of Kassel

If there were no COVID-19 lockdown in March of 2020, I would never have learned about Josef Beuys or the city of Kassel.

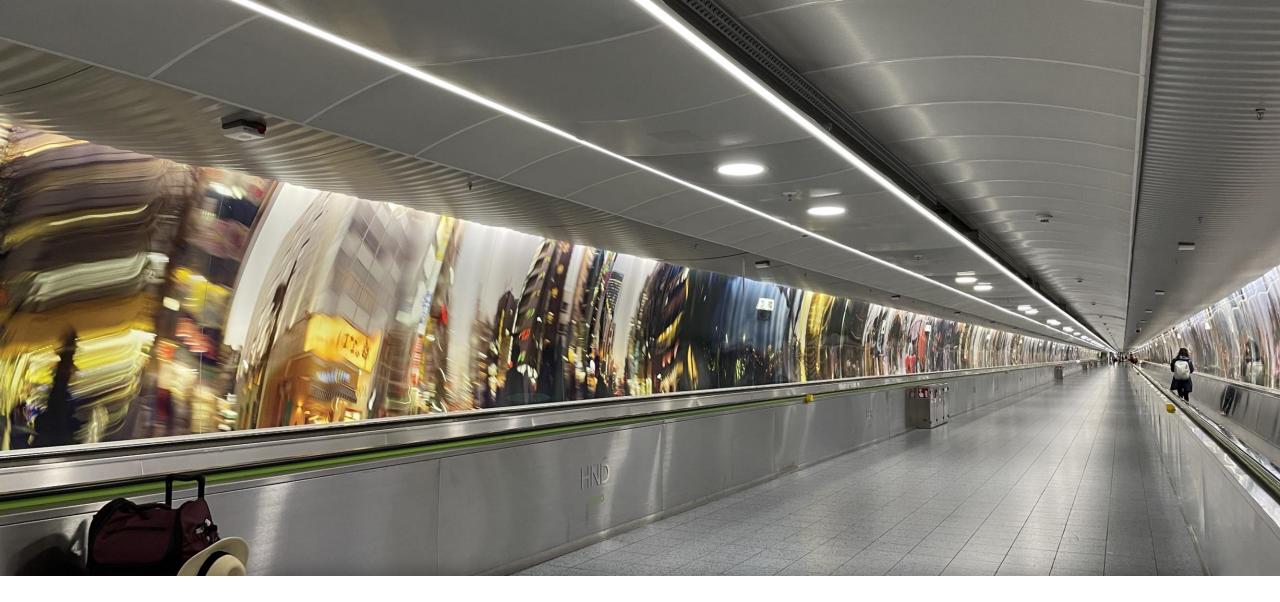
I sat on a chair, overlooking Beuys' trees and beyond, imaging how time has been passing as a gentle breeze:

<u>Kunst - Raum - Kirche Birthe Blauth</u> <u>in der Elisabethkirche Kassel 2022:</u> <u>Poem of Pearls</u> <u>(kunstraumkirche.de)</u>





August 14th, 2023 Departing from the City of Kassel



August 15th, 2023 Departing from Frankfurt Airport