## Who we are and what #Friedenssteine is about

January 2019 Melanie and I started #Friedenssteine with others in a church service for families in the Lutheran Church in Villach-Nord, Carinthia – Austria because of the selected bible vers for this year: Seek peace and pursue it. (Psalm 34:14)

The idea is: Remind people with #Friedenssteine rocks of peace and bring them joy.

Paint rocks and mark them as #Friedenssteine rocks. Post them and spread them out in different locations so that people will find them.

Seek peace rocks and post them with #friedenssteine on Instagram or in our Facebook Group Friedenssteine. Tell us where you took the picture and pass them on.

Trace their locations, to see when and where they were found and posted again. Who knows where the journey will take the rocks...or where they find a new home to remind people of peace.

In the meanwhile more and more people, parishes and schools are joining in (mainly in Germany and Austria). For International Peace Day on September 21<sup>st</sup> we invited rockpaintes to paint rocks for this day and we got to know from rocks for this day from round the world. The same we did now for WIHW. Details are in our reports.

Let us seek peace together. Don't give up working for peace. Every little step counts.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/friedenssteine/

https://www.instagram.com/friedenssteine/



Melanie Selke (left side): Administrator of our Facebook Group Friedenssteine

She works as pedagogue at the Lutheran Youth Organisation for Carinthia and East Tyrol. At several youth events she painted #Friedenssteine rocks with the teenagers and talked with them about peace and what everyone can do for a life in peace together.

Eva Leifhelm: Administrator of our Instagram Account @Friedenssteine

I am Lutheran Religious Education Teacher in several Primary Schools in Villach and the surrounding. At my schools I like to cooperate with my Religious Education Collegues of different faith (catholic, orthodox, evangelical and islamic). We teach together, learn from each other and celebrate together with our students.