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Evangelische Dorfkirche/Protestant Church in Moers/Repelen

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photos



description

The first church building of Repelen's church existed in the 9th Century, but a small building probably already existed in the 7th Century, measuring 3 x 6m and made out of stone.

Position of the object

Repelen's church is located in the old center of Repelen. The chancel is directed to the east, as is usual for Christian churches.

size

The dimensions of the church are about 12 by 16 m.

materials

Originally the church was made out of tuff (stone) but, after demolitions and fires, was renovated with brick. The huge windows are made out of different kind of glass in white, grey and a little bit of orange.

date of building/
epoch:

The church is likely to have been built during the 7th Century and is therefore probably one of the seven oldest churches of the Holy Roman Empire. During the 12th Century it was changed to a three-apsed pier basilica, which then was changed through an addition of a chancel room to its present

architect
artist:

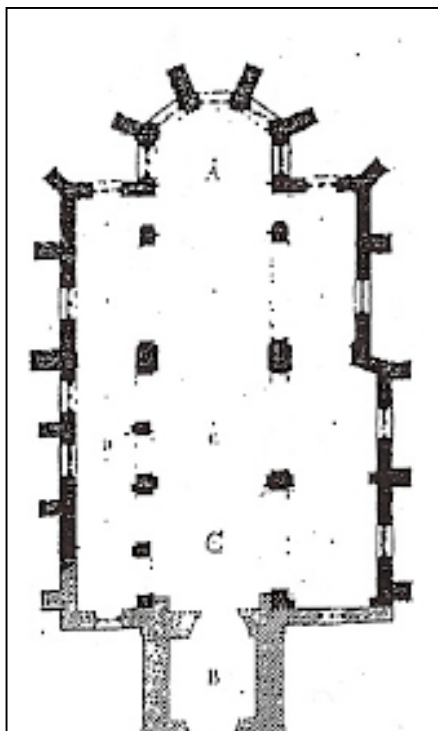
The formation and sanctification of the church is attributed to Willibrord (686 – 745), the abbot of the Echternach monastery. Repelen was part of this monastery at that time. The actual architect is not known.

renovation,
restoration
(when, by whom,
who paid, why):




The small building made out of stone in the 7th Century was changed to a one-apsed church made out of tuff. During the 12th Century, this building was changed to a three-apsed pier basilica. In the 13th and 15th Centuries, chancel rooms were added.

Two years ago the church was renovated once again. During this renovation, wall paintings were discovered.

Sketch outline:



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Picture	title	function
 A photograph showing a person's hands holding a silver chalice. The chalice has a wide, flared rim and a stem with a decorative, textured pattern. The background is dark, suggesting an indoor setting like a church.	Chalice	The believers drink wine out of this cup during the Lord's Supper. This is supposed to remind them on the death and salvation of Jesus Christ.
 A photograph of a silver baptismal font. It is a shallow, wide, circular dish with a slightly raised rim. A person's hands are visible at the bottom, holding the font. The background is dark.	Baptismal font	During baptism, water is drizzled over the person's head. This happens with water out of the baptismal font.
 A photograph of a chancel in a church. It is a tall, rectangular structure made of dark stone or wood, with a bright red cloth draped over its front. The background shows the interior of a church with stone walls and arches.	The chancel	The preacher preaches from this place.



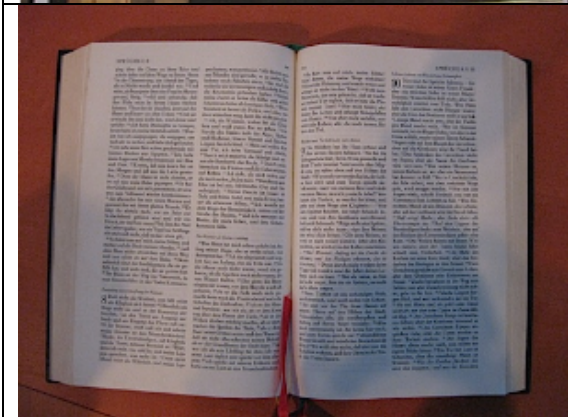
Paten

This plate is used to share the bread during the Lord's Supper.



Martin Luther

Inside the Protestant church only few pictures are found. Illustrations of saints are missing altogether. This picture shows Martin Luther, the founder of the reformed Lutheran Protestant church.



The Bible

The Bible is the holy scripture and can be found in every church since it is the foundation of the belief.