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Lucardis of Oberweimar (* ca. 1274 – † 22 Mar 1309)

1. Name variants: Lukardis

2. Places: Oberweimar

- 3. Biography: L. entered the Cistercian monastery of Oberweimar in 1286, where she later became responsible for the infirmary. According to stylized accounts of her life, which survive in two manuscripts, she received stigmata and mystical visions. Her sceptical confessor encouraged her to reveal them, which lead to increasing veneration for the nun. The imitation of Christ's suffering played an important role in her visions. She had the custom of sleeping and standing in the form of a cross and practiced acts of self-mutilation. The cult of L. ceased after the Reformation.
- 4. Cultus:
- a. Relics: -
- b. Liturgical commemoration: 22 Mar
- c. Patronage: -
- d. Attributes: -
- 5. Fontes: Vita venerabilis Lukardis monialis ordinis Cisterciensis in Superiore Wimaria, ed. J. DE BACKER, in: Analecta Bollandiana 18 (1899), 305–367.
- 6. Literature: P. DINZELBACHER, Deutsche und niederländische Mystik des Mittelalters. Ein Studienbuch, Berlin 2012, 134–136; VerLex 5, 1045–1046; P. NAGY, Sharing Charismatic Authority by Body and Emotions. The Marvellous Life of Lukardis von Oberweimar (c. 1262–1309), in: Mulieres religiosae. Shaping Female Spiritual Authority in the Medieval and Early Modern Periods, ed. V. Fraeters / I. de Gier, Turnhout 2014, 109–126.

7. Illustrations: None

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