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**A New Year of Christian Education Begins!**

This month we had the privilege, of dedicating the teachers and volunteers that will be assisting in our Christian education program during this school year. These education efforts seek to minister to people of all ages.

Christian education is important across all of God's kingdom. Here at Trinity Lutheran, it provides two special blessings. First, the

members of our church family come from all over the world. They come from many and varied backgrounds and experiences. The time we spend together in God's Word helps us to grow together in the universal and unchanging truth of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. This life-giving truth will be in the hearts, and will be shared with the voices, of many of our members who are in Frankfurt for a short time before returning home.

The second special blessing of our education program is the care that it provides for our families. As many of them are living far from home, our congregation is able to be a true support and blessing to them by providing such things as Sunday school, confirmation and youth ministry to help their children grow in their faith. I want to take a moment to thank all of you who are helping to make it possible for me to be here to minister to these families and to see God at work in their lives!

**Trinity Welcomes It's Family Home At the Church Picnic**

Many of Trinity's families take advantage of the short summer vacation here to travel back to their home countries to visit their loved ones. July is pretty quiet in Frankfurt.

The coming of the new school year brings them back. It is the tradition, here at Trinity, to welcome our families home and to launch the new school year with a time of worship at a local park followed by a church picnic. I knew the church picnic was going to be joyful event and it certainly was.



The picnic gathering with the skyline of Frankfurt, Germany in the background

Several members brought along their neighbors and friends to this event. What a blessing! During the picnic meal, I was introduced to all of these people from our community and talked to them about the ministry at Trinity Lutheran.

The hot, dry summer here in Europe meant that we were not able to fire up the barbecue grills this year. But that did not stop our church family from having a joyful outdoor feast. Everyone brought plenty of cold dishes. There was enough for all of our visitors and even leftovers to take home. It reminded me of a time when Jesus fed a multitude!



## A Time of Study and Mutual Support

I joined our brothers and sisters of the LCMS Eurasia Region for our annual regional conference in August. The conference was held in Odessa, Ukraine. Odessa is on the Black Sea.

The presenter for this conference was the Rev. Dr. John Bombaro. In his presentations, Dr. Bombaro showed us trends from the earliest days of the Christian church that still impact the way that we share the Gospel with people in our time. The presentations and discussion were a blessing as they gave us all insight into the mission work that we are doing and what that work might look like in the changing world in which we live. What a joy to know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever!

Dr. Bombaro and his family will soon be moving to Riga, Latvia where he will serve on the faculty of the Luther Academy. As many of you know, I have had the privilege of serving on mission teams in Latvia for many years. It was a blessing to talk with him about the people there and see his excitement for his new area of service in the kingdom.

During this conference, in addition to our time of study, we were able to worship together daily, pray together, work on regional business together and take time simply to encourage and support one another. It was a pleasure to enjoy both the beauty of the Black Sea and the warm hospitality of our fellow Lutherans in the Ukraine.

## Praying for Each Other

Your brothers and sisters in Christ are praying for you! We know that you are praying for us too. In your prayers please remember:

- All of us here at Trinity Lutheran School is back in session and our educational and music programs are well under way. Please pray for all of our Christian education volunteers that God would grant them wisdom and insight for their task. Pray that we would all continue to grow in our understanding of God's grace and in our ability to share it.
- Two families with small children in our congregation. These children will be baptized soon
- All of the missionaries in the Eurasia Region and their families. Please pray that God would work through each of us so that many more people might come to the knowledge of the truth.
- The Rev. Dr. John and Melinda Bombaro and their children. Pray that God would bless them as they prepare to move to Latvia. Please pray for Dr. Bombaro's ministry as he helps in the training of pastors and workers for the furthering of the Gospel in that land.
- My family in the US. Thank you for all of your prayers for Asher and Sophia. Please join us in thanking God that they are both home now! Pray, also, that they would grow stronger every day.

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