



My certificate of completion for Czech summer school and passing the final exam.

INTENSIVE CZECH!

I spent most of July attending summer school at Charles University for intensive Czech language skills. I was placed in the intermediate level, along with adult students from Japan, Italy, England, Russia, Ukraine, Mexico and Germany, all wanting to learn and speak Czech more fluently.

For five hours each weekday, along with afternoon outings on Czech history and culture, and nightly homework, I was immersed in Czech. And my Czech has improved! I am not fluent yet—that will come with more time and continued study—but I am thrilled with God's provision, through you, to be able to make such strides.

I plan to listen to Czech language CDs as I travel thousands of miles for my home service this fall. And I will continue Skype lessons with my Czech tutor when I can fit it in my schedule.

For the latest updates on where I will be traveling and speaking, check out my Facebook page. Search for *Cindy Zirbel Wrucke Missionary* and follow my page.



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Prayer App Update



Cards that translate to “Something for today” and the prayer app QR code are now all over Prague.

June was a busy month for prayer app activity in Prague. On June 19, I presented an update on the Czech prayer app for the leadership council of the ECAVvČR (Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Czech Republic). I wrote my report in Czech and presented it in Czech to the bishop, business manager and church councils of the various congregations. Vicar Damašek helped with translating the subsequent questions and my answers.

Much of the reaction from the presentation seemed positive and encouraging, even including questions about expanding the prayer app to other cities in the Czech Republic to support our Lutheran congregations in other communities. The prayer app is still a pilot project and we don't know yet how it will work. The key will be if we can get users to connect to the churches, because there isn't a mobile app around that baptizes people into the body of Christ. The emphasis needs to be on Word and Sacrament.

I also spent several afternoons and evenings in June walking the streets of Prague with the vicar and handing out

cards with the QR code for the prayer app. We got permission to place the cards in coffee shops, libraries and on university bulletin boards. One afternoon, we walked more than 17,000 steps handing out cards!

I will be talking more about the prayer app during my home service and the challenges we face in sharing the Gospel in the Czech Republic among atheists.

Lutherans Engage magazine published a nice article that they asked me to write about the prayer app in their summer issue. If you haven't already seen it, you can read it online at <https://engage.lcms.org/czech-app-summer-2019/>.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we try to use technology to help share the Gospel. Farmers used to plant every seed by hand, then with ox and plow, and now with fancy tractors and GPS technology. The seeds in the farmer's field still depend on God, who controls the sun, wind and rain, to grow. I imagine the same with the seeds of the Gospel. We can sow the seeds one by one or we can use technology, but we depend on the Holy Spirit for those seeds to take root and bring people to faith.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The Czech congregation in Prague, without a pastor right now, that God would send a mission-minded leader for this congregation.*
- *The Czech people to hear the Gospel and seek Christ.*
- *LCMS Eurasia missionaries traveling to our annual regional meeting in Odessa, Ukraine in August.*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Advancing to level B1 in Czech language classes.*
- *My American host families who have generously offered to share their homes with me this fall.*
- *The abundance of fresh fruit this summer in my backyard.*

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- *The freedom to serve and worship Christ in America, a freedom that other countries do not all have and that we sometimes take for granted.*

You are invited!



Please plan to join me at one of these locations for a mission update presentation this fall, when I am back in the US for my planned home service:

- Aug. 24, 6pm and Aug. 25, 8am** – St. Mark, Janesville
- Aug. 29-Sept. 3** – DFW, Texas
- Sept. 7, 6pm and Sept. 8, 8am** – Shepherd of the Hills, Onalaska, WI
- Sept. 9-12** – St. Louis, MO
- Sept. 13, 1pm** – Mission Central, Iowa
- Sept. 15** – LWML, Mapleton, IA
- Sept. 19-21** – SWD LWML Fall Retreat, Green Lake, WI
- Sept. 22** – Peace, Neenah, WI
- Sept. 23-30** - Minnesota
- Oct. 1, 6pm** – St. John, Horicon, WI
- Oct. 2, 1pm** – Zion, Fairwater, WI
- Oct. 3** – Good Shepherd, Appleton
- Oct. 6, 8am** – St. Peter, Lebanon, WI
- Oct. 8, 6:30pm** – St. Martin, Chilton, WI

- Oct. 10, 8am** – LWML Zone Rally, Almond, WI
- Oct. 12** – LWML Rally, Burnett, WI
- Oct. 10&13** – Peace, Beaver Dam, WI
- Oct. 14, 1pm and 6pm** – St. Peter, Reedsburg, WI
- Oct. 16** – Peace, Arbor Vitae, WI
- Oct. 19** – LWML Rally, Watertown, WI
- Oct. 20** – Good Shepherd, Watertown
- Oct. 23, 8am, 2pm and 6pm** – Immanuel, Marshfield, WI
- Oct. 26, 4pm** – Trinity, Athens, WI
- Oct. 27, 8am** – Zion, Colby, WI
- Oct. 27, 4:30pm** – St. John, Edgar, WI
- Oct. 28, 10am** – Our Savior, Gleason, WI
- Nov. 3, 8am** – St. John’s, Portage, WI
- Nov. 5, 7pm** – Bethlehem, Sheboygan, WI
- Nov. 6, 11am** – Our Redeemer, Sheboygan, WI
- Nov. 10, 8:30am** – Christ Lutheran, Gillett, WI
- Nov. 13, 10am** – Good Shepherd by the Lake, Stoughton, WI
- Nov. 17, 9am** – Pella, Waupun, WI

Please let me know by email at Cynthia.Wrucke@lcms.org if you want a mission update for your church or group. I have limited dates still available. Thanks for walking with me on this mission journey!



Today, I am reminded of our reliance on God in all things, including my upcoming travel:

“The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.”

Psalm 121:7-8 (ESV)

- Cindy Zirbel Wrucke



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