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God Sends a Missionary to Germany!

The first missionary to come to Germany arrived here from Great Britain in 729 AD. He is known today as St. Boniface. God richly blessed his efforts. He was able to help lead a great number of people to faith in Jesus Christ. Sadly, he was martyred in 754 AD. His followers brought his body from Mainz to its final resting place in Fulda, Germany. The route they followed is now a pilgrimage trail. It passes very near to us here in Frankfurt.

Each autumn, the international churches in greater Frankfurt participate in a Charity Walk, following part of this trail. All of the proceeds from this event go to help care for those in need here in our city. Some members of the Trinity Lutheran family were able to be part of this walk this year.

I led a devotion for us here by this marker along the trail. We talked about the faithfulness of God. He once called out to Adam and Eve, "Where are you?" Since that moment, He has continued to call out to His people. He once called out to the people in Germany through the voice and heart of St. Boniface. Now, He is calling out through the members of Trinity Lutheran Church. In all that time, the message has never changed. God desires that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. I am humbled to think that God has called me here to this place, to work with these faithful people, to speak that same message of hope. My heartfelt thanks to all of you who are helping to make this ministry possible!

A Joyful Reunion!

I was blessed to be able to spend some time, in September, with my good friends, Pastor Jim and Megan Daub. Their congregation, St. Paul, Havelock, North Carolina, is partnering with us to help support God's work in Germany. In 2018, their community of Havelock sustained great damage from Hurricane Florence. St. Paul's church building was damaged as well.

LCMS Disaster Response invited the Daub's to be part of a respite trip. This trip was provided for pastors and their wives who have served through recent natural disasters. Their journey brought them to Luther sites here in Germany where I, and another of their American friends were able to visit them.

The participants in this gathering were able to do part of the *Doxology* program. This provided them with both some personal care and tools to help them care for their parishes back home. I was invited to join them for a couple of their sessions. It was a blessing to be able to worship together, spend time in prayer, and to generally care about one another. You never know where God will bring his people together to encourage one another!





Thanking God for the Harvest!

Even if you do not know very much about Germany, you have probably heard of *Oktoberfest*! It began in the 19th century to help celebrate a royal wedding. It has become known worldwide. In Germany today, it impacts everything from the job market to the menu at McDonald's. One thing that you may not know is that most of the celebration is in September!

Here at Trinity Lutheran, we spent time, this September, focusing on the reason for the *Oktoberfest* celebration each year. This is the season of the harvest. It is a time when we stop and thank God for all that He provides for us. In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther reminds us that God provides for us by making the earth fruitful and blessing us with our ability to work.

As we all spend time thinking about all that God provides for us, the more apt we are to recognize His blessings and the love that He has for us. This also brings us to celebrate the greatest gift that God gives us; our salvation in Jesus Christ!

To help us celebrate all that God provides, some of our members wore their traditional garb (*Trachten*) to church during September! Please join us in thanking God every day for his many blessings and in remembering that the greatest blessing we can be to others is to share the joy of Jesus Christ with them.

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. Our families have had a fall break and are now all back to school. Please ask God's blessings as our education programs continue and as we prepare to share the Gospel during Advent and Christmas. As always, please join us in praying that God would help us grow in our ability to share the Gospel with others.
- Hudson, Lilja and Caia. Their baptisms are taking place in November.
- 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.
- For all those who have been impacted by natural disasters. Pray also for all pastors and congregations who are caring for their communities during these times of trauma.
- My family in the US. Both of my parents are having health issues. Please also continue to thank God for Asher and Sophia. They are doing well!

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