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## A “Prayerful” Confirmation Retreat

We recently held our fall Confirmation Retreat. This overnight event included ice breaker and team building activities. Then we made our way to a climbing course where our confirmation students were able grow in their skills of teamwork and problem solving. God blessed us with beautiful weather for this climbing activity. And, as you can see from their faces, they had fun, too!

Back at church, we spent time in Bible study. Our topic was on the psalms. Specifically on using the psalms as models for our own prayers. Together, we learned the important truths that there is nothing too small to bring before God and there is no wrong time to pray. Later, we enjoyed a supper of pizza that our students made themselves. Then we gathered for a time of worship. At the end of the evening, we all took turns spending time in each of several prayer stations. We remembered you in our prayers as well. I want to thank all of you whose prayers and support are making it possible for me to be here and to serve these families.

## Remembering the Reformation with Study, Prayer and Encouragement

Missionary Pastor Joseph Asher, Vicar Ryan Schnake and I were able to continue our plan of getting together regularly for study, prayer and mutual encouragement and support. Pastor Asher and Vicar Schnake serve at the Kaiserlaurtern Evangelical Church in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

We met in the city of Speyer this time. Speyer is well known in Reformation history for the *Diets* (Congresses) that were held there in both 1526 and 1529. These gatherings continued the conversation between the church leaders of the day and those that would soon be called *Lutherans*.

At our gathering this month, we spent our study time in the Lutheran Confessions on the topic of the *Third Use of the Law*. We look forward to meeting again and to Deaconess Jennie Asher, of Kaiserslautern, and Pastor Dale and Sue Kaster, of Prague, Czech Republic being able to join us again.





## A Joyful Youth Conference

Our youth were recently blessed to be able to attend a conference with other young people from international churches around Europe. It was my privilege to travel with them. The conference was held in a youth hostel in Luxembourg, about three hours from Frankfurt.

We spent time studying the Scriptures, singing God's praises around a bonfire and making new friends. During the activity time, our youth could choose from such things as a rock-climbing wall, mountain biking and appreciating the beauty of God's creation through the lens of a camera.

Two highlights of this gathering included a scavenger hunt and a prayer room. The scavenger hunt took place out in the

community around us. The tasks of this hunt had us mixing with the people in the area and gave us a chance to tell them about what brought us together. We also brought simple gifts to give out to people along the way. Each gift included a greeting card with a Scripture passage included.

The prayer room included many activities to help each of us grow in our prayer life. There were stations to help us grow in the discipline of regular prayer and also to help us to add new things to our prayer lists. I was blessed to see each of our youth spend time praying in the various stations. My favorite station was the "Thank You" station. Remembering to thank God for all that He does, and is doing, is something in which I try to grow every day.

## 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. 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.
- The confirmation students and youth of Trinity Lutheran. Please pray that God would continue to help them grow in their faith and their appreciation of all that God does in their lives every day.
- Hudson and Deborah. Hudson will be baptized at the end of November and Deborah in December.
- 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.
- My family in the US. Both of my parents continue to have health issues. Thank you for continuing to thank God for Asher and Sophia. They are doing well!

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