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God Grows His Family!

In the baptismal liturgy, we thank God that He graciously preserves and enlarges His family. We gave thanks to God this month as He brought three more children into His Kingdom through the waters of Baptism.

On the left is Hudson Thür with his parents, Daniel and Jessica. On the right are twins, Lilja and Caia Nestingen with their parents Ole and Sonja and happy big brother, Thore.

Both families are good examples of the international population of Frankfurt. Each of these couples is made up of one American and one German. Both plan to raise their children to be bilingual. We are blessed that they have found their spiritual home here at Trinity Lutheran and look forward to being a blessing to them in worship and through our Christian education programs. And together, it is our prayer to be able to continue to bring the Gospel to the people of greater Frankfurt.



Martin Luther Spends His Birthday in Kaiserslautern, Germany



I was invited to lead worship at our sister congregation, Kaiserslautern Evangelical Lutheran Church, on November 10th. Pastor Joseph Asher decided, that since it just happened to be Martin Luther's birthday, it would be a good day for the "old boy" to make an appearance. The congregation agreed that Luther did not look too bad for someone celebrating his 536th birthday!

The evening before, I was able to share a meal with Vicar Ryan Schnake. It was pleasure to hear more about the work that the Kaiserslautern congregation is doing for US military families in the area. The partnership of our two parishes continues to be great blessing to us all!



I was blessed to be able to enjoy two Thanksgiving celebrations this year. On Thanksgiving Day, Pastor and Jennie Asher invited me to Kaiserslautern. I joined them, and Vicar Schnake, for a wonderful day of fellowship and all of the traditional favorites. We even had whipped cream on our pumpkin pie!

Then, on Saturday, we gathered here at Trinity Lutheran for a Thanksgiving potluck. This potluck has become an annual tradition. The international flavor of our congregation was definitely reflected on the buffet table. We had turkey, dressing and mashed potatoes. But we also had turkey curry, rice and samosas. After the meal, we all pitched in to decorate the church for Advent. It was a joy to get our congregation family together and to welcome some guests as well.

An End of the Year Blessing

I want to thank all of you for partnering with me through prayer and financial support. Your prayers are an encouragement to my work and your generous support allows me to share the Good News with the people here. Please prayerfully consider supporting me for another year or contributing a special year end gift to help me to continue my ministry. Thank you for sending me and making it possible for me to share the message of our crucified and risen Lord with those in Germany!

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 to bless our Advent and Christmas worship, and that we would be able to use the unique opportunity of these services to invite others to hear the Gospel.
- Two of our members who have lost loved ones recently. Please pray for peace and comfort for them.
- Deborah. She will be baptized during our Children's Service on December 15th.
- 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. They truly appreciate your prayers!

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