

Blessings from Bohumín

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Czech Word of the Month

Alleluia, Jesus lives! Or in Czech “Aleluja, Ježíš žije” These words remind us of our hope in the empty tomb, and our everlasting life with Christ.

Just as Jesus rose, so have the plants on our balcony!

Below: flowers, green onion, carrots, and a mango seed!



Easter Joy

Matthew 18:20 states that where two or more are gathered in Christ’s name, then He is present there with them. Though our group on Easter was small, we gathered in remembrance and celebration of the forgiveness, hope and joy Christ freely gives us in His death and resurrection. We started with a small service on Maundy Thursday, followed by a powerful devotion in our online youth meeting on Good Friday. On Sunday, our small group living at the parish house gathered together, some of us even waking up to watch the Easter sunrise and pray. As we shared a meal, we celebrated the resurrection and reminded each other of the hope we have in Christ.

Easter is a special day to remember God’s grace, love and forgiveness poured out on the cross for us. However, Easter joy should be carried out daily in our lives. It is essential to remember that even in panic and fear, we celebrate our hope in the resurrection and the fact that Jesus lives, He always will.



Right: Our adult English club meeting on Zoom. In the top left corner, Daniel Spaulding, and top right corner Pastor James Irwin who we invited be special guest leaders for an English conversation.

Below: An origami fish made by a youth at one of our weekly meetings, on Zoom.



Above: A group picture of our Easter weekend crew (*from left to right: Niki, Honza, Jírka, and me*).

Left: Jírka, and Honza prepare our technology for live worship at our online youth group. Each week we pick out a few songs and practice them together before the Zoom meeting. Our instrumentalists are Jírka on the guitar, Honza playing the cajon, and me on the piano. The music ranges through a variety of languages including Czech, Polish, English, and Slovakian.

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A Faithful Community

Prayer Requests

Pray that God would:

- Provide opportunities for me to continue building relationships with students in Bohumín.
- Bless our preparation for the first face-to-face church service we will hopefully hold in May.
- Grant safe travel as I go to Prague to visit my fellow LCMS colleagues.

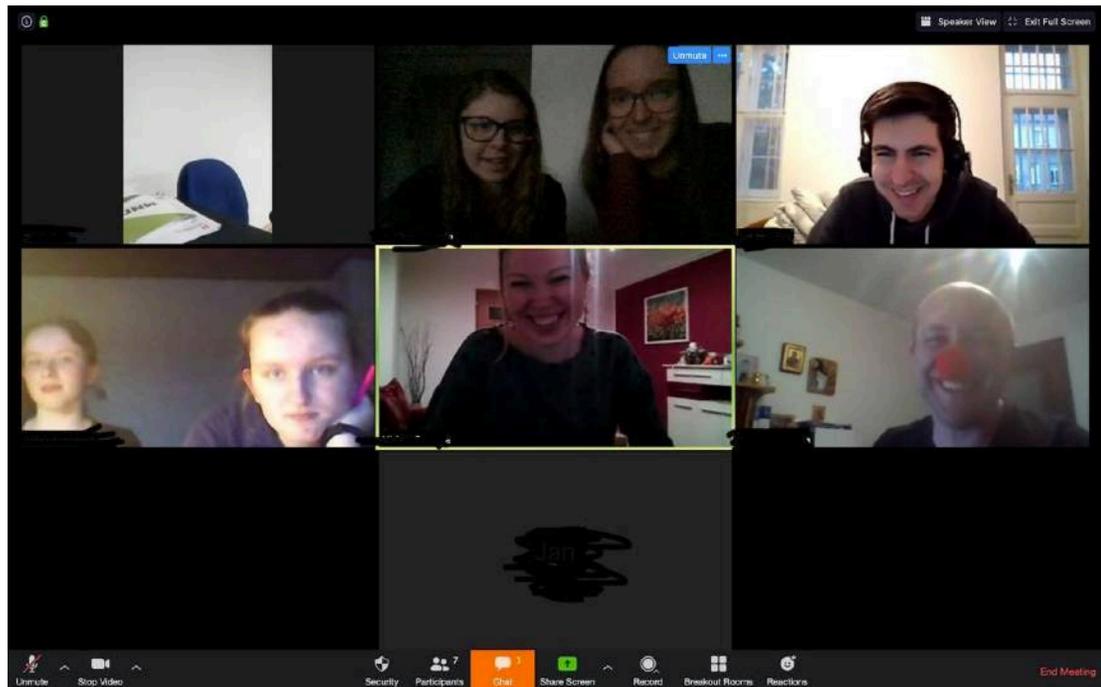
Prayers of Thanks!

Give thanks for:

- You, my prayer supporters and encouragers.
- The safe arrival of a couch and some other furniture to my flat.
- Some businesses opening back up in the Czech Republic
- Our amazing outreach team that continues to find unique ways to reach our youth online.

Our team continues to find unique ways to keep our youth engaged online. One example below is a youth event we held online for the youth in Bohumín. In our preparation meeting we talked about different games that can be played over Zoom, as well as bringing energy and the excitement of the Gospel along with us to the event.

In this picture you can see the joyful smiles as our pastor reveals a red clown nose he found during our "Seek and Find" online game.



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