

# Blessings from Bohumín

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## Czech Word of the Month

*Otevřeno* or *open* is a word I see often as I walk through Bohumín. This word also reminds me of our ministries here as we continue to open the church to the community.

### Check it out!

Check out the links below to watch some videos of our team leading worship at the Night of Churches and our monthly Youth Service.

[Click here! \(Night of Churches youth worship\)](#)

[Click here! \(Monthly Youth Service\)](#)

Check the video description in the link for the translation of each song!

## Noc Kostelů (Night of Churches)



**Above:** Our group of volunteers that helped make the event possible.

The Night of Churches, in Czech *Noc Kostelů* is a nationwide event in the Czech Republic. Many churches open their doors on this evening from 6pm to 10pm, and welcome community members to come inside to learn more about the church, and ultimately the Gospel. In Bohumín, over 60 people from our community came through the church learning, listening, and asking questions. Our program consisted of a church tour, a short film, worship, and quiet prayer

time. The picture below is the flyer that churches put out to promote the event. The sign reads “He made the moon to mark the seasons... you make darkness and it is night... when the sun rises, man goes out to his work.” (Psalm 104:19-23 ESV).





**Left:** Youth volunteer Kaja serves refreshments and engages in conversation with visitors.

**Below:** Youth leader, Honza, tells visitors about the organ. The little boy in blue was so interested in the organ tour!



**Above:** The lighting changes as our youth team leads worship later in the evening with a mixture of songs, bible readings, and prayer.

**Right:** All evening, Pastor Roman gave tours of our church and answered questions from participants. Here he holds up a Luther seal as he explains each piece of the symbol and a brief history of the Lutheran Church.



## YOU CAN SERVE WITH THE LCMS TOO!

There are many opportunities to serve as a short-term or GEO missionary. Check out the current list and download an application at [lcms.org/service](https://www.lcms.org/service). Click on “Service Opportunities.”

## Summer Ministry

### Prayer Requests

Pray that God would:

- Bless our team as we prepare for summer youth ministry.
- Continue to heal and strengthen our team member, Miriam, as she has been ill.
- Give us opportunities for individual discipleship with youth this summer.

### Prayers of Thanks!

Give thanks for:

- You, my prayer supporters and encouragers.
- A successful Night of Churches event.
- The youth that have expressed more interest in learning about Christianity in the past few weeks.
- The amazing church family God has provided in the community of Bohumín.



**Above:** Our team leading worship at one of our monthly youth services.

Summer in Bohumín is looking a little different as the Corona virus is still present in the Silesian region of the Czech Republic. However, God is still working! Our team looks forward to putting some new outreach ideas for all ages into action. The weekly high school youth meetings will consist of a series using the I AM statements from Jesus in John's Gospel. For kids ministry, our team will be playing games every Wednesday in the parks of Bohumín and inviting them to a mission week at our church that will take place in August. We will also begin open hours for the church, inviting people walking by to join us for worship and prayer. Our prayer and vision is to be in the community, to meet people, build relationships, and share the Gospel.

God continues to bless this ministry through your prayer and financial support. Prayerfully consider partnering in God's mission to the Czech Republic and Eurasia through a financial gift.

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