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A Joyful Baptism Celebration!

Greetings and God's blessings to all of you from your brothers and sisters at Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfurt, Germany!

We had the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here in August. Sthuthi Zephany Henry was born right before the COVID-19 restrictions came into place here in Germany. Her baptism is the first that we have had since we have been able to gather for worship again.

Sthuthi's family are like so many here in Frankfurt. While they come from India, they now make their home here in this very international city. Both of her parents work in businesses that support international banking. Sthuthi and her brothers will grow up speaking three languages, English, German and Tamil. I am so thankful for all of you who are helping make it possible for me to be here and share the Gospel with families like Sthuthi's!



Gathering for Worship

We are very happy that a few more people are joining us for worship each week. With school resuming, we have been blessed to have more of our families joining us again. Our next step is to consider more than one service to accommodate more worshippers.

Following worship, we have been gathering, at a distance, in the courtyard outside of our building for a short time of informal fellowship. We are still not able to have coffee, but that does not keep us from being able to catch up with one another. It is fair to say that this time together seems more precious to us than ever before. We are discussing how we might be able to continue to do this as the weather is now getting colder.



School Days Begin!

The children in our area began school again in late August and early September. Above, you see some of the children in our congregation who began their first year of school. Like all students here, they began the school year with their masks on.

The tradition in Germany is to give your child a *Schultüte* (School Cone) on their very first school day. These cones contain small school supplies, presents and plenty of candy. Please join us in praying for all those involved in education, all around the world, that God would bless them and keep them safe.

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 those whose lives have been impacted by COVID-19. Please join us in praying for those who have lost loved ones, for God's healing grace on those who are sick and all those who are vulnerable in any way. We also ask you to pray for all those in government, health care and all areas of public service.
- Our efforts to continue to minister to our congregation and community by means of the Internet. We are praying that God would use these efforts to reach those who might not yet have faith in Jesus Christ.
- Us and all congregations as we are gathering again for worship. Keep us safe and bless our time together.
- Our congregation as we work to begin confirmation and Sunday school classes.
- All families, especially all those who continue to work and study at home. Please pray that God would bless them with peace and extra patience.
- All of the missionaries in the Eurasia Region and their families. Please pray that God would continue to work through each of us so that many more people might come to the knowledge of the truth.
- My family in the US as both of my parents continue to have health concerns.

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