



So many exciting things are happening here in Leipzig! Sunday, September 11, we had our neighborhood festival in the park outside our church after a two-year hiatus due to Covid restrictions. We were blessed with help getting ready for this event - a family from Canada came as volunteers the week before to help with things like painting a banner, handing out fliers in our neighborhood, finding and cleaning items to be used at the festival, and practicing a dance some of our Persians created for the occasion. They were a huge help during the festival, too - their daughters even manned the face-painting station! The festival started with an outdoor worship service which drew the curiosity of the neighbors. Throughout the day, more and more people came to see what we had to offer! It was a great success!

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Many members of our congregation helped by bringing side dishes and dessert for the festival. However, since the whole neighborhood was invited, we wanted to be absolutely sure that we had enough cake to offer. Pastor Gevers helped by mixing up several huge bowls of chocolate cake batter. A woman from Ukraine who has been coming to us for help, offered her expertise as a caterer and chef by helping us with baking over 8 ginormous cakes!



Above: Pastor Gevers mixing up chocolate cake

Left: The first of many finished cakes

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Deaconess Kim helped lead the “Drums Alive” activity during Stadtteilfest

Please Pray for:

- The people in Iran, especially all women - protect them from unjust laws and senseless killing
- A fun and harmonious week with the neighborhood kids at camp

Give Thanks for:

- A successful neighborhood festival and for all the people who helped make it possible
- The addition of a new co-worker who has experience with the Persian language
- You and others who pray for and support me in serving the Lord

We offered many fun things for our neighborhood kids to participate in during the festival – a bouncy house, face painting, rhythm and movement activities, etc. This gave us a chance to get to know them and their parents and to invite the kids to our Monday afternoon Children’s group that we are going to be starting back up in October. Several have already shown a lot of interest in participating!

Schools by us have a two-week Fall break in October, and we are taking some of the neighborhood kids to a camp during their first week of vacation. We are looking forward to hiking, crafting, and cooking together during this time. Please pray for all the kids that will be coming on the trip with us as well as for all the kids we hope will come to our Monday afternoon group.

The weekend after our neighborhood festival was also packed full of activity. A new LCMS missionary joined us in Leipzig! He has experience with languages, specifically Persian, which will be a great help.

The day after our new missionary arrived, we drove to Chemnitz, where two of our Persian members were joined in marriage! It was a joyful occasion and was celebrated with lots of music and dancing!

We then took part in a congregational field trip to Dresden, where we attended Sunday services at the SELK congregation there. That same afternoon, the Dresden congregation hosted a singing festival. What a joy to meet and worship with so many other Lutheran congregations and their German and Persian members!



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