



### My biggest fan



Air conditioning is still something of a rarity in eastern Germany, and I assume in western Germany, as well. Many stores have it, but it's almost non-existent in homes. Most of the time, this doesn't present a problem in Leipzig, since the weather is fairly similar to western Washington, which doesn't get too hot; you can simply open the windows at night to cool down a residence. However, we have had some hot weather recently (one day was in the high 90s), so this fan is one of the best purchases I've made. I'm grateful that this is only a season!

### English Bible camps

I recently traveled to Silesia, a region where the borders of the Czech Republic and Poland meet. Camps are held here for local children; they're similar to VBS, with the addition of some ESL thrown in. The LCMS accepts volunteers from the US to help with these camps, and local volunteers from the host churches function as very valuable translators. I was tasked with photographing the goings-on at these camps, and it was a good experience to see how they worked.



One of the Czech translators helps a boy with some English words.



One of the American volunteers helps a girl with English spellings (not always a walk in the park!).



Chelsea Irwin, missionary coordinator for volunteering in the region, and her father, Pastor James Irwin, teach the kids a silly song.



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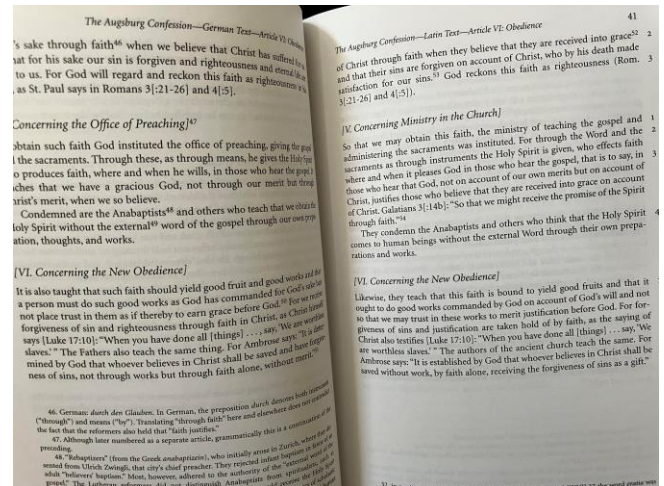
# A helping hand this summer



Andrea Riemann is a German missionary with the Lutheran church who works in Brazil. However, she's living in Leipzig this summer, and she's working with the congregation and us fellow missionaries to provide some aid for many of our projects. Her assistance is very welcome! Here she is giving a presentation in Lukaskirche about her work in Brazil.

## Work on the Augsburg Confession continues

My work translating the Augsburg Confession is off to a strong start; I translated the first five articles last month. I'm currently using the translation from [bookofconcord.org](http://bookofconcord.org) as my reference, but I also have a hard copy (given to me by Pastor Bombaro) with translations from the Latin and the German. They have been very helpful for clarifying some of the stickier passages, like the following one: "For through the Word and the sacraments as through instruments the Holy Spirit is given, who effects faith where and when it pleases God in those who hear the gospel, that is to say, in those who hear that God, not on account of our own merits but on account of Christ, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace on account of Christ." Sometimes even the English can be difficult!



This section is where I'm going to add Farsi versions of Bible verses (and perhaps some sections of the liturgy), along with the phonetic pronunciation and the translation, so you can get a taste of what the Bible looks like to a Persian speaker.

## Learn Farsi!

“می دانیم در حق آنان که خدا را دوست می دارند و بر طبق اراده او فرا خوانده شده اند، همه چیزها با هم برای خیریت در کار است.”

The above verse is Romans 8:28, and it is pronounced in this way: Meedâneem dar hagheh ânân keh khodâ râ doost meedârand va bar tebgheh arâdeyeh oo farâ khânde shodeh and, hameyeh chezhâ bâ ham barâyeh khehreeyat dar kâr ast. It is translated as follows: We know that for those who love God and are called according to His will, all things work together for good.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

-Safe travel over the course of several trips this summer for the entire Leipzig team

-The people of Iran and Ukraine, who are suffering due to unrest and war

-Continued progress with my translation of the Augsburg Confession

**GIVE THANKS FOR:**

-Opportunities this summer to broaden my experience in this region

-Persians who are interested in pursuing an occupation in ministry

**PRAISE GOD FOR:**

-The chances that children in Silesia have to hear the Gospel and improve their English skills

# Views of Silesia

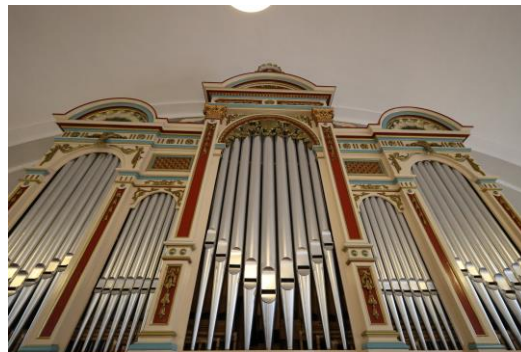
My work in the English Bible camps presented me with a bit of time to explore some of the region, as well.



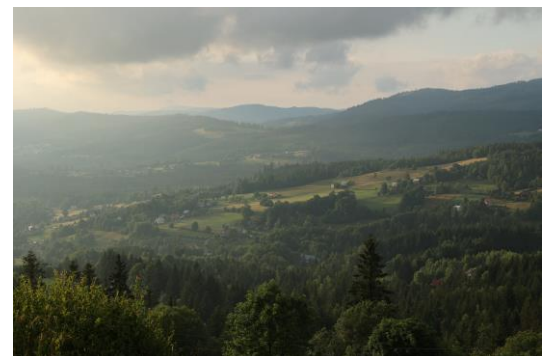
There were lilies everywhere.



The site of one of many “forest churches,” a location where Protestants worshipped in secret during the counter-Reformation.



A pipe organ at one of the churches hosting a camp.



Soft evening light from a hilly viewpoint.



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