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FRANKFURT, GERMANY

News from the Teeple Family



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Jesus said to them,
“Go into all the world and
preach the gospel
to all creation.”

Mark 16:15

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Pentecost and the Great Commission

In the evening of June 3, our flight leaves for Germany!

In the morning of June 4, we land and begin our new work!

As we step out into the mission field after nine months of onboarding, training, and prayer, two truths guide our journey: the Great Commission of Jesus to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation,” and the Holy Spirit’s empowering presence.

Mark 16:15 invites us all into a shared mission. It isn’t a select assignment but a calling for every follower to participate in God’s work in all nations to all people. Our preparation—the study of language, listening, prayer, and relationships—has gotten us ready to go. Now we step forward in faith, trusting the One who sends us.

Pentecost (which we celebrate on May 24) reminds us that the mission is powered by the Holy Spirit. The early believers received boldness and spoke in new languages to make Jesus known. This year, Pentecost shows us the pattern: God sends and God equips us to witness in ways we could not on our own.

Entering this new chapter, we carry both: 1. Go, and 2. Go with the Holy Spirit. New languages, new faces, new cultures—but we do not go alone. The Holy Spirit goes ahead of us, strengthens our words, and blesses our works.

This Pentecost, we are moving to Germany with excitement: God will move in our new home, congregation, and community. We trust Him to work through our imperfect words as we share Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

We take this on with deep gratitude, believing that when God calls us to go, He goes ahead of us, beside us, and with us. And we know and believe that the Gospel crosses every boundary to reach those who need eternal hope.



Jeff with Nancy at an LWML event in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Nancy is the sister of one of the members of Trinity in Frankfurt, Germany!



At the LWML Tri-zone Rally, Gina caught up with Deaconess Kimberly Trombley, the Executive Director of LWML in North America!

We were presented with a bag of children's books to share with the children in our region! →



Jeff and Gina with Pastor Joshua Ulm at Ascension Lutheran Church in North Olmsted, Ohio.

We are so grateful!

Thank you to the following congregations and groups for letting us share the wonderful things God is doing in the mission field!

Zion Lutheran Church Women's Guild
Cincinnati, Ohio

LWML Tri-zone Rally
Fort Wayne, Indiana

LWML Zone Rally
Napoleon, Ohio

LWML Zone Rally
Kokomo, Indiana

Ascension Lutheran Church
North Olmsted, Ohio
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Over the past several weeks, our home has been filled with equal parts cardboard boxes, memories, and gratitude. Preparing for our upcoming transition to Germany has meant holding an estate sale, sorting through years of belongings, and making difficult decisions about what to keep and what to let go. Every room seemed to tell a story – reminders of family, holidays, special moments, and different seasons of life. While the practical work of selling possessions and preparing our home for new owners has been exhausting at times, it has also reminded us that so much of what we treasure most cannot be packed into a moving box. God has used this season to gently loosen our grip on earthly things and deepen our dependence on Him.

For the transition, we are living with dear friends who have opened their doors and their hearts to us. Their hospitality embodies the very thing we're stepping towards: community that embraces others, cushions the hard days, and helps us keep our eyes on Christ. In this temporary hospitality, we're learning to navigate a delicate balance—holding our cherished memories with gratitude while remaining adaptable and accepting generosity. Both of those are necessary when living in a new culture . It's a practice of surrender and a vivid reminder of the Communion of Saints that extends far beyond addresses, cities, or nations.

As we say goodbye to family, friends, and familiar things, we carry with us many memories, prayers, blessings, and well-wishes. Each handshake, hug, and farewell is an important part of a larger story - one that began many years ago and will continue for many to come! This all reminds us that we go not alone but with you, our supporters and prayer partners. Though the house will be empty, our hearts remain full: full of gratitude for the place that formed us, full of anticipation for the people we will meet, and full of faith that God will use all our transitions to advance His kingdom.



(This is the actual sign outside our house!)

Elliot Visits Germany!



Elliot visited Germany during his Spring Break this year! He was able to fly to Europe, see our new home, meet the congregation and youth of Trinity Lutheran in Frankfurt, and see some interesting sites.

Elliot will be a high school Senior next year. He will be attending Frankfurt International School in Oberursel – just a few blocks from our apartment!



Above is a picture of members of the Youth Group at Trinity in Frankfurt. Also pictured on the left is Nicolas, one of the Youth Group leaders. We had an outing to an indoor, blacklight minigolf course!

Below is a picture of many of the people who helped find and move to the new parsonage in Oberursel. The apartment is wonderful and will be a great home for us! Thank you all!



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