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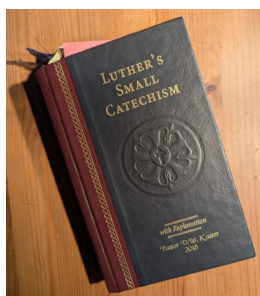


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2026 Eurasia Retreat – August 3-7

Every August, LCMS missionaries from Spain to Mongolia gather for a retreat—a time of worship, growth in the Word, receiving updates and encouragement from Synod officials, as well as a time to relax. This year, we met just outside the charming town of Porvoo, Finland. We were blessed to have the Director of the Office of International Mission, Rev. Dr. Cory Rajek with us. Pastor Rajek once served in Latvia and later as the regional director. It was a joy to have our old friend back, and the retreat was a wonderful time together.



Lots of Catechesis!

We continue to have new people show up at our church in Prague, who have had little to no exposure to the Christian faith. While Martin has been catechizing many Indonesians and Poles, Dale is currently catechizing three adults—two of whom desire to be baptized—preparing to teach at least one teen, and is instructing two young people for communion. It is exciting to see the Holy Spirit gather so many people out of the world to be a part of the body of Christ. We are so grateful for one of our supporters, who recently visited Prague, and brought eight new catechisms with him.

Please pray for these people and their faith.

A Wedding in La Spezia, Italy

On July 9, Dale was privileged to officiate a wedding for Jennifer and Mateo. Jennifer is a member of the congregation and her fiancé, an Italian living here in Prague, has been coming with her to our services for quite some time. So, it was a privilege to travel to the Liguria region and lead the service. In addition, it was an opportunity to preach the Gospel of Christ to so many people, who might not have heard it before. As a result, one of the attendees, who also lives in Prague, has now started to visit St. Michael Lutheran. Since our own wedding anniversary happened to be two days later, we decided to take some vacation time and travel to several cities in Italy—Milan, Pisa, Florence, and Bologna. We had a wonderful time traveling by car, seeing art and architecture, and of course eating delicious Italian food. We got lots of exercise—both legs and jaws.



Persian Work

For quite some time, the LCMS has been involved in outreach to Persians in Germany, where many have settled and continue to settle. We have three missionaries there—one in Leipzig, one in Hamburg, and one in Kaiserslautern. Therefore, it was a pleasant surprise to have a young Persian man (a recent convert) attend our service in Prague. He lives in Oslo and goes to a Pentecostal church. We spent some time with him, talked about the faith and his family members, who are still-Muslim, gave him a couple of catechisms and prayer crosses, and we prayed for him and for the conversion of many Persians. Even though it was a short visit, it was a great joy to meet one of the many Persians who are coming to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.



Two Pastoral Acts

Recently, in June, Dale was able to baptize a then-5-year-old young man named Vinnie. Vinnie is the child of Immanuel and Barbora who have recently come to the church. Barbora is one of Dale's adult catechumens. It was a wonderful day! Vinnie was excited to be born again through the water and the Word. And family from as far away as Mexico, Immanuel's home country, came to celebrate this great gift of Christ to His Church. God continue to keep Vinnie and his family in the faith.

Also, in June, Pastor Martin confirmed into the Lutheran faith a young Indonesian man named Frans. He lives in Pilsen—about an hour train trip to Prague—and comes that far to hear the Gospel of Christ in the English language. It is always humbling to see people so hungry for the peace that passes all understanding that is in Jesus alone. May we all have such hearts that value the Word and Sacraments as more precious than silver and gold. Praise be to Jesus!



Traveling to Vsetín and to Krakow

In June, it was Dale's turn to travel to Krakow to lead worship there. As we often do, we travel from Prague a day early to visit our members who now live in the part of the Czech Republic known as Moravia. Unfortunately, they are not being fed by a faithful church out there. So, we spend a day with them and hold a Divine Service. On the next day, we go to Krakow. It is a tight schedule, Friday to Sunday, but the saints in both places are always glad to receive the gifts.

Health Update

Getting old is not for the timid —it is one of the sayings you have heard all your life. Then you reach your sixties and it all makes sense. As far as Dale's Parkinson's Disease is concerned, it has not seemed to be advancing at all. The medicine he takes works well. But if you have it, you have to get your rest, watch your caffeine intake, and try to get some exercise. We visit the neurologist in October. Hopefully, we will get good news.

As for Suzanne, she has been dealing with bloating in her abdomen for 2 years now. She was in the States last year and received no help, and the same is true here in Prague. The LCMS has all of its missionaries

enrolled in International SOS which, among other things, finds doctors when we are in need. They have located a doctor in Vienna, Austria (4 hours by train) with whom she has an appointment on 25 August. It will be a quick 3-day trip, but we hope it will bring some relief to her chronic situation. Please pray that the doctor knows how to treat her and give her some relief.

God bless whatever is left of your summer and keep you in His care!

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