



Pray For Us Calendar

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CZECH REPUBLIC — AUGUST 1-15 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) began its relationship with Lutherans in the Czech Republic in 1992. Over the years, the LCMS has given grants, sent short-term teams and provided missionaries to share the Gospel and participate in various outreach ministries.

Remember God's work in the Czech Republic as you pray:

- 1.** for safe travels and a smooth transition for the Hoff family, new career missionaries to Prague.
- 2.** for language acquisition for the Hoff family so that the Rev. Clint Hoff may begin the work of caring for the English-language congregation at St. Michael's and assisting in planting Czech Lutheran churches.
- 3.** that the Lord would bless the work of Globally Engaged in Outreach (GEO) missionary Gabriel Fickenscher as she teaches English to Czech Lutheran clergy. By learning English, clergy are able to take advantage of more theological education opportunities.
- 4.** that the Lord would open doors to schools and congregations around Prague so that LCMS missionaries might use English as a way to proclaim the Gospel to more people.
- 5.** for Benjamin Helge, who will transition to a career missionary and oversee the work of GEO missionaries in the region. Ask God to grant him wisdom and strength as he cares for the GEOs and plans opportunities for sharing the Gospel.
- 6.** for GEO missionaries Sean Baker and Freeman and Susan Rohlfing. They are joining Benjamin in the work that he is doing in Havířov-Šumbark, Czech Republic, in conjunction with the Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession (SECAC).
- 7.** that the relationship between the LCMS and the SECAC may continue to grow so that our two church bodies can better work together to proclaim the Gospel.
- 8.** for the Rev. James Krikava, regional director for Eurasia, that God would grant him strength, health and wisdom as he plans the overall strategy for proclaiming the Gospel in this part of the world.
- 9.** for the Rev. Rex and Linda Rinne, as they serve missionaries throughout the region. Rex is the pastoral care facilitator for the region, and Linda helps to care for the wives and children of missionaries.
- 10.** for the new church plant in Havířov-Šumbark, that people would be brought to faith and the Church would grow.
- 11.** for the Rev. Craig and Paula Donofrio, that they may transition to Prague safely and show an aptitude for learning the Czech language. Craig will be serving as communications director for the region, as well as filling in where needed with Word and Sacrament ministry.
- 12.** for Richard Sovitzky, business manager for Eurasia, that God would grant him endurance and wisdom as he stewards the resources granted to this region.
- 13.** for the English-speaking congregation of St. Michael's in Prague, that they would be strengthened through Word and Sacrament ministry.
- 14.** for the families of all missionaries serving in the Czech Republic, that they would be strengthened as they face a new culture and different customs.
- 15.** that all missionaries in the region would have safe travels as they head to Wittenberg, Germany, for their regional team meeting. This gathering is a time of professional development, corporate worship and strategic planning.



The Rev. Craig and Paula Donofrio will live in Prague, where Craig will serve as communications director for the Eurasia region.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Visit lcms.org/missionarysupport and search for "Germany" or the "Czech Republic" to learn about and support the LCMS missionaries currently serving in those countries.
- The LCMS and the Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche are partnering to minister to the Middle Eastern asylum-seekers flooding into Europe. Visit blogs.lcms.org/2015/synod-walks-with-german-partner to read a Reporter article about this life-changing work.
- Learn more about work in these two countries at lcms.org/germany and lcms.org/czechrepublic.

GERMANY — AUGUST 16–31 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) began working with the Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche (SELK), our partner church in Germany, in 1972. The two church bodies regularly work together to share the Gospel and bear Christ's mercy to the least of these.

Remember God's work in Germany as you pray:

16. for wisdom and guidance as the missionaries meet during the regional team meeting in Wittenberg, Germany, to plan the work of proclaiming the Gospel throughout the region.

17. with thanksgiving that DOX-LOGY sent one of its fellows for the missionaries' professional development and spiritual health. Ask the Lord to bless their time with the Rev. Mark Barz, who will be serving as retreat chaplain.

18. for the children of the missionaries. As they participate in vacation Bible school during the team meeting, pray that they would build friendships and find strength in one another.

19. with thanksgiving for the use of the Old Latin School's beautiful chapel, and for many opportunities to worship together during the team meeting.

20. for our German partner church body, the SELK, that its leaders would be given wisdom and guidance as they seek to serve the migrants and refugees in their midst and proclaim the Gospel to them.

21. for the Rev. Jordan Tomesch, who was recently called from the seminary to serve as a missionary to migrants in Germany. Pray for him as he learns Farsi and Arabic.

22. that Jordan's support raising would go swiftly, and that the Lord would prepare the hearts of those he will serve.

23. for the work of the Rev. Dr. Christopher Ahlman, as he travels around the region as a theological educator, that his work would help to strengthen partner church clergy and laity.

24. for all LCMS families stationed at military bases in Germany, especially those without an LCMS chaplain, that they would be strengthened through the Word and Sacraments provided by Christopher as he travels to bases.

25. for the work of Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, which serves the English-speaking expatriates there with Word and Sacrament and equips them to go into the world with the saving message of the Gospel as they move for work-related reasons.

26. for the Rev. Dr. Wayne Braun, pastor of Trinity, and his wife, Linda, that they would be equipped to meet any challenges to their work.

27. for Kendra McNatt, director of Christian education at Trinity, that she would be strengthened for her work with the "third-culture kids" of the congregation.



The Rev. David Mahsman serves as crucifer in the Festival Dedication Service before the dedication of the International Lutheran Center at the Old Latin School on May 3, 2015, in Wittenberg, Germany.

28. that the children and youth of Trinity would be upheld by the Gospel as they face many unbelieving peers.

29. that all Christian refugees and converts to Christianity living in asylum homes in Germany would be kept safe from persecution at the hands of Muslim refugees.

30. for Kristin Lange, managing director of the International Lutheran Society of Wittenberg, that she would have many opportunities to share the true message of the Reformation with Wittenberg residents and visitors from all over the world.

31. for the Rev. David and Lois Mahsman, as their service comes to a close. Give thanks for their years of service, and pray for their transition back to the United States.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from lcms.org/prayercards.

- Aug. 2** Steven Nurre, Asia;
Beth Ritzman, Papua New Guinea
- Aug. 3** Roger James, Sri Lanka
- Aug. 4** Britt (Anderson) Odemba, Kenya
- Aug. 6** Michael Kersten, Hong Kong
- Aug. 7** Gary Schulte, Togo
- Aug. 8** Richard Schuller, Puerto Rico
- Aug. 9** Joyce Erber, Ghana
- Aug. 10** Susan Frerking, Southeast Asia
- Aug. 11** Cynthia Schumacher, Ghana
- Aug. 13** Rachel Powell, Dominican Republic
- Aug. 14** Elizabeth Ahlman, Germany
- Aug. 15** Edmund Auger, Latin America;
Rebekah House, Asia;
Mark Rabe, Ethiopia
- Aug. 16** David Mahsman, Germany;
Kelsey Schlund, Mexico
- Aug. 17** Jen-Yi Paul, Taiwan
- Aug. 18** Julia Lutz, Papua New Guinea;
Steven Winkelman, Asia
- Aug. 20** Jonathan Clausing, Kenya
- Aug. 21** Dee Dee Wasmund, South Korea
- Aug. 22** Robin Wildauer, Togo
- Aug. 26** Patrick Frerking, Southeast Asia
- Aug. 27** Sean Baker, Slovakia;
Maggie Oliver, Taiwan;
Elizabeth Warren, Dominican Republic
- Aug. 28** Douglas Thompson, Ghana
- Aug. 29** Michael Ritzman, Papua New Guinea

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST:

Chaplain Timothy Oswald, Norfolk, Va.;
Chaplain Glen Wurdeman, Fort Carson, Colo.;
Chaplain Aaron Bell, Gulfport, Miss.; Chaplain Gregory Todd, Washington, D.C.

