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DID YOU KNOW?

- The bicycle was invented in Germany in 1817.
- Over 1,500 kinds of sausages are made in Germany.
- Over 800 million currywurst (a sausage served with a spicy sauce) are eaten in Germany each year.
- Hamburgers got their name from Hamburg, Germany
- Ascension Day and Pentecost are national holidays in Germany with all businesses closed.



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Train Up A Child...

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

Heeding these words of Scripture is a very important part of our ministry at Kaiserslautern Evangelical Lutheran Church (KELC), and June found us celebrating some of the ways our children have grown in their faith during this past school year.

On June 3, nearly 70 people gathered to celebrate the participation of 36 children and youth in Sunday School and Bible class. Each child received a certificate for attendance (complete with a congratulatory handshake from Pastor Asher!). Primary and Intermediate age children also had opportunity during the year to memorize Scripture passages, as well as parts of the Catechism and the books of the Bible. On awards day, students received either a



KELC 2018 Confirmands

certificate, medal or trophy for their efforts, depending on how many verses they memorized. Nine of the 26 children in this age group received a trophy for memorizing at least 24 of the 26 verses!

The awards were followed by the children singing one of their favorite songs they had learned this year. Singing Scripture songs was a highlight of each Sunday School hour for the children, and they were excited to share with the adults. The festivities ended with a potluck lunch and fellowship.

On Sunday, June 10, KELC celebrated the profession of faith of six of our youth with a confirmation service. The six students came forward to confess their faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed and to confess their commitment to a life of faithfulness. Each student received his/her own confirmation verse and a blessing. At the conclusion of the service, each student gave a presentation on his/her understanding of one of the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism. Of course, the festivities ended with a reception and gifts!



The children show off their attendance certificates and medals and trophies earned for memory work.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Our application process for gate access to the local U.S. Air Force base, as we appeal a decision that denies this access.*
- *Jennie's job application process, that she would find a new position soon.*
- *Nathaniel Jensen, as he moves and prepares to begin his vicarage assignment at KELC.*
- *The men who are attending Joe's class on the Parables at the military prison.*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Six students confirmed in the Lutheran faith at KELC on June 10.*
- *Parents who faithfully make teaching their children God's Word a priority in their lives.*

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- *The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us.*

Vicar Assigned to KELC



Vicar Nathaniel Jensen

KELC is pleased to announce that we have been assigned a vicar for the 2018-2019 academic year. Nathaniel Jensen, a St. Louis native and student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN, will be installed July 15 and assume his duties in August. During the coming year, he will be mentored by Joe as he learns about the joys and challenges of being a parish pastor. Vicar Jensen, fluent in German, has been studying at the Lutheran Seminary in Oberursel, Germany this year and will return to Ft. Wayne for his final year of studies upon completion of his vicarage.

A generous project grant from the LCMS Office of International Mission has made this vicarage possible.

Changes In Store

As of June 30, Jennie's status as a missionary will change to "accompanying spouse," as she supports Joe's work and the mission at KELC.

Jennie is now seeking other employment, either with the English-speaking services on the military bases (e.g., U.S. Department of Defense schools) or online with schools or other institutions in the U.S. Please pray for Jennie's success in obtaining meaningful service to Christ in whatever vocation He chooses. Pray for us as we trust God with the future in this process.

We thank you for your prayers and financial support. It is an encouragement to us as we serve the Lord in this place. It is through the generous gifts of friends like you that we can continue to serve military families living abroad.

God bless you!

Joe and Jennie Asher



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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