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God Answers Prayers!

Last month our Silesian Church Team decided to pray for a month for guidance, a part-time pastor, an informative website, a public place to worship and study, more knowledge about their lost Christian heritage and how to witness and disciple people. God is answering some of our prayers already. We recently were invited to meet with Bishop Tyrlik, who is the leader of the Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Czech Republic. We discussed the situation, prayers and needs in Olomouc and the need for a “mother church” to help us get started. He agreed to providing us with a public place in Olomouc to worship and meet and he also agreed to look for a part-time pastor for us.

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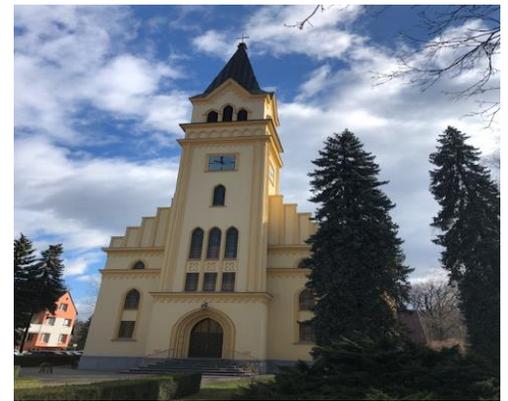
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And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Luke 10:2 ESV



Silesian Evangelical Church headquarters



Silesian church adjacent to headquarters



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Did you know?

In 1767 the 6th symphony was composed in Olomouc by an eleven year old W.A. Mozart when he was recovering from smallpox here at the archbishopric between October and December.

After our meeting with the Bishop our Olomouc outreach group (M.I.S.E.) of the Silesian Church met; and, after opening with much prayer, we discussed possible public meeting places, a name for our Olomouc location, and the timing needs of a part-time pastor. Everyone at the meeting could feel God’s presence and how the Holy Spirit was starting to work in Olomouc. Everyone was excited about the future and where it will take God’s church. There will now be many challenges and much work. We will need all believers to be praying for us. Please pray for strong M.I.S.E. commitment and perseverance. Also pray for the Holy Spirit to awaken citizens of Olomouc for the need to worship and participate in building God’s kingdom. We thank all our supporters for standing with us.

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The Baby Boom in Olomouc!

Babies and mothers pushing baby carriages are everywhere in Olomouc. The need for the Gospel has never been greater for all present and future generations. There are many false religions here and a strong presence of the Catholic Church.

The Effects of Oppression

Prior to the 20th century Olomouc was a thriving and beautiful city. However, socialism and communism has decimated many of the buildings and homes. Many Jews were exterminated and Christian churches were closed. Only a small remnant of Christians remain today. These ideologies set this region back more than a hundred years in many aspects. Dear fellow Christians please pray for a Christian revival in this area and throughout the world. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John 14:6



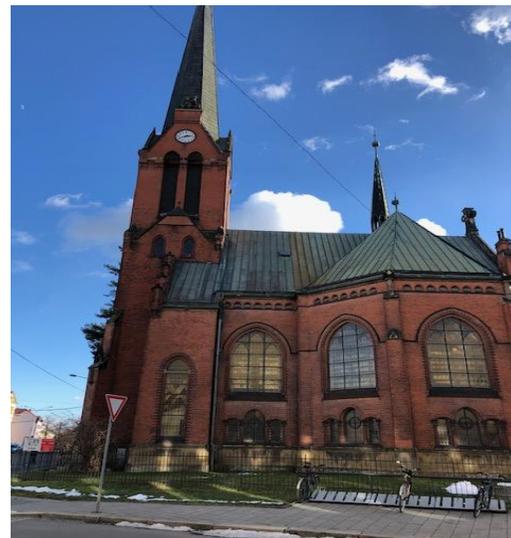
Partially restored building fronts in Olomouc



Building backs still need much work



"Red Church"
in Olomouc



The "Red Church" was built in 1901 for a German-speaking Lutheran congregation. After WWII the Germans were expelled and the church was shifted to Czech Protestants. During communist times the church was given to the government. This is one of the few churches not returned to the church after communism fell. This is a perfect location in the center of town in Olomouc for our new church. Please pray that if it is God's will for us to have this church that He provide the path we should take. Christianity has been removed for approximately three generations.



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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