



I got a sticker for voting in Wisconsin's April elections.

VOTING IN PERSON

For the past four years, I have voted by absentee ballot. So, when the opportunity to vote in person came this April, I headed to the polls. It wasn't a "major" election, just judges, school board members and municipal posts. The voter turnout may have been quite low, but I was happy to be counted among them.

Sometimes we take for granted things we soon miss when we live overseas. I still vote from Prague, but it's more complicated and time-consuming to send in the required documentation and get an absentee ballot. The absentee ballot must be completed properly, including having another US citizen witness your signature before delivering it to the US Embassy for return to the States in the diplomatic mail pouch.

I also miss the "I VOTED TODAY" stickers that you get at polls in America. When I asked for one at the US Embassy in Prague, the armed guards didn't have any to give out. I was happy to get one in April and wear it proudly.



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Wrapping Up Home Service



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sheboygan, WI hosted two of my mission presentations this spring. Photo credit: Thomas Kind

It's hard to believe that my home service is almost over. After months of planning, I arrived in the States shortly before Putin invaded Ukraine. My travels have been long but joyful. I have flown 13,156 miles, driven almost 3,000 miles in a compact economy car, and enjoyed 840 miles with friends on a coach bus to Mission Central in Iowa.

What a joy it has been to bring greetings and gratitude from your Czech brothers and sisters in Prague. They are amazed and thankful that churches and donors care so much about bringing the Gospel to the most atheistic country in the world that they would financially and prayerfully support a missionary to work with them. I, too, am amazed at your faithful support.

I have enjoyed sharing my mission presentation with thousands of people around the country. At several of the churches and both LWML zone rallies, I was surprised by guest visitors who came to see me. But I also realize that some donors were not able to attend a

presentation in person due to illness, time or travel constraints. I have missed you, too. So, I am planning a final virtual presentation on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30pm (CDT) on Zoom. Zoom is very easy to use and all you need is internet access and a device—mobile phone, laptop or computer. I will share the same 30-minute presentation that I have given in person at churches and rallies, and there will be ample time for questions at the end. If you are interested in attending (no cost for you to use Zoom), please email me at Cynthia.Wrucke@lcms.org, and I will send you the link to join me.

Thank you to all the people who coordinated my visits and helped me with technology set-up. I couldn't have done this without your tremendous support. Thank you to my wonderful host families, who not only opened their homes to me, but also showed me their part of the world and what makes it unique. You are always welcome to visit me in Prague and allow me to return the favor.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Safe travels when I return to Prague.
- Our Czech pastors and congregation as they work to help the Ukrainian refugees.
- Peace in our world.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The churches who hosted my mission presentations this spring.
- Mission Central, Old Missionary Gary and the many volunteers for the hospitality, tour and meal during our visit.
- LWML ladies who are such a joy to have as mission companions and prayer warriors.
- Host families for making me feel part of their families during my visit.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- You, my faithful supporters, who allow me to serve as a missionary.

Home Service - continued



My mission presentation at my home congregation, Peace, in Beaver Dam will be May 8.

As I prepare to return to Prague, I am excited to continue working with the Czech pastors and congregation in mission outreach. I am also looking forward to helping our church with the new task of supporting Ukrainian refugee needs.

I am also looking forward to more moderate weather, not having to drive a car, no window screens or

mosquitoes, fresh fruit in my back yard, and lots of exercise distributing Bibles to the little libraries.

Of course, I will miss hearing and speaking English every day, as well as eating bacon and good burgers. Most of all, I will miss my family and friends that I leave behind in America, but I will take a piece of you with me in my heart. You will continue to be in my prayers as we serve our Lord in different parts of the world.

This month we remember God's calling:

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

- Cindy Zirbel Wrucke



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