

Dear Prayer Partners,

the last couple of months have been very busy and we are deeply grateful to God for His many blessings at Gospel Church Munich.

- the Women's Conference on May 16+17 went very well and the feedback from the 57 ladies that attended was excellent. Please pray that Kristie Harrick and her team from Briarwood Presbyterian Church will be able to come again to Munich for another Women's Conference in 2026.
- Susanna's confirmation on May 25 was deeply blessed by the Lord. She gave a wonderful testimony of her faith and how Jesus has worked in her life. Susanna goes to a public school with close to 1,600 students and she does not know anyone else at school who is also a Christian. So it was quite moving that her two best friends from school (and parents) came to the worship service as well as lots of our relatives from Germany (nearly all of them are unbelievers).
- From June 16-21 we had our retreat in Italy with about 60 people. Tom Groelsema from Christ Covenant Church did a great job teaching us from 1 John. God gave us a rich time in His Word and in the Small Groups and in fellowship as we enjoyed the beautiful area.
- From July 2 until July 13 we had three couples from Tucson, AZ visit us in Munich. They blessed Gospel Church by doing a workshop with our music team, having two workshops about parenting with our young families, and by teaching and sharing at several of our Small Groups. In addition they met with several individuals and encouraged many of us here. Praise God for the love, generosity, and Kingdom-mindedness of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ from the US. We thank God for you all!
- Please continue to pray for the sermons series in Romans. We are currently in chapter 11 and it is a great joy to see how God is using His Word to change people's lives here in Munich. Despite the summer time and lots of people traveling the worship attendance has been strong. Please pray that God will continue to bring new people to Gospel Church and that many of them will be converted.
- We are currently searching for a new leader for our children's ministry and for another leader for our nursery. Tomorrow I will be talking again to a lady who is the principal of the only Protestant elementary school here in Munich. She was our children's ministry leader until 2018 and did a great job. Back then she needed a break and has been serving in recent years on our Welcome team (which requires no preparation during the week). Please pray that she will say "yes" and become again the leader of our children's ministry if it is God's will. Also, please pray that God will provide a good leader for the nursery and for several new volunteers both for children's ministry and for the nursery. Pray that God will bring several new families to Gospel Church this summer and this fall who will come weekly to the worship service.
- Please pray that our giving in Munich by the end of 2025 will reach 200,000 Euro (about \$ 234,000). Our budget this year is 250,000 Euro (about \$ 292,500). (fyi: the US-Dollar has fallen a lot since January 2025, which makes it harder for us).
- This Sunday, July 27 I will be preaching at New City Wien in Vienna (they are also part of the small reformed denomination that we are part of). Please pray for the sermon and for a blessed visit (our entire family will go there) and that Elizabeth will be able to connect well with the two wives from the two pastors in Vienna. Elizabeth has a passion for "Parakaleo ministry" (to come alongside the wives of church planters and pastors). The leader from our young adults ministry, Joaquin will preach at Gospel Church this Sunday - please pray for him and for the sermon.
- From August 12 until September 4 we will be in the US for vacation/mini-sabbatical. Please pray that all four of us will be healthy and safe the entire trip and that it will be a blessed and refreshing time. Also, please pray that I will be able to get everything prepared for the time that we are gone so that everything will go well at Gospel Church while we are away.
- Also please pray for wisdom for the work with the church planters from the City to City network. From November 17-20 we will have a large Europe-wide City to City Europe conference in Budapest, Hungary. Please pray for all the preparation of this conference and that many people, also from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the Netherlands will come to this important conference.
- Lastly, there is a major battle going on in Germany right now about selecting three new Supreme court judges and one of those candidates with strong support from the media and others is pushing very strongly for allowing abortion up until week 40 (currently abortion is only legal until week 12). Please pray that no candidates will become Supreme court judges who want to further legalize abortion. In June of this year the British Parliament voted to allow abortion until week 40. Please pray for repentance and for revival in Europe.

Below are a few pictures: a) from the music workshop b) kids on Sunday after the service c) with the teenagers in Italy in the water d) after Susanna's confirmation service









Warmly in Christ,

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