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Synod in Omsk (15.10.2017)

At the Synod in Omsk a new preacher named Svetlana Kurbatova from the Novosibirsk region, Ustarka, was consecrated. Likewise, Vladimir Vinogradov, pastor and provost of Siberia, was introduced as deputy to the bishop.

Vladimir Vinogradov comes from the parish in Omsk.

When he was ten, his grandmother took him to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Omsk. He attended Sunday school, youth hour, church services, and ultimately came to the Lutheran seminary in St. Petersburg.

In the picture you can see Tatyana Muromzova. She was the teacher at Sunday School and told Vladimir the biblical stories. Many people have prayed for and encouraged him.

We have a good promise: Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy (Ps 126:5). One can only encourage all employees to trust in this wonderful promise - we may also reap - full of joy! Please pray for Vladimir and Svetlana to continue their service with joy.



Inauguration in Jekaterinburg , Ural (26.11.2017)

The first Lutheran congregation in Yekaterinburg was founded in 1723. The first Lutherans were engineers, craftsmen, mine professionals and came from Europe. After the war Russia against Sweden 1741-43, many parishioners came into captivity in Sweden and Finland.



In 1791, the first Lutheran wooden church was destroyed and a new Orthodox church was built on the square. Until 1872, the services were celebrated in different places in the city. In 1873, the new stone church was consecrated. The money for the construction was donated by church members (Germans and Swedes).

The community life was re-established in 1999 after the end of the communist era. In the beginning, the community has premises in the city. On November 26, 2017, the house was inaugurated.



The pastor of the church community Raikin Dürr writes:

In the summer of last year we were finally allowed to buy a community center after many years. The renovation work then lasted for over a year until we could celebrate the official inauguration.

We are grateful to all friends, donors and prayers, but above all to our church members and co-workers who have not left us alone in recent years.

On 26.11.2017 our newly renovated parish hall with altar and pulpit was inaugurated by Provost Waldemar Jesse. Friends and

siblings from different Lutheran communities in the Urals visited us for this event. Representatives of the Liebenzeller Mission also came to Yekaterinburg for the occasion. It was so crowded that people even had to sit in the mother-and-child room and there was no room left for the children - almost like in the time when Jesus was born.

In his sermon, Bishop Alexander Scheiermann reminded us of the heavenly hope that God offers us Christians. We understand very well that with ownership comes responsibility.

And so, as Lutheran Christians in Yekaterinburg, we want to tell the people of our city the saving message of Jesus wherever we are. We want to help the poor with diaconal help.

And we want to invite people to join us worshiping in the church services and hearing His Word.

We wish very much that God appoints people from our midst to co-workers in His kingdom who will serve in the most diverse fields.



Please Pray:

- For the blessed service of Svetlana Kurbatova and Vladimier Vinogradov
- For all employees in our church
- For the community in Yekaterinburg

We Give Thanks:

- For the consecrated preacher Svetlana and the introduced deputy of Bishop Vladimir Vinogradov
- For many employees who do their work quietly and with great loyalty
- For the new prayer house in Yekaterinburg and for all employees who do their service

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God bless you,
Alexander Scheiermann