



Pray for

REV. JOEL AND CLARION FRITSCHÉ
CHURCH PLANTER
SERVING THE LORD IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Rev. Joel and Clarion Fritsche serve the Lord as missionaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Dominican Republic. In this role, Joel plants new churches in this country. He forms and develops groups of believers into mature, self-sustaining and self-replicating congregations through Word and Sacrament ministry. Joel also serves as the director of Concordia Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Arriba (which is in the Santiago province of the Dominican Republic). As director, he teaches courses and helps prepare men to be pastors

who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this country and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Joel was born in Houston, Texas. He earned a bachelor's degree in music from Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward, and received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Before becoming a missionary, he served as a pastor of congregations in Wyoming, Texas and Illinois. He also worked as an admissions counselor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Clarion was born in Balboa, Panama City, Panama. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon. Before heading to the mission field, she taught at several Lutheran schools. Joel and Clarion have three beautiful children - Viktor, Sergei and Andrei - who join them on the mission field.

Please pray for the Fritsches as they serve the Lord in the Dominican Republic. Pray that God gives them strength and peace in their family life and as they work to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ. Ask God to give Joel wisdom and faithfulness as he helps raise up pastors, deaconesses and other church leaders to serve the Dominican church. Pray that God continues to bless Joel's service to the church and Clarion's homeschooling of their three boys. Let us give thanks that Joel, Clarion and their family are serving God's children in the Dominican Republic.



• **BIRTHDAYS:** Joel – Sept. 15, Clarion – Oct. 20, Viktor – Sept. 14, Sergei – Aug. 9, Andrei – April 8

• **ANNIVERSARY:** Dec. 27 • **HOME DISTRICT:** Southern Illinois

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