FOR Rev. Jerry and Patty Lawson Theological Educator Serving the Lord in Latvia



The Rev. Jerry and Patty Lawson serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Latvia. In this role, Jerry teaches courses in church history and theological English through the Luther Academy in Riga.

Jerry's hometown is San Jose, Calif., where his home congregation, First Immanuel Lutheran Church, is located. He received a bachelor's degree

in English from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a bachelor's degree in social studies from Utica College, Utica, N.Y. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Prior to serving in Latvia, Jerry served as pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Myers, Fla. (2001–2009); as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, North Fort Myers, Fla. (2010–2018); and as a theological instructor at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria's institute, located in Koltushi, Russia (2018–2022). He also served in the United States Air Force from 1986 to 1994. His hobbies include reading history and cooking.

Patty is also from San Jose, Calif. She received her college degree from Mohawk Community College, Utica, N.Y. She has worked as a registered nurse since 1993. Patty's hobbies include pysanky eggs and needlepoint.

Jerry and Patty have three children: Cosette, Juliette and Aleksander.

Pray for Jerry and Patty as they serve in Latvia. Ask God to prepare the hearts and minds of the students who participate in the instruction offered through Luther Academy so that the work being done will be fruitful. Pray for the leaders and members of the Luther Academy as they prepare church workers around the world. Let us thank God that the Lawsons are serving His children in this part of the world.

BIRTHDAYS: Jerry — Dec. 15, Patty — April 8, Cosette — May 20, Juliette — March 7, Aleksander — Dec. 23

ANNIVERSARY: June 6

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