# PRAY<br/>FORRev. Tyler and Yanela McMiller<br/>Theological Educator<br/>Serving the Lord in Italy



The Rev. Tyler and Yanela McMiller serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Eurasia, based in Italy. Tyler is the sole LCMS pastor in Italy, where he provides Word and Sacrament ministry, Bible study and catechism classes, all in Italian, to groups of Lutherans scattered throughout the Peninsula — in Naples, Rome, Florence, Piacenza and Padua. Tyler also mentors three men in Italy who are studying to become Lutheran pastors through an online Lutheran

seminary based in Riga, Latvia. Through this work, Tyler's goal is to help geographically isolated Lutherans across Italy establish house churches, just like in the times of the apostles.

Tyler was born in Waukesha, Wis., although his family served as missionaries in Latin America for 15 years. He received a bachelor's degree in history and Spanish from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis., and a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Prior to attending the seminary, Tyler was a violinist in a Mariachi band (2010–2014) and a GEO missionary to Mexico and the Dominican Republic (2014–2017), which is where he met his wife. In his free time, Tyler enjoys playing the violin and listening to audiobooks during ridiculously long walks.

Yanela was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and she and Tyler most recently attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Des Peres, Mo. Yanela received an

education degree from Universidad Dominicana O&M in Santo Domingo. After graduating, she was the director of the Lutheran preschool in Licey, Dominican Republic, and served as the mission secretary for the local Lutheran mission. In her free time, Yanela enjoys cooking and watching movies.

Ask God to give Tyler wisdom and insight as he translates Lutheran theology and builds relationships. Pray also that the Holy Spirit would enable the Confessional Lutheran Church of Italy faithfully to proclaim the Gospel in the country, just as the apostles did 2,000 years ago. Let us give thanks to God for Tyler and Yanela's service to God's children in this part of the world.

BIRTHDAYS: Tyler — Feb. 13, Yanela — March 21, Lia — Jan. 9, Alessia — Feb. 25 ANNIVERSARY: March 12 HOME DISTRICT: Missouri



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