

**PRAY FOR** Rev. Dr. Cory and Jennifer Rajek  
Theological Educator and Missionary Pastor  
*Serving the Lord in Latvia*



The Rev. Dr. Cory J. and Jennifer Rajek serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Riga, Latvia. As the Eurasia regional director, Cory is responsible for LCMS work, personnel and partner church relationships throughout the Eurasia region. A primary part of Cory's work involves the formation of pastors and deaconesses for the purpose

of planting Lutheran churches. By uniting local church leaders and LCMS resources, Cory works to strengthen relationships and bring the Gospel to some of the most remote places on earth. In Riga, Cory also serves as a missionary pastor to the area and leads Riga's English-language service, which relaunched after being suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Occasionally, Cory serves as an instructor at the Luther Academy (English stream), a regional seminary started as a joint venture between the LCMS and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.

Originally from Merrill, Wis., Cory received his Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministry/Theological Languages from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis., and his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He also has a Master of Arts in Servant Leadership from Viterbo University, LaCrosse, Wis., and a Ph.D. in Education from Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee. Before becoming a missionary, Cory served parishes in Iowa, Wisconsin and South Dakota. In his free time, he enjoys spending time outdoors.

Jennifer is from Milwaukee, where she grew up at Grace Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls, Wis. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Lakeland University, Sheboygan, Wis., and a Master of Arts in Human Resource Management from Concordia University, St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn. Prior to moving to Latvia, Jennifer spent time as branch office administrator for Edward Jones Investments, executive assistant to the secretary of Corrections for the state of South Dakota, and human resource specialist.

Together, Cory and Jennifer have two daughters, Emiley (currently attending Concordia University, Nebraska) and Alexis (enrolled at the International School of Riga in Latvia).

Pray for Cory and Jennifer as they serve in Riga. Ask God to watch over their travels and to strengthen them as they serve people from around the world. Pray, too, for the work of the Luther Academy in Latvia, as well as all the students who study there. Let us give thanks that the Rajeks are serving God's people in this part of the world.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Cory – July 29, Jennifer – Jan. 8

**ANNIVERSARY:** Jan. 19

**HOME DISTRICT:** South Dakota



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