

December 11, 2023

Dear Members of California/Nevada/Hawaii District,

We pray that you had a blessed Thanksgiving celebration. The Advent season is now upon us. Accordingly, we prepare for the coming of the Lord. The first verse of the Old Testament lesson for the second Sunday of Advent reads: "Comfort ye, Comfort ye my people." (Isaiah 40:1 KJV) The nation of Israel had fallen away from the one true God to worship idols. Consequently, they were defeated by a pagan army and were taken as captives to Babylonia. Yet despite their apostasy God had not abandoned his people. God comforted them with the promise of the Messiah who would save them from their sins. Today the church proclaims the coming of the Messiah during this Advent season to all the nations. His forgiveness and mercy impart hope and salvation to all nations.

The Rev. Sergio Frizzler was recently installed as the new rector of Seminario El Reformador in the Dominican Republic. Rev. Fritzler who hails from Argentina, has been serving as a professor at the seminary for seven years and has been a great blessing! Remember Rector Fritzler in your prayers as he begins his new calling. He replaces the former rector, the Rev. Joel Fritsche, who accepted a call to serve as a professor at Concorida Seminary in St. Louis. We give thanks to Rev. Fritsche for his many years of service in the Dominican Republic. He will be a great blessing at Concordia as he serves in his new calling.

We rejoice in the recent ordination of Mexican national pastor Alvaro Velasquez who serves as the pastor of a mission congregation in Tapachula, Mexico. The Rev. Isaac Garcia, who serves as president of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, presided at the ordination service. Tapachula is in the state of Chiapas and shares its southern border with Guatemala. This region of Mexico is known for its coffee and most of the members of Alvaro's congregation are coffee growers. Remember pastor Alvaro and the mission congregation in your prayers as they continue to preach the Gospel of Christ in their community.

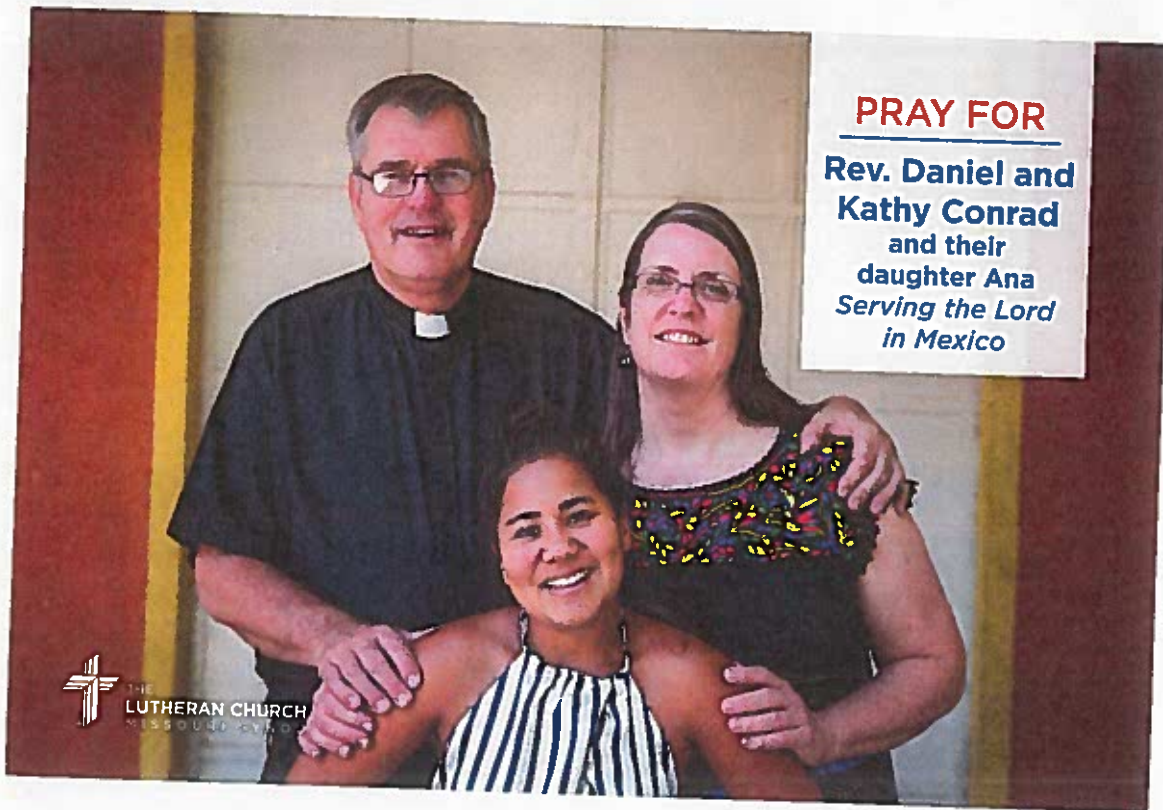
This semester has been a busy one for Dan as he continues to teach Greek and Homiletics. The fall semester at Seminario El Reformador in the Dominican Republic will finish up on the twenty-first of December. The seminarians are now finishing up their assignments and preparing for their final exams. Dan's students represent the countries of: Bolivia, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela. Your support and prayers make the preparation of these future pastors possible.

We thank you for your support and prayers. Enclosed please find our prayer card and a photo of Rector Sergio Fritzler with the pastors who participated in his installation service at the seminary. We will send you our updated Dominican Republic prayer card as soon as we get it printed. The giving information on the enclosed card is still current, however. Have a blessed Advent and Christmas season!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

In Christ,


Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad



PRAY FOR
Rev. Daniel and
Kathy Conrad
and their
daughter Ana
Serving the Lord
in Mexico

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BIRTHDAYS:

Daniel - July 6
 Kathy - July 30
 Ana - Oct. 10

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Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Mexico, based in Mexico City. In this role, Daniel serves as the coordinator of theological education for the entire country. He works with and mentors national pastors and pastors in formation who are serving throughout Mexico. With the challenges of Mexico City's population being 25 million people and the shortage of national pastors in this country, Daniel provides assistance in sending out workers to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Conrads as they serve in Mexico. Ask God to give Daniel strength as he continues to mentor and teach national pastors in the different regions of Mexico. Give God thanks for the national pastors that this country does have and for the future pastors that are in formation. Let us give thanks that the Conrads are serving God's children in Mexico.



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