

Rev. Dr. Charles and Connie Cortright

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Serving the Lord in Latvia

Bio

Rev. Dr. Charles and Connie Cortright serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Riga, Latvia. In this role, Charles teaches at the Luther Academy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia (ELCL), an LCMS partner church. He assists in the formation of ELCL pastors and guest seminarians from other countries attending the Academy. He teaches seminars and makes presentations to pastors and church workers throughout the region. Charles also serves as the Eurasia region’s chaplain providing pastoral care to the other LCMS personnel serving in this region.

Charles received his bachelor’s degree from Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis.; his Master of Divinity from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis.; and his doctorate (Ph.D.) degree in historical theology from Marquette University, Milwaukee. Before coming to the LCMS, Charles served in parishes of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in California and New Jersey. He taught theology at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, for 14 years, and, from 1996 to 2002, Charles served as a visiting professor in Ukraine.

Connie received a bachelor’s degree in education from Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. She has taught in Lutheran elementary schools, served as a librarian and worked as an office coordinator for a law firm. Connie has written two historical romance novels and publishes a weekly blog about life in the countries in which she and Charles have lived. Charles and Connie have four sons and thirteen grandchildren.

Prayers

Pray for Charles and Connie as they serve in Riga. Ask God to strengthen both of them as they work in Latvia and learn the culture. Ask God to use them daily in the work of helping Lutheran pastors in Eurasia to preach Christ and Him crucified. Pray, too, for the LCMS personnel serving in the region with them that they continue to receive God's grace through the Word and Sacrament ministry Charles shares with them. Ask God to keep Charles and Connie safe as they travel. Pray for the hearts of people here in the United States who will partner with the Cortrights in prayer and financial support so they can participate in this Kingdom work with them. Let us give thanks that Charles and Connie are serving in this part of God's world.

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Additional Information

- Birthdays:
 - Charles - Nov. 23
 - Connie - July 31
- Wedding Anniversary: June 10
- Home District: South Wisconsin

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