



Pray for

REV. JOEL AND CLARION FRITSCHKE
CHURCH PLANTER

SERVING THE LORD IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Rev. Joel and Clarion Fritsche serve the Lord as career missionaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the Dominican Republic. In this role, Joel plants new churches in this country. He forms and develops groups of believers into mature, self-sustaining and self-replicating congregations through Word and Sacrament ministry.

Joel was born in Houston, Texas. He earned a bachelor's degree in music from Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward, and

received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Before becoming a career missionary, he served as a pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, Wyo., at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas, and, most recently, at Zion Lutheran Church, Staunton, Ill. He also worked as an admissions counselor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Clarion was born in Balboa, Panama City, Panama. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon. Before heading to the mission field, she taught at several Lutheran schools. Joel and Clarion have three beautiful children, Slav, Sergei and Andrei, who join them on the mission field.

Please pray for the Fritsches as they serve the Lord in the Dominican Republic. Pray God gives them strength and peace as they all transition to life in the Dominican Republic, learning the culture and the language so they may effectively communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ. Ask God to help them keep their focus on spreading the Gospel as they transition to life on the mission field. Pray for God's continued sustenance of them as they travel in their support-raising efforts. Let us give thanks that Joel, Clarion and their family have answered the call to serve God's children in the Dominican Republic!

• **BIRTHDAYS:** Joel – Sept. 15, Clarion – Oct. 20, Slav – Sept. 14, Sergei – Aug. 9, Andrei – April 8

• **ANNIVERSARY:** Dec. 27 • **HOME DISTRICT:** Southern Illinois

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Rev. Joel and Clarion Fritsche**

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