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"Greet Every Saint"



KIDS CORNER

Hi! My name is Abigail. I am 14.5 and am the oldest of the Andreassen crew. Here are a few things about me.

Favorite color: Green

Favorite Bible Passage: Psalm 63

Good things about being a missionary kid: I am excited about meeting new people, making lifetime friends, and the food (we all know it's better than ours).

Sad things about leaving: I will really miss my friends here. They are so supportive and they understand that it isn't my fault or my parents fault that I am leaving them. It's God calling us to be witnesses of His work in Christ Jesus.

SUGGESTION! Some missionary kids might seem like they want nothing to do with you or your questions when they first visit. They have SO many feelings. Just help them along by saying "How are you feeling?" instead of "Are you excited?" This invites them to tell you ALL their feelings- not just good ones.



Presentation at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD

We continue to be in a time of raising awareness about the Lord's work in Romania and the Balkan region. Sharing about this work continues to be very exciting as we encounter questions from people and witness the responses of those who rejoice in the Lord's working for the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

At the end of the epistle to the Philippians St. Paul writes,

"To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." (Philippians 4:20-23 ESV)

One of the blessings of this work has been the opportunity to do what Christians always long to do which is to greet one another in Christ Jesus- in person! In the early church people knew

one another by name and were at least familiar with each other.

In some ways we think this is only the case in a small church body, not one as large as the LCMS. I can tell you otherwise! Even though we are geographically spread out, varying in size and setting, we remain personally connected in Christ in very real ways.

Every stop along the way has been full of delightful connections in the body of Christ! As the early Christians knew one another, so do we! It may take a little conversation and time (not long), but the connections are right at hand. They are personal, but rooted in our confession of Christ and the Gospel.

You are not alone, you are part of the body of Christ. The church is home for you anywhere and everywhere we gather in the confession of Christ around His Word and Sacraments. Thanks be to God!



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our house to sell quickly
- Baby #6's continued growth

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Ben's 10th Birthday! What a special boy he is!
- Pastor and Sue Moore who are letting us borrow their van until we leave SD
- The work already being done in Romania and for hearts to be open to hearing the Gospel.

PRESENTING AT:

- March 24 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wecota, SD
- April 7 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD
- April 10 at St. John's Lutheran in Britton, SD (LWML)
- April 13 and 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawarden, IA
- April 21 at Christ Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD
- April 28 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake, IA

What Happens Next?

Where will you have the baby?

A lot of time has been spent in the past month making this decision! Do we have the baby in Romania, a town where we have family such as Sioux Falls, or in St. Louis?

Well, we have decided that we will have the baby in St. Louis! There is missionary housing where we can stay. It is on the Concordia Seminary campus so there is plenty of space for kids to roam and play. It is also close to the International Center (our Synod's headquarters) in case Jordon needs to go there to meet with people etc... There are also in-person language learning opportunities so that we can start learning Romanian while waiting for baby to be born. We are very happy to have that decision made so that we can make further plans.

When will you leave South Dakota? When will you leave for Romania?

We will leave South Dakota at the end of May or beginning of June. It is important to us to finish the school year and all that comes with it. The girls will both be confirmed and Benjamin is set

to receive his Lutheran Study Bible from our congregation soon. (He must recite all the books of the Bible in front of the congregation to do so.)

We will leave for Romania about 6 weeks after baby is born or as soon as we can both be cleared by doctors and are able to get the baby's passport! We expect this to be in early October.

What will you do with all your stuff?

Each person in our family is getting 2 suitcases. That doesn't sound like much but that is 14-16 suitcases! That's a lot of suitcases!

We did get a very small storage unit which will hold some family heirloom items and a few other things.

The rest of it is being passed on! It is amazing to see how blessed we have been and how much the Lord has provided for us. We know a lot of the places our belongings are going and we are so thankful we can bless others in a similar way as we have been blessed.

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him..."

Ephesians 1:16-17

In Christ,

Jordon and Alison Andreassen



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