# FROM THE FEDDER FAMILY





Pastor Fedder during the Ordination of Pastor Arthur. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod/Erik M. Lunsford

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

We are all about the 6 Ps: Planting Pastors to Preach to People in Particular Places. The Balkan Peninsula is too big, and there are too many languages and cultures for a few LCMS missionaries to have much of a reach. That is why a big focus of our mission is on the 6 Ps and raising up native pastors to bring the Gospel to their people and their communities.

During President Harrison's visit in February, Arthur Bojinov was ordained. We rejoice that now the community in Bulgaria has their own pastor! In a few months, the Republic of Moldova should also have their first pastor. Glory be to God!



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Group photo of the Justification in Rome conference. The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod/Erik M. Lunsford

Greetings dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

It has been a very busy time here in the Balkan Mediterranean sub-region of our Eurasian mission field. As part of my duties, I help to organize and set up theological conferences. At the end of January, we held our first theological conference in Italy. Entitled Justification in Rome, the conference focused on the difference in theology between Lutherans and Roman Catholics on the issue of justification. It was a great opportunity for education with seminarians and new pastors attending from many countries. Members of the Italian Lutheran church also came from all over the peninsula to attend.

Pastor McMiller, the LCMS missionary in Italy, was also able to have the official first



Pastor Fedder preaching in Rome. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod/Erik M. Lunsford

service and dedication of the church in Rome. Previously they had held services in the McMiller's home. Now, they are able to rent the church you see in the above photos. It was a fantastic event and showcase of the work in Italy.

A few weeks later, LCMS president Rev. Matthew Harrison flew out to Romania for the official dedication of our Lutheran Center. Members from Bulgaria, Romania, and the

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- The Confessional Lutheran church and our pastors and missionaries in the Balkans and Italy.
- Safe travels as we go to the US for Home Service.

#### **GIVE THANKS FOR:**

• Mission Central and OIM for all their amazing work.

#### **PRAISE GOD FOR:**

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for, encourage and support us.
- The amazing work being down in the Balkan-Mediterranean subregion

### HOME SERVICE VISITS

- 4/7: First Lutheran. El Cajon, CA
- 4/14: St. Luke's. La Mesa, CA
- 4/17: Gloria Dei. Escondido, CA
- 4/21: Prince of Peace. San Diego, CA
- 4/28: Zion. San Luis Obispo, CA
- 5/5: Our Redeemer. Bonney Lake, WA
- 5/12: Apostolic Lutheran. Moses Lakes, WA
- 5/26: Our Savior. Des Moines, IA
- 6/1: Mission Central. Mapleton, IA
- 6/3: Trinity. Norborne, MO
- 6/9: Emmaus. Ft. Wayne, IN

Republic of Moldova were all in attendance. Along with the dedication, one of our seminarians and mentees, Arthur Bojinov, was ordained, and we had the confirmation of one of the Moldovan men. It was good to have nearly all of the Balkan church gathered together in Braşov for these events and to pledge their support and prayers to these men. In the next few months, our seminarian in Chişinău,



Pastor McMiller and seminarian Luiz Lange preparing for service in Padua,

Moldova, Deacon Veaceslav, will be ordained. Glory be to God!

As part of my role as our subregion's area facilitator, I visited Italy again in March, this time to see all our mission locations and discern their needs and the realities on the ground. Pastor McMiller took me on a weeklong trip around the peninsula. Every day we traveled by train to visit a different member or outreach location. It is our hope that we can structure the subregion



Pastor McMiller's mission map of Italy. Each tack shows the location of members or someone in catechesis.

in a way that makes it easier for partners and congregations in the US to assist with mission projects in Italy and the Balkans.

Our family continues to prepare for our Home Service and will be in the US from April 2nd until June 17th. The list of dates and locations can be found to the left under our usual prayer requests.

Christ bless you all,

Pastor Andrew Fedder

Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. Psalm 22:9-11 (ESV)





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