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# Italy

NEWS FROM THE STEFFENSON FAMILY

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## Family Update

Rev. Jason, Lord-willing, will travel briefly to Rome for the ordination of some students from Luther Academy. He is currently working on preparing his classes to teach this coming year. Anna Marie continues to glorify Christ in her artwork, and she currently is attending the Fabriano Watercolor event. The boys are getting to the end of their school year. Having a full school year in one place was beneficial for them. We are grateful that everyone is getting stronger as we prepare to deploy again.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

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# Meetings that Matter

The photos today are from our faculty meeting in Gothenburg.

Christ is risen! Rev. Jason returned home from a faculty meeting of Luther Academy. We met in Gothenburg, Sweden so that we could also meet with the faculty of the Lutheran School of Theology in Gothenburg (Församlingsfakulteten in Swedish). These are the old stomping grounds of Bo Giertz, the author of *The Hammer of God*. A painting of him is pictured below on the second page. The faculty of the Församlingsfakulteten has been very kind in hosting us at their grounds for our meeting and offering to assist us with teaching classes with the online program of Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia. We are all very excited at the strengthening of relations between the Confessional Lutheran Church bodies in Scandinavia. Luther Academy has certificate programs for training pastors and other church workers. Församlingsfakulteten also has a certificate program, a bachelor's program, and a master's program. Because the government of Sweden requires accredited colleges and universities to proclaim

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- *Safe travel for meetings.*
- *Learning Italian.*
- *Continued strengthening*
- *Our visa and work permit paperwork for Italy to process quickly.*
- *The Italian seminary students who will be ordained in May.*
- *Preparations to teach with Luther Academy on-line.*

**GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- *The many people making preparations for our redeployment*
- *The joy and hope of joining in the Lord's work in Italy*
- *Getting to participate in the Lord's training of pastors.*

**PRAISE GOD FOR:**

- *For Christ Jesus conquering death through his cross and resurrection, and for the hope he gives us of living in joy and wellness in perfect resurrected bodies to inherit the recreated/ renewed creation.*

religious neutrality in their teaching, Församlingsfakulteten has not been able to obtain accreditation through the Swedish government, so they work with programs in other countries to receive accreditation of their degrees for their students. It has been a blessing that Luther Academy has been able to receive accreditation through the Latvian government for our bachelor's program. There is a need for these small institutions to train pastors and church workers so that they both know how to proclaim the truth of salvation in our resurrected Lord Jesus and are encouraged to boldly proclaim the one truth of God's deep love for everyone and salvation by grace through faith in Christ Jesus.

*Thank you for partnering with us in this work of the Lord Jesus in Italy and the world.*

*"For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." Ro 6:5*

*In the peace of Christ Jesus,*

*Pastor Jason, Anna Marie, Johanes, and Immanuel Steffenson*

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