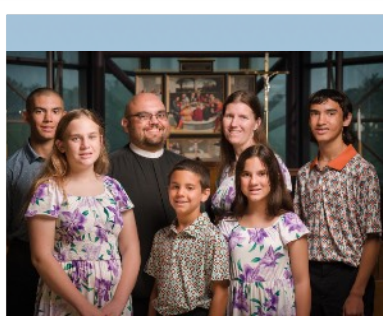




August 1, 2026



Zachary, Lydia, Christopher, Malachi,
Becky, Laura, and Matthias.
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GET TO KNOW THE AMEN FAMILY CONTINUED:

- For some information on the Amen children check out our previous July 1, 2026 newsletter at amenfamily.org
- Becky, attended Concordia Ann Arbor, taught in Lutheran schools and homeschools. Enjoys quilting, sewing, coloring. Oftentimes in nature walks and cheers for the Chicago Cubs.
- Christopher, attended Concordia Wisconsin, and seminary in Ft. Wayne. Enjoys hunting, fishing, boating with the kids. Eclectic sports fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, Green Bay Packers, Dallas Stars, Wisconsin Badgers, and Milwaukee Bucks.
- Met at Camp Luther, WI.



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Walking in Christ's Plans

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." Proverbs 16:3

The past two months have been filled with many miles, countless conversations, and abundant opportunities to share what the Lord is doing through our family's upcoming service as LCMS missionaries and church planters in the Dominican Republic. We have been blessed to visit congregations, Bible studies, LWML groups, and other groups sharing both the excitement of this new call and the joy of Christ's mission.

Thank you to each of you who has welcomed us, prayed with us, encouraged us, shared your stories, and committed to supporting this work. Your partnership is a beautiful reminder that mission work is never the work of one family alone. It is Christ's work, carried out through His Church. Though we serve in different places and vocations, we are united in the mission our Lord has entrusted to His people.

This summer has been one of preparation and transition. Behind the scenes, much of our time has been devoted to visa applications, continued training with LCMS International Mission, coordinating the many details involved in an international move, and preparing our family for life overseas. All tasks that are needed preparing for the proclamation of Christ.

Everything we are doing during this season of preparation serves the purpose of sharing the Gospel, planting Lutheran churches, and showing mercy. We are not simply preparing for a move to another country. We are preparing to participate in Christ's ongoing work of gathering His people around His Means of Grace. Our prayer is that new Lutheran churches will be established where children and adults are baptized into Christ, where sinners hear the forgiveness won by His cross, where believers are strengthened by His true body and blood in the Lord's Supper, and where disciples continue to grow in His saving Word.

Proverbs reminds us, **"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."** There are many details still to complete and many unknowns that lie ahead. Yet our confidence does not rest in careful planning or completed checklists. It rests in the Lord who promises that His Word will accomplish the purpose for which He sends it. As we commit this work to Him, we trust that He is already preparing hearts to receive the Gospel and establishing His Church according to His gracious will.

Thank you for walking alongside our family in this mission. Your prayers, encouragement, generosity, and partnership make you an important part of this work.



July 2026 missionary cohort as we complete final stage of orientation and training at the LCMS International Center.

Visiting the Saints, Sharing the Story



Latin America and Caribbean region missionary children cohort July 2026 at LCMS International Center with Peruvian flag.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Safe travels in the coming weeks and months to visit congregations.
- St. Paul, Pipestone, MN, pastoral vacancy and call process.
- Family preparations for moving.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The team in St. Louis preparing us for international service.
- The cohort of 8 missionaries and families as we learn and grow together.
- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage, and support us!

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Thank you to the following congregations who have partnered with us and welcomed us for visitation and presentation.

- * St. John Britton, SD and St. Paul Ferney, SD
- * Zion Lutheran, Hardwick, MN (top picture)
- * Memorial Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD (2nd picture)
- * Christ Lutheran, Platte Woods, MO
- * St. John Lutheran, Waco, NE
- * Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Huron, SD. I served here as a summer vicar in 2007 and was amazed how many I remembered and surprisingly many remember me, thankfully all in good ways! (bottom right)
- * Blessed Redeemer Lutheran, Brandon, SD (VBS Mission Project, bottom left)
- * Emmanuel Lutheran, Dwight, IL (VBS Mission Project)
- * LWML St. John, Austin, MN
- * LWML Ruth Guild, St. John's, Kimball, MN
- * St. John Tabitha Society, Newhall, IA



Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LCMS to support the work of Rev. Christopher and Becky Amen. Make checks payable to:

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