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LATVIA FUN FACTS

Latvia is located in the Baltic region of Eastern Europe, south of Finland, north of Lithuania and Belarus, east of Sweden, and west of Russia.

It has a population of just under 2 million people, with over 600,000 residing in the capital of Riga.

Latvian, Russian, and English are the main languages spoken there.

Latvia is about the size of West Virginia, at just under 25,000 square miles.

The country is covered in forests, and the people tend to be very in touch with nature.

The flag (seen above) is among the oldest in the world, first mentioned as early as 1180 AD.

Latvia contains more than 12,000 rivers. However, only 17 of these rivers are longer than 100 km, or about 62 miles.



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Thank you for joining us on our mission to Latvia!



The Cundiffs: Rev. Dr. Quintin, Lindsay, and Carter

Dear partner in ministry, thank you for signing up for our newsletter! We are currently in the network-building phase of our missionary service. Perhaps you are receiving this because of a presentation we have given or because you have chosen to support this work through Mission Central or the Missouri Synod.

We are pleased to have you with us on this journey and to keep you up to date with the wonderful things God is doing and will do. Be on the lookout for other monthly newsletters from us in the near future!

As we progress through this phase of our service, we realize that many of you will be people we have never actually met, but we would love to see that change! We would be delighted to hear from and about you as we move forward in this together.

In Christ's service,

Rev. Dr. Quintin, Lindsay, and Carter Cundiff



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia, that it may continue to prosper.*
- *The saints in Latvia and the rest of Eurasia, that they may continue in steadfast faith.*
- *Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst, Nebraska, that they have only a brief vacancy, and that they would joyfully receive a new pastor soon.*
- *Our family, as we continue our trek across the United States in preparation for our move to Latvia.*

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- *The resurgence of Lutheranism in Eurasia, and those men preparing to shepherd new flocks there.*
- *Prayers, encouragement, and support of our missionaries across the world by people like you!*

Who are the Cundiffs?



We are preparing to serve in Riga, Latvia, where Quintin will be teaching at the Luther Academy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia, an LCMS partner church. He will also assist in the pastoral formation of ministry candidates who come from around Eurasia to attend the academy. Quintin hopes to be involved in the start of an English-language worship service in Riga for expats and English speakers.

Quintin is a native of Oberlin, Kansas. He has a bachelor's degree in history from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska; a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri; and soon will be awarded a

Doctor of Ministry degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. During his 10-year career, he has served congregations in Oregon, New Mexico, and Nebraska. He assisted with planting St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and served as the pastoral counselor for the LCMS Rocky Mountain District's Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Lindsay grew up in Farnhamville, Iowa. She has earned a diploma of Practical Nursing from Hamilton College in Lincoln, Nebraska, and an associate degree in nursing from Central Community College in Kearney, Nebraska. In her nearly 15 years of nursing, Lindsay has cared for patients in Missouri, Iowa, Oregon, New Mexico, and Nebraska. At church, she has served as a Sunday school teacher, a parish nurse, a newsletter editor, and a directory coordinator, among other things!

Quintin and Lindsay will have their 10-year-old son, Carter, along for the journey. He will be attending the International School of Riga. He loves Jesus, reading, history, movies, video games, science fiction, and hanging out with friends.

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'" Romans 10:14-15 (ESV)

Blessings to you from our family,

The Cundiffs



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