

# Andreasens in Romania: August 2026 Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ,

We thank you for your prayers as we do the work of the Lord in Romania and the Balkans.

August marks the final month of our busy summer schedule of travel and conferences. We are finally home in Brasov making final preparations for the kids to start school and relieved to not be on the road any longer.

Already my schedule is filling. I have a new temporary assignment serving locally as the local chaplain for our LCMS staff here in Brasov. But I continue preaching and assisting with the Romanian Church and serving our family in Greece. The work is never ending and continually shifting. We look forward to sharing more about all this work in the coming months.

Thank you again for your prayers and partnership in the Gospel.

In Christ,

Rev. Jordon and Alison Andreasen



# SERVING THE LORD IN ROMANIA and the BALKANS

NEWS FROM THE ANDREASEN FAMILY



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## With a Sister Church



*The gathering of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland*

After the Corpus Christi Conference we first took a little vacation time, but then we were blessed with another wonderful opportunity. We attended the summer gathering (Kesäjuhla) of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland.

This gathering draws from a long tradition in Finland among revival movements, but modified to fit our firmly Lutheran identity. It is an event filled with mission presentations; teaching for children, youth and adults; and worship services. It was such a joy to attend, witness and participate in this event. For us personally it was also a joy to see some old friends and make new ones.

It also served as an opportunity to make connections for our mission work in the Balkans. I met a couple that travels and enjoys to experience the Lutheran church in other places. This is such a beautiful aspect of travel which encourages faith. Another connection is with a Finnish pastor who speaks modern Greek. He and his wife visit Greece at least once or twice a year to see family. We are already planning for him to conduct the liturgy and preach in Greek later in September!



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## Husband and Wife at Work



*L: Jordon preaching at the Corpus Christi Conference R: Alison being recognized for serving as a discussion leader*



In the last week of July we had the privilege to travel to Finland for the *Corpus Christi Conference*, a young adult conference for Lutherans in Europe (and others from the US). Rev. Dr. Timothy Winger provided clear teaching on baptism and what it means for worship and life.

It so happened that both Alison and I were able to use our gifts at this time. I served as a representative of LCMS Eurasia and also served as preacher and liturgist at a few of the services. Alison served as a discussion leader for women about serving their neighbor in their vocations.

This conference serves so many purposes for the good of Lutheran Churches in Europe. First, it provides a time full of worship and being fed with the Word of God. Second, it serves to allow young Lutherans the opportunity to build friendship and connection.

Thirdly, it serves toward the general outreach in Europe. It was remarkable for me to see the variety of people who gather. It gathered lifelong Lutherans, those of other confessions interested in Lutheran teaching and also those who are only vaguely connected to the church.

You can find out more about them at [www.corpuschristi.eu](http://www.corpuschristi.eu). With small Lutheran churches throughout Europe it certainly helps to connect the “Body of Christ” across the continent.

-Rev. Jordon Andreasen



*The full assembly.*



# Family Updates



## Passports and Prayers

The kids' passports needed to be renewed and because we didn't have as much time in the States as we were planning this summer, we planned to add an extra day onto our travel schedule to stay in Bucharest and get it done at the U.S. Embassy there.

It proved to be a fairly easy process and gave another opportunity to tell others about the work of the Confessional Lutheran Church of Romania and what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess. Please pray the applications are processed quickly and that we receive all our important documents safely.

### PLEASE PRAY:

- The new English service Jordon will be leading to help spiritually feed the missionaries and their families in Braşov.
- That we receive passports and that all information on them is correct.
- For the Kids as they begin another year of school (big kids at the Christian International School and Ethan in Homeschool Kindergarten)

### WE GIVE THANKS FOR:

- A refreshing time in Finland with fellow saints from all over Europe
- Our OIM leadership responding to needs their missionaries have and prioritizing missionary care.



Teenage missionary kids playing cards



Andreasen little boys with their Latvian/Finnish friends at Corpus Christi



Boys playing street hockey at the Finnish Church Camp



Ethan teaching another missionary kid how to find wild berries

One of the things we have seen develop in all of our kids is the ability to make friends wherever they are. Throughout all our travels this past month (Corpus Christi Young Adults Conference, The Finnish Mission Diocese's Church Camp, and the Annual Missionary Gathering, the kids were able to meet existing friends and make new ones from all over Europe but especially Finland, Latvia, Norway and missionary kids serving in Western Asia, Czechia, and some Finnish missionaries serving in Africa. It takes bravery to meet new friends but the task is easier when you realize that people are people no matter where you are in the world and that the language of play and common human experience and a common faith cover a multitude of obstacles!



The oldest and the youngest Andreasen kids had birthdays this past month. They are also two of our most friendly and outgoing kids. If there is someone to say hello to, these two will probably be the first to do it. Simeon doesn't have many words but he still manages to share the good news of Christ to those around him. While we were traveling by bus, by train, by plane, he would sing "Hallelujah" at the top of his lungs. At times it brought a smile to faces and started conversations at other times. On one plane, we witnessed what we hope were good tears of resting in the plans of God more than our own when he began singing right after the pilot made the sad announcement that many of us would miss our connecting flights.



*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](https://lcms.org/service). Click on "Service Opportunities."*

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