In partnership with the LCMS South Wisconsin District, the LCMS Office of National Mission and LCMS Urban and Inner-City Mission, Rev. Ryan and Emily McDermott serve the Lord as domestic missionaries in Madison, Wis. As a worker called by the LCMS South Wisconsin District, Ryan is a missionary-at-large and the pastor at Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church in Madison, Wis. He is responsible for caring for the souls of the faithful deaf Lutherans in the Madison community. Ryan leads the congregation in reaching out to the members’ friends and neighbors in the Deaf community in Dane County, Wis., and the surrounding areas.

Ryan was born in Los Angeles. He graduated from Concordia University, St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn., with a bachelor’s degree in theology and world languages. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Before serving in Madison, Ryan served as a pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Elma, Iowa, and as a missionary in West Africa. He enjoys reading, cooking and studying languages and cultures.

Emily was born in La Crosse, Wis. She attended the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry. Emily’s hobbies include knitting, reading and photography. Ryan and Emily enjoy spending time with their four children — Rhys, Evangeline, Joshua and Kaj.

Pray for Ryan and Emily as they serve in Wisconsin. Pray for their family as they settle into a new home and a new way of life. Pray for those they serve, that their hearts would be filled with the joy of the Gospel and the peace of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the Holy Spirit leads and guides them to do the ministry work set before them with joy in the Gospel. Pray that the hearts of people are moved to pray for and to financially support this Mission Field: USA — Madison partnership, participating joyfully in the Kingdom work alongside this domestic missionary family. Let us give thanks that the McDermott family is serving God’s children in Madison, Wis.

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- Emily — July 29
- Rhys — July 13
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- Joshua — Oct. 10
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