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# Thank you

## Greetings and Peace to You in Christ

In June I concluded my academic studies at the seminary with a two-week intensive course on Dogmatics with president-elect Dr. Bruss. Upon finishing that final class, I was able to ring the Springfield Bell - a tradition to commemorate the end of coursework. I began my vicarage on August 1st at St. Paul, Gar Creek. It is local and we are grateful that we will not have to move for this year. St. Paul Lutheran is a lovely congregation and I am looking forward to serving with Rev. Michael Blodgett and learning the ins and outs of pastoral care. In addition to serving the congregation at Gar Creek, I will also be teaching middle-school theology at Central Lutheran elementary. As an alternate route student, I will be eligible for a call this upcoming April. This journey has been possible because of the support and prayers from you. I will be forever grateful. You have been a true blessing.

This summer we have enjoyed some quality family time together. In June we spent a few days on a lake, just the five of us. In July we camped for a week with my wife's extended family. The kids enjoyed plenty of cousin time. Now, my wife is preparing for another school year teaching middle-school English. Luke will be in 8th grade, Steven will be in 3rd, and Vivian will be joining them as she begins pre-school this year.

Again, thank you for your support -

Jason von der Lage & family

