

Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Fort Wayne, Indiana! As I am writing to you now, I have successfully completed my vicarage, have moved back to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and have started classes for my final year of seminary. Classes are going well, and the transition back to school has been smooth, thanks be to God!

When I last wrote, I was entering into those last few months of vicarage. As school came to an end things got quieter, but vacation bible school and a few youth trips kept things busy. I also had the joy of working with the new vicar over the last few weeks, and I am sure he will do well and grow greatly during his time there as I did. My time at Good Shepherd was a joy, not only just these last few months but the entire vicarage. I miss serving the saints of God there in the congregation, and also working with the pastors there. Their kindness and support for me, especially through my health issue, was truly a blessing from God. I will miss them, and I hope to stop by periodically to say hello on my breaks.

At home, visiting family and friends at Peace Lutheran Church in Greensburg, Kansas

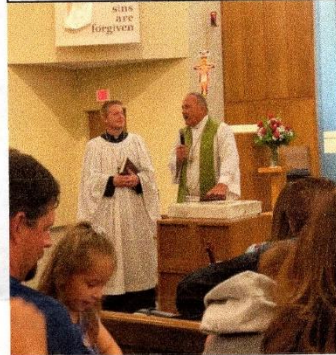


In terms of health, I am doing well. The doctors have said that I am in perfect health from my tests, and for now they are just keeping a close eye on me. As in all things, my health is in His hands and He has taken care of me as He does for us all.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support through my journey, for your prayers and your gifts. I pray that God would continue to bless you through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and hope to keep you updated as call day for me gets ever closer!

In Christ,  
*Lawson*

My last Sunday preaching at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as their vicar.



I had some time off after vicarage, and I filled that time with a couple weekend weddings, and spending time visiting family and friends. I also had the privilege of preaching at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lexington, Missouri. It was a joy to get to meet the congregation in person, and I want to thank them for their generosity, especially the Leimkuehler family for hosting my family and I.

As I said earlier, I am now back at seminary, with classes in full swing. Seeing old friends is nice, and being back in the classroom and studying has been enjoyable as well, in its own way. Also, as it turns out, one of my vicarage supervisors, Pastor Christopher Maronde, is back here at seminary also. He is preaching part time, and teaching a few classes while working on his PhD. As it turns out, I will be taking a class from him in the spring, which should really be fun, and a good learning experience!

A picture of the Main Plaza at Fort Wayne Seminary. It's good to be back!

