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Dear Saints of the MN North District,

It is amazing how much has happened since the last newsletter, though only a couple of short months ago! On April 29th, a call was extended to me by Christ Lutheran Church in Elbow Lake, MN and Zion Lutheran Church in Hoffman, MN. As is the practice of the Synod, seminarians don't learn where they will receive a call until the call service. After call night, I completed all of my required coursework with the support of Jenn and my friends. I then graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary on the 15th of May. I give thanks to the Lord for the overwhelming support and encouragement that has come from you at the congregations who have supported us, my family, and my friends.

After receiving all of my final grades, I was able to submit letters accepting my call to Elbow Lake and Hoffman. Due to traveling for my cousin's graduation, we were actually able to visit both congregations and present the acceptance letters in person! Jenn and I are excited to be moving to the parsonage which is located next to the church building in Elbow Lake, MN (the address will be provided below). For now, Jenn's last day working at Parkview in Fort Wayne was June 12th. It was in many ways difficult as she said goodbye to coworkers that she has gotten to know over these four years. We are also in the midst of packing up our house again and preparing for the move. We celebrated our ten year anniversary by going to Germanfest in Fort Wayne, a celebration with German food, drink, and music. It is funny that our first true date night in Fort Wayne was going to Germanfest, and our final date night and celebration of God granting us these ten years together is also at Germanfest.

Moving day is quickly approaching, as we load the Uhaul in Fort Wayne on the 26th of June, and will be unloading it the following day in Elbow Lake. From there we will head to the congregation that we departed from in Garrison, MN in order to join them again to celebrate the Divine Service, and to say our thank yous and goodbyes. It will then be on July 12th at 4PM (CDT) that I will be ordained and installed at my new congregations. The service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Hoffman. We decided to have the ordination and installation at the congregation in Hoffman as it does provide more space to accommodate members of both congregations, family, friends, and those who would like to attend from supporting congregations.

Blessings,

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Thank you for all of the prayers, scholarships, and gifts that helped pay Mark's seminary tuition over these four years. We are happy to be returning to the district very soon!