

Dear Council of Lutheran Women,

With our second year of Seminary well under way, it is my desire to express to you how grateful we are for the love and support you have shown to us. Without your selfless expression of Christian love in the form of financial support, there is no way that our family would be able to make it through this important time in our life. Financial worries naturally come with devoting so much time to the study of God's word, and those worries have the potential to hinder the necessary focus required by such a crucial endeavor. But you, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, have helped tremendously in alleviating some of those worries, and we cannot thank you enough.



This last summer was just wonderful for us as a family, as well as beneficial for me in my formation as a future pastor. We had more time together as a family than we ever have! An essential part of my being a sailor in the Navy was that I was inevitably away from home for long stretches, and of course, now Seminary keeps me quite busy

with studies. This summer afforded us a long overdue, and much cherished, chunk of time where we could just be together as a family. Although I still studied and read for large portions my summer days, preparing for the upcoming year, I was always available whenever they needed me. This was a nice change from the usual.



We had the chance to do a little bit of camping, which is something we have always wanted to do but never had the time. I think camping is the only activity where even if everything goes wrong, kids getting ill, raining all day, forgetting to bring...everything, it still enjoyable somehow!



Elisabeth (11) has now started 6th grade where she will continue to learn Latin, geography, spelling, math etc. This year she will be studying about Famous Men of Greece, Biology, and Trees (as an introduction to botany). Over the summer she taught herself to play the ukulele. We were shocked at how quickly she was able to figure out songs by ear so quickly.

David (5) has begun 1st grade this year. He is learning to read, and continues to show signs of being a math whiz. He loves to fix things and whenever daddy walks by with his tool bag, no matter what he is in the middle of, David is right at daddy's heels, ready to pitch in and help in the fixing!



Clara (3) is thoroughly jealous of David's schoolwork. Everyday she asks mother for letter and number worksheets so that she can do school too. She loves riding her bike all throughout the day, swinging herself on the swing, and cats. She has become



incredibly helpful to her mother. Whenever Katherine is cooking, Clara chops the vegetables, stirs the soup, and does whatever else mother asks. She also is a great help with her baby sister, attending to her every need.



Lucy (1) started walking about a month ago, and now she is *really* walking. Everywhere. And she loves books! She'll take them off of the shelf, bring them to Mommy or Daddy, and demand that they be read to her. She also enjoys being pushed in the swing which hangs from the tree out front, and she has the most contagious laugh.



Katherine & John have been enjoying doing daily devotions with the kids, and dreaming about where the Lord may send us for vicarage at the end of this year. We take walks together and listen to bible studies and sermons. We try everyday to keep Christ at the center of our marriage and family. Always praising and thanking Him every day for the enourmous blessings He gives to us.



We pray that this little update letter finds you well, and that the Lord continues to bless and keep you steadfast in His word each and every day. You have truly been a help to us as I prepare to be a faithful pastor in Christ's Church, and as they prepare to be a faithful pastor's family. There is great joy to be shared amongst us all as we are united by faith in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.



In Christ always,

The Baseley Family