

Dear Council of Lutheran Women,

Thank you for your continued support. This year has been one of change and personal growth in nearly every aspect. During my time at Bethlehem, Holly and I have added another member of our family. Our eldest is Anastasia (age 2), and our second child is Amelia (born December 17th). While here, I've been able to develop the skills that will be needed to move into my first call. In addition, I've lost about 80 pounds since September.

The people of Bethlehem Lutheran are truly wonderful and supportive. It will be difficult to say goodbye to them. My wife Holly and I are looking forward to call day, right around the corner now!

We are incredibly fortunate to be blessed by the Council of Lutheran Women and commend your work in helping support many seminarians. We are truly grateful.

God's blessings,

Andrew Simpson

PS The first photo attached is from Easter Sunday, the Second was taken on the day of Amelia's baptism. The third picture is me with a manatee. I am a big fan of the sea cow and was privileged to see many at Blue Springs Park. The final photo was taken during our congregation's Trunk R Treat festivities.

