



# First Half Spring Semester Recap 2022

Hei og tusen takk!!!

That is, “Hi and a thousand thanks!” In Norwegian. I have begun learning Norwegian or “Norsk” because I, along with my fiancé, Fiona, are planning to study abroad in Norway at the Seminary in Oslo for a year in 2024. Especially this first half of my second semester here, I am feeling led to pursue mission work in the church in some capacity, whether that be overseas or domestically. The Lutheran Church in Norway does a lot of mission work and has helped roughly 150 countries worldwide in their missions. I am hoping that studying abroad there, I may learn more about global mission work and make connections that will be helpful in my future work. Both Fiona and I are interested in and willing to learn more about mission work!

During winter break, I spent most of my time in Fiona’s hometown of McMillan in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This was a snow-filled and chilly winter, which we both love! I also brought my Brazilian friend from the seminary, Kaue, (Cow-aye), and he was able to see snow falling for the first time in his life! This first half of the semester has been a great blessing! I am just finishing up the classes Pauline Epistles and The Pastor in Church and Mission, and will start Synoptic Gospels and The Devotional Life when I get back from Michigan after Reading week (March 21-25). Homiletics (which is my favorite class so far) and Creeds and Confessions run for the entire semester. Thank you again for all of your support and your Prayers!! I look forward to our further correspondences! Tusen Takk!!!

Sean Sheppard, P.S. This picture is at Whitefish point, off of Lake Superior, where I proposed to Fiona, also it is famous for where the Edmund Fitzgerald sunk.