To the Council of Lutheran Women,

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

I thank you for your continued support and prayers for our family throughout this year at seminary! Remembering my correspondence with you through my time at seminary until now certainly causes me to rejoice at how much support you've given us and at how much God has blessed our time at seminary thus far. With a growing family and more advanced classes and responsibilities, your aid and prayers mean more now than ever!

Classes have been going very well this year. I continue to be diligent in my studies and am always growing in my preparations to be a pastor. It's a true joy and a blessing to be able to study at this seminary, a blessing that would be impossible for my family without the support of you and others.

Our Christmas break consisted of rich celebrations of the Nativity and Epiphany of our Lord and some time to visit our families in Michigan. Since returning from break, we've had lots of snow and opportunities to play outside with the kids. Our daughter Elsie (two and half) energizes our family and fills our home with joy. Our son Felix is almost one, and we enjoy watching him learn to move around more and more. We're very excited to share that God has blessed us with another child, due in July, Lord willing. We thank God that Abby and the baby have been healthy so far in her pregnancy and we ask that you would keep them in your prayers.

We are looking forward to some rest and family time this Spring break. We will be in touch with you and will be eager to share what the next year has in store for us once we find out!

Joy! Dylan, Abby, Elise, Felix, and Baby

