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Fall

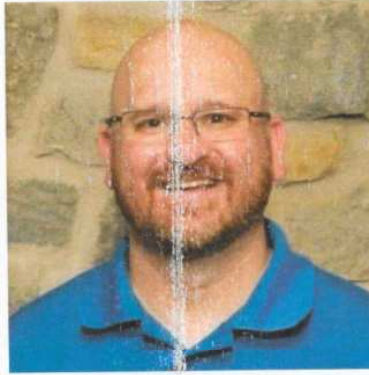
Transitions & Beginnings >>>

May – Decision made!

June – School ends, vacation, & packing

July – Move to Fort Wayne

August – New school year starts



von der Lage

Jason at Seminary >>>

Fall Greek is Intense!

“It’s like drinking from a firehose” – that is the simile everyone has used when referring to fall Greek, and it is truly an accurate comparison. I will admit that there have been moments when I’ve doubted if I can do this, but my dear wife reminded me to trust in Him rather than in my own ability and He will see me through. As the days have passed, I’ve been able to establish a routine, find a tutor, and receive encouragement from my fellow seminarians. It is, without a doubt, one of the most difficult academic feats I’ve undertaken, but with His help, I will understand Greek.



God is Good and Faithful

Open Doors and Open Arms

We cannot deny that God has placed us here in this time and place. For years I have been feeling a pull toward becoming a pastor, but we never doors open to make this a reality. This past winter we were searching unsuccessfully for a new house in Michigan. After so many doors closing, we re-evaluated whether God was pushing us in a different direction. Once we set our eyes upon the Seminary at Fort Wayne, the path was cleared and we just had to walk forward in faith. All in short order, Ruth received a call to St. Paul’s Lutheran School where she can teach in the building with our boys, we found a house with more than enough space for our family, Vivian has a babysitter directly across the street, and we have been blessed with your support. We cannot deny that God has taken care of our every need and demonstrated His perfect care for us.

The last couple months have been quite busy with moving, painting, repairs, and settling into our new home. Ruth’s family was gracious and provided us a day of labor to tackle the overgrown yard and dilapidated deck. We are grateful for the home God has provided.

Ruth loves being a part of a close-knit faculty at St. Paul’s. It has been quite the adjustment after teaching high schoolers for the past 17 years, but she is up to the challenge of overcoming middle school drama.

Luke (11) has found friends who share his love of drawing and pokemon and has transitioned well. Steven (6), who is loved everywhere he goes, is already getting into his typical mischief. Vivian has turned two which is only sometimes terrible. She loves her brothers, baby dolls, cookies, and Peppa Pig.