

Dear Council of Lutheran Women,

Thank you so much for your continued prayerful and financial support while I am pursuing a Master of Divinity at Concordia Theological Seminary. It is a great blessing to be here and to prepare for a lifetime of service to Christ and His bride, the Church. Since I last wrote to you, I completed my first quarter of studies, and performed well in all my classes. I just wrapped up my first three weeks of the winter quarter, and am now on Christmas break until

January. I am already deeply enjoying all my classes this quarter, my favorite one so far being Lutheran Confessions. Since it is winter, I have joined the seminary's basketball team to stay active despite the cold. In the meantime, over break I will be spending time with family from Michigan and Wisconsin. Thanks again and I pray that you have a Merry Christmas! In Christ,

William Elbel