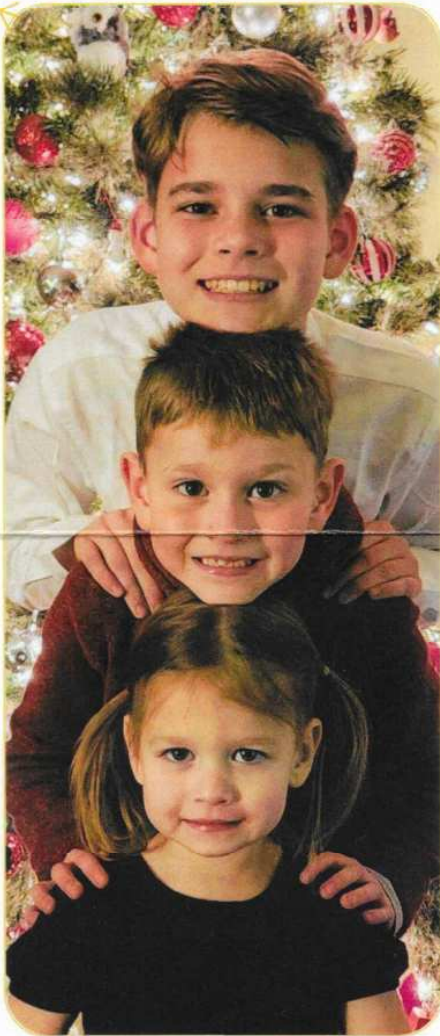


DECEMBER 2023

Merry Christmas from the von der Lages



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

What a difference a year makes! Jason only has six months left of classes at the seminary before vicarage. He is currently taking Ministry in a Pluralistic Society, Pastoral Theology 2, Field Work 2, Major Prophets, and Theologia: Baptism. He will find out in April where he will serve his vicarage year. In his spare time, he has enjoyed fishing at the Seminary lake.

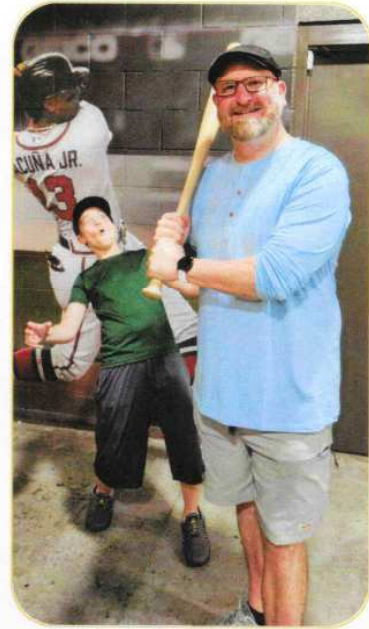
As you may remember, last year was a big struggle in my classroom. But, changes were made and I am enjoying perhaps my happiest teaching year ever. I also directed a middle school murder mystery play and will start up a yearbook club after the new year.

Luke turned 13 this year (yikes!). He was confirmed at St. Paul's last spring and enjoyed participating in golf camp this past summer. He is always drawing. He joined Robotics Club and will be starting his second year of wrestling in February.

Steven is a sweet and crazy 2nd grader. This year he decided to play the violin and is doing very well. He is a Lego master and cuddle monster.

Vivian is a strong-willed 3 year-old who has become a chatter-box. She loves tea-parties, dancing, anything pink, and wants to be a mommy.

This summer, Jason's dad, Mark, visited us. He decided to stay and is now living at Brookdale just down the road. It is a joy to have him so close.



1. A family photo at the seminary.
2. This summer we visited the Louisville Slugger museum. Jason and Grandpa were on cloud 9 - homerun!
3. Jason and the boys spent many days this summer bass fishing at the seminary.
4. We love the Ft. Wayne Zoo! Aunt Johanna and Grandpa joined us on on this visit.
5. Steven and his violin.
6. Grandpa loved riding in style as we visited The Ark.