

Dear St. John's Family,

As we are now a few months into 2023, I wanted to write and tell you how thankful I am for all your support on my seminary journey. All the texts, calls, prayers, and everything in between truly mean so much to me. As many of you heard when I was home for Christmas, my first semester at seminary was nothing short of phenomenal. I feel so incredibly blessed to be in this holy space learning alongside other future leaders of the church. If anything, being here makes me even more excited that I answered God's call to ministry.

Thank you all so much for all your support as I navigated doing my first ever (solo) Christmas Eve service. Not many people in their first year of seminary can say that they have already done one of the biggest services of the year, and I am so grateful that your love and support kept me going.



I hope that you are all faring well in the Pennsylvania winter that is often full of ice, snow, and wintry mixes. I have quickly found that the Minnesota winters are much colder and snowier. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you as our congregation is in this time of transition and calling a new pastor.

Once again, thank you for welcoming me into such a holy space every time I come home, and thank you for your continued support. It truly does mean the world to me that I have so many people in my corner. God has truly blessed me with amazing people in my life, both here in Minnesota and back home in Pennsylvania.

With immense gratitude,

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