

News of Nathaniel Brown's Seminary Journey

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Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ! I pray all of you had a restful Christmas season. I went home for Christmas, and I was busy helping to lead worship at my home congregation. That was a busy week, but it was good preparation to see how a busy worship week will work when I get a call in the future, or when I am on vicarage. In January, I had

a Winterim class in St. Louis. It was a two week class that focused on Pastoral Leadership in small and large congregations. It was a helpful experience to have a week at a small congregation and a week at a large congregation, to talk with the pastors about Strategic Planning, Budgets, equipping volunteers for ministry, and to think about the kind of congregation I want to lead in my first call. It was a helpful class to begin to think about my future vicarage. I have also been helping with confirmation at my field work and it has been wonderful to share our Lutheran Identity with the children of my field work congregation, as well as the parents in order to further strengthen the learning process of the family as a whole. As we approach this Lenten season, I pray God's blessings to you, as we remember the greatest Blessing that Christ gave us!



Prayer List:

- For all people, that they may come to the knowledge of Christ and so be saved.
- For all our leaders, that the rules they enact may lead us to quiet and dignified lives.
- That the Church would be strengthened.
- For the Seminary students in St. Louis and in Ft. Wayne, that they may be able to serve His people faithfully.
- That I can stay on top of our classes for this semester, while also developing a deeper prayer and devotional life.
- That all people dealing with mental illness can find comfort in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

If you have prayer requests, or want to talk, please send them to me! My email is brownn@csl.edu, and my address is: 801 Seminary Place St. Louis, MO 63105