

## Second Year Seminarian Nathaniel Brown's Journey

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our LORD Jesus Christ! Where has August gone? It seems like yesterday that I was just starting Hebrew and it is over. Hebrew went well and I am glad I am done with the class, even though I know I am going to keep learning from both Greek and Hebrew for the rest of my time at the Seminary and in my future ministries I serve.



One of the big things I have done over my two week break is I went on a long walk. Since November, I have been

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tracking my steps to get around 5 miles of total walking in a day. Over the two weeks between Hebrew and Fall classes, I decided to walk as far as I could, and quit when I wanted to. Over the break, I made it over 22 miles! I am

happy I did that, but my muscles are a bit tight about doing that many miles.

This year at Field Work I will be teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders about the prophets of the Bible and the life and miracles of Jesus. I hope that some of the complexities of the



prophets can be explained to help them see that the prophets point to specific events, but also point to the person of Jesus and how He completes them also.

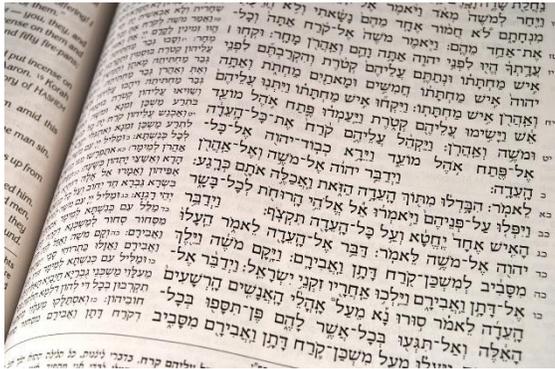
### Prayer List:

- 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 may be strengthened.
- For the Seminary students in St. Louis and in Ft. Wayne, that they may be able to serve His people faithfully.
- That the second years going on vicarage and fourth years receiving their first calls may be strengthened.
- That the Pastors being ordained this summer may be faithful shepherds of His people.
- For all pastors and professors that they may be faithful in their service to the Church and to the Scripture

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

Classes are starting again at the end of the month, and so here are my classes. I am taking Theological German, The Torah, The Prophets, The Lutheran Church and the Reformation, Systematics 1, and Pastoral Care and the Word. I think I am most excited to be taking Pastoral Care and the Word because having a pastor talk to you about issues that you struggle with and being able to discuss them theologically has been amazing for me, and since it is a large part of a pastor's job, I am excited to see how it works being the counselor instead of the counseled. I am excited for all of

my classes but in addition to the Pastoral Care and the Word, I am excited to be taking both the Torah and the Prophets. Both are going to be diving into the Hebrew Old Testament, and will help me find Christological prophecies in the Old Testament without getting there too quickly, as well as the content of these portions of Scripture.

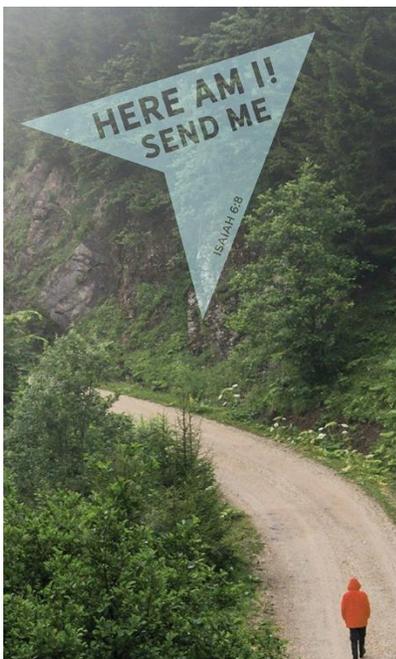


This month has been really exciting in preparing for

classes, but it is also exciting for other reasons. Our Lutheran Confessions say that there are three reasons to celebrate the saints, to see examples of God's mercy for His people, to strengthen our faith, as we can see Peter forgiven by Christ even after he denied Him, and to give us an example of how we should live in faith toward God. It is important that we have these days to honor the Saints. August 15 is the feast of St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord. There was talk on campus about Mary and saints in general, which is why I put it in this newsletter. We don't honor Mary because



of her work, but she was the God-bearer, when she had Jesus in her womb. We also don't pray to her, because we are not guaranteed from Scripture that any saint hears our prayer. Instead we honor her for being favored by God (Luke 1:28) and in faith saying, Let it be according to your word (Luke 1:38). We as Lutherans don't want to say too much about Mary or too little about her.



Next week is Orientation for the First Year class, so soon campus will come back to life. It has been a quiet summer but I am excited to see new friends for the next year. God's richest blessings to all of you this month!†