

Friends of Peace!

We pray you are well! Hannah and I are looking forward to seeing you all but felt that a letter from time to time would be a great way to stay in touch and share how **we are so incredibly thankful for you!** The support we received, monetarily and in prayers, from Peace as a Church has been a blessing. We are also so thankful to those individuals who generously gave us money back at Staff Appreciation weekend, which we set aside for fees, books, and other "miscellaneous" expenses at the Seminary that isn't covered in tuition. **Your generosity warms our hearts.**

We miss you dearly. We look forward to seeing many of you during the Holiday Season and hearing about all the new and wonderful things going on at Peace and in your lives. Our adjustment to St. Louis has been, no surprise, hot. The week after we moved in it was 100-degrees, and that doesn't include the heat index.

In fact, a few weeks ago, as we watched the school Hannah teaches at – Lutheran High School of St. Charles County – play their first football game, I looked at my phone and realized that it was 103-degrees at 9:30pm! **Even in the heat, we are doing well.** Other than classes, we've been busy making friends, checking out St. Louis, and adjusting to our new season of life.

I am learning and serving at a church in Columbia, IL called The Way. The Way was originally a "church plant," meaning they were a church started by another church. They have been "their own" for almost 2-years and the people are so welcoming – perfect for Hannah and me.

We are so incredibly thankful for you! We cannot stress it enough. As I'm learning in my Pastoral Theology class, the Church is the church when God's Word is proclaimed and lived out. We are immensely thankful that Peace has lived out the open-handed generosity and service Jesus describes throughout the Gospels!

If you, as an individual, are interested in supporting us financially, you can send checks directly to the Seminary or talk to Pastor Dave/the Office about how to send them to us. **Know that sending money to the Seminary goes toward either tuition or insurance** – not books, rent, diapers, or other expenses.

If you cannot support us financially – **please support us in prayer!** We could especially use prayers for: Hannah and baby to be safe and healthy; Blake to continue to excel in studies; Continued guidance and assurance that we have made the right decision.

Thank you all! God's richest blessings!

Blake & Hannah Brockman

Handwritten signatures of Blake and Hannah Brockman. Blake's signature is a stylized 'B' followed by a flourish. Hannah's signature is 'Hannah' written in a cursive script.

p.s. – "Baby Brockman" is a BOY 😊