## Friends of Peace!

We hope and pray that you are doing well! We are thankful for being able to see some of you while home over Christmas. We pray your Christmas celebrations and New Year went and has started well! We miss you all dearly.

## A little update on our lives down here in STL:

We're officially getting ready for vicarage. We had our "interview" at the beginning of December. While we have no idea where we'll be sent, the placement director ended our time together saying, "I'm pretty sure I have a place already figured out for you." We think that's good... He also confirmed that our vicarage will not be local to the St. Louis area, which means that Hannah will not be teaching at her current school next year. The Vicarage Placement service is on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and we'll make sure Peace has a link if you are interested in seeing where we are placed for vicarage.

I just finished up a 2-week intensive class on Pastoral Leadership. It was reassuring to see that how Peace manages ministry, finances, etc. are what the Seminary advises us to do. The Spring Semester starts on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. Preacher Basketball has been going well. We don't win very often, but it's a good workout and great time with fellow future pastors. As I write this, I'm icing my ankle after a win versus the local Roman Catholic Seminary!

School continues to go well for Hannah. She's enjoying her last year at LuHigh-St. Charles County. We continue to be thankful for the friends she's made while working at LuHigh. A few of them even came to Judah's birthday party!

Judah is WALKING! Thankfully he's a good listener and hasn't gotten into too much trouble with his new-found mobility (yet). He is getting more adventurous. It's pretty common for him to either walk or crawl away from us and to other people during sermons at church. We celebrated Judah's first birthday with friends from the Seminary and some family who were able to join us. We are continually thankful for Judah.

**Thank you again for your support and prayers!** We pray that God continue to share His generous love in and through you to the Antigo community!

With Love & Gratitude,

Blake, Hannah, and Judah