



Final moments in our Pipestone home.

GET TO KNOW THE AMEN FAMILY CONTINUED:

- Kids' facts in [July News](#)
- Chris & Becky facts in [Aug News](#)
- Dog: Gaspar
 - Shih tzu/ bichon
 - Born October 20, 2021
 - Joined family Christmas 2021
 - Named after one of the traditional names of one of the Magi

Other fun family facts:

- 5 different birth states. (TX, MI, IN, NV, and WI)
- 5 currently serving LCMS pastors in the family and 1 deceased (Chris' grandfather)
- Favorite getaway location: Camp Luther, Three Lakes, WI
- Attended a combined 12 major league baseball ballparks since 2008.
- Both of our dads are named John.



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Be Still and Know

Our recent travels took us to New Jersey, where we had the joy of joining the New Jersey District LWML Convention and sharing about LCMS International Mission and our upcoming service in the Dominican Republic. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet faithful sisters in Christ. The theme of the convention was from Psalm 46 **"Be Still and Know That I Am God."** With so many things to prepare and details to organize, it is easy to become focused on everything that needs to be accomplished. Yet Psalm 46 reminds us that the Lord is God, He is at work, and our confidence rests not in ourselves but in His gracious promises.

While at the convention, we were also blessed to participate in the LWML's in-gathering projects. We helped pack food and diapers for local families in need and tied blankets for veterans. These projects are a wonderful reminder that Christian mission is not only about crossing borders or traveling to distant places. Wherever the Lord has placed His people, He gives opportunities to show mercy and love our neighbors in tangible ways. These acts of mercy flow from the mercy we receive from Christ.

August 16th was my official installation service at St. Paul in Fulda, MN (picture pg. 2).

We have had many opportunities to share with congregations and continue to be thankful for the overwhelming support that has been graciously shown.

Now, the reality of our move to the Dominican Republic continues to become more tangible. We have been steadily paring down our belongings, moving things into storage, and making preparations for



our departure. We had some final moments in our Pipestone home (picture left).

We also look forward to more opportunities in the coming weeks to visit congregations, families, and supporters before our move in October. Each visit has been a reminder that this mission is not something we undertake alone. We go as partners in the Gospel, supported by the prayers, encouragement, generosity, and fellowship of many brothers and sisters in Christ.

So, as the days of preparation continue, we are learning again to **be still and know that He is God**. Our plans may change, our preparations may feel overwhelming, and the future may sometimes seem uncertain. But Christ is certain. His Word is certain. His forgiveness is certain. And His promise to build and preserve His Church remains sure.



August 21-22 at New Jersey District LWML



With Pastor Shawn Ethridge,
St. Paul Fulda, MN after installation

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Safe travels in the coming weeks and months to visit congregations.
- Sale of Pipestone home.
- Visa application process. After some delays with state of Michigan documents all are now sent in for processing.
- St. Paul Pipestone, pastoral vacancy

WE GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Family and temporary housing at various times and locations as needed.
- Spanish tutors and beginning of lessons.

PRaise GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage, and support us!

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- * Immanuel, Junction City, KS, they also have great outreach to military families (Chris' sister attends here while her husband is stationed at nearby Fort Riley). We were thankful for the opportunity to visit and share.
- * St. John, Luverne, MN, a wonderful partner church from our home circuit. Pastor Phil Booe also hosts [Thy Strong Word on KFYO](#), check it out daily!
- * St. Paul, Fulda, MN, also from our home circuit served faithfully by our circuit visitor Pastor Shawn Ethridge (picture top left). This service was also the installation service with prayers for our family in travels and service.
- * New Jersey District LWML Convention and New Jersey District Office Staff
- * King of Kings, Mountain Lakes, NJ, a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Pastor Steve Vera and his family, as they were in the same circuit as us while serving in Wisconsin. (picture right)
- * Family of Christ, Houlton, WI, Pastor Jesse Baker served previously in the Pipestone Circuit and his wife Alissa served as church office secretary for two years with Pastor Amen at St. Paul, Pipestone. (picture bottom right)
- * Throughout these travels we have been thankful for opportunities to connect with other family and friends in various areas.



SEPTEMBER TRAVELS:

- Risen Christ, Davenport, IA
- Concordia, Geneseo, IL
- Bethlehem, Carson City, NV
- Shepherd of the Sierra, Carson City, NV
- Trinity, Gardnerville, NV
- Sierra Lutheran High School,
- Mission Festival at Immanuel, Ormsby, MN
- Faith, Plano, TX
- Faith, Wylie, TX
- Messiah, Keller, TX
- St. Matthew, Conway, AR

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