

2023 Rubin Perpetual Memorial Scholarship Recipient's Thank You Stories Peder Saethre — The Fourth of Four Future Church Workers

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Dear saints of the CNH LWML,

My name is Peder Saethre. I am married to my lovely bride Abbie. We have been married for only two years. We are originally from Kingsburg, CA (near Fresno) and we miss the warm weather and family! I am now a 4th year student at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis studying for my MDiv to become a pastor. I'll be going on a second vicarage to train even harder before I become a pastor. My wife wants to study to become a counselor.

Some of my hobbies include botany, cooking, making kombucha, researching things I don't know on the Google machine, and many other artful things. Abbie likes to do crafts, listen to music, watch musicals, and sing.

We are so grateful for all the love, prayers, and financial contributions you have given to us, as this helps support my tuition needs and seminary journey toward pastoral ministry! I thank God that you have been on this journey with me to make it happen! Thank you most recently for the \$1,000 from your Rubin Perpetual Memorial Fund that was part of the \$3,200 grant that was given me to aid in the final full academic grind at the sem.

At the sem, we learn lots of things like how to preach, the history of the LCMS, other denominations, books of the Bible, and many other various topics on theology. The most recent class I am taking that I have been most interested in is Pastoral Leadership and Theology. This class explores various case studies of pastoral situations. How do we navigate through these? What tools do we have at our disposal to think through them? These tools will be really important to consider as each of us enters into the pastoral ministry and encounters the various issues each church faces.

Regards and God bless,

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