

# *Greetings from Fort Wayne!*

At the last LWML National Convention in Sioux Falls, SD, I sat up in the nosebleed section with my husband Roy and my friend Martha. Roy had been on the main floor of the convention visiting with a gentleman he had just met. When we got up to our seats, he nudged my arm and said that the man he had been visiting with was a pastor. Then he asked me what I thought about him becoming a pastor. I looked at him, smiled and said, "Too old!" Little did I know that less than a year later Roy would be attending classes at Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne!!

Roy is in the second quarter of his first year at Concordia Theological Seminary after taking Greek this past summer. We are continuing to settle in to our house, and after six months here, it is feeling like home to us. There's nothing like decorating a house for the holidays to make you "feel at home."

First and second year seminary students are assigned to an area church for fieldwork, where they assist with liturgy, Bible study and an occasional sermon. Roy's assignment is at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Ohio City, OH. Our drive to church is 36 miles one way! St. Thomas is a lovely congregation; small, but faith-filled and dedicated, worshipping about 50 people each Sunday.

Since our church membership stays at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids until Roy is called to a congregation, I am a member of LWML Iowa District East, worshipping in the Ohio District and living in the Indiana District! I am meeting wonderful ladies who are involved in LWML in each location!

We continue to use the food and clothing co-op at the seminary and are able to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables, pork and chicken and paper goods. I "shop" there about once a week, although the food coop is open for shopping two times a week. The clothing co-op is open for shopping Monday through Friday. Every time I go to the co-op, I think of the checks I wrote as treasurer from LWML IDE and we are so very thankful for the past, present, and future support from LWML districts across the country. The co-op helps each student financially meet daily needs, while building for the future ministry of Christ.

I miss my Iowa connections, especially my LWML friends, those that I have met and those that I have yet to meet. May God continue to watch over you and keep you in His tender loving care.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus,  
Joan Berquist

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