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Peace In Christ Lutheran Church
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Dear Members of Peace In Christ Lutheran Church:

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Call Day in St. Louis is always a special time, but experiencing it myself and receiving the call to your congregation was more special than I could have anticipated. The sound of 1,500 voices joined together in song, prayer, and praise was uplifting; the congratulations from professors and Synod officials were encouraging; most of all, I am assured that our Almighty God has been at work through this whole process which has brought us together in our walk of faith.

My family and I joyfully anticipate when we will meet you all in person and begin our partnership together for the work of the Gospel. Till then, I hope to learn all that I can about your congregation, the people of Walkersville and Frederick, and the things that are unique to life there. To help you all get better acquainted with my family and me, I have enclosed a brief biography that I hope will be helpful. Trusting in God's faithfulness, I pray that He will keep you in His loving care over the coming weeks.

In Jesus' Name,
Joseph Eggleston

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Personal & Professional Biography:

Joseph Eggleston is 31 years of age, is married, and is from Clayton, NC. He and his wife, Wendy, will be celebrating their fourth anniversary this coming June. They have a son, Joe, who will be two years old on May 20th, and another child on the way, due July 24th.

Joseph received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from East Carolina University, Greenville, NC in 2000. During his college years he was active in student government and the university marching band. Following his undergraduate studies, Joseph worked as an admissions counselor at Barton College in Wilson, NC. In his third year at Barton, Joseph met Wendy Leimer, who was in her junior year. The two kept in touch as Joseph left for seminary studies in St. Louis, and were married after Wendy graduated the following summer.

Joseph enjoys music, cycling, science fiction, computers, and performing arts. He sang tenor in the Seminary Chorus, and was active in the campus cycling club. Wendy enjoys soccer, baseball, crafts, and most importantly, taking care of little Joe. She has played competitive soccer through most of her life and was a scholarship athlete and team captain in college. She now enjoys her vocation as a stay-at-home mom and loves the freedom to care for and raise her growing family.

Joseph's home congregation is Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Clayton, NC, a mission plant of the Southeastern District, established in 2001. His 12-month vicarage was at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, VA, where he enjoyed teaching a weekly Bible study, preaching every other week, and participating in every area of the congregation's ministry and administration. Joseph and Wendy look forward to putting their years of seminary and vicarage experiences together with the mission of Peace In Christ for God's work. They are especially excited to come back to the Southeastern District and the expanding movement to spread the Gospel through local congregations.

They look forward to Joseph's graduation on May 16th, with the move to Maryland, ordination, and installation soon to follow.