
KLETKE NEWSLETTER

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One Year Down

Well, it's taken me almost two months again to get another newsletter out. As always, Tricia and I have been very busy; but busy with our daily routines. We continue to go to work and school without much excitement or surprise.

The spring quarter ended a couple of weeks ago and I am officially through one year of the seminary - one down and three to go. Classes were very busy this quarter and the last two weeks were a welcomed break; but I registered for summer classes this morning and will be back in the classroom tomorrow. It will be another busy summer with four classes and two of them heavy on my waning Greek skills. Please pray that the Lord continues to support me in my studies.

Last week I made a quick trip to Denver to see my parents. I spent three days catching up on all the family news and just staring at the mountains - in the mornings they were a picture perfect purple clothed in a patchwork of snow. Absolutely stunning. After the hot and muggy weather we've been having in St. Louis, this was a much needed cool and dry vacation. Thanks mom & dad.

Tricia continues to do well and "peanut" continues to grow - just be careful how you make that observation to Tricia. Statements like "Wow, you're big!" or "How's that big belly today?" are liable to get you hit. I've learned that I'm pretty safe with "You look healthy today." although she'll give me a strange look and go away wondering what I really meant. Other than our minor communication difficulties, Tricia and baby are doing well.

There's not much else to tell you about right now. We continue to pick up things for "peanut." Based on a song I sang in choir this past year, we've decided on a theme of lambs for the nursery. Now that we're past Easter, lambs aren't the easiest thing to find, but we've located a couple of things and I may try to get creative. If you see something with lambs on it, please let us know. We pray that all is going well for you and your family. Please make sure to give us a call if you make it into town this summer. We'd love to see you all. God's blessings.

In His Care,
Dan & Tricia

The Lamb

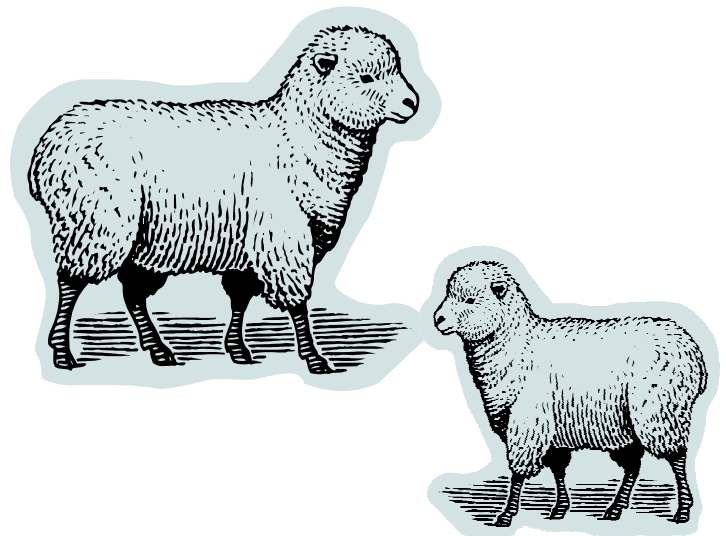
by William Blake (1757-1827)

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed,
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee.
He is called by thy name,
For He calls Himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and He is mild;
He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by His name.

Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!



Tricia's Corner

This has been an exciting month. This month Dan wrote his first (and second) sermon. If I hadn't been convinced before, I'm convinced now that he's going to be great at this. He also had his first worship demonstration. I ironed his black collared shirt and his white robe the night before. We packed lunches and ate breakfast as usual but it seemed like a momentous day saying goodbye and watching him walk out the door with the collar on and his white robe in my dress dry cleaning bag. He has since gotten a garment bag that fits the robe well. I saw the video that night and was amazed at how well poised he was. Not that I was amazed that he could be poised, but that he's graceful and acted like he had done this his whole life. He didn't trip over the robe and he didn't forget what he had spent so much time memorizing. He's a natural.

This month I've had the privilege of watching my body change before my eyes. After spending the first few months nauseous and exhausted, I've moved into the feeling good stage of being pregnant. Someone asked me the other day if I had any cravings yet, and I said "yes, food". Everything sounds good, I just want to eat. Late the other night I wished more than anything that I could have a big juicy burger with French fries. Half of me likes the advice that I've been getting saying enjoy this time and eat whatever you want. The other half sees a colleague two weeks farther along and barely showing. I ended up just going to bed and not making Dan go out and get that burger for me and I didn't starve. So maybe I could start to watch it a little. The latest phrase has been, "wow, you're really starting to look pregnant." I'm trying to figure out if that's a compliment or not. In my heightened emotional state, Dan almost got hit. After a day or so, I decided it was a compliment. Well see if I can keep my emotions in check. I've attached a picture for you to get a laugh over, so enjoy!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAD KLETKE'S BIRTHDAY

MAY 8

MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 8

JESSICA KARCZ'S BIRTHDAY

MAY 21

MARK KENNY'S BIRTHDAY

MAY 21

DALE & VIRGINIA KLETKE'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY

MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 30

DIANE HOLCOMB'S BIRTHDAY

JUNE 2

JAMIE SHEA'S BIRTHDAY

JUNE 6

BRUCE KLETKE'S BIRTHDAY

JUNE 11

FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 19

MARK LYON'S BIRTHDAY

JUNE 21

AUTUMN KENNEY'S BIRTHDAY

JUNE 24

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1
