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HE'S WALKING!!!

It is almost Easter and Tricia just reminded me that we have yet to write an update this year. It might have been more pressing if things were really moving and changing, but so far we have just been keeping our head down and working hard. However, there have been a few developments that you might like to know about.

First – and most importantly – Dustin is now walking!! He wasn't quite as quick on his feet as Dietrich was (9½ mos), but at 10 months and a few days Dustin took his first few steps and hasn't stopped since. In fact, he now prefers to walk instead of getting down to crawl. He is still finding his balance; but you can bet that by the next time you see them, Dietrich and Dustin will both be running circles around you. We have posted a short movie clip on our website of Dustin making his way across the kitchen. Make sure to check it out.

Dietrich has recently begun to sing...a lot!! It seems that every other day when I come home from work he has learned a new song. "Jesus Loves Me" and "Patty Cake" are two of his perennial favorites, but he will also frequently sing "Head and Shoulders," "Old MacDonald," "Twinkle, Twinkle" and "Row, Row Row Your Boat." Next time you are on the phone, make sure to ask for a serenade.

Tricia continues to hold the house together and participate in a variety of other things (how she gets it all done is beyond me). She still quilts every Wednesday morning. She attends my Monday evening small group Bible Study and she is playing in the Pembroke Symphony Orchestra on Thursday evenings. All of that makes my job look small by comparison.

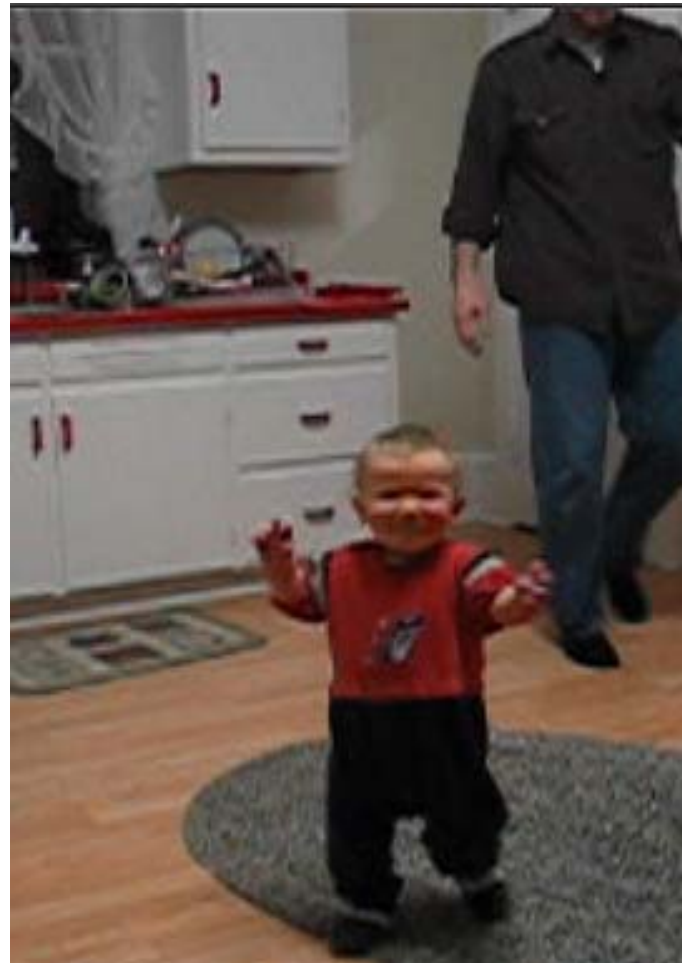
Speaking of my job, things are going very well at the church. A few weeks ago the congregation officially voted to call me as their associate pastor. I left the voter's meeting so that my presence wouldn't effect the discussion; so when the votes were finally counted, they rang the church bells to let me know I had been called. It was a very touching gesture.

Plans for this summer are moving very quickly. We will be in Detroit for a church workers conference May 13th & 14th. Tricia will stay with the boys at her mother's while I am at the conference. We will then drive to St. Louis for my graduation on Friday May 16th. We plan to stay in St. Louis for the weekend and worship at St. Paul's LCMS in Union, MO, on May 18th. We will then head back for home on Monday the 19th. Then we are planning my ordination service at Mt. Olive LCMS in Aurora, CO, on Sunday August 31st with a few days of vacation at the new Kletke Cabin in the mountains. We hope to swing back through Union for another small re-union on September 7th before driving home for my installation service at St. John's LCMS in Pembroke,

ON, on September 14th. If we can cross paths somewhere in our travels, please give us a call or email and let us know. We would love to stop by and see as many of you as possible.

Well, that's about all the news from Pembroke. It is starting to snow again and the prediction is for a foot before church tomorrow morning. Guess I'd better get to my shovel.

God's blessings,
Dan, Tricia, Dietrich & Dustin



Tricia's Corner

On Sunday, February 10, the members of St. John's had congregational meeting to discuss and decide whether or not to call "Vicar Dan" this fall to become "Pastor Dan". There was a bit of anxiety on my part leading up to this day because there was some question whether the congregation would be able to afford the added salary. I was so pleased to hear that not only did the congregation vote to extend a call to Dan, but it passed with 90% approval. I'm so glad that any flowers I plant, I'll see them the next year. We've put up our last few pictures, and I can unpack those last few boxes. I love that I can start to imagine our future here and have peace in knowing that the bonds that have begun to form, can now flourish. Although Dan doesn't enjoy the snow as much as Dietrich and I have, I can't wait to see what next winter will bring. First things first, I would like to enjoy a bit of warmth, the sound of birds, and the flowers of spring.

Dietrich's Corner

My favorite words are "no, pizza, and Dustin". I often spend my time trying to get into things I shouldn't. My toys aren't as fun as the dirt my mom just swept up, jumping on daddy's recliner, and "washing my hands" (I put my hand under the faucet so the water sprays all over the room).

Rock a bye baby

On the tree top.

When the wind blows

The baby fall boom.

Dustin's Corner

I love blowing raspberries and tackling my brother. All of my trucks and cars seem to make the same noise, broom. Anyone can pick me up and I usually give them a hug and an open mouth kiss to thank them for paying attention to me. I have 4 teeth and now that I can walk, I can chase my brother much better.



*He whose **WALK** is upright fears the Lord, but he whose ways are devious despises him. Deuteronomy 5:33*
