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Dear St. Luke's Lutheran Church,

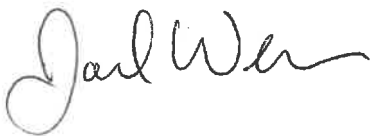
Grace, mercy, and peace to you all! My wife, Adele, and I are thrilled by our vicarage placement at St. Luke's. I eagerly accept the assignment to serve as your vicar, and we both look forward to all that God has in store for us in Oviedo. Ever since the placement service, we have heard nothing but great things about the ministry that St. Luke's is doing. We cannot wait to be a part of it as well!

Adele and I are both Michiganders. We met during our high school years in the town of Munising, Michigan which is on the shore of Lake Superior. Adele studied Communication and Media Studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and I studied Biblical Languages just down the road at Concordia University Ann Arbor. In the summer after graduating college, we got married and moved down to St. Louis so I could attend the Seminary while Adele worked in the marketing department at Concordia Publishing House.

We are excited to be a part of the St. Luke Community, and explore all the great things to see and do in central Florida. As a couple midwesterners, sunny Florida will be unlike any place we've lived before. We both love tennis, and the idea of weather warm enough to play tennis all year sounds like a dream come true!

But, most importantly, I am excited to learn and grow this upcoming year as I serve as your vicar. I pray that I can be a blessing to you in all of this and that, in everything that I do, I share the grace of Jesus Christ with everyone. God is at work in Oviedo through you all; I am humbled to have this opportunity to be a part of it as well. We are praying for you all daily.

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel Werner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name.

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