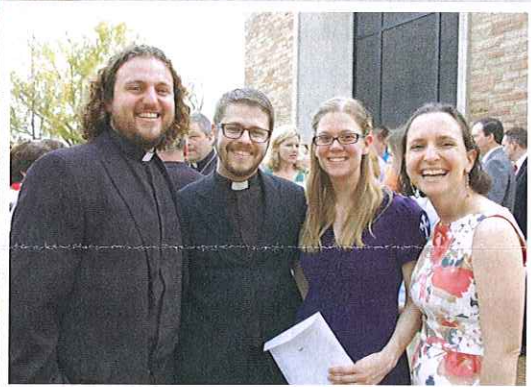
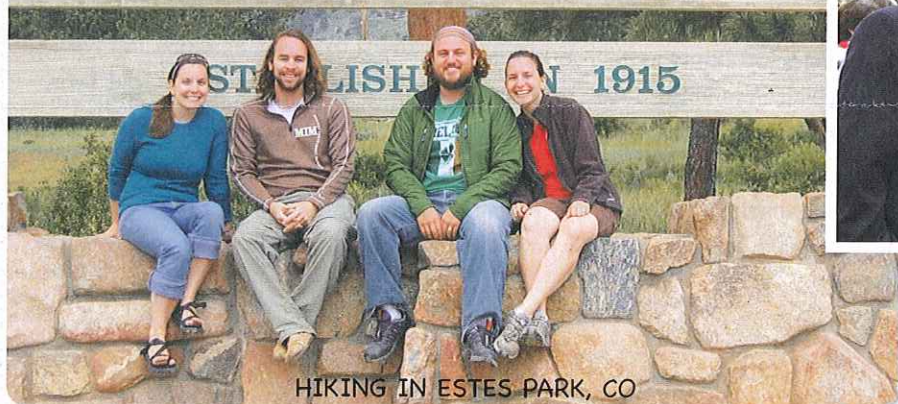


BAYLESS ADVENTURES

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK



CALL DAY WITH OUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW PASTOR/DEACONESS PAIR, KYLE AND MELISSA JONES!

A little traveling is good for the soul...

A little catch up first.

May 1 was Call Day at Concordia Seminary and a much anticipated day by us and all our friends and classmates. It was that day we found out Drew's vicarage assignment to Woodbury Lutheran Church, just east of St. Paul,

MN. However, it would be a few months before we would get there. Ashley continued her work at CPH and the seminary while Drew worked grounds on campus.

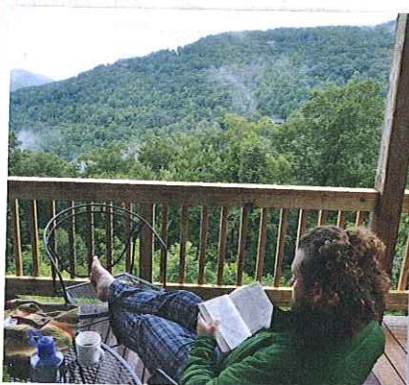
We were able to travel some over the summer which was a great way to relax

and transition into this new chapter. We got to see Estes Park, Colorado and Asheville, North Carolina with friends, in addition to spending time with our families in Texas and Iowa. Lots of miles in the car, but well worth it!

(flip over for more adventures!)



OUR FIRST HOME IN STL



ENJOYING THE NC VIEW



WINE TASTING IN TX

Getting settled in Woodbury, Minnesota...

At the end of July, we packed up our packing pod and moved out of our first home on Bellevue Avenue. Bittersweet to say goodbye to all our friends in St. Louis. We were able to spend some time with Ashley's parents in San Antonio, TX and visited friends in Dallas. Then we drove north through Iowa to visit Drew's sister in Iowa City and then over to Carroll to see his parents. Before too long, we found ourselves in front of our new home in Woodbury! A beautiful little townhouse provided by the congregation. We were met by a large group from WLC who had us unpacked in 30 minutes!

We spent the next few days unpacking boxes, hanging pictures on the wall, and getting to know our new city. Drew was familiar with St. Paul, as he went to Concordia St. Paul a few years ago!

It didn't take long for us to fall into a new routine. Drew quickly became busy at church, preaching, leading worship, visiting shut ins, teaching confirmation, and so much more. Ashley is also working a few hours at church, helping with children's ministry. We are looking forward to serving together as well. We are going to be teaching a "My Bible" class for third graders and their parents as they learn how to use their new Bibles!

We are excited to be a part of Woodbury Lutheran. We are surrounded by great people and confident that we are going to learn a lot about life and ministry here. Many people are asking what will happen next year, since Drew is deferred and we don't have to go back to the seminary. We don't know, but we promise to keep you posted! :) We still feel a pull toward overseas missions, but we also trust God's good timing in our lives.

We pray you are doing well and we'll keep you updated on our next adventures, especially the winter ones!

If you want to keep in touch, please use our new address:

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Much love in Christ our Lord!


Drew and Ashley Bayless