

What is the Vicarage Program

The purpose of vicarage is to continue the theological training of the student by providing him supervised practical experience and opportunity to reflect upon that experience with a practicing pastor as mentor. Similar to internships at hospitals for future physicians, congregations thus provide a formative context for future pastors. At the same time, service is provided to the congregation in which the student is assigned. However, the primary objective is that vicarage be a learning experience for the student.

For the Student: excitement, a break in the rigor of classroom studies, finally putting knowledge into practice day in and day out, opportunity to serve, scary first time activities, making a difference in the life of a congregation, being significantly formed for ministry by a mentor, growing in faith and love for the Savior and God's people.

For the Pastor: energizing, the privilege of forming a man for the ministry, an opportunity to share the joys and fears of the office, thinking through what is done and why, keeping eyes open for additional learning experiences, demanding of time and energy, the satisfaction of seeing a man mature in pastoral identity and practice, growing in the knowledge and peace of God.

For the Congregation: edifying, vision turned outward toward Seminary and Synod, developing mission eyes, opportunity to love a future pastor, helping to shape a future pastor's life and ministry, a time to express faith by opening hearts and lives to the student, receiving assistance in many more areas of the congregation's life, growing in Christ's forgiveness and hope.

Vicarage is a dynamic interaction of student, supervisor, seminary, and church, all growing in the grace of God, to further the personal, spiritual, pastoral and theological formation of a man for the office of the ministry. Risky-yes! Challenging-indeed! Joyous-most definitely!

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Beautiful Savior Past and Present Vicars



2003-2004
Pastor Al Majewski
St. Paul
Lutheran Church
Manito, IL



2004-2005
Pastor Feliz Tovar
King of Kings
Lutheran Church
Chesterfield, MO
Hispanic Outreach Pastor
Previously served at
Immanuel
Lutheran Church
Pilot Knob, MO



2005-2006
Pastor Steve Jones
Living Savior
Lutheran Church
Lake Shore, MN

VICARS COME...AND VICARS GO



2007-2008
Pastor Russ Strimple
Trinity
Lutheran Church
Corpus Christi, TX



2008-2009
Mat Hayter



2009-2010
Brett Matz