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Hello members of Concordia Lutheran Church! My name is Brett Amundson, and in June I am joining the ministry team at Concordia as the Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry. I am looking forward to a great year of getting to know you all, building relationships within the community of Duluth, and sharing the joys and experiences of working in ministry together.

I am excited to be joining Concordia's congregational family and the community of Duluth. Relocating from Iron River, Wisconsin, I know Duluth fairly well and have always pictured myself living in that great place. My passion for youth and family ministry has spanned a good part of my life both personally and professionally. I have previously been on staff in three other ELCA congregations in Minnesota and Wisconsin. However, for the last 9 months I have had the blessed opportunity to be a full-time stay-at-home dad. I have two wonderful children; my daughter Journey will be five years old in August, and my son Raine is three years old. My free time is split between precious time with my children and time spent outdoors, preferably fishing in some way shape or form. Chances are in the coming years, you'll find me some where around the church, around town following members of our congregational family in action, or paddling my canoe in the Boundary Waters.

It is a great time to be joining in the ministry at Concordia. From what I have gathered in conversations, and from reading, many of you are looking forward to growing the breadth and depth of the ministry at Concordia. I foresee being a part of the dreaming, planning, and acting, as truly energizing. I hope that each of you are also able to find an area in ministry that is energizing in your faith life, whether that be in youth ministry, intergenerational ministry, young adult ministry, educational ministry, outreach ministry, small group ministry, or whatever ministry to which the Lord draws you. It is that energy, that passion in our hearts, which brings us closer to knowing Christ, who teaches us to share that passion and love with our Christian brothers and sisters.

Together, let us share the passion and energy of our faith in the pews as well as beyond the doors of this church!

God's Peace to you all,

Brett Amundson  
Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry