

## Shared Intern to Begin in August

Per Halaas will be joining us this late August to begin a yearlong internship that is being shared with four local Lutheran Churches – Arlington Hills, Grace Lutheran, Hope Lutheran and Our Redeemer Lutheran. Here is a letter of introduction from him.

Hi there! I am very excited to begin this internship journey with all of you!

When I first learned about this opportunity to work with four congregations, my mind began to run wild with all of the possibilities we could explore together. And I also couldn't help but feel a sense of serendipity: My first memorable experiences in the life of the church were on the holy ground of the Eastside. In fact, as some of you may recall, my Dad's first call was as the Associate Pastor at Grace. From the mid-eighties through the early nineties, I spent quite a lot of my time on the Eastside—building lasting friendships, having fun, and growing in faith. And as I enter this new phase of my pastoral education, I am filled with joyful anticipation as I imagine the new relationships we will



forge as we share our stories with one another and deepen our sense of how God is active in our lives together. I can't wait for you all to meet my wonderful wife Emily and my boisterous and brilliant young kids, Bror (5½) and Loanna (3)! And I can't wait to meet you!

Yours in Christ, -Per Halaas

**Per will be joining us for Worship in the Park (Phalen Park) on Sunday August 29th, as we join in a shared service with Grace, Hope and Our Redeemer. Hope to see you there!**