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Atkinson, Neb. native Jared Rentschler and his family are settling into Imperial just as he's settling into his new job as youth pastor for Crossroads Wesleyan Church.

The 27-year old began his duties the first part of December. He oversees the youth ministry and Wednesday night youth group, assists other staff at the church, and is involved with the technology of running audio and video parts of services and programs.

Prior to becoming involved in ministry, Rentschler studied mechanical engineering for two years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

He and wife Misty volunteered as youth leaders at Shepherd's Heart Wesleyan Church in Lincoln beginning in 2002. They then moved back to Atkinson while she finished an elementary teaching degree.

Rentschler was hired full time as a youth minister at Faith Wesleyan Church in Atkinson for five years. He is pursuing a degree in pastoral ministries on-line from Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The couple has three children and one due in March. They are Brianna, 5, Madeline, 4 and Andrew, 2.

The youth pastor enjoys being with friends and playing video games. He also enjoyed remodeling the house the couple owned in Atkinson.