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Their three-month old son has a “Husker” strap attached to his pacifier. Looks like Vicar Sean Hansen and his family have settled in in Imperial.

Sean and wife Rebecca moved to Imperial recently with son James. Sean is the new vicar at Zion Lutheran Church.

Beginning this past Sunday, Sean will serve one year at the church, as part of his studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind. He will then return to school to complete his four-year degree, following which he will receive a call to a congregation.

Sean, 23, is from the Cleveland, Ohio area. He was home schooled, graduating in 2003. He then obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theological Languages from Concordia University of Wis. in 2007.

That’s where he met Rebecca, who is originally from Scribner, Neb. She plans to stay home with James, who is a smiling, happy baby.

Sean will preach every other week and will split teaching Bible study with Pastor David Kahle. He will also take some Imperial Manor services, help with youth activities and classes, and will make pastoral visits.

During his year at Zion, the 23-year old specifically hopes to improve at teaching Bible studies and confirmation, and become more comfortable preaching.

“That’s coupled with looking forward to the opportunity to be out interacting with people, and getting the feel of what being a pastor is like.” Sean said one tends to become separated from people at seminary school.

He’s also looking forward to serving the congregation. He’ll be serving more than Zion, as he’s already committed to serving brats at the Orphan Grain Train Bratwurst Feed at the Chase County Fair next Wednesday.

The vicar enjoys reading fiction and nonfiction in his spare time. He’s built computers, and hopes to have the chance to hunt around Chase County.

An interesting note in Sean’s life is that his father, a former business attorney, became a second career seminary student and has just accepted a call to a church in northwest Iowa.