

Brown Family Update 7-6-2021 for St. Martin Lutheran:

“Today marks 6 months since our house fire. 6 months since our lives were forever changed. While somedays it feels like yesterday, other days it feels like an eternity. And sometimes, it feels like a nightmare that we are waiting to wake up from.

Nights are still hard - maybe they always will be. I used to look forward to crawling into bed. Now I struggle and have to force myself. Unless I’m just downright exhausted. We miss our fur babies so much, but Bear has brought the girls so much comfort and joy through all of this.

As a whole, we are doing okay. As good as can be expected. Life feels somewhat “normal”, even if we don’t have a place to call our own yet. We are making a house a home for now and that’s what matters. We are all together and navigating this new life the best that we can.

In a few weeks, the old house will be completely gone. Our first house that we worked hard for and built 20 years ago will be taken away in dumpsters. As hard as it will be to have that final closure, it will be a new beginning. We don’t know when we will be able to rebuild, but what we do know is that God has a plan and we continue to follow his path.

And the love and support that we have received from everyone has been heartwarming to say the least! I continue to pray that someday I will be able to pay it all forward.”

Heather Leigh Brown

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The Brown Family is currently renting the Canada Rd. home owned by St. Martin, which is next to our



church parking lot. We thank God for this happenstance, with the previous renters having vacated and the home not yet put on the mark, enabling us to rent to the Browns while a new home will be rebuilt on their property.

We will continue to update our St. Martin Family with ways that you can be of help and support, especially with prayer! We continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers, not only as they have found a temporary home with us here just across the church parking lot, but also as they begin a long rebuild process. May God continue to richly bless and lead Gerald, Heather, Briere, and Cheyenne in this ongoing journey.

We will keep everyone posted with evolving needs lists once their home rebuild phase commences. Let us remember that this will be a long-term goal, likely well into 2022, as we support the Browns during their home rebuild. St. Martin Lutheran Church Staff would like to thank our many faithful and generous church members and friends for their support in the initial days after the fire and also for continued support as needs arise.

In Christ’s Service,
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