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Hello Friends of Rennerdale,

I hope that you all had a great Memorial Day and enjoyed the HOT weather! It was nice to sit and enjoy the sun, and time with some family. I wanted to let you all know that this week is my last week at Rennerdale. I have enjoyed my time there in semester, and will truly miss you all. You all welcomed me into your congregation with open arms, and treated me like I have been there for years, and I am forever grateful for that. There is one more thing that you all gave me this year, and that was love. I was welcomed with true Christian love. Each week that I walked into the church, I was welcomed with love, and each week when I saw a smiling face, or received a hug, I was reminded of the words from the Apostle Paul.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians, *“And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love”*. Paul writes to tell of the three gifts that God gives to His people. These gifts are promised from God and remain with the people of God always. These gifts are for both the present and the future. The first gift of **faith** means to simply trust in God. God has promised certain things to his people, and they are to trust in that promise in great faith. Second, **hope** is the knowing that God will do great things for his people. Hope for today, tomorrow, and always. Last, is **love**. Love is something that Paul writes that is more wonderful than faith and hope. Love is something that is always given by God, and it is shared with others. It is because of the love of God, which was given to us, that we share it with the world. Because of the love of God given to us, we give that love to others. We care about others, and help others out of simply love. Love will never end.

Friends, I leave you with this message to simply give love. Love those around you and welcome them with the same love you have given me this year. In these times, we all could use more love. I am going to miss you all and thank you for the love you gave me each week. I plan to come back for a visit in the near future. Please keep in contact!

With Love,
Cassie