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From the Desk of Pastor Richard

1 Peter 2:4-6 As you come to him, the living Stone —rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

*“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.” (NIV)*

One time, a friend loaned me his table saw for a project I was working on at my home. I only needed to turn it on once to realize that I’d rather stick with my small hand saw, which seemed far simpler for a novice like me. I’m certainly no construction expert, but I still appreciate the building imagery found in 1 Peter 2. One of the big points of emphasis in the Bible is the construction of the temple. David first talked about building a temple, and his son, Solomon, ultimately completed the project. Exiles returning to Jerusalem rebuilt the temple, which had been destroyed by the Babylonians. And Herod the Great restored and expanded the temple a few hundred years later. Given all this emphasis on the temple, one might imagine God’s goal was to build a stone building. But God was building something much better. 1 Peter 2:4 tells us that Jesus is the living stone and that we are continually being built into God’s spiritual house through him.

I recently read about the importance of a cornerstone. One interesting fact I learned is that in ancient construction, the cornerstone was the first and most important stone in a building’s foundation. Every other stone was positioned based on the cornerstone; if it were off, even a little bit, the other stone would all be out of place. But a perfectly placed cornerstone served as a trusty guide and reference point. In Jesus, God gives us the ultimate cornerstone to whom we can look and put our trust.

Many blessings!

Pastor Richard

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Farewell from Pastor Will

As of July 31st, I and my family will have relocated to St. Louis Missouri in order to serve as the Worship and Creative Arts director at the Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens while pursuing General Pastoral Certification through Concordia Seminary.

As many of you know, I completed the Specific Ministry Pastor certification and was ordained and installed as an Associate Pastor at Hope in March of 2020. I am so deeply thankful for the community my family and I have experienced at Hope and the deep formation I have received here. My love for Hope and its members, staff, and leadership cannot be expressed faithfully in this letter. But please know that the love, care and formation I and my family have received during my 12 years here is one of the chief ways that God has equipped my family and I for this call. While there, I will seek to complete my pastoral formation as required by our Synod, that I may more fully serve our church body.

The Holy Spirit has constrained us to enter this new chapter in our formation - one which I never anticipated and it is incredibly bittersweet to leave. Bitter in that we will miss our church family at Hope Lutheran dearly. Sweet in that we could not have been loved better while serving here. I have been incredibly blessed to see how the Holy Spirit has guided and directed Hope over these past 12 years, and I am confident that the Holy Spirit will continue to strengthen and lead Hope in my absence.

We will not be strangers, and I will continue to update you as we settle into this new season. As this move and role prepare us to more faithfully and completely serve the church as a pastor, I ask for your continued support and prayers. May God bless and keep you, as you have blessed and kept our family so well.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Will



June-July 2022 Church Council Update

- The church sign replacement project is still ongoing but is delayed due to supply chain issues.
- The Church Council is looking into the possibility of transforming a portion of the Fellowship Center into two additional preschool classrooms.
- The Council continues to look into expanding fellowship opportunities and space at Hope. Contact the church office for more information.
- The Elders continue to seek additions to their Board. Please keep the Elders in your prayers as they seek volunteers to serve.
- The Council is investigating the possibility of hosting the Bonita Senior Center Hot Meal Program at Hope Lutheran Church. If approved, Hope will host a hot lunch program for seniors age 60 and above who are Lee County residents. Please contact Sheila Morales for more information.



BIRTHDAYS

Delberth Jennings	Jun 1
William Denno	Jun 2
June Mabie	Jun 2
Samuel Weiss	Jun 2
Kent Witzel	Jun 2
Betty Hilliard	Jun 5
Debra White	Jun 5
Isabella DemareTill	Jun 6
Dave Mohnke	Jun 6
Donna Koontz	Jun 7
June LaBar	Jun 7
Annette Williamson	Jun 8
Carol Hansis	Jun 9
Beverly Smith	Jun 10
Larry Drake	Jun 12
Marie Hacker	Jun 12
Garnet Imbrock	Jun 12
Sophia Till	Jun 13
Donna Selle	Jun 13
John Bambule	Jun 14
Barbara Buss	Jun 14
Marla Reichert	Jun 14
Sandy Harstad	Jun 15
Siegfried Claussner	Jun 16
Dennis Derbyshire	Jun 16
Cindi Nielsen	Jun 17
Karen Bradley	Jun 18
Becky Headington	Jun 18
Dale Rustad	Jun 18
Larry Brown	Jun 19



Karen Berens	Jun 20
Gloria Birkholz	Jun 20
Ron Knautz	Jun 20
Sandra Selfors	Jun 20
Pat Spicer	Jun 20
Jonathon Little	Jun 21
Brenda Wuggazer	Jun 23
Diane Eggebraaten	Jun 26
Douglas Kuhn	Jun 26
Lou Stolz	Jun 26
Al Schafer	Jun 28
Robert Cory	Jun 29
Timothy Evenson	Jun 30
John Weickelt	Jun 30
Lauren Kolstedt	Jul 1
Heather Sorrells	Jul 1
Marie Morton	Jul 4
Helena Nesbit	Jul 4
Rebecca Weber	Jul 4
Stephen Repetto	Jul 8
David Eberhardt	Jul 9

Judith MacGregor	Jul 9
Arlene Baldwin	Jul 22
Beverly Marsland	Jul 27
Dianne Mohnke	Jul 27
Debbie Gotsch	Jul 20
Tina Clark	Jul 11
Richard Cornish	Jul 11
Margaret Hans	Jul 11
Deb Viviani	Jul 12
Lyle Raguse	Jul 13
Timothy Shaffer	Jul 13
Edwin Boerman	Jul 15
Marjorie Claussner	Jul 15
Paul Bradley	Jul 17
Vicki Liesmann	Jul 17
Andrew Mancl	Jul 17
James Nelson	Jul 17
Lydia Stolz	Jul 18
Beverly Kauffman	Jul 19
Don Ede	Jul 20
Herbert Eggerding	Jul 23
Kenneth Keyes	Jul 23
Donna Kacheline	Jul 24
Charlotte Stuff	Jul 25
Yvonne Baremore	Jul 26
John Abernathy	Jul 29
Keith Sersland	Jul 29
Alton Wendzel	Jul 30
Jean Marnocha	Jul 31
Susan Truelson	Jul 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Fred and Joan Wenk	Jun 1
Steve and Debbie Coomer	Jun 2
Robert and Phyllis Erber	Jun 2
Bob and Marilyn Herrli	Jun 4
John and Susan Browning	Jun 5
Al and Julie Schafer	Jun 5
Dennis and Susan Vosberg	Jun 5
Ed and Jan Boerman	Jun 7
Bob and Donna Selle	Jun 7
Ron and Ruth Anderson	Jun 12
Mike and Peggie Krueger	Jun 14
Tim and Karen Evenson	Jun 16
Thomas and Peg Ramsey	Jun 16
Bill and Bonnie Thomas	Jun 16
Michael and Elaine Walsman	Jun 17
Erik and Debbie White	Jun 17
Gordon and Lynda Rehse	Jun 18
Michael and Judith Hamed	Jun 20
Ken and Susan Schwinn	Jun 20
Christopher and Collin Davis	Jun 23
Mike and Marla Reichert	Jun 23
Richard and Carol Heinrich	Jun 24
Bill and Arlene Baldwin	Jun 25



Rich and Judy Beumer	Jun 25
Dick and Evelyn Taylor	Jun 25
Chuck and Mary Kay Fieldman	Jun 26
Don and Karen Center	Jun 27
Bill and Shari Mink	Jun 30
Tom and Becky Headington	Jul 1
Randall and Barbara Perry	Jul 9
Jim and Judith MacGregor	Jul 12
Douglas and Barbara Kuhn	Jul 15
Art and Barb Knueppel	Jul 16
Glen and Patsy Lose	Jul 17
Mark and Cindi Nielsen	Jul 17
Mark and Jan Mahal	Jul 19
Kevin and Sandy Harstad	Jul 20
Tony and Jan Pordon	Jul 21
Bob and Diana Bineau	Jul 22
Dale and Linda Rustad	Jul 24
John and Pam Wilmer	Jul 24
Gary Injaian and Marilyn Fenton	Jul 25
Scott and Jan Krawec	Jul 29
Keith and Jane Sersland	Jul 31
Bob and Marlene Wilson	Jul 31

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

For years, Hope Lutheran Church has held our annual Harvest Festival. It has been a popular, successful, and important outreach to the community where we worship. After a two year break due to the pandemic, we recommenced the Harvest Festival last October under Pastor Will's leadership. As you all know, Pastor Will has moved on so therefore, we are looking for a "Planning Team" to start the process for this year's Harvest Festival.

If you are interested in being on a team to help organize and get this years festival off the ground, please call the office, fill out a get involved card and hand it to an Elder or Usher, or just stop by the office. This is a very special event for our church's outreach ministry and will be a very rewarding experience for all those involved.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

