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From the Desk of Pastor Richard

It can be easy to have a false sense of confidence when everything is going right in our lives. But this illusion is quickly shattered the moment something goes wrong. The writer of Psalm 30 learned this lesson first hand. He thought he was secure and immovable in an ever-changing world. This attitude is reflected in his own words:

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

- NRSV Psalm 30.6

But reality set in when he became sick and had to face his own mortality. Facing death, he reflected on his desperate need for God. As he realized this need, he cried out to God:

To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" **- NRSV Psalm 30.8-10**

God intervened and restored this psalmist to spiritual and physical health. Newly aware of his complete reliance upon God, he realized that praising God isn't a single event but one that's meant to happen every day. This spiritual and physical healing is visible in the conclusion of the Psalm:

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

- NRSV Psalm 30.11-12

The past year has challenged us in much the same way as this psalmist was challenged. Any thought that we're secure and immovable was shattered by the pandemic, which swept across the world like a tidal wave, and reminded us of the temporary nature of the world. Like the psalmist, our only hope and help come from God, who responds to our needs. As activities resume at Hope, the words of Psalm 30 remind us that offering praise and thanks to God for being our one constant is an everyday event.

Many blessings!

Pastor Richard

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Message from Pastor Will

What comes to mind when I say the word “Coke?” You probably think of a red can, or the specific mix of McDonald’s Coca Cola that somehow makes it the best! Well, for me as a child of the south, Coke could mean a lot of things: Sprite, Root Beer, Dr. Pepper. Coke is a catch all term for what my Midwestern friends might call “Pop” and my East Coast friends might call “Soda.” It’s amazing how words can be so flexible!

What comes to your mind when someone says the word “church?” Do you think of our building? Our Sunday morning worship service? The bible studies? When we say the word “church,” maybe you think of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (our denomination). Words can create so many images and ideas for us, and we often think that we know just what they mean! But sometimes the ideas we have can cause us to miss the mark on what it really means.

The word church is no different. We use the word “church” often, but what does it mean to be the church? You may know the history of the word. Church has Germanic origin. The original word carried the meaning “the house of the Lord.” Paul’s letters often uses the word ekklesia, which roughly means assembly (but it’s a funny noun/verb like the word activity).

However, when it comes to understanding what it means to be the church for us, the Bible is full of different ways that Jesus and the Apostles describe the church. When we look to the New Testament, we will find some unique and important metaphors and images for being the church. And these images can really help us understand how we are called to be the church together today!

So what are those images of church? Well over the next few months we will look at four images specifically as we consider what God has called us to be. We will see how God has called us to be:

- God’s people (Mark 3:13-20)
- God’s family (Mark 3:31 - 35)
- Christ’s Body (1 Corinthians 12)
- God’s New Creation (1 Corinthians 15:20 - 28)

As we explore these images together, my prayer for you is that will be able to gain a deeper understanding for what it means to be the church, see more clearly our calling to each other, and our calling to our community.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Will

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Our foundation gives financial aid to Love INC to assist them in their mission of helping churches bring Christ’s love and support to the community.

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FOUNDATION



Your support for the Hope Foundation helps to fund missions and ministries locally and throughout the world. One of the grants we awarded in our

November 2020 meeting was to support Capstone ministries in Kisumu Kenya.

Their mission is to reconcile street children of Western Kenya with God and family. Since 2005 Capstone has reconciled 557 street children. Most of sub-Saharan Africa is plagued by street kids. Capstone is unique in that the ministry does not house children in an institution but addresses the problem at its origin and strives to reconcile street children with family. In Kisumu there are approximately 1000 children on the street. Capstone is also striving to work with local chiefs to work on the prevention aspect of street children.

The social and familial need is obvious and provides and opportunity to proclaim the Gospel to the families of reconciled street children. Capstone has founded 14 small Bible studies for the parents/guardians of reconciled children. Some of the programs are older children that have graduated come a give their testimonies and act as mentors to the High School boys. There is a Capstone camp during which the boys receive catechism instruction in the chief parts of Luther’s Small Catechism.

If you are not familiar with the Hope Foundation, or if you have questions about our endeavors, visit the church website or contact our Chairman Ron Anderson for more information.

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This family is part of the Assemblies of God World Missions. Katie has recruited new members Tom and Patty Sheen. They will be missionaries in Turkey. These funds will be used to pay for the cost of travel to Turkey and supplement funding needs of this missionary family. We were pleased to contribute to this family that are doing God’s work and spreading the gospel.

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Peace be with you-

Susan Schwinn - Secretary, Hope Lutheran Church Foundation

Walgreens Flu Shot Clinic

Sunday, September 26, 2021 from 9:30am-12:00 pm Walgreens will be providing FLU SHOTS at Hope Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Center. No Appointment necessary, please bring your medicare/insurance card and drivers license/ID card.

PLEASE GET YOUR FLU SHOTS EARLY THIS YEAR!

If you have any questions call Sheila at 239-919-2295

BIRTHDAYS

Lauren Kolstedt	July 1	Arlene Baldwin	July 22	Jean Geiwitz	Aug 8
Heather Sorrells	July 1	Herb Eggerding	July 23	Carol Heinrich	Aug 10
Marie Morton	July 4	Donna Kacheline	July 24	Mark Myhre	Aug 11
Helena Nesbit	July 4	Charlotte Stuff	July 25	Vicki Suddreth	Aug 12
Cole Piper	July 5	Yvonne Baremore	July 26	Bonnie Thomas	Aug 14
Tova Abel	July 8	Beverly Marsland	July 27	Roy Mctarnaghan	Aug 16
David Eberhardt	July 9	Dianne Mohnke	July 27	Peggy Prideaux	Aug 19
Tina Clark	July 11	Keith Sersland	July 29	Edward Wright	Aug 19
Dick Cornish	July 11	Alton Wendzel	July 30	Anne Gienapp	Aug 20
Margaret Hans	July 11	Jean Marnocha	July 31	Peter Rocheford	Aug 21
Deb Viviani	July 12	Susan Truelson	July 31	Paula Corrie	Aug 24
Lyle Raguse	July 13			Lincoln Abel	Aug 25
Timothy Shaffer	July 13	Cole Bridges	Aug 1	Bob Bineau	Aug 26
Nancy Tschischik	July 14	Collin Davis	Aug 1	Fred Groth	Aug 27
Ed Boerman	July 15	Margo Wirtjes	Aug 1	Bill Thomas	Aug 27
Marge Claussner	July 15	Brenda Almond	Aug 2	John Browning	Aug 28
Paul Bardley	July 17	Jan Derbyshire	Aug 2	Virginia Holmes	Aug 28
Vicki Liesmann	July 17	Connie Hoffman	Aug 2	Janice Johnson	Aug 28
Andrew Mancl	July 17	Judith Tanner	Aug 2	David Nesbit	Aug 28
Jim Nelson	July 17	Aybri Bradley	Aug 3	Dennis Vosberg	Aug 29
Lydia Stolz	July 18	Millie Wendzel	Aug 3	Phyllis Bitow	Aug 30
Beverly Kauffman	July 19	Fred Wink	Aug 4	Bethany Davis	Aug 30
Don Ede	July 20	Evelyn Taylor	Aug 5	Mary Cory	Aug 31
Rich Schafstall	July 20	Anne Barnes	Aug 7		

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Becky Headington	July 1	Julie and Mike Rochrbach	Aug 2
Jared Buss	July 6	Brenda and Don Almond	Aug 4
Brenda and Randall Perry	July 9	Bernita and Dick Cornish	Aug 13
Barbara and Douglas Kuhn	July 15	Alton and Millie Wendzel	Aug 14
Art and Barb Kneuppel	July 16	Larry and Sandy Brown	Aug 17
Glen and Patsy Lose	July 17	Karen and Paul Bradley	Aug 18
Mark and Cindi Nielsen	July 17	Bruce and Donna Breckenfelder	Aug 19
Jan and Mark Mahal	July 19	Bill and Sally Denno	Aug 19
Sandy and Kevin Harstad	July 20	Anne and Bill Barnes	Aug 21
Jan and Tony Pordon	July 21	Sue Kammer	Aug 26
Bob and Diana Bineai	July 22	Charlotte and Ken Stuff	Aug 29
Dale and Linda Rustad	July 24	Dennis and Gloria Birkholz	Aug 30
John and Pam Wilmer	July 24	Richard and Tina Browning	Aug 31
Marilyn Fenton and Gary Injaian	July 25	Chris and Paula Corrie	Aug 31
Jane and Keith Sersland	July 31	Carol and Jim Sauder	Aug 31
Bob and Marlene Wilson	July 31		



In Loving Memory of Don Selfors

Born: November 11, 1933

Died: June 12, 2021

*We extended our sympathy
to his wife.*



In Loving Memory of Robert Bartel

Born: October 5, 1933

Died: June 10, 2021

*We extended our sympathy
to his wife.*



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Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 10:00am-12:30pm at Hope Fellowship Center.

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ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

*For those who are not yet ready or able to attend in-person worship services,
the online worship service will continue to be available.*

In addition, you can make a reservation to receive communion at Hope
on the second Saturday's of the month from 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

