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Upcoming Dates:

September 3: 5:30pm Elburn food pantry

September 7: Labor Day

September 10: 3:30pm Food pantry meal prep

September 15: 9:30am Card ministry

September 17: 7pm Ad council meeting

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A note from the Pastor:

"Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:4-5 NRSVUE

Fall is fast approaching, we've got 20-some-odd days of summer left to enjoy. Yet, fall is around the corner. You, like me, might be anticipating cool weather, fun activities, sports, concerts, or other events. We also know that we might be met with the unexpected. The weather may not look like we want it to, at all. The events we look forward to may not happen the way we envision them. We will have to wait till we are present at that moment to see what happens. This is in fact a huge part of this experience we call life.

Which brings me to the passage from 1 Peter. This letter, that was written long ago, speaks about living stones. Is that in contrast to a dead stone; a stagnant stone; a regular stone? That 'living' part kept drawing me back to how we speak of being a living sacrifice when we come to the communion table. There's something quite unique about this 'living' that we are called to participate in.

Just like fall weather coming up, in order to know what it is going to be like, we will have to be present, to be living. I think this is the call, the invitation that Christ extends us. That we would be living, be present. As well as the writer says in being a living stone, that we would be present wherever we go to offer surety as a stone does on a walking path.

A living stone is more unique. When I imagine a living stone, I think about it growing, transforming, evolving, and even adapting. What thoughts does the phrase "living stone' bring to your mind? This fall, I invite us to think about and take up what it means to be a living stone in the Kingdom of Heaven here and now.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kelly

(During our "Questions to God" series you are invited to write questions to God and questions to Pastor Kelly. The questions to God will stay between you and God. The letters to Pastor Kelly she will answer in a sermon at the end of the series. You can put them in the envelopes at the front of the Sanctuary.)

Missions: September

September's Mission is Elburn Food Pantry: Twice a year (March and September) we provide meals for Elburn Food Pantry patrons. We will be having a carry-out supper consisting of chili, oyster crackers and cookies on Thursday, September 10. There is a sign-up sheet for supplies and helpers at the Welcome Table. In addition to the meal, we will also be collecting non-perishables to restock their shelves this month as well as collecting monetary donations. The food pantry buys milk to distribute each week, and the Elburn Jewel donates perishables, including meat, bakery items and produce. The pantry also purchases canned goods at a great discount through the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Donations that are always needed include: flour, sugar, cooking oil, chocolate cake mixes, frosting, coffee (regular & decaf), juice, canned fruit & vegetables, canned meat, especially Spam, cereal, canned pasta (with meat), canned soup, cleaning supplies, laundry & dish detergent, shampoo/conditioner, all paper products. KUMC is also one of several local churches that staff the food pantry. Three volunteers are needed on the first Thursday of the month to fill our slot. Volunteers must be at the Community Center at 5:30pm to prepare for the clients. Talk to Carol Alfrey if you can help.

Capital Fund

Remember this special fund is to be used for any maintenance on our church & whatever project is the top priority. We still need to keep up our regular tithing for our regular budget items. Whatever extra you can give is greatly appreciated. Mark your checks with Capital Fund so our financial officers can put it in the appropriate account. If you have any questions about this project, please talk to Karl Kettelkamp. Thank you for your help!

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Birthdays

September 1	Kalina Brundige
September 3	Dennis Niceley, Joleen DeWitt
September 5	Shari Schrader, Lynda Gould Shingledecker
September 8	Amanda Fouts
September 12	Heather Purcell, Kaitlyn White
September 17	Cathy Buck
September 22	David Werdin
September 23	Linda Turk
September 29	Katie Downen

Anniversaries

September 19	Stu & Cathy Buck
September 21	Poul & Karen Flamand

The Rummage/Bake Sale was on August 28-29.
This was a fundraiser for our Capital fund for maintenance.
We were able to raise over $1500!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful fundraiser!
All of you helping together with sorting, pricing & donating items and baked goods!
Even those who shopped and found some special treasures!
Thank you!

Mission of the Month: Elburn Food pantry

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 5:30pm Elburn Food pantry	4	5
6 9:30am worship	7 Labor Day	8	9 6:30pm Praise band 7:30pm choir	10 3:30pm Elburn Food pantry meal prep	11	12
13 9:30am worship	14	15 9:30am Card ministry	16 6:30pm Praise band 7:30pm choir	17 7pm Ad council	18	19
20 9:30am worship	21	22	23 6:30pm Praise band 7:30pm choir	24	25	26
27 9:30am worship	28	29	30 6:30pm Praise band 7:30pm choir			