

**Faith in the Future**

Last month, Dick Deschamps penned a letter that shared some thoughts and information about our congregation from a fiscal standpoint as well as all the many things Hope does to benefit our community.

This month, I would like to focus on our future. We have a proud 100-year heritage we are celebrating this year. This heritage provides an extraordinary foundation upon which to build that future. The question is: “What do we want that future to be?”

Oftentimes, we stop ourselves imagining the future because we immediately come up with reasons an idea is impractical or unrealistic. We don’t have the money, we don’t have the time, we don’t have the right people. We get bogged down with the practicalities of an idea before that idea is fully discussed or really even born. We are Lutherans after all - frugality and practicality are in our DNA!

In imagining our future, we need to suspend our practical natures and allow ourselves to dream. Some ideas or projects that are impossible in 3 years might be possible in 10 years and realistically accomplished in 20 years. Or perhaps a dream is untenable but with a few modifications, we could actually pull it off.

One of our themes for our Centennial is “Faith in the Future”. We will be reaching out to members of the congregation to begin a series of conversations about our future. If you would like to participate in these early conversations, please let the Pastor or Vicar or members of the Mission Resource Team (MRT) know of your interest. We hope to begin them soon.

In the meantime, reflect on what you would like to see Hope become and don’t be afraid to dream big!

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