

# 75<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Outline of Events

**CELEBRATION DATE:** Sunday, September 10, 2023

**THEME:** 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee: On Christ the Solid Rock We Stand

**THEME BIBLE VERSE:** (to be determined)

**CELEBRATION SERVICES, Sunday, September 10, 2023:**

9:00 a.m. Worship

- Guest Speaker, former pastor, Rev Don Boesch
- Special music (Dr. Phil and Dave Witt in charge)
- Rachel Witt and her cello
- children's choir(?) Pastor decide song

2:00 p.m. Special Afternoon Celebration Program

- Guest singer/musician Christine (nee Kaiser) Niemeyer (2 songs)
- Words from any former ministers or vicars present
- Prayer of Thanksgiving for 75 years of peaceful existence

3:00 p.m. Cupcake Reception to Follow

## **BUILDING ON THE ROCK WEEK**

Two to three volunteer service projects will be lined up for members to choose where they would like to serve. We will work together as a congregation out in our community. More to come.

## **TRIVIA NIGHT**

An intergenerational event for the whole community. In conjunction with Trivia Night, a fundraiser for a community project will be selected. Dates are being considered and this may be held in October, January, or February.

**NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** made in-house and ready by September.

**HISTORICAL UPDATE** written.

**COLLECT FOND MEMORIES** from present and past members.

**HISTORICAL WALL PHOTO DISPLAY** updated and beautified.

# Charity Giving Project

As part of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we are planning a Trivia Night fundraiser that will benefit the community of Hastings in some way. Listed below are choices given to us when we went to these three places and asked how we could help them. On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the members of this congregation will vote for their favorite charity choice from the choices listed below. Please consider all of the choices and be ready to cast your ballot following the worship service on April 23. If you prefer to vote early, you may mark this ballot and drop it in the wooden box in the narthex.

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. **City of Hastings Recreation Department Project:** Trees have been cut down on the island in the middle of Heartwell Park Lake. A gazebo will be built on the island with benches set around. Benches can be purchased for the island and recognition plaques will placed on donated benches.
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. **City of Hastings Police Department:** Officers have identified an Autel Robotics drone as an invaluable resource to their department and the Hastings community allowing them to search dangerous or difficult ground terrain in search of suspects that need to be apprehended, assist in accident reconstruction, and enhance public safety during special events by providing real time intelligence and situational monitoring. This drone can be deployed in 15 seconds and has the ability to “hot swap” a single onboard battery which greatly reduces the time it takes to get the drone back up in the air, which is invaluable in critical incidents.
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. **Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation:** The Foundation presented several choices, please select your favorite:
- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Home Away from Home--day sponsorships with recognition given to the church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Healthy Beginnings—pre- and post-natal support to make sure baby and mom are thriving. They make 8,500 home visits a year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. A hospital grade patient recliner.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. Work out bicycle/elliptical machine for patient rehab.