

Sermonette on Matthew 7:24-27 for groundbreaking on July 11th, 2010 at 6pm – Pastor Paul Horn

Fox Ridge Rd and E Lincoln Trail Blvd, Radcliff, KY

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

18 years ago Earl and Anita Enevold, Sue Bahr, John Dietlein, Steve & Cathy White and Wilma Lee resolved to meet once a month in the Enevold home for Bible study. The group grew. They began meeting in a rented storefront on Knox Blvd. And the group grew. Two years later, in 1996, the group began renting our current facility at 549 N Wilson Rd. A few months later, a request for a full time called worker was granted and Michael Zarling was assigned to serve as Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church. Pastor Zarling served Faith Lutheran Church for 8 years.

After taking a call to serve at Epiphany Lutheran in Racine, Wisconsin, Faith Lutheran Church once again was granted the request for a pastor and I was installed and ordained on July 18, 2004. This land that we stand on was purchased a year later in August of 2005. In 2008 a building committee, under the leadership of Jake Stover was established and began research on a new facility. The church hired Mr. Ed Krebs from K Norman Berry Associates in Louisville to lead us in designing a new facility. In 2009 the congregation walked together through a stewardship campaign to raise necessary funding for a new church. And then, last May, our Lord in his infinite wisdom decided to construction a road-bump. Our congregation lost its subsidy which assisted our operating fund. Despite the loss of funding, the congregation decided to push forward with the project. And the past few months we worked with Mr. Mark Nett from Nett Construction, and now, here we are.

I mention these people by name because... because this moment is not about the founding members of this congregation, although we thank them for their hard work. This moment is not about the members of this congregation, past or present. This moment is not about our architect, nor is it about our general contractor. This moment is not about the previous pastor that served for 8 years, it is not about me. This moment is about our Savior Jesus. People will come and go. Pastors will come and go. People will be, at times, unfaithful and will disappoint us. But our God, he never disappoints, he is always faithful, and his promises stand forever.

He promises to give us what we need. We’ve prayed earnestly, especially these past two years, that the Lord would give this congregation what we need. And he has. His promises are the reason we are standing here today.

God promises to give us what we need for our souls. That’s why we are here. The promises of God supply our soul with what we need to remain standing firm. Our trust, our hope, our faith cannot rest on our feelings or emotions, or our charm or personality, or on our hard work or resolve. Our faith rests on God’s promises, especially his promise of a Savior. His victory over

Satan, crushing his power on the cross; his victory over our sins, nailing them the cross and burying them in his tomb forever; his victory over death, destroying its icy grip forever by his resurrection, these are sure and certain, and upon these truths we rest our faith, and if Christ is our foundation, our faith will never crumble or be swept away.

We break ground today to build a church so that these promises of Christ Jesus will continue to be proclaimed to this body and this community. Whatever success God decides to grant us, the glory will be given to him. But we break this ground, thankful for the opportunity to do it. We break this ground, trusting in God's promises to bless the work that we are privileged to do. To him alone be the glory! Amen.