

What are you looking forward to most about being in our own building?

That's actually a question I posed to our Mission and Ministry team awhile ago. They turned the question back to me, so here's my answer:

There are many things that we will be able to do in a building that we own as opposed to one we rent. One of the positive things I've already seen is how people have been working together to make the building happen. Working together always tends to bring people closer together as we get to know each other better.

But as for when the building is actually done, the thing I am looking forward to most is this: Not having to find other places to hold weddings and funerals.

That may not seem like a big thing, but if you've gotten married or had a loved one die during the time we've been at Prairie Meadows, you know it really is a big deal. For the most part the other churches in the area have been very accommodating in letting us use their facilities when a couple is getting married or when someone dies. But - especially with funerals - I've seen this put an undo hardship on families at a time when they *really* don't need another burden.

So it was with great joy that I was able to say, "Yes, it will!" when Kim Arends asked me if the building would be ready in time to host a wedding (and reception) for her and her fiancé John on October 13.

Now that I've given you my answer, it's your turn to share your answer with us. Here's how:

Simply go to our website <u>www.livingwordlutheran.net</u> and click on "Blog" in the upper right just below the Living Word logo. Scroll down the blog page until you get to the entry titled, "What are you looking forward to ..?" There you will find my answer, but when you click on "Comments" you can add your answer - and read the answers of other folks who have already shared theirs.

If you haven't been to the website yet, take a "walk" around it and discover all the things you can see and read there.

> Thanks for asking *and answering*, Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net