

Going Up

These words keep coming to my mind -- Going Up!

Going Up – We are in that season between Easter and Pentecost – kind of a honeymoon with the Risen Christ. Christ is Risen – but visiting with his disciples in this world is only an intermediate stop – he’ll be “going up,” returning to God’s side on Ascension Sunday. The scripture for that Sunday (which I see Jerry has chosen to work with for preaching that day) says that when Jesus ascended, the disciples stood around staring at the sky with their mouths open, until one of God’s messengers tapped them on the shoulders and asked what they were looking at. They were watching Jesus “going up.”

Going Up – If you tapped me on the shoulder and asked what I was looking at these days, it might be the elevator project. First, we watched the walls come tumbling down (along with the incredibly solid concrete porch roof, with a little help from an army of jackhammers). Next, come the diggers down to create the foundation. And then finally, we’ll get to watch the elevator shaft “going up.” I hope you will check out the progress every Sunday this summer, until the elevator is finally installed, and every one of God’s children can get to all three floors of God’s House. I can’t wait until we are able to step inside and say, “going up.”

Looking Up – But first, I expect to be going down. As in down under. I want to let you know of some summer travel plans. You may have heard us talking – my husband Wes has two brothers who live in (it’s a very long story). Though one of the other has been there for over a decade, we’ve never been down to visit them. It’s our turn to make the trip, before our children and their cousins are grown up. We’ll be gone from Wausau from June 16 till July 11. While I’m gone, you’ll be in the capable hands of Jerry Morris, and our pastors emeritus will be available for additional pastoral care. I will repay my preaching debt to Jerry when his family fulfills a longtime dream and travels to later this summer. While I’m gone, you can be assured I’ll be “looking up” from down under towards home, and praying for you all.