

BUILDING NEWS



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Out to Bid

The Building Team has “pre-qualified” five general contractors recommended by our architect for the construction of our new building, and the architect is preparing the bid specifications.

The team is in the process of looking at examples of these contractors' work, as well as checking references. Bid packages should go out in the next week or two, with bids received before the end of August. The team will then review the bids, consider the qualifications of each contractor, and decide on which builder should be awarded the job. If the bids come in within our budget, then proceeding to construction is straight-forward.

The first phase of the job will be to re-configure parking, so that we have somewhere to park our cars during construction.

Ground Breaking

Invitations to guests for our formal groundbreaking will be sent this week. Former members, local officials and area clergy are being invited to join us for the occasion.

The official groundbreaking ceremony will be on Sunday, September 11th. We'll have worship service at 9:30, then the groundbreaking service, followed by a celebratory reception. Our Synod Bishop, Margaret Payne, will join us that day.



Furnishings Team

The Furnishing Team has heard from three companies that specialize in church furnishings – pews, altars, altar ware, fonts, crosses, statues – the range is incredible!

The team is now looking at examples locally, so as to determine the style of the new furnishings.

A Memorials brochure is also in development – a list of items for the new worship space that can be donated in memory or in honor of someone.



Organ Proposal for the New Building

Donna Case and our organist John Cuk will take time on Sunday, August 21 to educate the congregation about the condition of our current organ and to discuss options for music in our new sanctuary.

Letters are being sent to friends and past members of the congregation inviting them to pledge support to funding an instrument for the new building. The congregation will be receiving similar communication in the near future.

Financial Update

As we move into the construction phase of the building, it is important to think about cash flow: every dollar given early is money we won't need to borrow to finance construction, saving us interest on the construction loan. So, if you've pledged to the building fund, consider fulfilling your pledge as early as possible.

If you have not yet made a pledge in support of the building campaign, you can find project information, pledge cards and gift envelopes on the building table in the narthex.

