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The Capital Campaign Committee has continued to meet on an essentially monthly basis in the New Year. As of early February 2015 we have received pledges and gifts totaling over \$366,000, nearly 85% of the campaign's \$433,000 goal. This generosity of our members provides the support to move forward with implementation of many of the campaign's projects even during the three years of the campaign. The committee thank all who have contributed for the commitment to the Our Savior's future at 6th and Division.

In January and early February the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Visitation Pastor's Office (library) and the main Church Office windows were all replaced by Ulrich Construction using Pella sliding windows. Please offer thanks to Bob and Carol Miller for their work staining and finishing the trim, and Bob's work supervising the project. With these windows in place, we are now have ready ventilation for the warm days of spring when there is still need for heat at night.

Discussions with the La Crosse Sign Company have continued regarding the marquee signs on both the 6th and Division corner, and along our 7th Street parking lot. The committee will have reviewed a final proposal on March 17, and then will be able to share these plans. Once approved we will then be able to move forward with presenting plans to the Washburn Neighborhood Association, and applying for variances and permits with the City of La Crosse. The hope is that this work will be completed during the summer of 2015.

The Organ renovation has been scheduled with Hendrickson Organ Company. We anticipate their arrival during the week of April 20 to begin removal of sections of the organ for bellows releathering at their shop in St. Peter, MN, and to begin installation of digital keyboards and controls here at Our Savior's. During most of the following 6 months the organ will not be available to lead worship, and our sanctuary Steinway grand piano will provide our primary musical support. We look forward to completion of the renovation by early November.

More detailed plans for the renovation of the main floor bathrooms for handicapped accessibility are developing. The committee is currently working with two construction firms and an architectural firm to develop competitive plans and processes for this renovation. Asbestos analysis was completed in late February indicating that we will need to complete up to about \$5000 of asbestos abatement work to allow the renovation to proceed. The committee continues to believe that the renovation will be able to proceed during the summer of 2015.

Since the Annual Meeting the committee's composition has evolved. Justin Pitz has joined the committee, while Sheila Zentner and Becky Grapes have assumed *ex officio* committee roles as council president and treasurer, respectively. Chris Krueger and Dennis Baehr continue as at-large committee members after their years of service on the council. Other members include: at large members, Bob and Carol Miller, and *ex officio* member, Pastor Mark Jolivette. Mark Zellmer chairs the committee.

Additional details regarding our campaign are available on the OSLC website's (www.oursaviorslutheranchurch.net) Capital Campaign tab.

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