

# Built on tradition. Embracing the future.

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## \$2 for \$1 Match to Meet the Goal!

How would you like to grow \$1 into \$3, no water or additional fertilizer needed? Indeed it is possible, and not a pipe dream! All you need to do is make an additional pledge or gift to the Capital Campaign and you too can grow \$3 out of \$1. The Holy Spirit and an anonymous donor have provided the fertilizer needed in the form of a \$50,000 challenge gift to meet (or exceed!) the campaign's goal. So, any new pledges after June 1, or gifts not given to meet previous pledges will be matched for growth. If you have not yet pledged, or feel the Holy Spirit moving you to make an additional pledge, it will move us toward, and potentially exceed the goal.

## "Paper Room" Family Bathroom

Work is underway to renovate the "paper room" next to Pastor Mark's office into a handicapped accessible family bathroom. The necessary asbestos abatement was completed August 14. If you noticed an orange aroma about that time, it was the solvent used in the process. Borton Construction began their work during the week of August 17, and by the time this is published, there will be dust, noise and progress. Completion of the project is anticipated by Rally Sunday, September 13. Thanks to all those involved with making the move for the paper, those involved with selecting colors and trim for what will be a very welcoming addition.

## Organ Renovation

Though having slowed for asbestos abatement of balcony tile, the organ renovation continues. The console refinishing is done, and the positiv (the part of the organ on the balcony railing separate from the main organ pipes) wiring is nearly completed. New floor tile will be installed soon to allow the console to be reassembled in the coming months.

## Stair and Balcony Railing Safety

The church's insurance company has required us to enhance the safety of our stairway and balcony railings. Working with blacksmith Doug Bilyeu of La Crosse's City Forge, a system of placing additional spindles in the railings has been developed that will be quite similar to the original railings. Plans to build and install this additional protection are being finalized.

## Marquee Sign Building Permits

On August 12 we received word that, as expected, our building permits to construct new signs on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Division, and along 7<sup>th</sup> Street have been rejected as non-compliant with city code. Review is underway to determine if the design can be modified to meet code, or whether we will need to proceed with a Variance Application to the La Crosse Board of Zoning Appeals. Once this has been determined, the congregation will be notified.

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