

# Built on tradition. Embracing the future.

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## Opportunity to Reach and EXCEED the Campaign's Fundraising Goal!!

Recently a member, who has asked to remain anonymous, has graciously offered a substantial gift to the capital campaign. That gift is being offered as a challenge to the congregation to raise additional pledges to ultimately reach the campaign's \$433,000 goal. The Capital Campaign Committee is developing a plan to use this magnificent gift as a 2 for 1 match for new pledges. Thus, further pledges to the campaign would be raising \$3 for every \$1 pledged. If \$25,000 of additional pledges are received, the campaign's goal would be exceeded!

## Designs for Marquee Signs



Front Sign at 6<sup>th</sup> & Division

End Panels,  
Front Sign

Second Sign,  
7<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot

The preliminary designs (see above) for the marquee signs that will replace our aging and dilapidated signs in front of the church and on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot corner have been presented at the Washburn Neighborhood Association meeting in May, and at a congregational discussion on May 31 during the Fellowship Hour. They were also reviewed with Audrey Kader, our City Council representative. Based on the feedback received in these venues the Capital Campaign Committee requested that La Crosse Sign Company reduce the overall height of the signs to match our present 6<sup>th</sup> and Division sign. The diagrams above represent these revised, shorter designs which the Capital Campaign Committee will review at its meeting on June 17. With City of La Crosse sign ordinances being quite restrictive, we anticipate the need to work through an appeal process to obtain permits to allow construction of these signs.

### Fellowship Hall and Kitchen Window Dedication

In early June the new window treatments graciously provided by \_\_\_\_\_ were installed completing the window replacement project. A dedication of these windows and window treatments is planned for Sunday, June 28 at the start of the congregational meeting after worship. Please join us in celebrating this new look and functionality in our Fellowship Hall.

### Bathroom Renovation

It has long been recognized that fully handicapped accessible bathrooms are needed on the main level of the church to be welcoming to all. There has also been discussion about having a family, unisex restroom to accommodate parent(s) with their young infants and children, or others who prefer use a more private bathroom. The Capital Campaign Committee is reviewing the feasibility of renovating the "paper room" adjacent to Pastor

Mark's office for this purpose. Following discussion with the congregation on May 31 it was learned that this room was originally designed as a "cry room" for children, and a bride's dressing room and bathroom for weddings. Thus, such a renovation would be returning this room to its original 1957 purpose. Thus, though there had been a tentative plan to renovate the main restrooms for handicapped accessibility this summer, that project will now be delayed pending decisions regarding the "paper room" bathroom renovation.

#### Organ Renovation

Work on the organ renovation continues. The keyboard console has been completely disassembled and will be going for refinishing which we anticipate being completed by the end of July. At that time the reassembly will begin with thousands of soldered wire connections to be made for the digital control system and reinstallation of the hundreds of releathered control bellows. Research is underway to obtain a new organ bench that is height adjustable. We anticipate work being completed sometime in the fall and have begun planning a rededication event for November.

#### Balcony and Stairway Railing Safety

There had been a plan to modify the balcony railings for safety as part of the organ renovation. In May our property insurer, Church Mutual, through a routine risk analysis requested that ALL of our railings, including the stairway railings, be enhanced for safety. The Capital Campaign Committee is studying multiple options to address the issue including, most recently, prototypes from Doug Bilyeu, the blacksmith at City Forge in La Crosse. These prototypes are currently temporarily on the balcony and stairway railings for input from the membership and consideration by the Capital Campaign Committee.

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