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## **CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING GOAL EXCEEDED**

As was announced in the November *Messenger*, as of mid-October the Campaign's fundraising goal was met and exceeded! The final push to meet the goal came with the gifts and additional pledges received as part of the matching campaign for the challenge gift provided by an anonymous member during the summer. This culminates a campaign initiated in May of 2014 to address the collection of needed facility projects envisioned at that time. In addition, there have been several additional projects taken on by Capital Campaign funding when they were brought forth since the campaign was announced.

Thanks to the many who have contributed and pledged so generously in the past 19 months. With the projects completed, underway, and still in the planning stages, we have made a significant embrace of the future for Our Savior's.

### Marquee Signs

The City of La Crosse building permits for the Marquee Signs for the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Division, and in the 7<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot were granted without a hearing. We are in the process of finalizing paint color selections to allow finishing the shop construction. We anticipate installation on site prior to winter.

### Organ Renovation

On Thursday, November 12, the organ air chamber was pressurized for the first time since Easter, and there were pipes able to sing. There remains considerable fine tuning of the many new parts including the releathered control bellows. The organ console has been reassembled with the new digital circuitry. Justin Pitz was able to remanufacture the original walnut organ bench with a used height adjustment mechanism given to us by our organ builder saving several thousand dollars compared to purchasing a new bench. Bob Miller and Warren Engleson repainted areas of the balcony following the floor installation. Please thank them for their involvement in the project. Many sections of the organ will be useable for Christmas though the project won't be finalized until into the New Year.

### West Entrances Steps

Weather permitting we will be removing the existing steps for the narthex and sacristy entrances on the Sixth Street side of the church. After nearly 60 winters of freezing and thawing the masonry had deteriorated to the point of becoming a hazard. Though this project was not part of the original plan for the Capital Campaign, congregational leadership gave it high priority given the safety concerns.

### Other Projects

Other projects in various stages of planning include the renovation of the existing bathrooms across the hall from the church offices, enhanced lighting in the nave worship space, safety enhance railings on the stairways and balcony, and obtaining equipment to stream worship services over the internet. Refining these projects for implementation continues.

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

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## Capital Campaign 2014-17

