# Built on tradition. Embracing the future.

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#### **CAMPAIGN GOAL MET AND EXCEEDED!!**

With the additional pledges and gifts received in the past few months since announcing the \$2 for \$1 matching campaign, the Capital Campaign goal of \$433,000 has been met AND exceeded. As of writing this article the campaign has received \$435,160 of pledges and gifts exceeding the goal by \$2160. Thanks be to God for the Holy Spirit's inspiration for the many who have given and pledged so generously over the past year and a half. This generosity represents a major embrace of the future of the Lord's work at 6<sup>th</sup> and Division. Of this total about 18% represents pledges by members anticipated to be given in the remaining 20 months of the campaign.

## Marquee Sign Building Permits Issued Without a Hearing

In August our initial application for building permits for the marquee signs was rejected providing details about City Code interpretation. This allowed a redesign of the sign plans to meet code. On reapplication for building permits they were issued without need for a hearing in mid-October. The final design has the signs 7 feet tall rather than the original 9 feet. Shop construction of the signs is underway and we anticipate installation prior to winter.

#### New Family Bathroom Dedicated

In early September work was completed by Borton Construction on the new family bathroom in the former "paper room" next to Pastor Mark's office. The bathroom was dedicated on September 20 with a "crowd" of noisy singers all in the bathroom. This bathroom now allows easy access to those in wheelchairs and with walkers, and a more comfortable setting for families with younger children among others. We still anticipate renovation of the main first floor restrooms in the coming year. A special thanks to Bob and Carol Miller who worked to renovate the office to allow moving the paper storage into the office.

### **Organ Renovation**

Work on the organ renovation project has continued. The organ console is being reassembled with the new digital circuitry and the releathered control bellows are being installed. Asbestos containing balcony flooring has been removed with new floor tile now allowing the organ console to be repositioned as desired by the organist. We anticipate project completion in November and a rededication in early 2016.

### West Entrances Steps

After nearly 60 winters of freezing and thawing, the entrance steps on the west (6<sup>th</sup> Street) side of the church, both to the sacristy and the narthex, had deteriorated to the point of becoming a safety hazard. Removing and replacing these steps became an important project for the safety of those coming to church even though it was not part of the original plan for the Capital Campaign. Thus, we have contracted Raymer Construction to complete this work before winter.

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

