

*Gathered, Empowered, Sent*



## Zion's Lutheran Church

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*"[God's] faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast." Ps. 119:90*

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Dear Members and Friends of Zion's:

God's grace and peace be with you this November day! As our congregation begins our month of Giving-Thanks, I have wonderful news and many words of thanks to share! **As of Sunday, October 31, \$76,000 has been given towards our Restore, Renew, Remain Capital Campaign, which pays the loan in full!** With your gifts of generosity, we reached this tremendous milestone a few days shy of the one-year anniversary of my *first* letter to you, asking for your contributions and pledges. That's two full years ahead of our hoped-for schedule. Thank you, thank you, thank you, and thanks be to God for God's provision and call.

**So, what's next?** A few things.

Firstly, we invite you to **celebrate this accomplishment at our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 12** (rain/snow date: Sunday, December 19) between worship services. We'll have a party and the opportunity to say "thank you" in person.

Secondly, **we will continue to seek out contractors to complete the ceiling repairs and painting in the sanctuary.** While the other capital campaign projects (heating/cooling unit in the Pastor's office, three new A/C units in the sanctuary, re-tarring of Social Hall roof, and paying off the remaining Social Hall renovations debt) went without a hitch, this project has been far more difficult than anticipated. Two contractors committed to the job, and then were unable to complete it for personal reasons. We have had multiple other contractors come out to give a quote and decide that it was simply beyond their ability to complete. *If you know of anyone who is skilled in commercial plaster repair and painting, please pass their information on to Pastor Caitlin, Steve Morris, Mike Long, or Christine Techky.* The funds budgeted for this project remain, and we will continue to do all that we can to get it completed.

Lastly, many of you made weekly, monthly, or yearly commitments for the anticipated three-year period of this campaign. **If you would like to continue giving towards your pledged amount, we encourage you to do so.** Money received towards the Capital Campaign from this point forward will be earmarked for the sanctuary painting/repairs, which we now anticipate might be higher than first estimated, because so few contractors feel equipped to complete it. Or, if you prefer, you can re-direct your additional giving towards the General Fund, where it will be used for budgeted expenses.

**Again, thank you.** For your generosity, especially in these uncertain times. For your faith that God would provide for this project's needs through your hands. And for your commitment to God's ministry in this place. It is fitting that we give thanks for the completion of this campaign as we prepare to celebrate All Saints Sunday this weekend (November 7) for YOU are part of the great, *ongoing* cloud of witnesses through whom God works, loves, encourages, and inspires others in faith. **THANK YOU** for your help in renewing and restoring this building that we might remain a place of vital ministry for generations to come.

In hope, *Pastor Caitlin and the Capital Campaign Committee* (Ed Ludwig, Linda Toth, Deb Reiner, Jack Beidler, and Terry Ludwig)