

Capital Campaign Updates



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What did you think of Palm Sunday and Easter with the new sound system? We have some tweaking to do, but in the construction field, it is called a “punch list.” Dave Palmer and Mid-States are crossing items off the punch list. If you know Dave, please be sure to thank him for his efforts on the sound system. His tremendous knowledge and expertise in this area have been invaluable to First Lutheran.

For more than 15 months, the church has been looking for a company to handle the repair and rebuilding of the gingerbread areas of the Bell Tower and Steeple as well as any structural issues. If you recall, Journey Construction took 3D imaging of these two areas of the church last year to send to the company in Wisconsin. The slate tiles will need to be replaced on part of the steeple as well. The bid was a bit of a shock. The cost came in at \$427,700. This was much more than we anticipated. Architecture, Inc. has looked at the bid and believes it is reasonable, so we now need to make some decisions. You can count on the Church Council to do what is best for First Lutheran.

I hope you take time to look at the Gathering Room. We have removed the wallpaper, painted, removed asbestos, replaced the carpet that runs from the Atrium through the Gathering Room, and installed new vinyl plank flooring in the

kitchen and a small portion of where food is served. The windows will be installed on the south side of the education building by the time you are reading this May edition of First Word. Fellowship Hall has been painted, thanks to a member of the congregation. In May, Fellowship Hall will also get new carpet, in part by a member who gifted two thirds of the cost and by the Youth and Family Board that covered the remaining third. Just think how wonderful it will be for our children and families to have events in Fellowship Hall next year with it all spruced up. The carpet was 34 years old, a question I have been asked, and was fraying in areas.

First Lutheran is grateful to all the members who have contributed to the God's Grace: Our Heritage and Future Capital Campaign. The church has honored the promise to not do projects without the funding to pay for them. We are slowly crossing off projects on the campaign list. If you note things that need to be improved, you can reach out to the church or to one of the members of the Finance, Property, and Administration Board. Their names are listed on one of the movable boards in the Atrium.