It is with great pleasure that we share with you this first quarterly update on the status of our Capital Campaign: Building for the Next Generation. In these quarterly newsletters, we will provide:

- Updates on the funding received, and how that money is being spent.
- Status updates on the building project. Please see the article on page 2 for details.
- Information on how the 10% outreach money has been used to support the ministry in Suriname. See page 2 for additional information.

We’ve included a list of persons that you might want to talk to if you have any concerns about any of the issues raised in this newsletter. See the back cover.

This is an exciting time at Our Saviour’s. The Call Committee’s work of searching for a new senior pastor has begun; a Leadership Structure Task Force has been created to help us plan strategically for the future; and we continue to provide a vital program that is helping us “Live Beyond Our Walls.”

Finally, if you have not yet made a personal pledge commitment to the campaign, we invite you to do so at this time. (By the way, your quarterly financial statement is included in this mailing.) If you would like to make additional payments in support of this venture, we encourage you to do so and would greatly appreciate your generosity.

We are indeed building a solid foundation for the next generation.

Pastor Donald B. Myrom
Interim Senior Pastor
Ice Cream Social
Monday, May 18

You’re invited to an ice cream social with Pastor Kevin Jacobson, the missionary we’re supporting in Suriname. Please plan to enjoy ice cream from 6:30 to 8:00 pm with an informational program beginning at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 18. Pr. Jacobson will share stories and photos of the Suriname’s congregation’s building project. Our Capital Campaign has already raised $59,122 of the $62,000 that we’ve promised to this building project in Suriname. Get answers to your questions, eat some ice cream, and enjoy fellowship with other members of Our Saviour’s. Please plan to attend this family-friendly event; bring the kids, and help celebrate building a church for the next generation in Suriname!

Our Saviour’s Building Committee Begins Its Planning Efforts

In mid-January 2015, the Our Saviour’s Building Committee began translating the conceptual design presented during the “Building for the Next Generation” Capital Campaign into a workable building plan. Working with a target construction budget of about $2.7 million, the Committee subsequently met several times in February and March 2015 to discuss the project’s priorities, potential design alternatives, and initial design suggestions with Wheeler Kearns, our architects.

The results of our discussions to date follow:

1. Established the project’s scope of work priorities:
   a. Committed to completing a building project that stays within a $2.7 million construction budget.
   b. Build the desired New Gathering Space.
   c. Enhance the main worship space to permit both traditional and contemporary worship to occur in one space.
   d. Consolidate and improve educational space.
   e. Enhance the flexibility of the Fellowship Hall and youth room, making them more youth friendly and accessible.
   f. Relocate the church offices towards the main entrance.
   g. Provide adequate music ministry office, and rehearsal space.
   h. Develop a vision for a Phase 2.

2. Met with Wheeler Kearns twice to discuss:
   a. Our priorities and what changes they might cause to the conceptual design.
   b. The architect’s initial design revisions based on the priorities provided.
   c. Requested the architects develop the designs more formally, while also providing updated project cost estimates.
Proposed Timeline

Our Saviour’s Building Renovations and Construction

September 7, 2014 – Completed
- Congregational meeting to approve the Conceptual Design and funds for architectural schematic/design phases

November 16, 2014 – Completed
- Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday
  Over $2.25 million committed for project

December, 2014 through January, 2015 – Completed
- Ways & Means Sub-committee work to determine resources beyond capital campaign commitments
- Building Committee formed.

February 8, 2015 – Completed
- Congregational meeting to approve sale of three houses to raise additional funds ($800K) and approve addition of a Columbarium (self funded; not using capital funds) to the design.

February through May, 2015 – In Process
- Building Committee begins working with architects on schematics/design phases for project based on our refined budget; including work sessions with key staff/leaders to fine-tune program and mission needs.

June through September, 2015 – Estimate Only
- Presentations/Forums for Congregation to view refined plans for project

Early Fall, 2015 – Estimate Only
- Congregational Meeting to approve refined plan, construction drawings, general contractor, construction funding.

Late Fall, 2015 – Estimate Only, Dependent Upon Vote
- Bidding and Permitting Stage

Winter, 2016 – Estimate Only, Dependent Upon Vote
- Construction Phase begins

Fall, 2016 – Estimate Only, Dependent Upon Vote
- Occupancy in renovated facilities!

Planning Efforts, continued

3. Began meeting with church ministry teams to understand more clearly their needs in a newly renovated space and share that information with the architects, so they might consider it in preparing their design alternatives.

4. Established plans to discuss the revised architectural designs and cost estimates beginning in early April 2015.

As a group, we are committed to developing a project that brings to life the spirit of the “Building for the Next Generation” campaign. We welcome your interest and prayers.

Watch this space for more news on our progress in future newsletters.

A Look Back...

Our Saviour’s has a rich 60 year history of building. Earlier generations have raised funds and built additions to Our Saviour’s nine different times over the years. In this issue we celebrate the addition of 1990. The 1988 Capital Campaign “Witness Our Joyous Growth” raised over $1,000,000. Those funds, plus a loan for $1,230,000 enabled the congregation to build and furnish our beautiful south worship space, create the current entrance narthex, and expand our parking lot to its current dimensions. We will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of this project on June 3, 2015.
Building for the Next Generation Commitment and Giving Update
(as of March 31, 2015)

Did you know...? In addition to raising funds for our Capital Campaign, the people of Our Saviour’s are giving in several other ways, too.

- Our Annual Unified budget is $1,415,000. Giving during the first quarter was $353,462, twenty-five percent of expected giving for 2015. Hurray!
- Our Children in Sunday School and Confirmation have been using their weekly offerings this past year to support OSLC member Steven Wagner and the “Captive Free” Youth Encounter Team during their one year mission trip throughout the eastern United States. So far they have collected $1,595!
- Regular ELCA World Hunger donations for the first quarter was $6,077. And our special “Let it Squeal” Lenten Piggy banks brought in another $1,615.

Thank you to all who give for the sake of our mission here and beyond our walls!

Understanding Your First Quarter Financial Statement

Enclosed with this newsletter is your 2015 First Quarter statement of giving.

- This includes any gift you have made to the Unified Budget, the Building Fund, World Hunger, Lenten and Easter gifts.
- The actual amounts for money given during this period should be accurate. If you feel any of the amounts have been mis-stated, please contact Carol Guidera, our Financial Secretary, at finsecy-records@oursaviours.org.
- If your commitment to the Unified Budget or Building Fund was weekly or monthly, your pledge statement on the bottom of the page should be accurate. Those who pledged annually or one time will appear to be “behind” until the pledge is fulfilled.
- If you gave any gift to the Capital Campaign before the official three-year pledge period began on December 1, 2014, your giving statement might show that you are behind in your giving. You are not. But this may appear confusing.

Direct your questions regarding your Building Fund Commitment to Congregational Operations Officer, Jim Valentine, jvalentine@oursaviours.org.