**Capital Campaign Update**

At this writing, we have commitments from over 370 households, for a total of $2.7 million. That amount, plus the sale of the four Dunton Avenue homes (which will generate over $1.0 million), minus the 10% of our gifts dedicated to outreach projects, will give us a total of close to $3.6 million for our building project and related expenses. At this writing, we have over $2,059,000 in the bank ready to use for our building renovations. Alleluia! We give thanks for all our commitments and all those who are giving generously to our endeavor “Building for the Next Generation.”

**Fund Facts**

Because many of our commitments are scheduled to come in in 2017 and 2018, and since we hope to finish the renovations before the end of 2016, we’ll need to take out a construction loan. We will, of course, have to pay interest on money borrowed for the construction loan...interest dollars could be better spent on construction items so the smaller loan we can take out the better. Every dollar we have in the bank prior to beginning construction in May is worth $1.00 toward building renovations. Every dollar we receive after the construction begins is only worth 70-80 cents towards the building renovations. Why? All bills need to be paid prior to November 2016 when the construction is complete. Therefore, until additional gifts come in, a portion of your post-construction gifts will have to go to paying the interest on the debt. So complete your three year pledge early if you possibly can. Thank you!

**Kids’ Corner: Quarterly Construction Contest**

While construction can be messy and annoying... it can also be fun! As our General Contractor and architects have plunged into the pre-construction tasks during December, part of their work has been to get to know our current building and what types of structural problems may be hidden behind walls and ceilings. Structural Engineers have had to cut holes in walls and ceilings to see what previous architects and builders have left hidden behind the scenes. These early investigations help us to accurately price the work and assure no costly surprises down the road. Fourteen holes have been cut throughout the building and have been temporarily covered with trap doors (see photo on the left). Can you tell where this photo was taken? And can you find all of the 14 trapdoor/holes? Bring your answer to Mr. Valentine to win a prize!

**Understanding Your Year-End Financial Statement**

Enclosed with this newsletter is your 2015 Fourth Quarter Statement of Giving.

- This includes any gift you have made to the Unified Budget, the Building Fund, and World Hunger.
- 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 Building Fund was weekly or monthly, your pledge statement on the bottom of the page should be accurate. Those who pledged annually, or who plan to give with a one-time gift, will notice the “pledged to date” column will not be accurate until the end of the pledged period.

Direct your questions regarding your Building Fund Commitment to Congregational Operations Officer, Jim Valentine, jvalentine@oursaviours.org.
Annual Congregational Meeting:
Sunday, February 14, 10:00 am

At this year’s Annual Congregational Meeting, in addition to the regular business of the church (election of Council members, the approval of the 2016 budgets, reports from staff and ministries) we will also vote on resolutions regarding next steps in our “Building for the Next Generation” building project, including authorizing the Congregational Council to fund the project and to negotiate a construction (bridge) loan to complete the work in 2016.

In October we requested proposals from 5 general contractors to provide the pre-construction services required to complete construction documents and submit for building permits. We received the contractors’ bids on October 26. We interviewed 4 contractors on November 11 and awarded the contract to Bulley and Andrews on November 16.

In November and December, we held meetings with Bulley and Andrews, and Wheeler Kearns Architects to discuss: Construction Phasing; Detailed Scope of work; and Construction Budget. We also held a conference call with Threshold Acoustics to discuss specific design elements within the worship space.

In 2016, we plan to accomplish the following:
- We hope to have a finalized budget from our contractor in place, so that we can ask the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting in February to approve the expenditure necessary to proceed with construction.
- We hope to have building permits in place so that we can start construction May 1, 2016
- We anticipate construction completion in November, 2016.

We look forward to sharing our progress with the congregation at both the Forums and Congregational Meeting!

Congregational Forums/ Council Conversations

Four opportunities will be offered to the congregation prior to the Annual Meeting for members to ask questions and hear details regarding the business of the church. Members of staff and the Congregational Council will be present. Make sure you attend one of these forum sessions to help you prepare for the Annual Meeting.

- Wednesday, February 3: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Sunday, February 7: 10:00 – 11:00 am and 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Thursday, February 11: 7:00 – 8:00 pm
All meetings held in Rooms 4/6.

Schedule for Sunday, February 14

9:00 am
Traditional Worship and Adult Education

10:00 am
Congregational Meeting and Super Sunday School (for all children)

11:00 am
Traditional & Contemporary Worship Services and Adult Education

(No regular Sunday School for children on this day.) Nursery is available all morning.

Building Committee Update • Winter, 2016

The Building Committee continued its efforts to define a suitable scope of work that achieves the three key elements of our “Building for the Next Generation” Capital Campaign while staying within our budget of $3,530,000. The Committee has held several meetings over the past three months, including several meetings with the Music Staff and Worship team to continue to fine tune the scope of work in the main worship space.

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Proposed Timeline

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church Building Renovations and Construction

Steps Completed
- September 7, 2014: Congregational approval of Conceptual Design and funding for architectural schematic/design phases
- November 16, 2014: Commitment Sunday. Over $2.25 million committed for project
- December 2014: Ways & Means Sub-committee works to determine resources beyond Campaign commitments
- January, 2015: Building Committee formed
- February 8, 2015: Congregational approval to sell three houses to raise additional funds ($800K) and add a columbarium (self funded; not using capital funds) to the design.
- Spring, 2015: Building Committee revises $6.5 million Conceptual plan; reducing scope of work while still addressing major priorities.
- Summer, 2015: Established firm cost of $3.53 million budget for project
- Summer/Fall 2015: Continue discussions with staff and leaders to fine tune program & mission needs.
- Presentations/Forums to congregation to view refined plans/budget for project
- November 15, 2015: Congregational Meeting to approve refined plan, sale of 4th house, funding plan for project, and additional expenditures for architects and consultants.
- General Contractor hired for pre-construction services; continued refining of plan, budget, and construction phasing

Next Steps
- Early February: Forums held to give updates to congregation prior to the Annual Meeting
- February 14: Congregational Meeting to approve final funding and secure construction loan
- March and April: Sub contract bidding and permitting stage
- May 1: Constructions begins
- Late Fall, 2016: Occupancy in renovated facilities!