A Prayer of Thanksgiving by Pastor Pete

Dear God, You are our creator and redeemer, the architect of all that is seen and unseen. We praise you for your steadfast and everlasting love. We give our thanks for the generations who came before us in this place. Over the past 60 years, Our Saviour's members have built and renovated Our Saviour's Lutheran Church nine different times. As we rededicate our renewed facility to your glory, and for the building up of the next generation, we give our thanks for all who made this renovation project a reality. Amen.

We were made to thrive!
The Building for the Next Generation project thrived and is thriving because of countless people who joined together to make it happen!

Thank you if...

- you were on the Capital Campaign Leadership Team
- you were a Capital Campaign Caller
- you made home visits for the campaign
- you planned fund raising events: At Rolling Green, the Forest Preserve, the ice cream social, wine tasting, Bears v. Packers night at the Arlington Heights VFW Post
- you were on or are currently on our Church Council
- you were on or are currently on the church staff
- you served on the Spiritual Life Team
- you wrote a devotion for the Fall of 2014 Devotion Booklet
- you wrote articles for the Parish Memo
- you led or participated in forums, listening posts, or hearings
- you led the “Tell the Story” events
- you were on the Faith in Action Team
- you were on the Facilities Design Team
- you were on the Building Committee
- you were on the Property Committee
- you planned and staffed the Celebration of Crafts and Talents for the groundbreaking
- you signed the beam when this project began
- you supported or visited Suriname as part of the Campaign outreach
- you packed, cleaned, moved, and unpacked
- you painted walls or ceilings or trim
- you did side projects and repair projects throughout the construction phase
- you took photos or videos of the project
- you managed the finances for the project, served on Ways & Means Committee, kept spreadsheets, managed loans, tracked giving, counted checks, imputed data, or kept records up to date
- you kept track of Memorial & Special Gifts or sent thank you notes to all who gave
- you made a financial commitment to this project
- you gave a financial gift
- you gave a financial gift again and again
- you contributed to the Furnish Our Home Campaign
- you made thank you calls
- you made gifts in-kind to the project
- you donated publicity materials
- you used creativity to design letterhead, brochures, signage, videos, and posters
- you prayed for this project
- you know someone who moved away or died before this project was complete
- you are now enjoying and making use of the renewed Our Saviour's Lutheran Church building

and thanks be to God for those who will use this building for generations to come.
Watch for Part II of the “Thank You” Issue in our Spring newsletter, where we will list the names of everyone who assisted in any way for the Building for the Next Generation project from conception to completion.

Note: This newsletter is being published within a week of the Congregation’s Annual Report. For a full report on the work of the Building Committee, a synopsis of the project spending in 2016, and for the budget for 2017, please see the 2016 Annual Report (available online at www.oursaviours.org) for these details.

Can you identify all of these new improvements at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church?

Beginning with the top left and moving clockwise:

- Bookshelves in Pastor Pete’s office
- The new coffee maker
- The PADS showers and changing table
- The stove has a new hood
- PADS washers & dryers
- Sound equipment racks behind the sound booth
- New counters in the sacristy
- Dishwasher and ice maker