



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Dear Members and Friends of Our Saviour's:

You missed a wonderful, spirit-filled Special Congregational Meeting yesterday, on PENTECOST! Following the brunch, we voted **118 yes** votes to proceed with the under \$370,000 remodel of the Fellowship area. Thanks be to God! (If you missed the worship service, Pastor Mark's sermon is posted on our website, <https://www.oursaviourschurch.org/teaching/> – please listen if you can.)

Visualize a room:

- where we can actually hear and see what's being said or performed;
- where we can host events for the community on the re-designed stage;
- where we can open our doors to the playground and encourage more youth/family events;
- where we can have informal contemporary worship services combined with food and fellowship;
- where we can plug in lefse grills without thought of blowing an electrical circuit;
- where we can improve facilities for choir and quilters;
- and have better lighting and audio/visual for all groups who meet in the Fireside Room.

The entire Fellowship area will be much greener—no asbestos, better insulation, energy-saving windows and lighting.

How will we pay for this project? The motion was for a project costing \$370,000. We are asking for commitments to have \$200,000 contributed between now and September 30, 2019, when the project is completed. In addition, we are borrowing up to \$170,000 from our own memorial fund that we will repay over the next three years.

Our next step is securing the \$200,000 funding for the project. Enclosed in this mailing is an envelope containing two commitment cards. **The green Kick-off card** has a space where we are counting on our fellow-worshippers to commit to help us reach the goal of \$200,000 by September 30 of this year. You are being asked to prayerfully consider how you might stretch your giving above and beyond what is given each week for our general fund. We cannot jeopardize our current budget – all funds committed must be in addition to our tithe.

Maybe you have a CD you were planning to leave to your children or grandchildren in your estate – could this prove to be of more value to our ministry than a gift to them later? Do you have a required minimum deduction to take from an IRA? Maybe this is a good use for that? Did you just finish making payments on a car loan? Consider making that payment each month this summer toward this ministry. How far can you stretch? Write that amount down on the July, August, and/or September line and write the total above that. **By June 30, we need to receive this commitment to fund the September 30, 2019, goal of \$200,000, and when this goal is reached, the green light will be given to the project.**

The 3-year Commitment card is to repay the loan from our memorial account to ourselves—maybe you can commit to the price of a latte, or \$12 a week or \$20 a month? Please return it in the envelope, as well.

Pray, fill out, sign, and return the pledge/commitment cards as soon as you can. The envelope is pre-addressed and stamped, so mail it soon or bring it to worship next Sunday.

We put our trust and faith in God and ask for guidance on our commitment to this project. In Matthew 19 we read, **“With God all things are possible.”**

OSLC Mission Statement:

Encounter God ~ Encourage Believers ~ Extend His Kingdom