



THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

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Dajon Has Left the Building (This is a good thing)

A milestone was reached this week when the structural work in the Sanctuary was completed! The roof is now self-supporting and the shoring beams have been removed, although the scaffolding is still in place for other contractors to use. Dajon Associates has vacated the building and a subcontractor has taken over to patch, plaster, and blow insulation into the attic cavity.

Our mechanical contractor replaced the HVAC unit in the loft, as planned. This week, the electrical contractor will test and verify lighting circuits and capacities before equipment can be ordered, but installation is on track to happen at the end of September. Painting will follow, and then the refurbished chandeliers will return from MetalMan early in October.

According to Eric Seifert, our project manager, "Lots can still happen to delay the project, but I'm very pleased with the way it's going. Dajon met their schedule and the other subs are lining up nicely."

If all goes as expected, we will return to our Sanctuary for worship on Sunday, October 23rd. A service of celebration and rededication is being planned, of course.

Loan is Approved

On Friday, the ELCA Mission Investment Fund approved Good Shepherd's \$35,000 loan application. The funds are required to complete the open-wall projects that are less costly while the Sanctuary is being repaired. While the MIF loan was under consideration, we have been using cash from three loans made to the congregation by Good Shepherd families. Having access to these funds was essential to allow the open-wall projects to get started and we are grateful for it.

In a strong vote of confidence, the MIF supported our request despite three years of struggling to make our budget numbers. Their decision was influenced, in part, by the very positive feedback we received from the congregation during the Visioning process and the high likelihood of a successful capital campaign in 2012.

We are certain that God is with us, all the time.
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