



# THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

SPECIAL RECOVERY EDITION

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## Steel Reinforcements

Two of the eight steel trusses are scheduled to arrive on Tuesday at which time our expert construction crew will be back on the job after a short hiatus while the steel was fabricated. "Now that the side walls of the church are plumb again and the roof line deflection has been removed, the steel will keep them that way," according to David Strauss of Dajon Associates. David is planning for the structural work to be complete the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Seifert warns: "That doesn't mean the job will be complete. Loads of work will remain to be done."

Eric reports that restoration of the chandeliers and sconces is proceeding nicely and delivery is anticipated in early October. Norman Mechanical of Fairfield NJ will be installing the new HVAC unit in a few weeks. And we are awaiting quotes to install the lighting control system as well as what it would cost to put motorized winches in place to raise and lower the chandeliers for servicing.

During an inspection this week, Church Mutual, our insurance company, agreed that painting the Sanctuary will definitely be covered under our claim. Nice!

## Thank You

Last week we noted that significant cash will be required before we know the outcome of our ELCA loan application. Two families came forward immediately to extend personal loans to the church and two more are in the wings. What a wonderful response! The money will be put to work right away and our rebuilding project will continue uninterrupted. The loans will be repaid through capital fundraising we expect to undertake in 2012.

## Visioning Continues

The Visioning process is well underway. Most of the Visioning Clusters have met. Special thanks to each of the Cluster leaders who convened a group, facilitated the conversation, and reported the results.

Visioning is the way the Church Council is eliciting the opinions of the whole congregation about various renovation and renewal work that may be tackled once the Sanctuary is rebuilt. If you were not able to participate in a Cluster meeting, please be sure to complete a questionnaire. All members are invited to weigh in. Ask an usher for the paper questionnaire or go to our website and click on "Member Survey."

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