



# THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

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## Blest Be No Ties That Bind

Just when we were resigned to tie rods across our Sanctuary, the latest engineering report indicates they may not be necessary.

Up until this past week, repair plans have included the installation of several visible, one-inch steel tie rods across the ceiling in the Sanctuary, attached to steel on the outside of the building to reinforce the roof system and pull in the side walls. The Dajon engineer is now proposing another approach.

This alternative requires reinforcing every fifth truss in the attic with steel angles, and tying them together along the ridge line on the center of each truss. The trusses in between would be repaired as well, of course, but here's the good part: All work would be done above the ceiling. No tie rods and no exterior steel along the eaves of the building would be necessary.

From an engineering standpoint, this is a viable solution. The Recovery Task Force endorsed the concept, and design work is now beginning in earnest.

If it's successful, the aesthetic of our Sanctuary will be returned to its original condition.

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HOSEA 11:4  
John Fawcett, *pub.* 1782

Hans G. Nägeli; *arr.* by Lowell Mason, 1845



## Congregational Vote

The May 15 congregational vote was in favor of opening a \$100,000 line of credit with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund to pay for improvements to the sanctuary that are unreimbursed by insurance. The Church Council, however, has set \$35,000 as the limit of borrowing against that line. Projects estimated at \$25,600 include:

- Replacing the lighting controls
- Painting the air conditioning wall units
- Heating the choir loft
- Cleaning and rewiring the chandeliers

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