



# THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

SPECIAL RECOVERY EDITION

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## Construction is Underway

The interior perimeter of the Sanctuary is now completely enclosed by heavy-gauge protective plastic. A temporary floor covers the parquet and red carpeting. The organ and pipes are wrapped. The pews are in off-site storage. The chandeliers and wall sconces are summering in Mount Vernon NY where they are being refurbished.

Tons of additional metal shoring material were delivered to Good Shepherd this week. Some of it has already been used to finish the shoring in Fellowship Hall.

## Next Steps

**The really tricky part is about to begin.** In the Sanctuary, cuts will be made where the ceiling meets the walls, as well as *across* the ceiling where eight of the trusses will eventually be reinforced with steel. Then more shoring will be installed and capped, which means it will be brought up through the ceiling to the roof line. The truss heels that are sound will be "reattached" to the walls. Since the walls are bowed out due to the weight of the roof pushing on broken trusses, the next step is to jack up the structure in a way that manages to get the walls to move inward. At least that's the plan.

When everything is aligned, templates will be made for the steel fabricator to make new trusses. Dajon expects some lag time in mid-July while fabrication occurs.

## Visioning Clusters are Forming

The Church Council is convening affinity groups within the congregation to discuss potential capital needs for the future. The roof failure has sharpened the focus on our physical building and it gives us a chance to step back and consider how we use the building and how to make it a better place for carrying out our mission. These affinity groups -- Visioning Clusters -- will report their priorities and opinions by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Council hopes to engage as many members as possible in this planning activity, to be sure all good ideas are heard and discussed before we undertake any capital projects. For those who cannot attend a cluster meeting, there will be additional opportunities to weigh in on the capital planning process.

## Other News

Boy Scout Troop 15 has donated over \$1,200 to Good Shepherd for the roof recovery. A member of the troop presented the gift during worship on Trinity Sunday. The boys and their families ran a car wash and garage sale in the church parking lot that was spectacularly successful. We are proud to be sponsors of Troop 15, and very grateful to "our" troop for their efforts. ... Progress on the roof recovery was reported in the *Glen Rock Gazette's* June 24<sup>th</sup> issue and online at [northjersey.com](http://northjersey.com) ... Follow us on Facebook at *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church* where additional photos are posted.

God is with us, all the time. All the time, God is with us.

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