



THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

SPECIAL RECOVERY EDITION

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Ceiling Demolition



Working through last weekend, portions of the Sanctuary ceiling were demolished by men wearing dust masks. The noise and falling plaster was contained by the construction plastic that encloses the whole interior perimeter of the Sanctuary, with a zippered "door" in the plastic separating the construction site from the administrative wing of the church. Additional shoring was installed. More is staged in the driveway.

Shortly 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. Then templates will be made so new trusses can be fabricated out of steel.

Visioning Clusters in July

Meanwhile, the Church Council is thinking about the future of Good Shepherd. One step in that direction is to convene meetings of 10 affinity groups within the congregation to discuss potential capital needs. These affinity groups are called "Visioning Clusters." Each cluster will meet once and report its priorities and opinions by July 31st.

The clusters and their leaders:

Holy Conversations – Chris Rotella

Bible Study – David Vikner

Sunday School Families – Danny Wood

Choir – Dennis Owen

Joyful Noise – Cindy Christianson

WELCA + OK's – Judy Mullane

Luther League – Scott King

College Parents – Scott Olsen

"Sages" – Carlton Meier

New Members – Ernie Pastor

The cluster meetings have three benefits. First, they have the potential to identify facilities needs that haven't been brought forward yet; second, the members of a cluster have a shared perspective on prioritizing the various capital needs we have; and third, it's a great community-building activity.

Don't worry if you can't participate in a cluster! The Council wants to hear **all** good ideas before making decisions about the future. Members of the congregation who haven't been in a cluster meeting will be asked their opinions during the month of August, when questionnaires will be distributed each week at worship, and also online.

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

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