



THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

SPECIAL RECOVERY EDITION

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“Open Wall” Decisions

Now that Church Mutual accepted our claim for the roof, the Recovery Task Force has turned its attention to other, non-reimbursed work that may be undertaken in the sanctuary while the roof is being repaired. These are referred to as “open wall” decisions because they are projects that are sensible while the sanctuary is under construction. They will be the topic of a special meeting immediately after worship today, which will conclude by 12:30.

Decisions that will be placed in front of the congregation for funding include:

- Refinishing the pews
- Replacing the speakers and receiver/amplifiers in the sound system
- Replacing the lighting controls
- Painting the air conditioning wall units
- Heating the choir loft
- Cleaning and rewiring the chandeliers

Several other projects were considered as part of the original list, but they were carefully pared down to those that are most important and will make the biggest difference. Artisans and service providers have provided quotes.

The roof repair requires that tie rods and sag bars be installed in the sanctuary. The Task Force believes that the additional work will reduce the impact of the rods and bars on the visual aesthetic of the sanctuary. Tomorrow evening, the Task Force will recommend the Church Council approves these projects.

The challenge we face is timing. Seizing the moment while the sanctuary is torn apart means little time to do fundraising before the fact. If the Church Council votes to open a line of credit with the ELCA, it will have to be affirmed by a vote of the congregation on May 15, and fundraising will have to follow.

Good Shepherd in the News

The Glen Rock Gazette – “Builder picked for roof repairs” in May 6 edition
[http://www.northjersey.com/news/121252859_Builder_picked_for_roof_repairs_at_Glen_Rock_church.html]

Also, “Troop 15 will hold fundraiser for church” reports that the Boy Scouts will hold a car wash and garage sale in our parking lot from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM on Saturday, May 14. Rain date is May 15. All the proceeds are to help rebuild the roof. How wonderful that Troop 15, which has met in our Fellowship Hall for many years, has planned this special fundraiser!

Please continue to worship, pray, and give of your time, talent, and treasure during this time away from our sanctuary.

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

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