

June Council Corner

Members will most likely notice a few physical changes taking place at Hope Lutheran as we enter the first phase of our church revitalization project over the next few weeks. At first, many of these changes will be small and, in some cases, not very apparent to the naked eye. The narthex will acquire some new signage, the sound system will undergo an update, and a new mailbox will make its long-awaited return across the highway. The council hopes that these modifications will help make your church experience that much more enjoyable.

Phase two will start with the installation of the new doors. They were just delivered to us a few weeks ago from Pohaki Lumber in Virginia. These doors represent an upgrade in terms of their security features and the energy efficiency that they will provide. The council hopes to have them in place by the middle of July. Putting in new doors is no easy task. If you know of any person who is skilled in this type of undertaking and would be willing to lend a hand, please contact the church. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Once again, thank you to the ladies of WELCA for purchasing the doors and for the members who have made donations to offset their price.

The council has not yet decided what the third and final phase will look like. We have discussed many ideas such as moving some of the offices and knocking down a few walls in order to provide an upstairs location for our coffee n' time after Sunday services. Our goal is to make the church more user-friendly to all of our members and cost-effective to operate. With this in mind, the council felt that we should ask for some input from the congregation. What changes, if any, would you like to see in our church? Please feel free to share your ideas with Pastor Evelyn, Stan, or any of our council members. We look forward to hearing from you.

In closing, I would like to send out a number of thank you's to the following members and/or groups:

- Rocky Roggenbuck for mowing the lawn and trimming around the church.
- Everyone who helped paint the basement walls. I apologize for not knowing all of your names.
- The person or persons who removed the tree stumps from the property.

The council and all the members of church appreciate your efforts. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to lend a hand. Our church could not function without great, caring people like you.

May God grant you peace until we meet again next month.....

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