

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

NEWSLETTER

PASTOR'S NEW OFFICE ALMOST COMPLETE

Pastor's office continues to receive some much needed renovations. While not a part of the campaign this construction project's completion is crucial to Mt. Calvary's ministry.

MOVING INTO THE EVANGELISM WING JAN 28

Following our Chili Cook-Off our team of Trustees would appreciate help moving chairs into the Evangelism Wing, where we will worship during construction.

DECEMBER GIFTS TOTALED \$417,350

Thanks be to God for all of you who were able to contribute to our First Gifts celebration.

This is just the beginning!

THE LATEST UPDATE

As mentioned above, our congregation will move into the Evangelism Wing on Sunday, January 28 following the Chili Cook-Off.

The congregation intends to worship in the Evangelism Wing until the completion of the sanctuary in the summer of 2024.

The details on the flow of receiving Holy Communion, baptizing, and placement of the piano and choir are all being worked out with relevant parties. The Church Council continues to meet with Lynn Godshall, CGI Design Inc., to discuss the design elements of the new sanctuary. Brunner & Associates will be removing the organ at the end of January to begin their work refurbishing, updating, and relocating the pipes and console.

During Worship

- Those who need to excuse themselves may utilize the choir/music room. For example, parents who need to speak with their children during the service may use this room and return to the service.
- The altar guild and acolytes will still have access to the sacristy.

During the Bible Study Hour

- The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten room will serve as a coffee, tea, and snacks space.
- Children will enjoy their snacks on one side of the room.
- The children's class will be moved into a room in the west wing.
- While some HVAC work will begin in the west wing the Sunday School rooms will continue to be used.

Many members continue to work on moving the building project forward. We thank them for diligently meeting with the architect, designer, organ company, and officials from Manheim Township.

Keep them in your prayers as the congregation boldly moves forward with the building project. All praise and glory to God for guiding us throughout this project.

USING SCRIPTURE AS A FIRM FOUNDATION

During the construction of our current building Mt. Calvary members lovingly wrote Bible verses on the wood studs placed just beneath the carpet and drywall of our chancel area.

This was a wonderful way for everyone in the congregation to get involved with the construction process. It also helped illustrate that our church was built upon the firm foundation of God's word.

As we move forward with the construction of our new sanctuary we'd like to invite members of the congregation to write Bible verses on the wood studs to be placed in our new altar/chancel area.

Further announcements about this project will be made as we enter into the construction phase of our building project.

Start thinking of which verses you'd like to write on the wood studs, and stay tuned for more details.



WORDS OF THANKS

FROM THE CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR, FARLEY FRY

We are very grateful for the many volunteers who have participated in our Light for the World campaign. It is not possible to thank each person individually for their crucial time and effort in our campaign for the future of our church home and our mission to our surrounding community and mission field at large. And yet as a united congregation, we accomplished more than I thought possible.

My grandmother had a quaint Pennsylvania Dutch expression that holds true – “Many hands make the work few”. The individual efforts of many contributed to the overall mission campaign success. Together we committed to offerings of \$1.1 million over the next three years for our mission expansion and just as importantly we received first gifts of \$417,350. This tremendous start will reduce our interest expenses during construction and our future mortgage.

My grandmother’s expression captures the value of teamwork and accomplishing a common goal and that is good. But in other ways, the expression does not capture our mission as a gathering of believers known as Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church. First and foremost, we are Christians responding to the love of Christ, our Lord and Savior. We gather to worship and to be a Light for the World. So, on the surface, we united to replace our aged heating and air conditioning system and reorient our church to set the stage for future expansion. In reality, this is a necessary and foundational part of our goal of being a Light for the World. What we have accomplished is to push forward as torch-bearers in response to the command of Christ to share the Good News with a needy and dismal world.

That is our mission and what we have been striving for – being a **Light for the World**.



ON THE FULFILLMENT PHASE

FROM THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER, NANCY MARSHALL

Over the next three years, we will be giving our financial gifts to God along with our prayers, listening to His Word, personal time with devotions, and Bible study, and more. To help members accomplish these goals, there is a Fulfillment Team to keep us on track.

The Fulfillment Team members are:

Pastor Seifferlein

Coordinator
Nancy Marshall

Prayer Leaders
RJ Milholin & Nancy Stiegler

New Member Leader
Ron Stiegler

Events
Mary Anne & Doug Sylvester

Financial Recorder
Liz Velkly and Kim Salamh

Communications/Social Media
Michael Usner