



NEW EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT ST. PAUL!

This past year the Properties Committee and Church Council have been looking at ways we can be better stewards in the use of our energy resources. After careful consideration, it has become clear with the rising energy costs to heat and cool our facility, the Sanctuary was the first place to explore how to be better energy efficient. On numerous occasions, we have experienced loss of heating and cooling in the worship space from the exterior elements due to cracking, inadequate sealing around the windows, and deteriorating wooden window frames.

The hardware that locks the windows in place at the bottom portion of the stained-glass windows is no longer functional. It became clear that we needed to have someone who specialized in stained glass windows to assess our needs. Cathedral Crafts from Winona, Minnesota was invited to evaluate the windows in the Sanctuary and basement for possible repairs. This company is reputable and has done work all over the United States, including churches in Eldorado, Festina, Garnavillo, and Spillville.

On April 30th, a special congregational meeting was called, the owner of Cathedral Crafts was present to explain what repairs were needed and the proposed costs for the project and to answer any questions. Overall, they found the windows to be in very good condition. This project was unanimously passed.

The window project will consist of the following:

1. Remove existing protective covering.
2. Repair/replace deteriorated exterior wood trim.
3. Scrape and sand the exterior of the wood frames to a smooth finish. Caulk all seams, cracks, and blemishes and then paint a coat of primer followed by two coats of paint.
4. The old glazing compound/caulk will be removed from the steel framing bars.
5. Install ¼" acrylic plexiglass protective covering, then sealed with appropriate silicone or paintable sealant.
6. A bronze aluminum framing system will be installed around the plexiglass covering.

Breaking down the cost for this project is as follows: the Sanctuary cost is \$59,480. This consists of replacing the exterior coverings and making necessary repairs for the 29 stained glass windows. This specifically includes removing and making necessary repairs to the Gethsemane Window above the organ. The cost for replacing exterior coverings and necessary repairs for the 17 basement windows is \$25,200 for a total cost of \$84,680 for this project. This does not include updating the existing exterior lighting for illumination of the stained-glass windows with LED lights.

In addition to the Window Restoration project, the Property Committee made the recommendation to the Church Council to make improvements to the sidewalks, parking lot and stucco repair in various places in the Education Wing and east side of the church.

Sidewalk repairs included will be to replace the existing sidewalk along the east entrance by the offices and expand the west parking lot south of the attached parsonage to provide more

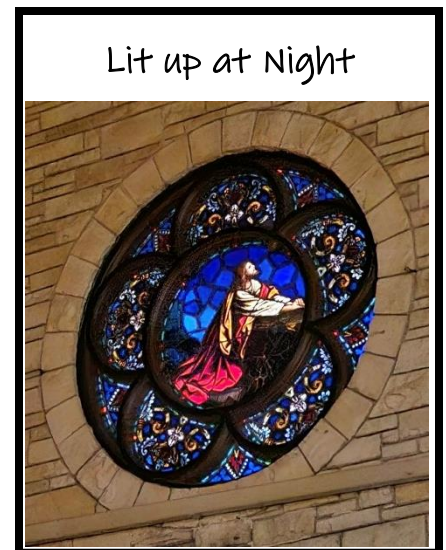
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accessible parking. The expanded parking lot and sidewalks will be safe and accessible to the church entrances. (The sidewalk to the north of the church will be replaced with the Highway 18 Improvements project next year, at no cost to us). This project has an estimated cost of \$15,000.

Stucco repairs are needed on the east end of the Sanctuary and the connecting hallways from the Education Wing to Paul's Place. The deterioration has resulted in numerous leaks adjacent to the Education Wing and office hallway. The cost of this project is unknown at this time.

The Generosity and Property committees have decided to have a Property Improvement Drive to raise the necessary funds. Approximately \$130,000 is needed to complete these projects. We are looking at several different ways for members of St. Paul to contribute. If you feel that you want to give a gift for this project, you can make a check to St. Paul Lutheran Church in the memo line please write **Property Improvement Drive**. *We will keep everyone informed on our website, Facebook, The Voice, and occasional mailings.* Checks may be sent to the church at 116 E Military Rd, Postville. Thank you for your generosity and commitment as we gather as the baptized community of faith to proclaim God's Word of love and forgiveness for generations to come.

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