



So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

The building renewal project, with construction completed in 2010, was envisioned to be a journey of **renewal** for our congregation, renewing not just our facilities but our ministries as well.

Highlights of the physical improvements included:

- completely remodeled and enlarged **Worship Space Sanctuary**
- remodeled and enlarged **Gathering Space and hospitality serving area**
- added **sculpture cross** outside the **Sanctuary window**
- improved **music area spaces**
- remodeled **kitchen and Fellowship Hall**
- created **the Meeting Room, Library and Youth Room**
- replaced and insulated **roof**
- repairs to **façade of the education wing and repaving the parking lot**

The impact of these improvements has been significant for our congregation and every aspect of our ministry. **We thank you** for your generous contributions during the building renewal project.

Our Capital Campaigns from 2008-2017 raised \$1,942,147 as of August 31, 2017.

As of August 31, 2017, **we still owe \$873,974** on the debt from the building renewal project.

So far these improvements have been funded separately from our regular church budget by placing the proceeds from the three capital campaigns in the segregated "Building Fund." Our mortgage payments on the remaining debt are about \$99,000 per year. A long-term solution to retire the remaining debt is being developed by the Long Range Planning Committee. The Long Range Planning Committee is also looking at future ministry and building needs in order to be best prepared to move ahead as needs and opportunities for our future ministry are identified. We hope to pay down our debt as much as possible.

If you would like a more detailed explanation of our financial situation, our congregation's treasurer will be available for discussion and questions at 9:15am on October 22 in the Library.

We ask you to prayerfully consider if you can **"help us pay down"** the remaining debt by:

- continuing your **prior Capital Campaign commitment** to the Building Fund for **one more year**,
- making a **new one year commitment** to the Building fund, or
- making a **one time gift** to the Building fund.

To indicate your commitment or gift to the Building Fund, please use the **green color Building Fund pledge card** included in the stewardship mailing, or fill out the card online on Midvale's website: www.midvalelutheran.org under Serve & Share - Stewardship.

These Building Fund gifts are intended to be in addition to your regular annual pledge or your regular giving in our church ministries and budget. Your ongoing support is vital for our congregation to be able to live out our mission of **praising, living and sharing God's love**.

Thank you from the Stewardship Committee:

Gary Grummer, Bob Glebs, Susan Knowles, Steve Ingham, Laurie Ringuist, Mark Swandby, Pastor Katie Baardseth & Pastor Blake Rohrer

