

March 25, 2015

Dear Parishioner,

We're excited to let you know that we are proceeding with a Capital Campaign for St. Boniface. The Vestry made this decision following many discussions and the results of a survey in which 87% of respondents indicated that they are in favor of a capital campaign.

The theme for our campaign is **Reduce, Renew, Reignite**. We've selected this theme because it represents our goals for this campaign:

Reduce our mortgage debt.

Renew our church building through projects that will make our structure more energy efficient and help preserve our church for future generations.

Reignite our passion to fulfill our mission and spread the gospel.

Our goal for the campaign is \$180,000. Pledges can be paid over a two-year period.

In feedback provided in the survey, the following were identified as the top initiatives to be addressed.

- Reducing the mortgage
- Replacing windows and doors in the administration wing and old nave. Estimated cost \$44,000.
- Renovating the old nave to better support year round use as a fellowship hall through improved insulation, installation of drywall, new furnace and ductwork. Estimated cost \$44,000.
- Adding an air conditioning/heat pump to the Cleaver Room to improve the comfort for meetings. Estimated cost \$5,500.

Parishioners will be able to designate the portion of their gift to apply to debt reduction and the portion to apply to facilities improvements. The Vestry has stated that a project will not begin until the funds for that project have been received.

That covers the **Reduce** and **Renew** elements of our campaign. **Reignite** is what we believe will be an outcome of a successful campaign – an energizing of our commitment to acting as God's hands in this world. Throughout and after this campaign we seek to engage with one another, supporting each other in our efforts and encouraging each other to give from the heart. The following people have taken on leadership roles in this campaign:

Campaign Council: David Clark, Ken Jonas, Rob Mortensen

Advanced Gifts Chair: Debbie Hogate

Congregational Gifts Chair: Sarah Kerkman

Spiritual Emphasis Chair: Bill Shadid

Communications Chair: Heidi Mortensen

Events Chair: Bob Pasternak

But a successful campaign requires more than a committee; it takes all of us working together. If you'd like to contribute your time to this effort, please speak with one of the chair people to find out how you can participate.

What happens now?

Our campaign will kick-off on Sunday, April 19, with a luncheon following the 10:00 service. We encourage you between now and the 19th to be considering your gift to the campaign and we hope that you will make your pledge that day.

We are excited to be undertaking this capital campaign. Excited because we believe in the effort, believe that we can be successful and look forward to the positive outcomes when we come together as one congregation to Reduce, Renew and Reignite.

Enclosed is a Frequently Asked Questions document with more information. If you have questions, please contact one of us, Fr. Kenny or a Vestry member.

Best regards,

David Clark, Ken Jonas, Rob Mortensen
Capital Campaign Council

A Prayer for Our Campaign

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, we stand before you as a people united by bonds of love. We who gather here are no longer strangers because we have been welcomed in your name, and by your love we will welcome all others who come into this community as our brothers and sisters.

We are thankful for all you have given us and we give thanks to you for the abundance you have given to us. During this capital campaign, help us to encourage each other to give from the heart and to the best of our abilities, willingly and with hopefulness. We pray that our giving would not be hindered by fear or a spirit of scarcity. Help us to be stewards of your gifts. Bless us as we seek to live into your Passion, death, and resurrection, and as we await with hope the new life your Spirit brings. This we ask through Jesus Christ. AMEN