

PRESERVING THE POSSIBILITIES

September 29, 2017

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Nearly 60 years ago the members of our congregation took a tremendous leap of faith as they built a new Education Building and nine years later a Church Sanctuary. Their hope that the congregation would grow and serve as a center for ministry and outreach in the community has been fulfilled decade after decade.



Restore Windows

We are grateful for their efforts and sacrifices that have, by God's Spirit, blessed countless people including each of us.

This fall we are launching a second round of capital campaign, called "**Preserving the Possibilities.**" This will enable us to complete many of the projects that have been identified as critical for our ministry. We thank the many people who participated in the first round of the capital campaign, which provided funds to begin much needed improvements.

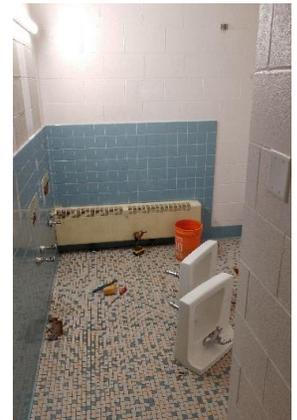
We must restore, maintain and improve our building!

RESTORE: Our **stained glass windows** serve as one of the most distinctive and beautiful features of our sanctuary. The light shining through them calls us to worship our creator each week. A contract has been signed to stop the water leaks. Our **west parking lot was resealed and relined**, but we need to **repave the east and front parking lots**, which will become an impediment to people coming to church and other activities if not renovated.

MAINTAIN: Our **main boiler was replaced** this September, as it had been leaking. **Twelve wooden exit doors in the Education Wing are also being replaced** because they are delaminating and can no longer be repaired. Work is needed on **exterior masonry, steps, curbing and sidewalks** to remedy deterioration that has occurred. The scope of these larger projects is beyond what a typical budget can include; however, the council is committed to providing adequate future funding for the purpose of preventative maintenance.

IMPROVE: We are significantly **upgrading seven restrooms** in the Education Wing. (They have not been touched since the 60's!) The original **flooring in our Education Wing** is beginning to deteriorate and must be replaced.

REPAY OUR DEBT: We also intend to complete repaying our debt. While we have made significant progress, and **paid back \$55,000**, we have **approximately \$70,000 remaining**, including interest, the majority of which is owed to our Endowment Fund.



Improve Restrooms

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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

Achieving these projects will cost approximately \$625,000 and about \$300,000 of this amount has already been raised by the first capital campaign. The current Church Council and Campaign Committee for "Preserving the Possibilities" have pledged \$80,000 over the next two years! Additionally, our Christian Early Learning Center has pledged \$25,000!

We believe our congregation will raise the remaining amount (about \$220,000), and we even hope for additional funds to enable further restoring, maintaining and improving our facilities. Completing these necessary projects requires the continued generosity of our congregation!

Will you prayerfully consider a two year pledge as your contribution to "**Preserving the Possibilities?**"

We know that many have already given sacrificially for the original capital campaign and for that we are very grateful.

As you consider your commitment to these projects -

- We added a webpage, <http://www.stpaullititz.net/preserving-the-possibilities.html>, that includes more information, including a "Frequently Asked Questions" document.
- We also intend to offer **two presentations on the intended renovations**. These will be held in the lounge at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4 and on Wednesday, October 11, 2017.
- We invite you to make your commitment on the enclosed pledge card and return it, with your offering or by mail, on **Pledge Sunday, October 15, 2017**. Typically pledge cards are turned in on one designated Sunday, but we realize some families may need more time to consider a significant gift.
- By early November we would like assurance that we can begin these additional projects!

Our hope is by the end of 2019 we will have our debt repaid and our building's most pressing needs restored, maintained and improved.

We thank everyone who has already given to the Capital Campaign and we thank you in advance for your generous commitment to "**Preserving the Possibilities!**"

In service to Christ,

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