



December 2, 2020

On behalf of the council, we want to say “thank you!” We are so thankful to be a congregation that has been generous in giving and faithful in tithing. To date, not only has our congregation fundraised \$45,000 to put towards our church upgrades, but we also have a budget surplus of \$106,515.94. In addition to that number and your generosity, we have also been financially blessed with gifts from the estates of Jim Gower and Phyllis Sweetman. We once again thank God for His faithfulness to us, and for their example of faithfulness and generosity.

As you may be aware, of the \$45,000 that that was initially raised for the upgrades project, \$20,000 has already been used to purchase new lighting and new screens for the sanctuary. The remaining \$25,000 is earmarked for the proposed narthex upgrades. When we started this project, we did not know what it would cost to upgrade the narthex lighting, paint, flooring and to create a starting point (welcome center). We’ve had a design firm (Boggia-Vande Streek) put together some concepts of what work could be done (see additional pages), and they have also gathered estimates from multiple contractors in each of the fields (painting, lighting, etc.) Now that we have a better understanding of what work could be done, and since we have the funding available via a budget surplus and estate gifts, the Council pre-approved the use of an additional \$45,000 from the surplus to carry out the vision for our narthex upgrades. And while they have pre-approved this, our church bylaws are such that any project costing over \$25,000 must be voted upon by the congregation. So, as part of the congregational meeting on Sunday you will be asked to vote in favor of using \$45,000 of additional funding from our budget surplus to help carry out the narthex upgrades project. The Council is excited about this opportunity. The narthex is in need of an upgrade, the concepts presented look beautiful and would tie in well with our church design and culture, and by the generosity and faithfulness of you and the rest of the congregation we have the means to carry this project to completion.

When speaking about our church we have said lately that we have “Deep Roots, Fresh Growth”. This project encompasses that mantra. We hope that you will be as excited as we are about this opportunity. This proposal is being emailed to you, but if you, or someone you know, would like a hard copy of the proposal, please contact the church office and one will be mailed to you. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor KC. For those who worship remotely, please submit any questions regarding the budget or the narthex project via reply to this email by Thursday at 12 pm. They will be addressed at the congregational meeting. Again, on behalf of the Council, we thank you for your faithful giving and prayerful consideration.

Grace and peace,

The Council of Faith Community Church