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Greetings in the name of our Mighty Savior, Jesus,

This letter is being shared with all members and friends of Holy Cross to announce two major capital projects happening soon at the church.


If you have been in the Sanctuary recently you will have seen the large patch above the altar, as well as some stains on the ceiling due to a roof leak. We also had a leak just inside the main double doors as you enter the Sanctuary. The roof has been patched, but the reality is the roof needs replacement. While there are still some open issues with the exact repair costs, the estimate is \$150,000 to replace both the Sanctuary and Parish Hall roofs. Thanks to God, Holy Cross has had a number of years of budget surplus, which allows us to earmark \$100,000 of existing savings to the project.

This still leaves a \$50,000 need, so we are launching a "RAISE THE ROOF" capital campaign. The project and debt, if required, were approved at the January Congregational meeting, but we are starting this campaign in the hopes of not taking on additional debt. The plan is to raise these funds between March 17, 2024, and December 29, 2024. Contributions may be in the form of one or more lump sums, as well as weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly amounts, so that we can provide whatever methods meet the donor's budget needs. Included is a pledge card to help us understand where we are with regard to the target. Watch for regular updates to our status.

Later in 2024 we will communicate more about our hopes for the upcoming Sanctuary renovations and any additional funding that may be required. Our sanctuary was constructed in 1972. Since that time there have been very few substantial updates to the worship space. The Holy Cross Sanctuary remodel project envisions changes needed to match our desire for a more flexible and welcoming space for the next generation of Christians, those just getting to know Jesus and Holy Cross. More will be shared as we solidify those plans, as the Lord leads and as He provides for our financial needs.

I look forward to working with all the congregation on this exciting project, but let's get busy and Raise the Roof for Jesus in Rochester!

Your Brother in Christ,

  
Roger Lindahl



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