



...together with God's Word 2011 Capital Appeal

Saint John Lutheran Church

but, just as you excel in everything, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for others, see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7

- Create a new, inviting
MAIN ENTRANCE
- Create a bright,
spacious hospitable
GATHERING SPACE
- Create bright, new,
handicap-accessible
REST ROOMS
- Address mechanical
issues heating/ AC/
electrical/parking/fire
sprinkling
- Funding high energy,
professional Youth and
Family Minister
- Retire existing debt

Wouldn't that be wonderful!

March 2, 2011

Dear Saint John family,

We have been privileged to minister to the greater Council Bluffs area for over 120 years. What a journey it has been!

As you probably are aware we spent over 3 years planning our future and while we acknowledge the Church is people...living stones... we are also in agreement that we need warm, attractive, inviting spaces to 'house' the people God sends us. Welcoming facilities are necessary to 'facilitate' the ministries to God's people.

We then began to consider how that vision could be fulfilled. During the last year we have been working toward that end. In July 2010 we voted to proceed with our plan, selected an architect and a builder. Working with them we designed a building that would meet our goals.

The construction bids came in last week and the bids are considerably higher than anticipated. Revised plans were then developed with 3 options and were presented to the Congregation during the meeting on Feb. 27th.

We stand at a precipice. In order to proceed we will need additional funds either through pledges, loans or additional donations. Our deadline for letters of intent is March 18th.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the church or contact the church members listed below.

We wish you God's blessing and thank you for your consideration.

Jon Benson, Pastor
Gary Woods, Building Committee Chairman
Scott Hartman Treasurer

You can find information about our year long journey along with drawings on our website.

(<http://www.saintjohnelca.org/page6.asp>)