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Grace and peace from the Most Holy Trinity!

Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

As we continue to celebrate the 50 days of Easter, my prayer is that the risen Christ will fill your heart to overflowing, and bring heaven a little closer to you.

Our sanctuary renovation is coming along remarkably well. It will be such a joy to gather together once again in our sanctuary and worship our God. Unfortunately, until the pandemic slows way down, we will have to have limited worshippers as we enter the church again. Together, we will move through this time, gain new insights, and better understand what it means to be community in the future. I want to thank you all for your support, prayers, and patience as we continue to live in these unusual times.

After Jesus ascended 40 days after his resurrection, the early followers had to learn how to be Christ in the world, and be a community of believers. It was not an easy thing. But with the guidance of the Holy Spirit who descended on Pentecost, they continue to learn and grow and pass on the traditions that we are fortunate to have today. may we as a community deepen our understanding of our Christian walk, And reflect wisely on the lessons we have learned through these strange times. My prayer is that we emerge from this a stronger deeper community of faith, grounded in sacred scripture, and be aware how precious is the gift of God's presence in our life.

Blessings,
Pastor David



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Sanctuary Renovation Project **News**

This is a brief progress report of what has been accomplished on the Sanctuary Renovation Project at this time. The Architect is Kassidy Banducci, who is a member of our congregation and has accomplished the amazing task of artfully designing the various architectural features based upon listening to members of the congregation and the church council. Kassidy prepared the construction drawings and the various supporting documents and building permits.

The Council awarded the construction contract to DCI (a local contractor based in Ferndale). This is the same contractor that constructed the two-story addition to the Fellowship Hall 13 years ago. The scope of work includes some significant architectural changes as well as making much needed improvements to the previous heating and lighting systems. The pews are being replaced with new interlocking upholstered hardwood chair pews along with new carpeting. New sacramental furniture (altar, baptismal, lectern, and devotional) are being custom designed by Kassidy and Hogan Studios. Hogan Studios will be building the custom designed furniture. (Roger Hogan designed and made most of the stain glass panels currently in the Sanctuary).

There were various tasks that needed to be accomplished before any work could be started by the contractor:

- The pews and altar, which are being replaced, were dismantled into smaller pieces, and disposed of since we could

not find any organization that needed or wanted these items.

- The grand piano was dismantled so it could be temporarily stored in the Fellowship Hall along with the organ.
- The existing flooring was removed by a specialty hazardous materials removal subcontractor since the floor tiles and adhesive contained asbestos.

To facilitate the new lighting design and the new electrical wiring for the new wall scones lighting fixtures and the new overhead pendant lighting, a portion of the sheetrock on the side walls was removed to realign and install new electrical conduits as well as adding electrical outlets in the two side walls. It also became apparent when the sheetrock was removed that there was no thermal insulation in these exterior walls. Because the sheetrock had already been temporary removed, it was decided to add thermal insulation in the exterior Sanctuary sidewalls to reduce the previous “chill” factor that many of us experienced on Sunday worship services during the winter months. In addition, we used this opportunity to install the sanctuary speaker wiring within the walls and eliminate the previous wires laying on the floor.

Below are some photographs of the new altar platform area as well as some of the construction equipment in use. We are looking forward to being able to be together again in the new renovated Sanctuary

Duane Rigge, President

Expenses Continue

Even without the use of the church building, operational and activity expenses do continue. Your offering can make a difference. One can send an offering by mail to the church address. Or one may drop their offering into the exterior mail slot by the east entrance.

New Addition for Lukin Family



Rosalynn Zelle Lukins was born April 2, 2021 ~ 9 lbs 7 oz ~ 22.5 inches.

A New Book "Christian Quotations" by John

This book is now available as an **ebook** on a website called **Payhip**. This website does not deal in books for less than \$2.00 per copy, so that's the price. Once you are on Payhip, just choose "Christian Quotations."

Blessings, John Brugaletta

Zoom It

For those who access Zoom, one can join the meeting with or without video or join by telephone only.

On Sunday at 10am.

You can click on this link to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3864355892?pwd=V3FCNGdPQTE3YSthbU1Gb2tQdmlxQT09>

Meeting ID: 386 435 5892

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OR

To join the service by phone please do the following:

1. Dial 669-219-2599
2. When asked for the meeting ID enter: 386 435 5892

If needed the password is 161544

Please be patient and wait for the leader to join you to the meeting.

On **Wednesdays at 3:00 PM,**

Pastor is also hosting an outdoor gathering on Zoom (audio only) at the Church.

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Ready to Begin Work



Renovation Project **Photographs from Carrie Sams,** **Duane Rigge, and Pastor Groe.**



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