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Sunday, March 15, 2009

Dear Faithful Members of Good Shepherd,

As you are aware, a special congregation meeting was held today, in which the details of the Clean & Bean Project were presented to the Congregation. In summary, the Clean & Bean Project consists of two components: 1.) renovating the sanctuary, and 2.) contributing to the Lutheran Healthcare Center (formerly the Lutheran Home) by purchasing the naming rights to its chapel in honor of Pastor Kenneth Bean. The total cost of this project is \$75,000, and we were looking to raise this money over the upcoming months. **I am very excited to report that the Congregation OVERWHELMINGLY approved this project and subsequent fundraising effort!** To ensure that we have thorough communications, I am writing to you to share the good news and highlights from today's meeting.

SANCTUARY

Of the \$75,000, \$45,000 (which includes contingency) will be used towards renovating the sanctuary. This will enable us to install new carpeting, install hardwood floors at the altar, refinish the hardwood floors by the organ, restage the contemporary band area, re-upholster the pews and chairs, and upgrade and relocate the AV equipment. Our first concern is the condition of the carpet, and the risk and safety issues it presents with all the "buckling". In addition, the sanctuary needs to be updated aesthetically to match the rest of the building. As Paula Mathieu always reminds us at Council Meetings, the sanctuary is our religious home, and our home needs some attention. The Congregation agreed and approved the proposal.

PASTOR KENNETH BEAN NAMING RIGHTS AT LHC

The remaining \$30,000 will be contributed to the Lutheran Healthcare Center as they begin their \$9 million construction project. For this contribution, we will have the rights to permanently dedicate the name of the Chapel in honor of Pastor Kenneth Bean. Pastor Bean's 30+ years of service to the Lutheran Healthcare Center have been nothing short of amazing, and this is a fitting way for Good Shepherd to ensure that we honor his dedication and service. Unfortunately, we only have this one opportunity to purchase these naming rights as there are other Congregations willing to buy the naming rights. So to take advantage of this opportunity in honor of Pastor Bean, the Congregation approved this as well.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND CONCERNS

Again, the total cost of this project, and thus the amount we are looking to raise, is \$75,000. Recognizing the current economic conditions, we proposed a "phased approach" to the project. Please refer to the chart on the next page.

	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Total
1. Renovations	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$45,000
Scope:	a. Install New Carpet b. Install HW Floors on Altar c. Refinish HW Floors by Organ d. Reset Band Area / Electrical	e. Re-upholster Pews & Chairs	f. Upgrade Projector Lens g. Reposition AV Equip	
2. Pastor Bean Naming Rights	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
Totals	\$55,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$75,000

The “phased” approach is our mechanism to bring fiscal responsibility to this project during these challenging economic times. Simply put, we will not move into Phase II of the project until all of the funds for Phase I have been raised. The same holds true for Phase III, which will not be started until we have raised the funds to complete Phases I and II.

It should be noted that we already have approximately \$9,000 in Memorial gifts dedicated to this project. So, we are already 12% of the way there. We are looking to have all contributions towards this project submitted by May 15th, 2009, so that we can begin the renovations shortly thereafter. The conservative outlook is that the renovations will take approximately 2 weeks, which may cause some minor, short term disruptions in the sanctuary space.

Finally, the \$75,000 figure may be overwhelming to get your arms around – after all, it is a lot of money. But, there is strength in numbers. Given the number of active households, the average contribution per household is estimated to be \$550 (assuming that 75% of the congregation households contribute to this project, and factoring the \$9,000 already contributed). Obviously, this figure is just a benchmark, which means different things to different families. All contributions, regardless of size, are always deeply appreciated.

Again, these are exciting times at Good Shepherd. We are truly thriving, and the today’s approval of is just another example of Good Shepherd performing God’s Will. Thank you for those in attendance – your questions and comments were thoughtful, and I appreciated the engaging dialogue that was shared. Should anyone have any questions or comments regarding the Clean & Bean Project, please feel free to reach out to myself or any other member of the Council.

Sincerely,
George Herz
GSLC Congregation Council President