

Capital Campaign Update – March 15, 2026

At the Memorial Annual Meeting on February 1, 2026, the congregation approved the proposed Capital Campaign 2025/26 goal of \$196,000. At that time, \$116,000 was pledged. We continue to receive pledges and gifts.

As of March 15, 2026, another \$20,000 challenge gift has been offered, hoping to encourage other families to share what they are able.

We have received an additional \$2,000 from a pledge of \$3,000 made last year, and \$1,300 from four families.

The total pledged is **\$139,718.35**.

Please notice the tree on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. As each pledge comes in, we add leaves to reveal the rooted abundance Memorial shares with the community and beyond through our church building and property.

The Memorial Property Team has met with three vendors regarding air conditioning. We are also planning to meet with MSP Energy to discuss a geothermal heat pump so that we can consider all alternatives for our heating and air.

We will meet again at the end of March to discern next steps for the air conditioning portion of our building renewal, with the hope of installation by the end of May.

During the week of March 1, it was discovered that the windows proposed for repair or replacement are in more serious condition than first thought. The center window in the back of the sanctuary has a pane that has slid down in its casing, leaving a gap to the outside.

Two project managers are reviewing our proposed projects, including the windows, bathrooms, and carpet. They will first provide a proposal for a closer inspection of the windows, which will require specialized equipment. After reviewing those proposals, we will decide who will manage the window work as well as the bathroom and carpet projects.

We recognize the cost for the windows may be higher than originally expected. If the cost exceeds the initial budget, we will return to the congregation for further conversation.

This is an exciting time, and we are encouraged by the momentum of pledges that reflect a shared desire to use our space for worship, music, fellowship, and ministry. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Karen and the Property Team (Jerry Engebretson, Gary Palmen, Bob Chezik, Karen Tangen, Cheryl Mackereth and Chairperson, Elise Winter)