

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg, PA 814-695-0091 www.zionhollidaysburg.org

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Matthew Counsman by The Counsman & Lightner Families.

New to Zion? Welcome!

Children's activity bags are at the back of the sanctuary.

Need space? The service can be heard in the Chapel on the first floor.

Communion: Please tell the pastor if you prefer a blessing instead of communion. Exit the pew on the outside aisle. Empty cups are for wine, and filled cups contain grape juice. The pastor gives out wafers (gluten free upon request), and the communion assistant pours wine or blesses grape juice. Return by the center aisle.

Restrooms are on the first floor, including a family/ADA restroom. Additional restrooms are found through the doors at the front of the sanctuary, where you can also access our **elevator**.

PRELUDE: "He Is Exalted/Great Is the Lord"

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**



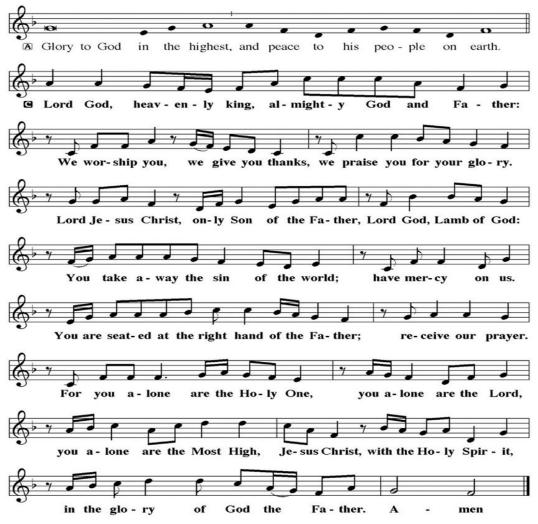
***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**





***HYMN OF PRAISE**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. C: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should

say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

A: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

(Sat & 8:00) PSALMODY: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To [|] you, O LORD,

I lift [|] up my soul.

² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³ Let none who look to you be ¹ put to shame;

- rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- ⁴ Show me your ¹ ways, O LORD, and teach ¹ me your paths.
- ⁵ Lead me in your ¹ truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compas-¹ sion and love, for they are from ¹ everlasting.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹ my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-¹ ness, O LORD.

- ⁸ You are gracious and up-¹right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners¹ in your way.
- ⁹ You lead the low-¹ ly in justice and teach the low-¹ ly your way.
- ¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast [|] love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your [|] testimonies.

(10:45) PSALMODY: "Mighty To Save" (Song of Zion)

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Everyone needs compassion, a love that's	So take me as you find me, all my fears and
never failing,	failures,
Let mercy fall on me.	And fill my life again.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a	I give my life to follow, everything I believe in
Savior,	Now I surrender. (chorus)
The hope of nations. (chorus)	
	Shine your light and let the whole world see,
Savior, he can move the mountains. My God is	singing
mighty to save, He is mighty to save.	For the glory of the risen King, Jesus
Forever, author of salvation. He rose and	Shine your light and let the whole world see,
conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the	singing
grave.	For the glory of the risen King.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ

Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. A: The word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**



*GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

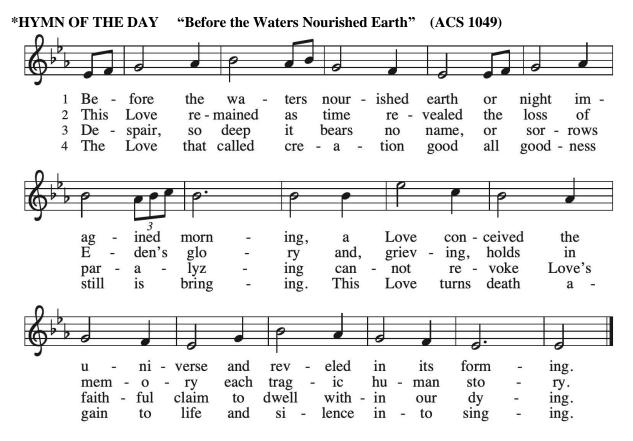


²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON



*APOSTLES' CREED

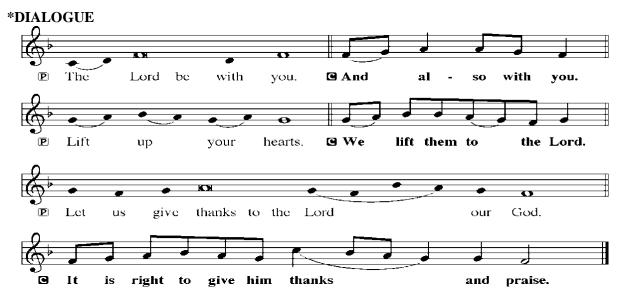
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection + of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

- P: Let us pray ... Lord, in your mercy. C: Hear our Prayer.
- P: Into your hands, O Lord, ... Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

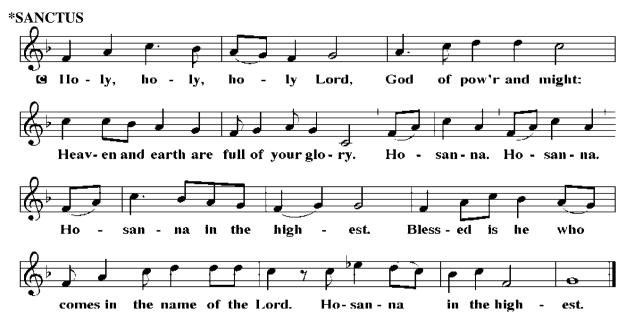
***PEACE P**: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C**: **And also with you.**

(Sat & 8:00) SPECIAL MUSIC "Grazioso" (Brenda Conway & Gail Nedimyer)





It is indeed right and salutary.....and join their unending hymn.



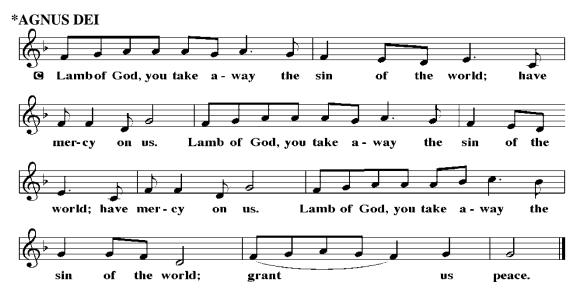
***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

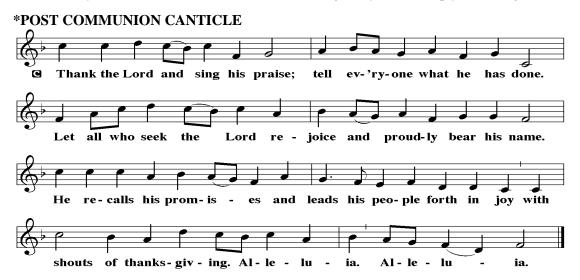
***INVITATION**

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. C: Thanks be to God.



COMMUNION

*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

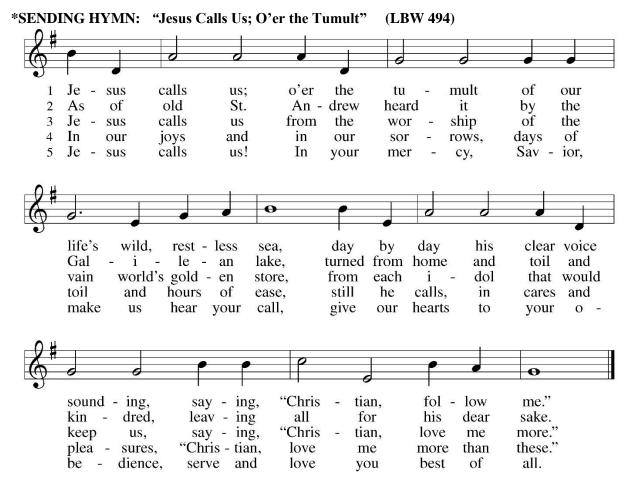


***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray. C: Generous God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

*BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C: Amen



DISMISSAL: P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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DAILY BIBLE READING July $14^{\text{TH}} \sim \text{July } 20^{\text{TH}}$

The following weekly Daily Bible Reading Guide is provided for your personal devotion.

14. 1 Samuel 8 15. 1 Samuel 9-10 16. 1 Samuel 11 17. 1 Samuel 12 18. 1 Samuel 13 19. 1 Samuel 14 20 Pentecost 6 GENESIS 18:1-10A PSALM 15 (1) COLOSSIANS 1:15-28 LUKE 10:38-42

This Week at Zion – 7/13/25 – 7/20/25

Sunday 7/13 8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service 10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service

Monday 7/14 8:00 a.m. Ocean City Mission Trip Departure

Tuesday 7/15

Wednesday 7/16 9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew 7:00 p.m. Finance Board Meeting **Thursday 7/17** 7:00 p.m. CPC Meeting

Friday 7/18

Saturday 7/19 8:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Eucharist Service

Sunday 7/20 8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service 10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service

A Note from the office...

Pastor Dave is available for Pastoral Care and Visitation Tuesday through Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred. Please call the church office (814-695-0091) or Pastor Dave at 814-330-8025 to schedule.

SERVING SQUAD & OUTREACH

7/21 is the next Serving Squad date and will be preparing Spaghetti & Meat Sauce. The group gets together at 11:00 a.m. in Zion's kitchen to prepare meals that are donated to the Hope Drop-In Center in Altoona.



Donation Reguests: (due 7/20) Italian Bread Shredded Mozzarella Grated Parmasan

Donations of Coffee, Fruit Cups, Applesauce, and Desserts (of your choice) are always appreciated. Please place your donations in the Outreach Room.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you going through a difficult time-emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer along. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for the encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is you are facing. To find out more, talk with Pastor Dave or Stephen Leaders: Karen Wagner and Connie Counsman.

Wreath of Christ Wednesday

Wednesdays, July 9th & 23rd at 6:30 PM

Need to take a breath in the midst of a busy week? Enjoy a short, contemplative prayer service complete with prayer beads, chimes, and breathing exercises. Bring your own Wreath of Christ or borrow a set of ours for use during the service.





Tickets - \$15/each

Price includes all-you-can-eat buffet one hour before the game at the first base picnic area at PNG Field and a Terrace level (200-level) game ticket. Please note: Children 2 and under are free.

n us as the Altoona Curve celebrates faith of all kinds with a night full of unity, fellowship, and community spirit during Faith Night. Fireworks following the game! Kids 14 and under run the bases!

ZION ADULT RETREAT CAMP SEQUANOTA



SEPTEMBER 4-7

Enjoy a time of relaxation and study at Camp Seguanota for our Adult Retreat 2025. The retreat will run from 5 PM on Thursday, September 4 until Noon on Sunday, September 7. We will stay at the Bowersox Center, a hotel-like lodge at Camp Sequanota. Our study theme is to be determined. Come and enjoy the amazing setting, conversation, and excellent food that you won't have to cook.

Pricing per person for the Adult Retreat

	Single	Double
	Occupancy	Occupancy
Tier 1	\$160	\$125
Tier 2	\$225	\$175

Tier 1 is a partially subsidized fee that utilizes our church budget.

Tier 2 represents the true cost of the retreat.

If cost is a concern, please contact Pastor Dave. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to experience the enrichment camp has to offer. Please make checks payable to "Zion Lutheran Church" in advance of the event.

Summer Book Study

This summer we will read and discuss "The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict" by The Arbinger Institute.

What if, in our conflicts with others, there is something we want more than solutions? What if, individually and collectively, we misunderstand the causes of our conflicts?



And what if, therefore, we unwittingly perpetuate the very problems we think we are trying to solve? In The Anatomy of Peace, we learn from once-bitter enemies the way to transform personal, professional, and even global conflicts.

We will meet at the Zion for our discussions. Two meeting options are available, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM and Thursdays at 10 AM. The dates are:

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM	Thursdays, 10 AM
June 18	June 19
July 2	July 3
July 30	July 31
August 20	August 21

Please contact Pastor Dave if you would like a copy of the book.

CHURCH KITCHEN MEETING:

Expectations and Opportunities! Sunday, September 21st after 10:45am worship (Noon)



All Zion adults, families, and young people that anticipate using our new church kitchen for ministry and programs should attend a brief kitchen meeting as they are able on Sunday, 9/21 after 10:45am worship.

This will include instructions on how to operate appliances, clean surfaces, and some expectations for how we can best use this resource together in Jesus' name! The meeting will be led by Ryan Custead and members of the Outreach, Serving Squad, and CFY Boards. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



THE ADVENTURES OF FLAT REVEREND UNANGST

† The Adventures of Flat Reverend Unangst! •••

This summer, let's stay connected as a church family—no matter where the road takes us! Introducing... **Flat Reverend Unangst**! He's our pint-sized pastor on a mission to spread joy, stay in touch, and maybe even spark a few meaningful conversations along the way.

Here's how it works:

- 1. Cut out your very own Flat Reverend Unangst (we promise he won't mind!).
- 2. Take him with you—wherever you go and whatever you do!
 - Heading to the beach? Pack the sunscreen!
 - Visiting the mountains? He loves the view!
 - o Out to dinner? He's always up for dessert.
 - Hanging with friends or family? He's a social butterfly.



- 3. **Snap a pic** of Flat Reverend Unangst in action! Capture all the fun, silliness, and spirit of your summer adventures.
- 4. Share your photos. We can't wait to see where he shows up!
 - Email photos to news@zionhollidaysburg.org.
 - Upload your picture directly to Facebook or Instagram. Tag Zion Lutheran in your post. Add the hashtag #flatrevunangst or #revunangstisonthemove
- 5. Who knows? Someone might just ask, "Hey, what's that little guy about?" And just like that, you've got a chance to share a bit of your faith and community. ♥★

Let's make this a summer to remember—with laughter, love, and a very flat reverend tagging along for the ride!

Memorial Camper Fund



Leave no camper behind! Established in honor of Jim Rhodes, Walt Wohler, and those who have led young people in faith.

Faith Riders is establishing a special fund to support Zion's continued youth camping and retreat ministries. Camping programs at Sequanota and other Christian camps have had an indelible impact on young people's lives for generations. Zion is a strong supporter and partner of church camping. Historically, Zion has sent large numbers of kids to camp each year,

and it is a blessing to continue in this effort. In a rapidly changing world, church camping remains a viable and proven effort of ministry. Young people find faith, self confidence, teamwork, positive relationships and much more at camp. The "Memorial Camper Fund" will ensure that youth continue to have access to these tools and gifts. The fund will also help Zion continue to increase the number of campers we send to camp amidst rising costs.

Specifically, the fund will allow Zion to send kids to camp who may not have the resources to contribute financially. It will also allow our families to contribute and pay for camp as they are able. Faith Riders, Zion members, and anyone is invited to support our camping and retreat ministries by making contributions to this fund. The "Memorial Camper Fund" is established in honor of the faithfulness with which Jim Rhodes, Walt Wohler, and other saints before us have invested in our youth. Give to the fund in your offering or in the church office by marking your contribution as "Memorial Camper Fund".

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord. Psalm 127:3

Youth & Children Sunday 2025



Sunday, September 14th

Mark your calendars for Youth & Children Sunday 2025! Our

8:00 am and 10:45 am Sunday services (9/14) and our 6:00 p.m. Saturday service (9/13) will feature children and youth helping to lead us in worship.

There will speaking and nonspeaking roles. We will prepare during our Rally Day Sunday School hour (9/7, the week before) and at FaithFormers (9/3 and Cr@zy (9/10). Children and youth will also be able to participate if they are unable to attend small groups or Sunday School.

Mark you calendars and watch for info reminders!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Capital Campaign donations have exceeded \$500,000.

Phase II of the capital improvements is complete.

The second phase of our capital campaign is complete, and everyone may be wondering just how the contributions have

been spent to this point. Below is a summary of how the money has been allocated and available money received thus far to proceed with second floor and basement restrooms renovations.

Contributions as of 6/1:	\$503,169
Phase I Expenses	\$276,159 (Sanctuary, Narthex, Elevator)
Phase II Expenses	\$190,852 (Kitchen, Pantry, Coffee Bar, 1 st Floor Restrooms)
Phase III Materials	\$ 6,355 (for 2 nd floor & basement restrooms)
Available	\$ 29,803 (to complete remaining restrooms)

The property board is currently planning phase III, and expects to have enough funding available through the end of the pledge drive on June 30 to complete all remaining restrooms, combined with volunteer work to perform demo and partition assembly.

Our continued thanks to all for making these much-needed updates to our beloved church possible.

