

## Sanctuary Refresh Project Summary 4/18/2023

### Who

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### What

A group was assembled to look at our sanctuary and consider possible changes. This is prompted by a need to replace the carpeting in that space. This group was formed to look at ways our sanctuary might be improved. We've met 6 times, starting on Aug. 4, 2022.

These are things that have to be done regardless of whatever else we consider

- Replace the existing carpeting in the sanctuary. This is an anticipated need and is covered in the capital reserve plan.
- Perform needed repairs on the two stained glass windows on the west wall. This is provided for in the capital reserve.
- Make improvements to the back corner layout. Install a table or desk to hold the streaming computers.
- Fix issues regarding temperature and humidity in the sanctuary.
- Clean up around the perimeter. Route wires properly, clear visible storage spaces, relocate some electrical outlets, raise up the video screens, etc.
- Improve our sound system to better handle streaming, and clean up the sound rack layout.

These last 4 things should be low cost and addressable in the regular spending plan process.

Beyond that list, we are thinking about ways we might take the opportunity to make further improvements to the sanctuary space. These are some things we hope to address.

- Ability to have music happening beyond the choir and organ area. Small groups, better location for the bells, etc.
- Better accommodate small services and activities.
- Ability to have non-typical worship and non-worship activities that would not be compatible with the current layout.
- Better space for the chancel choir.
- Better space in the front for funerals, esp. when there's a casket there.
- Better accommodation of wheelchairs and other seating for people who may not be able to manage the regular pews.
- Better access to the altar area for people who can't manage with the steps we have now.

These are some alternatives we've discussed in the group

- Make some changes with our pews. They were installed at a time when our space was very limited. At this point we can address a desire for flexibility without reducing our overall capacity.
- We discussed two approaches. One is to replace all our pews with chairs that could be rearranged as desired for different uses. The other is to work around the sides to improve our space while leaving the center sections of pews as they are.
- Whatever we do will affect what we do with the flooring. We are considering the effects on the aesthetics of our sanctuary and being careful not to degrade our acoustic qualities.

Where we stand at this time

- We've decided at this point to leave the center sections largely as they are and try some things around the periphery. Over time we've removed the first three pews on the Good Shepherd

side. This has improved our bell choir setup already. We are removing the remaining two pews and will set up rows of the brown chairs at an angle facing the altar. That will keep our seating capacity and allow us to have open space as desired for music and other types of activities on that side. It will also provide a much better place for wheelchairs or other accommodation for people who aren't well served with the regular style pews.

- We're considering what might be done on the organ side to improve our space for the choir and make the traffic flow better.

#### Costs

- Stained glass window repairs. \$27,000 quoted last fall. One window is needed soon, the other is needed in the near term.
- Replace existing carpets. Sanctuary \$13,500. Narthex if desired \$13,500. Narthex entryway \$2000 if desired.