



Pastoral Letter

May 2025

Beloved in the Lord,

For the past five months we have been celebrating God's grace shown to Mount Calvary over the last century. We have had some joyous celebrations and have been blessed by some wonderful guest preachers and music. There is more to come!

I encourage you, if you have not already, to register for the Anniversary Luncheon on June 22nd. There are still a few days before the deadline. Please forward the invitation link to people who are friends and former members of Mount Calvary. We don't want anyone to be overlooked!

I recently was able to present on your behalf a check for \$850.00 to Ebenezer Stone Food Pantry. This was in addition to the nonperishable food items that were collected in March as part of our celebration of local missions. We will again be supporting this ministry with produce from the MCCDC urban farm.

We are getting ready to make a giant step forward in our sanctuary renovation. New flooring will replace the carpet in the sanctuary with the narthex area also included in this plan. I have been told by Dr. Freese that the hard surface in the chancel will improve the sound of congregational singing, the choir, and the organ.

In addition, the new communion rail is nearly finished. This communion rail will be at the same level as the floor, eliminating the need to climb steps to get to the rail. This provides greater access for all in worship, regardless of their physical limitations.

The communion rail will include portions of the "old" rail and provide more space for people to commune at "tables." This is a piece of art being fabricated by Zuehlsdorf Woodworks (the same people who are helping with the remodeling of Trinity Lutheran downtown). The railing is provided by a generous gift from the estate of long-time member Arlene Bucholtz.

A word of thanks to the committee who worked so hard on selecting the colors and surfaces. Their diligence in this project will be evident when you see the results!

In Christ,

Pastor Dan Czaplewski