

## Church Building Update

Two committees have been formed as part of the Executive Build Team. The Bricks and Mortar committee will be involved with the physical aspect of the project. The Vision and Data committee are involved with determining existing and expanding ministries of St. John's along with space needs.

The vision and data committee will be releasing a questionnaire in late August asking for your opinion on the project and ministries at St. John's. Data collected will be summarized and the findings released in the end of September. This is the first step in planning a new building.

Various contractors have been called in to submit bids for new boilers in the Parish hall and education building. We will have the proposals ready for the congregational meeting on August 16 to vote on.

The church basement is being cleaned and organized for a large garage sale. The date has not been set as of yet.

Utility companies will be called this coming week to either shut off, or give us an estimate on relocating the utilities from the church. Many of the main utilities to the complex come through the church building since it was the first built and then get distributed through the rest of the complex.

The church organ will be moved out of the church the weeks of August 17 through the 29<sup>th</sup>. Niagara Organ Works, who has been handling our organ needs over the past years, will be storing the organ at their location in Tonawanda. Approval for this contract will be voted on at the Congregational meeting in August. We need volunteers to help will labor during this time. If you can spare a day or two please sign up. We will also need some carpenters to remove the grills off the organ chambers. Any amount of help that we can provide will cut down on the overall cost of the project.

A section of brick on the curved wall at the back of the church continues to moves. Fencing will be installed around the church to protect people and vehicles. Parking along the back of the church building should be avoided.

The physical planning of the church building is scheduled to start in January of 2010. At that time we will be working with all of you and Betsy Williams, An ELCA staff Architect, to put our dreams on paper.

A signup sheet will be in the Narthex this weekend for volunteers for various sub committees. Please take some time and stop by to put your name on one or more of the lists.

Thank you,  
Rick Lipka