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HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
FALL 2026

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WHY NOW?

For generations, faithful parishioners have sacrificed, prayed, and given so that we could worship in this sacred place. Now it is our turn to build upon those blessings and ensure that our church home remains strong, beautiful, and welcoming for generations yet to come. We invite you to join us in praying for the success of this capital campaign.

CAMPAIGN GOAL: $1 MILLION

Financial Commitments Needed to Fund Our $1 million campaign

- Our capital campaign is structured on well-tested fundraising principles and strategies.
- A broad base of support from all parishioners is essential to our overall success.
- The commitment of several major supporters lead the way for this effort to succeed.
- Advance Gifts, offered early in the campaign, provide the foundation and inspiration that will enable our capital campaign to reach its ambitious, but achievable, goal of one million dollars.
- Parishwide phase invites every family to participate.
- Some may choose to provide their financial support in one payment, while others may choose to spread their support over two or more payments.

OUR PRIORITY PROJECTS

New Roof

Estimated Cost: $600,000
The roof, last updated in 2003, is due for replacement to address ongoing water intrusion and protect the integrity of the church.
Unified steel stone-coated roofing will provide durability, performance, and lasting protection.

Elevator Modernization

Estimated Cost: $120,000
Update the elevator to meet Minnesota safety code requirements while ensuring accessibility for all parishioners.

Retaining Wall Replacement

Estimated Cost: $50,000
Improve drainage around the church and help eliminate moisture issues affecting the building.

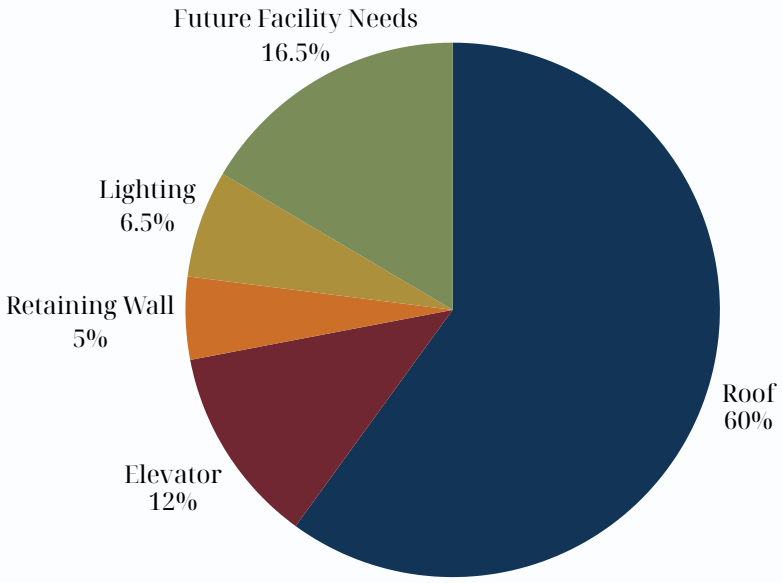
Church Lighting Improvements

Estimated Cost: $65,000
Improve lighting throughout the church to enhance worship, visibility, and the beauty of our sacred space.

LOOKING BEYOND TODAY'S NEEDS

While these projects are our current priorities, responsible stewardship also means planning ahead.

Construction costs continue to rise, and every historic building requires ongoing maintenance and investment. Funds raised beyond the known project costs will help address future facility needs, provide flexibility for unforeseen repairs, and strengthen Holy Redeemer's ability to care for this church for generations to come.



TOGETHER WE WILL BUILD UPON OUR BLESSINGS

Every gift, no matter the size, is an investment in the future of Holy Redeemer Church. Together, we can honor this sacred place, strengthen our parish, and ensure it remains a welcoming home for generations to come.

The following gift pyramid demonstrates the pattern of gifts needed to fund our capital campaign.

How May I Offer My Financial Support?

Cash Gifts
A contribution of cash or check given immediately or committed over the next nine months is the most prevalent and often the simplest way to offer a financial commitment from your assets or income. Current tax law may provide you with the opportunity for a substantial deduction from your adjusted gross income for a contribution made in any calendar year.

Electronic Payment of Your Commitment
The Church of the Holy Redeemer provides automatic Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your convenience. Your contribution is automatically withdrawn from a regular checking, savings, or credit union account. It is 100% secure, as only you have access to the account and nothing can be withdrawn without your authorization.

Appreciated Property
You may find that a gift of common stock, bonds, mutual funds, other securities, appreciated property, real estate holdings, a personal residence, a second home, or other land, could offer significant tax savings. You may be able to avoid the tax on your gains and deduct the current market value as a charitable contribution.

Grain Commodities
For some farmers, offering a charitable contribution in grain rather than cash may increase the tax benefit of the gift. The tax consequences of the gift differ, depending on whether the donor is an active farmer or a landlord.

Age 70.5 or Older – IRA Qualifies Charitable Donation (QCD)
This can be a particularly effective strategy for parishioners who are over age 70½ and have significant IRA assets. A QCD allows the donor to make a substantial gift while reducing their taxable income, and for those taking RMDs, it can satisfy all or part of that year's RMD.

Starting at age 70½, a QCD is a direct transfer of money from your IRA provider, payable to our capital campaign. With a QCD, the distribution does not get treated as income to you; however, you will not receive an income tax charitable deduction for the gift.

If you're age 73 or older and need to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), your QCD counts toward your annual IRS requirement.

The most an individual can donate in a calendar year, across all charities, is $111,000. If you file taxes jointly, your spouse can donate up to $111,000 from their IRA as well.

QCDs can be made from most IRAs, including:

- Traditional IRAs
- Rollover IRAs
- Inherited IRAs
- SEP IRAs (inactive plans only)
- SIMPLE IRAs (inactive plans only)
- Roth IRAs

Good Counsel is Essential
The information presented is not intended to be legal or tax advice. We encourage you to seek the counsel of a financial planner and tax advisor. They can help you to determine the most tax-wise method of offering your commitment to our capital campaign, while satisfying your financial planning needs. The parish reserves the right to decline any gift if it would not be in the best interests of the Church of the Holy Redeemer to accept it.

If you are interested in providing a gift of stock or securities, commodities, or a Qualified Charitable Donation from your IRA, please call Barb Marron at (507) 532-5711. She will be pleased to assist you with the process in a professional and timely manner.

Frequently asked questions – Q & A

1. When were the current shingles put on the church?
   A. The church was last shingled in 2003, making the current shingles 24 years old

2. What type of shingles are we planning to use this time?
   A. Unified Steel Stone Coated Roofing, which has a 50-year limited warranty, hail stone penetration warranty, 120 mph wind warranty, fire-resistant materials, is lightweight, and is energy efficient.

3. Does this project also include the replacement of the rectory/office roof?
   A. No. The roof on the rectory/office was recently replaced.

4. The elevator isn't that old; why would we have to spend so much money on it at this time?
   A. A recent statute was passed by the Minnesota State Legislature that requires all elevators like the one we have to be updated with a computer panel, etc.

5. What type of lighting is being planned in the church?
   A. The current lights in the church will be changed over to LED, which will make them more energy efficient, last longer, and illuminate the space better.

6. What are the plans for any extra money this campaign raises that isn't needed for the stated projects or exceeds our goal?
   A. All extra money, if any, will be placed in the capital improvement fund and will be used for any future capital expenditures needed for the church, school, or Campus Religious Center.

Invitation - Next Steps

- Thank you for taking the time to meet with us and learn more about the Holy Redeemer Church Capital Campaign. Your commitment to our parish and your consideration of this important effort are sincerely appreciated.
- We invite you to prayfully consider how you might support this campaign. We hope you will make a gift that is meaningful to you and reflects your desire to help preserve Holy Redeemer for generations to come.
- Every gift, regardless of size, is important to the success of our campaign and will be received with gratitude. All gifts and pledges will be handled with appropriate confidentiality.
- When you are ready, please complete the enclosed pledge card and return it to the parish office. If you have questions about the campaign or the various ways to give, please contact the parish office, Father Steve, or one of the Campaign Co-Chairs.

“God loves a cheerful giver"

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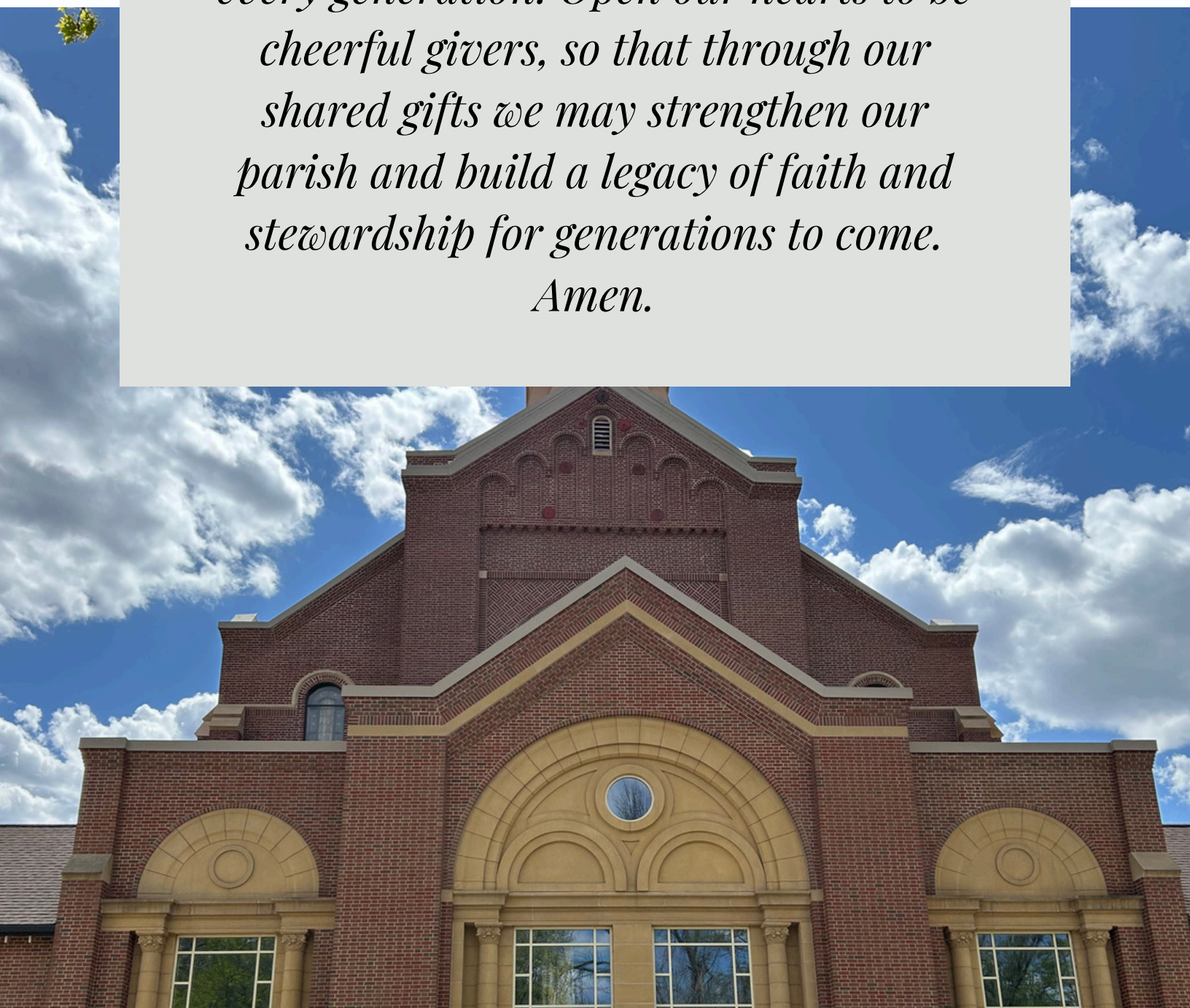
O God, you are the giver of all gifts, *we thank You for the abundance of blessings You have entrusted to us from every generation. Open our hearts to be cheerful givers, so that through our shared gifts we may strengthen our parish and build a legacy of faith and stewardship for generations to come. Amen.*