

Building Team Update

March 26th, 2017

(As reported at all three services)

Building Team members: Don Schneider, Bob Malm, Mark Frenreis, Joyce Shotick, Cliff Dungey, Larry Newbanks, Pastor Mark and Deb Hansen

Pastor Mark shared with the congregation at Wednesday's Lenten service on 3/22/17 that we have some Good News, and some Bad News. The Good News is that the Construction Industry is Booming. The Bad News is that...The Construction Industry is Booming!

As Pastor Mark stated, the bids for the new sanctuary and Mission Center expansion came in higher than expected. These higher bids are largely attributable to:

- 1) A recent surge in material prices
- 2) The strong construction activity in our area, that limits the number of available sub-contractors.

Pastor Mark also stated that the Building Team has been hard at work for the last several weeks with our Construction Manager and Architects to Value Engineer our project and bring it within budget. On Friday, 3/24/17, your Building Team met for 3 & ½ hours to do just that.

We are pleased to report to you today, the Value Engineering process has resulted in **significant progress** in lowering project costs! However, the Building Team feels that there are more opportunities to reduce costs and also attract more bidders. To take full advantage of these opportunities, the planned Congregational Meeting and Ground Breaking scheduled for April will be rescheduled for a future date: Probably May or early June.

The Building Team asks that you continue to give generously through your pledges for Forward in Faith, as well as the General Fund. This is an important time at SOTP, as the Building Team and the Council prepare to apply for a construction loan through MIF. And most importantly, please continue to keep the Building Team in your prayers.

The Building Team thanks you for your patience in this most important Mission Center Expansion. The new dates for the congregational meetings will be announced as soon as the V/E is completed.