

connections

THIS WEEK'S PONDERING

JULY 9, 2020



“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25

“I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.” Jeremiah 31:25

This month of July the watchword at Calvary is “refresh.” It is the generous spirits of you our members who make this possible, so in this week’s “pondering” I wanted to thank you and inform you of what is going on.

As a matter of first importance, thank you – your giving to our congregation has been wonderful - a genuine sign of faithfulness especially given the trying times we’ve been through. One of our priorities coming into 2020 was to deploy a significant part of our building fund reserves to do a “refresh” of our facilities, and the most visible part of that work is now underway. We are going to give priority to our education wing – all our classrooms will be painted, carpeted, and given new window coverings in time for what we hope will be the start of on-site classes in the fall.

Our offices, hallways and other meeting rooms will likewise be painted and carpeted. Our “refresh committee” did amazing work in securing numerous bids, getting references on all contractors, and getting an especially competitive bid from our painting contractor. But as they say on the ‘infomercials’ – “that’s not all”! We have installed new, energy efficient heating and air conditioning units, tended to some roofing issues, installed a couple of railings in the altar area, and are doing a good old fashioned “cleaning up and cleaning out” of files, papers, (even pastor’s much neglected library!)

We are also finishing up conversations with a contractor to improve the acoustics in our Fellowship Hall, give that room better audio and video capability for future events, and as noted in a recent “ CONNECTIONS”, we are securing bids to give our Sanctuary the audio/video capability to broadcast our services either live or uploaded for viewing by members and the wider community at a later time.

Members of the Property and Refresh Committees were Jim Brostowitz, Sue Dindorf, Nick Huettl, Ernie Kretschmann, Jan Lukasik, Cindy Rooks, Lydia Trudell and Philip Voss. Gordy Gunnlaugsson has headed up the effort for the sound attenuation in the fellowship hall. I want to thank them all. Our absence from worship has been hard, but we’ve not been “quiet” around our facilities with regard to the work you authorized us to do, and most especially, your generosity has enabled us to do.

For that, we are so very grateful. God be with you all.

Pastor Ken