

## Building Update

On Friday January 22, 2010, Ten Design Build firms submitted qualifications to build our new church. Of the ten, three were selected to submit proposals, based on schematic drawings and space needs for a new building.

On Friday February 26, 2010 the three selected design/ build companies submitted their proposals for our new church building. The average cost for our project was \$1,200,000.

These proposals included our current church demolition and heating. The demolition, on average, was \$140,000 and the heat was on average \$77,000.

Since we installed our new boilers and the radiant floor heat for the new building will be mostly donated, we can take this price out of the equation. The demolition cost of the building is exactly as anticipated. Removing this number from the price we are left with \$983,000 for our new building alone. The building committee will continue to work to reduce this number. As per the recommendation from the vision committee our goal will be \$900,000 for the entire project, including demolition.

The building committee met on Tuesday March 2, 2010 to review the proposals and have come up with ideas to reduce the cost even further. These prices submitted by the contractors are very preliminary. The committee, along with church council and the finance committee will now interview each design/ build firm separately in the next coming weeks. We will then make a recommendation of a firm and present our findings in a congregational meeting. Once a design/ build firm is chosen, we can then seriously start the design phase and have a better idea of the true guaranteed maximum price.

A copy of the three proposals will be in the Narthex for you to view.

The memorial committee will now start on identifying existing memorials in the church and make recommendations as to their reuse. Other committees will be formed as we progress.

The Capital Funds Campaign will start on the weekend of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Please support our Fundraising committee. We know that this alone will not build a church, but it will help in offsetting preliminary expenses, continue the unity between our congregational members and involve the community in our endeavor.

Sincerely, through God's work and our hands,

Rick Lipka,

St. John's Project Manager

