

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

# ABIDING HERE FOR 50 YEARS

## Capital Campaign



O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,  
and the place where your glory abides.

- Psalms 26:8



# Abiding Here for 50 Years



In 2023 our church building at Abiding Savior will be 50 years old! Our building is a blessing and we are called by God to be good stewards of this facility. Through the work done in and through the building, our lives, and the lives of many in the community, are made better.

Just like any other building, including our own homes, our church building and grounds need to be maintained and updated. Without this maintenance, our center for ministry will begin to deteriorate to the point where the needed improvements will cost thousands more to complete down the road.

In order to be good stewards of our building and to keep our center for mission vibrant, Abiding Savior is embarking on a capital campaign to carry out some much needed updating, improvements, and deferred maintenance. Projects in this capital campaign include:

- A new electronic reader board sign on Red Oak Drive
- Updating and improving our HVAC including a new air conditioning unit for the office area and updated thermostat controls for the entire building
- Updating our fire and smoke detection systems throughout the building
- Filling cracks in our parking lot, sealing the parking lot and restriping the parking spaces
- Tuckpointing and power washing the brick exterior of the building
- New phone system for the offices
- Re-lamping our Sanctuary and adding a updated light dimmer system
- A 10% benevolence given to organizations and projects outside our walls
- A building reserve fund for future maintenance

The Abiding Here for 50 Years Capital Campaign is a two year campaign with a goal of raising \$250,000. With sensible improvements and good stewardship of our building, we can ensure that Abiding Savior continues to do the work and will of God in this community and beyond.

You are invited to read through the pages of this brochure to learn more about the importance of our building, our ministries past, present and future, and details about the projects included in this campaign.

# CONSTRUCTION 1973



"Sunday School was large and growing. People were sitting in the aisles on Sunday mornings, and our pastor was very anxious for the whole family to be able to worship together, So the decision was made to make plans for a new facility."

-From 50th Anniversary Remembrance 1989

"More space for worship, education, training, and fellowship will enable us to fulfill our commission more effectively with our present membership and the many more souls who will be coming to us in the future."

-The Rev. LuVerne Nelson, Senior Pastor - 1972

## WORSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

# 8,000 Worship services

# 1,200 Baptisms

# 850 Confirmations

# 500 Weddings

# 1,000 Funerals



## FELLOWSHIP

The first Abiding Savior Smorgasbord was in 1940. Still today the heart of our congregation is gathering around the gifts of good food and great fellowship. Even through COVID we kept the kitchen open and continued the feeding ministry to which we have been called by God.





# OUR BUILDING IS OUR CENTER

## Ministries Then



## Ministries Now



## Ministries Yet To Come



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# FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY





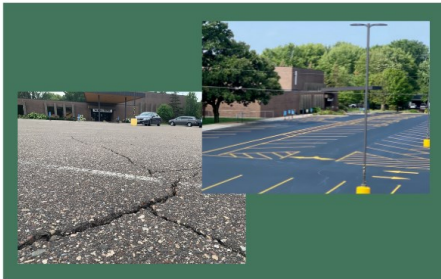
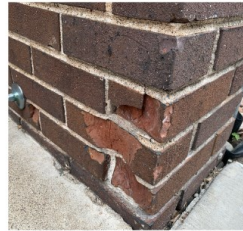


## NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN

An electronic reader sign will help share how God is using our building and our congregation as well as invite others to join us for worship as we do God's work. This new electronic sign will be programmable from the office and allow for many rotating messages instead of one static message. Also, we hope to be able to move the old sign to the entrance on Ardan Avenue.

## TUCKPOINTING

There are more than 500,000 bricks in our church building! The outdoor bricks that are exposed to the elements, and the mortar that holds them in place, are in need of cleaning and repairs before they deteriorate even further.



## PARKING LOT

In 2014 we invested in a new parking lot. In order to protect that investment the parking lot needs to have the cracks filled and the surface sealed on a regular basis. It was decided to go ahead and do this work in the Fall of 2021 in anticipation of the coming winter with the understanding that the funding for this project would be included in this Capital Campaign.

## OFFICE PHONE SYSTEM

The phone system in the church is out of date and needs to be updated to a VOIP system (running off the internet and not a regular phone line).



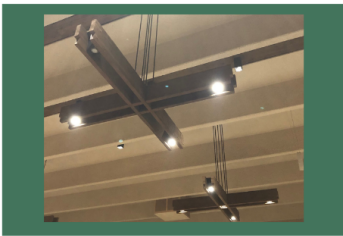


## UPDATING OUR HVAC SYSTEM

Currently our thermostats and dampers are running on a pneumatic system from 1973. Not only is this inefficient, there are no longer technicians who can work on our system. In addition, the air conditioning in the office area and Coffee House is not working and needs to be replaced.

## FIRE WARNING SYSTEM

The City of Mounds View required that we update our 1973 fire warning system by installing a new system that will automatically inform the fire department if our alarms are triggered. This was an unexpected expense and was required to be completed on a tight timeline. It was decided to go ahead with the work and pay for the upgrades through this campaign.



## LIGHTING UPGRADES

Just like in your home, we need to periodically change the light bulbs in our Sanctuary. Unfortunately, the lights on our Sanctuary are 40 feet in the air! This requires professionals to come in with a lift to reach out over the pews.

## BUILDING RESERVE

Whatever funds we are able to raise beyond those needed for the projects in this campaign will go into a Building Reserve Fund to be used for future capital expenses.



## BENEVOLENCES

As a part of this campaign, ten percent of the funds used for projects will be designated to be given away for mission and ministry outside our congregation. This could include our local mission partners, new ministry starts in our community, St. Paul Area Synod projects or work done internationally. How exciting to be giving as we also receive!

## ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



The Abiding Here for 50 Years Capital Campaign is a two-year campaign from May of 2022 through May of 2024. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$250,000 to make much needed capital improvements to the church building, our center for mission and ministry. No funds will be financed for this campaign. The projects will be prioritized and paid for when the funds are secured. This campaign celebrates the fifty years of ministry God has done in and through this building and will set us up for what God has in store during the next fifty years.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1	Kickoff Celebration Free Celebration Brunch following worship
Week of May 9	Watch your mail for a special mailing
May 22	Campaign Celebration Sunday Return pledges in a processional offering Celebratory worship service Lutheran Luau Pig Roast following worship

### WAYS TO GIVE

- 1 Make a pledge that can be paid over the two years of the Abiding Here for 50 Years Capital Campaign. You will receive a pledge card in your information packet sent out the week of May 9 and in worship on May 22.
- 2 Make a one-time cash donation.
- 3 Give stocks or other securities.
- 4 Make a gift from your required minimum distribution from your IRA.



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