

Dears Friends of THE Redeemer,

As you know, Redeemer has entered into a capital campaign called "Crossing the Bridge to the Future...Together." Here is what it is all about:

Our members, school families, and visitors cross many bridges to come to Redeemer, whether year round or for a season. Bridges take us places. Bridges allow us to move across challenging terrain. Over time our bridges need care and maintenance.

Redeemer Church and School is facing some challenging terrain to cross. Christ and His cross are able to bridge any terrain, no matter how rough the waves or how much the tide surges.

God chooses each of us to be stewards of His resources at Redeemer. We have some mission-related capital improvements to address, a debt-repayment bridge to cross that will free up future offerings, and a wealth of mission opportunities to span. All these will help us increase support for our mission of "reaching out into the community to be the best for the community."

Before we cross this stewardship bridge, God is challenging us and supporting us in greater commitment to His Word and Sacraments. With this increased faith, let's cross this bridge to the future...together.

As with any endeavor by God's people, it has to start with a spiritual, Christ-centered foundation. This means we turn to God's Word and Sacraments, the means by which our faith grows and thrives.

For the next three weeks we will be gathering to make a spiritual recommitment by listening to God's Word, continuing to pray the 90 days of petitions, listening to testimonies of how God is working in the lives of His people, and sharing in His Sacraments, and then with this renewed strength embark on "Crossing the Bridge to the Future... Together."

Please read over the enclosed booklet on how God uses the means of grace to renew us, review the Spiritual Exercises Booklet and think about how you might commit to making God's Word and Sacraments a bigger part of your life. Please put the enclosed prayer tent in a place you will see and use it each day.

We will have copies of the Spiritual Renewal Pledge Sheet for you to fill out on February 17, Spiritual Renewal Sunday. If you cannot be there, we hope you will fill out the enclosed one and mail it or bring it to the church office.

It is going to be a wonderful journey. I greatly anticipate good things from our Lord and Savior.

In the REDEEMER's name,

Pastor Dave