

STAINED GLASS WINDOW REPAIR - ALMOST AS GOOD AS NEW

Because of the generosity of many church members during the first phase of our "Making All Things New" Capital Campaign last year, we were able to meet our goal of raising \$32,000 for substantial repair to our beloved stained glass windows. We are pleased to report that the repair work started in early September! Here is a review of the work that has been completed by Staige Glass out of Onalaska, in La Crosse County, Wisconsin:



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*Staige began work on the two sanctuary closet windows on September 9. During the paint striping process, some of the deteriorated wood fibers began to smoke, setting off our smoke alarms and prompting the fire department to be dispatched. The rotten wood was replaced, primed, and painted and the glass was deemed in good shape. (*Photo #1*)

*The lower sash window on the southeast side of the sanctuary was only being held in place with three small nails and the window was badly bowed. Staige returned on September 16 and removed, repaired, and re-glazed the lower stained glass and sash. This window repair has been completed.

*The three large stained glass windows had a great deal of rotted wood. The large glass bottom windows were removed, and the rotted wood was replaced, stripped, primed, and caulked. Good news is that the stained glass panels are in good shape and required very little repair, therefore not needing to be transported back to the Staige studio. (*Photo #2*)

*You may notice our old storm glass leaning against the brick walls near the church entrance (*Photo #4*). These windows are being retired (free to a good home!) and new storm windows are on order. The exterior storm windows serve as a protection for our valuable stained glass (if you look close you can see our large windows are without storm windows for the moment, *Photo #3*). One of the problems created by the old windows and the surrounding materials is that it did not have proper ventilation which caused the woodwork to rot over the years. Staige plans to caulk, paint the trim, install and glaze the glass, and install aluminum cladding on the sills yet this fall which will complete this important work! Thank you to the Property Team for overseeing this project.

