

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN COMING TO A HOME NEAR YOU!

The Property Team has been diligent in their care of the church building, and they have made it clear that there are issues of maintenance and repair with our facility which will soon need to be addressed. At the same time, we as a congregation are still recovering from an unprecedented time of church transition and national health crisis.

This summer, Pastor Scott recruited a team to help address the issues with the building and we are so fortunate that Bill Bond, Carolyn Heatwole, Jeanne Mantsch, Joe Mueller, Karen Oftedahl, and Ray Shupe stepped forward to take a role in a potential capital fund building campaign. From the start, the team was faced with the twin crises: repair issues with the building that need to be fixed, and a community still recovering from transition and pandemic. We went back and forth about how to move forward and have decided that we need to proceed on both fronts.

Our plan to address these issues is imperfect, but is achievable and a good first step. It will require your help and input. During the months of October and November we are going to be asking church members to host small group meetings in their homes or here at church. Every member and friend on our mailing list will be invited to participate. This is an "Awareness Campaign" in which the team and Pastor Scott will have an opportunity to become aware of the hopes, fears, dreams, and visions for the future of church members and friends. At the same time, bringing awareness to everyone about the building and what is on the horizon. We hope this Awareness Campaign will help reconnect all of us and begin the path toward a strong future. As the leaves change, we hope everyone will say "yes" to the invitation and join in one of these house meetings this fall.

BBQ BIBLE STUDY SUMMER REPORT



When Savannah Anderson offered to donate a Weber Charcoal Grill to the church, she sparked the idea for a weekly event during the summer. The BBQ Bible Study began in July and continued through August. Each Tuesday, Pastor Scott cooked an assortment of burgers, brats, dogs, and sausages and a group of between 8 and 14 folks gathered and shared salads, desserts, chips and even charcuterie along with the grilled items for a hearty dinner. After eating, the group began to delve into the Gospel of Luke. Luke's Gospel was explored for its major themes, unique parables, historical context, as well as the similarities and differences between it and the other gospels. The food was delicious and the conversation was spiritually nutritious. We will plan to do it again next summer! Special thanks to Savannah Anderson for the donation of the grill, to Ken Matthews for helping to lead one of the sessions, and to Joe Mueller for manning the grill while Scott was away.