



# Congregational Connections

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## AWARENESS CAMPAIGN HOUSE MEETINGS START THIS MONTH

Everyone in the church is going to be invited to attend an Awareness Campaign house meeting over the next two months. By the end of October and November we hope to have about 20 different house meetings, many of them in member's homes and others hosted at church. The invitations to attend the house meetings will be sent out over the next several weeks.

The idea for the Awareness Campaign originated with the Capital Campaign Planning Team as they grappled with trying to address concerns raised by the Property Team around maintenance and necessary repairs of the church, as well as issues that have arisen with the pastoral transition and global pandemic that our congregation has faced. We are very blessed to have Bill Bond, Carolyn Heatwole, Jeanne Mantsch, Joe Mueller, Karen Oftedahl, and Ray Shupe working together on the Awareness Campaign, and a potential future capital fund building campaign. One of these team members will be present at each small group meeting, and I will help facilitate the conversations. These gatherings are a great opportunity to get together and reconnect with one another, to share in fellowship around our church and faith lives, to discuss what is on the horizon for our congregation, and begin to share ideas about ways to move forward.

The meetings will start with a time for introductions and sharing of favorite church memories. There will also be a time for conversation around hopes, dreams, and fears about the present and future of the church. Lastly, the team will present the projects we see on the horizon around the church building.

While this is only a first step, we hope the Awareness Campaign will help reconnect all of us and begin the path toward a strong future. We do hope everyone will say "yes" to the invitation to come to one of the small group house meetings this fall and join in the reflections upon our past and conversations about our future.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Scott