SANCTUARY REDEDICATION

JULY 18-20, 2026

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!" (Psalm 84:1)
These words have inspired God's people for generations, reminding us that the beauty of the Lord's house is found above all in his gracious presence among us. God's House, Our Home was the theme that guided this renovation project because this sanctuary is far more than a beautiful building. It is the home where God gathers his family around his Word and Sacraments to forgive sins, strengthen faith, and fill our hearts with the joy of his salvation.

We give thanks for the faithful prayers and generous gifts that made this renovation possible, and we dedicate this renewed sanctuary to the glory of God.

**May all who enter here find a warm welcome,
hear the saving gospel of Jesus Christ, and, with the psalmist,
delight in the loveliness of the Lord's dwelling place for generations to come.**

Looking Back

25-Year Building Plan

Part 1: *2003*
Building Together 1&2

- Atrium
- Fireside Room
- 2 Classrooms
- Sanctuary AC

Part 2: *2015*
Grace 100

- School Updates (bathrooms, hallways & AC)

Part 3: *2018*
Forward in Faith 1&2

- Gym & Early Learning Center (2018)
- Commons, Kitchen & Classrooms (2021)

Part 4: *2025-2028*
God's House, Our Home

- Sanctuary Renovations
- School Security

God's House, Our Home Project History

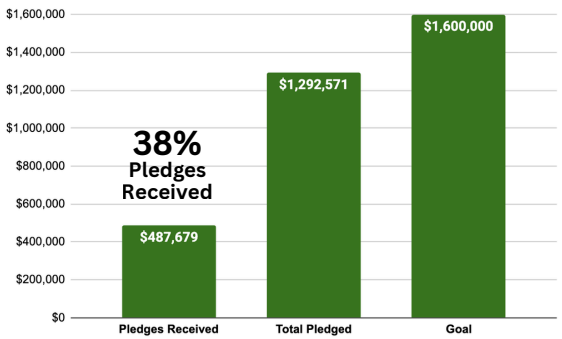
- **September 2024 –** Initial work with GROTH Design Group
- **June 9, 2025 –** Renovation Committee kick-off
- **June 21-22, 2025 –** Sanctuary listening sessions
- **October 2025 –** Congregational approval for capital campaign
- **November 2025 –** Cottage Meetings & Family Forums
- **December 18, 2025 –** Voters approve moving forward with building planning
- **April 6, 2026 –** Renovation begins
- **July 3, 2026 –** Renovation complete
- **July 11, 2026 –** Worship in renovated space
- **July 18-20, 2026 –** Worship space rededication

A Family Growing in Christ

Looking Ahead

God's House, Our Home 3-Year Campaign (2025-2028) Financial Update

As of July 15, 2026



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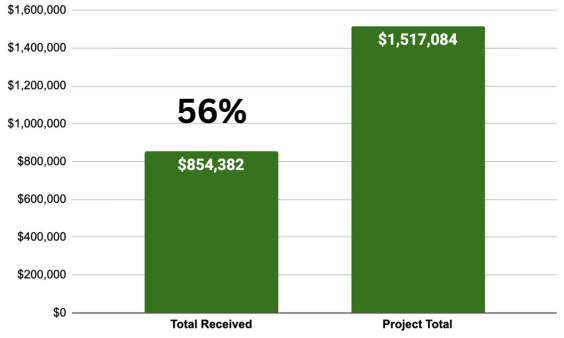

Pledges Received, Memorials & Special Gifts

"I am most thankful for the work we did together as a committee during the God's House, Our Home project. We had the privilege of sharing ideas and partnering with the architect and designers to help make our vision a reality. We accomplished a lot together over the course of a few months! It was rewarding to present our ideas to the congregation and receive their support along the way. God faithfully worked through our entire church family during this project. Worshiping in the updated sanctuary for the first time this past weekend reminded me that this truly is God's House and Our Home. I am excited to see this renovated sanctuary become a true home of faith for my daughters and generations to come."

Bethany Ermers
Building Remodeling Committee & Mount Olive Member

"What is apparent, and what I am most thankful for, is the blessings God has showered upon Mount Olive, and that is truly humbling. Between the brainpower to put ideas into reality, the manpower to volunteer and coordinate throughout the project, to the pledges that Mount Olive members make to support the project, and so much more, it is amazing to be part of such a Family at Mount Olive."

Nathan Gartner
School Principal & Mount Olive Member

The craftspeople working on the renovation really sensed the love and reverence that the congregation has for our worship space. The care and attention to detail that went into this renovation in every aspect of the job, from those listed below, is deeply appreciated.

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- John Murphy
- Jeff Schultz
- Pastor Priewe
- Pastor Raasch

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- Michelle Pfeifer
- Pastor Raasch

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- Troy Graham
- Paul Kolell
- Kathryn Oleszko
- Pastor Raasch

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- Jonathan Leahy - Audio/Visual
- Demolition Crew
- Organ Preservation Crew
- Altar Guild
- Worship Committee
- Board of Church Properties
- Sue Volkman, Accounting

Subcontrators & Suppliers

- Miron Construction - General Contractor
- GROTH Design Group - Architect
- Paul Barribeau - Liturgical Design
- T.H. Stemper Co. - Pew Sales
- Ratigan-Schottler - Pew Manufacturing
- Dobson Pipe Organ - Organ Preservation
- Corcoran Glass and Paint - Painting
- VDH Electric - Electrical work
- Appleton Lathing Corp. - drywall/ceiling tile
- Central Temperature - HVAC
- Tweet Garot - plumbing
- USA Fire Protection
- Discher Architectural Millwork - Liturgical Furniture
- Warner Sculpture Studio - Baptismal Basin
- Block Iron - Door Parts & Service
- Atlas Door - Door Security Systems
- Roberts Flooring - Flooring Materials
- Northern Sound & Video - Audio Visual
- John J. Miller Mechanical Organ & Clock Works, LLC - Organ Inspection & Tuning

Thank you for your prayers, time, and gifts!
Please contact us with your questions.

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