



Dear friends,

We have had a successful, widely participated capital campaign that has fallen short of making an ambitious project a reality.

As of February 2026, here are the numbers:

- Preliminary Goal: \$5 million to pursue a \$6.9 million project
- Total Pledges to Date: \$1.61 million

We fell short, and this was still a success. We did not know what was possible, and we shot for the moon. We dreamt big and here's what happened:

- 160+ households pledged and/or gave to the campaign (when our feasibility study predicted 129 households would give)
- The average household pledged roughly \$9,700 – which is INCREDIBLE, because that is more than four times an average household's annual offering
- Our total pledges are more than double our annual revenue of \$744k
- Dozens of our youngest children directly or indirectly gave to this campaign!
- We had multiple members share faithful stories that reminded us of who we are and who God is calling us to be
- We grew closer as a community and have remained faithful to the gospel of Jesus

We fell short of a number, but we did not fall short of being a strong, healthy, and faithful community. Our campaign clarified where we are and where we can try to go. The original dream was ambitious amid soaring construction costs and is beyond our reach.

Now it is time to pivot, and we do so from a place of stability and even modest growth. Our numbers in weekly worship continue to grow modestly year after year. Revenue has continued to meet expenses and grown modestly in each of our recently completed fiscal years. So, we pivot from a place of stability and health

Here's what is next: we have been in conversation with our architects to discern what projects are feasible – perhaps prioritizing critical mechanical investments, substantive renovations to the kitchen and education wing, etc. There will be additional announcements to come and likely multiple options for what you can do with your pledges or money given to this point. There may even be another congregational vote down the line.

This is all to say: THANK YOU for a sacred and inspiring campaign. Our total pledges to this point put us in a position to make some major and necessary improvements. Stay tuned!

Pastor Joe Skogmo