

2024 Elim Capital Campaign

RENEW, RESTORE, RESOUND

Mission: Elim Lutheran Church has a long and rich history of ministry that provides religious, musical, and community resources to a growing congregation in the historic St. Croix River Valley. Since its beginning, we at Elim have preserved our sanctuary and its pipe organ for future generations. Our goal is to update and renovate our physical assets so we can enhance our strong traditions of worship and ministry for the next 50 years.

Process: Your church council unanimously approved bringing a capital campaign project to the congregation for consideration. The process that led to that decision took over 2½ years and involved a newly formed organ committee, the Elim property committee, and the council. There were sessions with the congregation, a congregational survey, discussions with organ consultants and contractors, and a feasibility study was conducted to determine funding capacity.

Objective: The goal of the capital campaign is to raise \$1,000,000. Through member contributions, we already have on hand a total of \$282,725. This leaves \$717,275 as our remaining fund-raising goal.

Capital Campaign Committee Members: Dan Sandager (Chair), Phil Bailey, Alan Bakke, Lynne Moratzka, Peg Simpson, Bill Strusinski, Doug Thomas, and Pastor Seth Perry. All are eager to answer any questions, or you can direct them to the church office, and someone will get back to you.

Campaign Components

- **Roof replacement - \$235,000.** The flat roof has outlived its useful life and needs replacement. Interior water damage is already occurring and will continue to get worse resulting in even greater costs than we are seeing now.
- **Sanctuary and Organ Enhancements**
 - **\$100,000 to upgrade the sanctuary** with necessary updates to lighting, acoustics, and technology functions. Construct a moveable platform for the organ console and return it to its original location at the front of the sanctuary.
 - **\$600,000 to totally rebuild and enhance the pipe organ** that is suffering from 50 years of continuous service. Some examples include wind chamber replacement, replacing the mechanical switches with digital ones, tonally restoring the original pipes, and adding several ranks of new pipes to enhance the organs' overall performance.
- **Campaign Administration - \$15,000.** Funds will be used to develop informational materials to support fundraising efforts within and outside of Elim.
- **Contingency - \$50,000.** With capital projects that are to be completed over several years, it is prudent to have a contingency fund to cover unforeseen costs.