



TOMMY ROAM

Executive Administrator

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Greetings Concord family! God continues to bless our church in many ways. As spring and warmer weather approach, we are about to undergo some significant improvements to and around our facilities. Therefore, we wanted to make you aware of them before we begin.

Main Building Roof Repairs

Many of you are aware that we have had issues with the roof on the main building for the past several years. Roofing materials were delivered to the rooftop of the main building on Monday, April 11! When working on a flat roof, you have no means to keep water out of the building while the actual roof is torn off. Therefore, workers can only work when rain is not in the forecast for several days. When 3-4 days of clear weather are forecasted, the roofing contractors will be able to work on the roof, taking one section at a time. I hope that we will have the new roof installed within a few weeks! Once that is complete, we will have to repair the DRYVIT® to complete the project. Once both the roofing and the DRYVIT are repaired, we should have a dry building.

(Note: DRYVIT® is the stucco material that you can see on the tall portion of the sanctuary building.)

Main Sanctuary Air Conditioning Systems

We have contracted to have the air conditioning systems in the main sanctuary replaced. Those units, installed in 1997, have come to the end of their life expectancy. Four weeks ago, we ordered the systems, but we do not anticipate delivery for at least another 14 weeks. If they happen to come in earlier, we will have to determine if we can even have them installed prior to summer temperatures. We cannot be without air conditioning for services in the summer months as sanctuary temperatures rise rapidly without conditioned air. We have been depending on a single unit to cool the entire room for 1½ summers. Pray that we can make it a few more months.

Blue Room Window Tinting

If you have not looked in the youth sanctuary lately (AKA the Blue Room), you will notice that we have tinted the windows to make it a much more enjoyable worship experience during midday. The utility bill should be lower as well, due to reduced solar radiation.

Parking Lots and Driveways

We have awarded a contract for the repair of our asphalt parking lots and driveways. We anticipate that this will take approximately two years to complete, depending on funding. It is our goal to complete the paving without experiencing any debt.

In 2022, we hope to repave the Dominos drive area and ½ of the parking lot behind Dominos (including the areas we recently had to cut out for sewer issues), the drive from the main entrance west to the back lots, and the north lot near the storage buildings.



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I am including a map of the church grounds to help you understand where the work will occur. If funds become available to do more, we will do so, if our contractor can schedule it.

Demolition and repaving will begin at Dominos, and then the red portion of Lot 1, followed by Drive 1 area, and finally (probably in fall) the Lot 2 area. When work begins in an area, it will be necessary to remain off the concrete for 7-10 days. To limit inconvenience to the congregation we will only work on one area at a time.

Thanks to all who helped with this project, especially Keith Hansen for help with evaluating the bids.

How are we paying for these projects?

First, the Finance Committee wanted to assure that funds given to For the Future/Capital Campaign continue to be set aside for future construction needs. Therefore, if you give to that fund, it continues to build up for the next construction/land acquisition project. As of March 31, 2022, that fund contained \$8,681.00.

Once we paid off our debt in January, we began to set aside the funds for the roof and the A/C units. Additionally, we have had money donated specifically to the Maintenance Reserve Fund. Thus, God has blessed us with enough to pay for the roof (\$149,375.00) and the A/C units (\$91,435.00). We are still raising the funds necessary to make the repairs to the parking lots and driveways. The church will spend approximately \$500,000-\$650,000 to convert them to concrete, but by doing so we will effectively double usable life to 25-30 years. We anticipate that two of our lots will not need immediate attention, thus we will replace them in the future.

If you would like to give toward the projects, you can indicate that you wish to donate to the Maintenance Reserve fund on a blank line on the giving envelope and place the gift in the boxes at the kiosks in the foyer, or you may use your banks' bill pay service and indicate MR, or use the online option. (Note: If you use the online/app giving, either you or the church will pay a service fee.)

I am excited to see the blessings that God has poured out on Concord. It is our hope much of this can be completed, or at least scheduled, by the time we call a new pastor.

If you have any questions, please contact me at troam@concordjc.org or call the church office. God bless you.

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