

Hope Lutheran Church Parsonage Update

12-8-2024

As many of you know, Pastor Sollie and his family moved out of the parsonage in August of this year due to water intrusion in the basement and concern of mold.

Mike Overline of the Trustee Board oversaw the remediation and additional structural work recommended and performed in the basement by Innovative Basement Solutions. He also arranged for Clean Pro Restoration Company to professionally clean the basement furniture for the Sollie family during their move.

During this process we noticed a significant amount of maintenance and repair that has been neglected.

Our Elder Board and Trustee Board held three joint meetings to summarize and address these issues. Also included in our joint discussion was the possibility of keeping the parsonage for future ministry use or selling it and using the proceeds for upcoming church building maintenance and repair.

At this time, we do not have a recommendation for the congregation to sell or keep the parsonage, but we did agree to perform essential repair and maintenance needed for either choice. **We agreed that a recommendation to sell the parsonage as is would not be the best stewardship of this property.**

Mike Overline is leading the effort to perform essential maintenance and repair activities over the next several months, some of which require warmer weather. He is working with the A/Hoidal of the Exterior Maintenance Group and the Interior Enhancement Group headed up by Diane Haugen.

Essential exterior elements include roof repair, gutter replacement, a significant amount of stucco repair and maintenance and replacement of the south facing entry door, storm door and wooden steps.

Essential interior elements include cleaning millwork, drywall repair, fresh paint, refinishing hardwood floors, replacing carpet and kitchen flooring.

Important to know: The congregation has the sole authority to sell or dispose of church property.

Expect an update at the Annual meeting of the congregation and contact Mike Overline (651-338-7362) or Dan Haugen (612-868-9934) if you have any questions.