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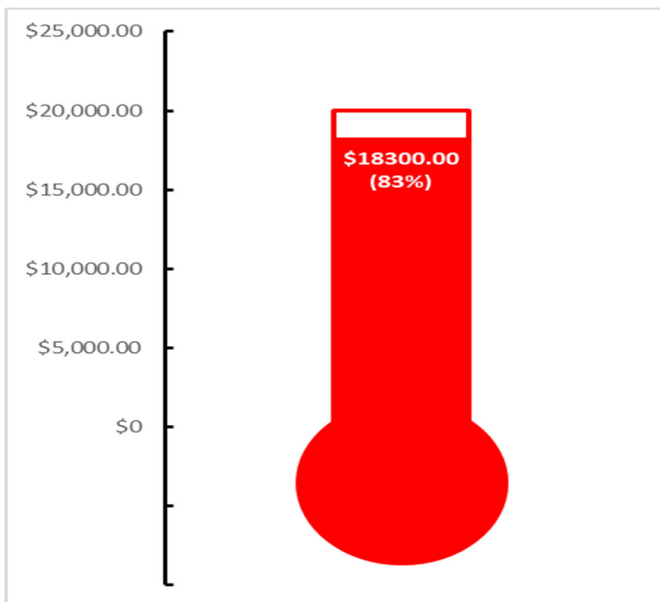
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Capital Campaign 2021

New Church Entrance

Our project has begun. After numerous delays, complicated by flooding at the rectory, the footings have been poured. Thanks to your generosity we have raised 83% of our Capital Fund. We hope to raise additional funds to cover all of the unexpected costs. So if you have not yet made a pledge please consider one today.

Getting close to our goal of \$22,000



Flooding

Work is ongoing at the rectory to repair flood damage on the first floor. Sheet rocking, painting and new flooring is in the works. A new sewer line will be installed soon. After that work is complete we will replace the hot water heater and repair the boiler.

Two new sump pumps are installed in the back of the rectory. Plans are underway to design a new drainage system. However, until we have made all of the immediate repairs we have to wait to see how much this project will cost.

All of this work has delayed the work on the front entrance. Our goal is to get everything completed by the fall. However, we are at the mercy of four contractors that all have separate schedules.



COMING THIS FALL: *Connect*, a new curriculum helps preteens connect with God's big story through videos, Bible exploration, and hands-on projects.

How it works

The *Connect* curriculum comes with five Old Testament units and five New Testament units. Each *Connect* unit lesson follows a three-part sequence:

See – Start lessons by watching an animated video that exposes a key biblical theme

Explore – Use the *Connect* Bibles to read, highlight, and sketch as they search for passages that relate to the lesson theme

Make – Make associations between biblical themes and their own lives with activities and projects on the learner materials that get them creating, collaborating, and connecting.

Sunday School begins on September 12.

*Thank
You!*

Dear Friends in Christ,
Recently, we set out to renovate and enhance our front entrance to make it both more inviting and more energy efficient. To all of you who made a gift or a pledge to help this project become a reality – THANK YOU! Your support is critical.

As you may know, there have been some unexpected delays in completing this project. First, our contractor was injured, and we had to secure the services of someone else. Second, heavy rains caused some severe flooding that created damage in the Rectory. We also learned that the sewer needs to be replaced. Throughout this time Ed Tremblay has been in touch with the insurance company, Service Master, the local fire department, contractors, and countless others. His work and dedication are very much appreciated. We could not complete this project without his guidance.

Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Father Ed

JOIN US for a six-week entertaining and informative series of films. Beginning on Tuesday, September 7, St. John's will offer the six-part series *The Chosen*. ***The Chosen*** is a television drama based on the life of [Jesus of Nazareth](#), created, directed and co-written by American filmmaker [Dallas Jenkins](#). It is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus, and season one was the highest crowd-funded TV series or film project of all time. The series' creators stated that they had hoped to distinguish the new series from previous portrayals of Jesus by crafting a multi-season, episode-based story. The series portrays Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him." Drinks and snacks will be provided. You are invited to participate in all six episodes or just one.



Mark your calendar: **Tuesday, September 7 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM** Episode 1 "I have called you by name." In [Capernaum](#), Mary Magdalene (Elizabeth Tabish), going by the name "Lilith", wrestles with real demons. While [Nicodemus](#) ([Erick Avari](#)) is touring the region, Praetor Quintus ([Brandon Potter](#)) approaches him demanding help collecting unpaid taxes. [Matthew](#) (Paras Patel) deals with the turmoil of being considered a traitor by his fellow Jews. [Simon](#) (Shahar Isaac) and his brother [Andrew](#) (Noah James) struggle with their tax debts to Rome. At a centurion's behest, Nicodemus goes to the Red Quarter to perform an exorcism on "Lilith" but fails, leaving him shaken. On tax day, Andrew is unable to pay, but Simon tells Matthew that he has an arrangement with Quintus. The arrangement is to inform Quintus about his fellow Jews fishing on Shabbat. Andrew disapproves, considering it a betrayal. Following a suicide attempt, "Lilith" loses hope for her condition, until she encounters [Jesus](#) (Jonathan Roumie), who calls Mary Magdalene by name, healing and restoring her.



Dear Friends in Christ,

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

John 1: 43-46

Come and See! Is there anyone in your life; a close friend, a relative, a neighbor, someone that you'd love to have *Come and See* Jesus? The passage above models how most people come into a meaningful relationship with Jesus. Someone cared enough and was excited enough about their experience of Jesus that they invited that person to *Come and See*.

In that spirit we ask that you join with us on **September 12th** at our 9:30 a.m. worship service as we launch a special *Celebration of Friendship Sunday*; to reach out to those people in our lives we'd love to invite to *Come and See* the love of Jesus as experienced in our church.

Our plan is to have a Sunday especially focused on welcoming visitors to our church. This will be one of our best times ever for you to invite an un-churched friend or relative to *Come and See*. We will be making every effort to put our best foot forward, and doing everything possible to make your guest feel welcomed and have a positive first experience with our church family on that day. We will also be hosting a picnic after our worship service to help our guests get to know our faith community better. We believe that through the love of our church community, our guests will feel the love of God.

Begin now to prayerfully consider who you will invite to our *Celebration of Friendship Sunday*. Remember your invitation to *Come and See* could potentially transform that person's life now and for all eternity.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Bill Hinrichs



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast we celebrate on October 4, we will offer a blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 3 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Invite your friends and neighbors to

come for this special outdoor service.