



WHAT IS SHEPHERD'S TENT AND WHY DO WE NEED IT?

Members have noticed and commented on the wonderful upgrades and several much-needed repairs that have occurred on the Grace campus during the past year and a half. Your generosity with Go & Make made this possible, for our facility is a key resource in the ministry we do. However, Go & Make is not intended for regularly recurring maintenance and repairs. For capital-intensive repair or renovation projects which occur in due course, the parish has the Shepherd's Tent fund.

Shepherd's Tent was established in April 2012 on the recommendation of the Properties and Facilities Committee and approved by the Parish Ministry Council. It was ratified as an addition to the congregation's overall financial plan by the voters in May of the same year. This fund is not supplied or augmented by the general budget, but consists solely of gifts and donations from the members and friends of Grace Lutheran Church. These funds are only used for building and grounds repair and upgrades. They can also be used for emergency situations as need arises.

Shepherd's Tent makes it possible for us to do repairs and renovations without disrupting our general ministry budget and jeopardizing the vital ministry we do as Grace. Because of this fund, and the generosity of those who have supported it, we have been able over the years to take care of repairs, renovations and even upgrades that unexpectedly arose.

The parish leadership is focusing on creating a regular building and grounds maintenance plan to address both pressing and longer-term maintenance needs. Examples include the long delayed and now scheduled pressure washing of all concrete around the church building. Repaving of the lower parking lot is also a priority as are maintenance items around the building.

Please consider adding the Shepherd's Tent Fund to your regular giving to Grace, and thank you for your generosity to our shared life and ministry!