



# Congregational Connections

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## MAKING ALL THINGS NEW: PHASE ONE

On May 21, at our Spring Congregational Meeting, church members voted to proceed with a financial campaign to raise \$32,000 to repair the beautiful stained glass windows in the sanctuary. The Property Team has secured several bids to make the necessary repairs and plans to accept the bid from Staige Stained and Leaded Glass Restoration, LLC in Onalaska, Wisconsin to do the work in 2024. This is an exciting opportunity to show love and care for the space that has meant so much to us during our time in the congregation.

We are calling the campaign, *"Making All Things New: Phase One"*. *Making all things new...* is a quote from Revelation 21:6 and is the inspiration behind the symbolism of the right-hand side window facing Webster Street. Phase One is a reference to our knowledge that this is only the first step in making repairs and maintaining our church building; steps necessary for the long-term health of our congregation.

We will be sending out a letter and brochure with more information about the campaign early in June. The materials will also include a pledge form and envelope to return your pledge to church by July 16. We are inviting everyone to prayerfully consider their desire to help repair the beautiful windows and to respond with a financial pledge as they are able. *"Making All Things New: Phase One"* pledges can be fulfilled through a one-time gift, or by giving on a monthly or quarterly basis over the next twelve months. Our hope is that the congregation's response will be generous, and we can joyfully and confidently move forward to begin *making all things new!*

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Scott