Let Our Light Shine:
Capital Campaign Update

Our light is shining.

In the fall of 2025, we launched a faithful, joyful, and ultimately successful Capital Campaign. We are so grateful for the generous response from so many members of our congregation. We continue to make progress toward fulfilling the vision we have prayerfully discerned together.

Proposed Construction Stages

Schematic Design (June)

This is the first phase of the project and involves the most discovery. We're exploring the existing building—opening ceilings, reviewing window conditions, and understanding how new work will connect to areas that remain unchanged. At the end of this phase, we'll have our first set of drawings that outline the overall design and major elements. For example, we'll confirm that key spaces like bathrooms and the elevator are located and sized appropriately. The contractor will review these drawings and provide an initial cost estimate.

Design Development (July - September)

In this phase, we begin adding more detail to the design. We'll determine locations for lighting, heating and cooling systems, and security features, as well as make decisions about finishes such as if flooring should be carpet or tile, and what material countertops should be. We'll also refine the design based on the initial cost estimate. Another updated set of drawings will be produced and priced during this phase.

Construction Documents (October - December)

This is the final design phase, where all details will be fully developed. We will specify exactly how things will be built—such as how windows are installed to prevent leaks, the types of fixtures and hardware, and finalized finish selections. Any final adjustments based on updated pricing will be made during this stage.

Plan Review/Bidding (January - February)

Once the design is complete, the contractor will gather final pricing from subcontractors, and the City of Appleton will review the plans to ensure they meet building codes. After the city issues a building permit and the project cost is finalized, construction can begin.

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