



“Project Rainwater”

The beautiful church building we are blessed to worship in here at St. John-Amelith was originally built in 1911 and is now 115 years old. With age has come multiple areas of the church where the ingress of rainwater is becoming more serious and needs to be investigated and repairs made.



While some work was completed in late 2025, further investigation and repair is needed. Project activity will be led by Glenn Lutz as was approved by Trustees and Church Council with additional reporting to the Voters' Assembly taking place February 2026.

Project Scope: At this time neither the significance of the project nor the extent of the project scope is fully defined but rather is under development based on inspections being performed. It is believed the high-level activity areas will be focused on the following related to keeping rainwater from entering the church:

1. Slate tile repair/replace on main roof as needed.
2. Flashing: Seal, repair or replace with main focus between roof and the bell tower.
3. Valleys at the roof slope transition zones. Major focus is on the east transept of church, south slope.
4. Flat roof areas on either side of the Chancel for the Elder Sacristy Room and Pastor Vestry Room.
5. Gutter conditions. Prioritize east side due to plaster damage from water ingress (action already taken).
6. Ground slope and downspout drainage improvements away from church. Impact of current vegetation and trees. Need to eliminate the all too frequent rainwater leakage into several basement areas.
7. Interior repairs due to past damage once repairs are confirmed. Certain to include plaster repair, possibly may extend to small, isolated areas of carpet and ceiling tile in basement.

Current Request to the Congregation: Anyone with previous experience or knowledge of work having been done on any of the numbered Project Scope items above are asked to please contact Glenn Lutz to share any history. This information could be extremely valuable to the efficiency of this current project related to performing work and cost control. Contact information: glennlutz@msn.com or **989-948-1512**.

Approved Funding: In the February 2026 meeting, Voters' Assembly approved an initial budget of \$25,000. This money exists from prior designated gifts/fundraising and is set aside separately from the General Fund. At this time, it is too early to tell what project costs may or may not be, but this gets activity started.

Project Resources: Due to the significant heights involved with the church building, aerial drone technology is being heavily relied upon for inspection and image taking. Once work tasks are defined, we will draw on expertise within the congregation to perform labor if it exists, but it is also a reality that external contractors will be needed to complete much of the work. We will also leverage any connections with individuals or local businesses when it is feasible to obtain equipment or other resources, helping to minimize costs whenever possible.

Future Updates: Diligent attempts will take place to provide similar updates monthly as work progresses.

Questions or Comments: Please feel free to reach out to Glenn Lutz for anything related to this project.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.” Psalm 127:1