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Members and Friends of St. John:

Praise the Lord as we, together as a St. John congregation, prepare to come back to our sanctuary to worship as a family of God. We rise together in thanksgiving. It was just seven weeks ago that we began a campaign to raise the funds necessary to be able to continue to serve God through ministry within our church home. We said at that time that "our church home is a building but more than that, it is where we serve ourselves and our neighbors within the community the food of life; we serve nourishing food for our bodies, nourishing food for our souls and the nourishing food for all human life by listening, counselling and loving. Our church building is where we worship, where we teach and we share God's love."

As capital campaign Chair I am pleased to report that together we have raised the funds necessary to replace the three failed HVAC units that keep us comfortable in our church building. A contract has been awarded as approved at the special congregation meeting of August 30 and work has begun. Now the work of the church through our vast ministries can continue; ministries like Ocean City Food Cupboard, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross of America, Easter Seals organization, Thanksgiving Dinner, Rejoicing Spirits, WELCA, Parents of Autistic Children, Iglesia, Pentecostal El Tabernaculo and so many more.

To date 41 families have pledged or contributed a total of \$43,425 for the project. We have reached our goal! All remaining dollars will be allotted for future roof repairs that we, as a congregation, will soon be facing. While we do have the funding necessary for the HVAC installation, we invite those who were not able to make a capital gift to send a check before October 31 of any amount you are able so that you too may be counted among those family members who contributed. We have 100% of the funds needed. We would like 100% of our members to still have the opportunity to be listed in our church history as financial contributors to our campaign "**Sharing God's Love; Yesterday Today and Tomorrow**".

Many people contributed to the success of this campaign in many ways. We thank you all for your prayers for your church, St. John Lutheran Church, Ocean City. Your prayers of thanks for those special persons you remembered that impacted you and helped make St. John such a special part of this community for 100 years were meaningful; they encouraged us collectively to pass forward our love for St. John and for our Lord.

Saved by Grace Through Faith,

Rich Deaney, Capital Campaign Chair