



CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE: *COMPUTER SERVER REPLACEMENT*

Dear Grace Lutheran Congregational Members,

As mentioned at the April, 2019 Congregational meeting, the office server is outdated and in danger of failing in the not too distant future. The impact of such an occurrence would be disastrous, the negatives, too numerous to be listed here.

Action Plan

1. Purchase a new computer server (approximate cost: \$20,000).
2. Renovate the existing Copy Room to house the new server.* (Current server is located in the office area.)
3. Relocate the Copy Room cabinets (and their contents) to the office. The copier will remain in the Copy Room for general use.
4. Construct a secured area within the Copy Room for the server.

*The cost of construction and extended computer cabling has been covered by the generous donation of a Congregation member.

Current Status

- Copy Room contents have been inventoried, Obsolete, unnecessary items have been discarded and useful items temporarily relocated.
- A Copy Room construction start date is pending.
- Council has approved an expenditure not to exceed \$25,000.

Funding

Grace's Financial Committee is analyzing the limited funding options available to cover the server purchase. Our immediate need is \$10,000 for a down payment to get the new server in-house so the installation process can begin as soon as possible.

Congregation Assistance Welcomed

Congregational members interested in donating to defray the server purchase expense can do so via any of the following options:

- ✠ Church offering envelope. Please designate as "Computer Server".
- ✠ Web site www.gracetampa.org. Click on the *Upgrading our Server* event and follow the instructions. Your donation pledge will be recorded in the office for followup.
- ✠ Contact the office staff during working hours.

On behalf of Grace Clergy, Council and staff, thank you for your prayers and support in all church matters, regardless of nature or scope. You truly are the "amazing" in "Amazing Grace".

In His Name,
Fred Borchers, Congregational President