



From Father Ed...

LITURGICAL DESIGN AND CHURCH BUILDING CONSULTANT AT BLESSED TRINITY, Tuesday, October 16.

The Blessed Trinity Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Pastoral Staff has invited **Mr. Kenneth J. Griesemer** to review the Blessed Trinity Worship space in order to make recommendations regarding needed improvements to the space.

Mr. Griesemer is a liturgical design architect with significant experience in worship space design, renovation and building. After working as a liturgical architect and design consultant since 1985, he established his consulting firm in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 4, 1999, Feast of St. Francis Assisi. Mr. Griesemer provides professional liturgical design consulting services around the country.

We have determined to seek his professional evaluation of our worship space and church building as we begin both short-term and long-term planning for needed and essential improvements. Developing such a plan is necessary.

Mr. Griesemer will meet with the Pastoral Staff on Tuesday afternoon and with the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and the newly formed Strategic Planning Team on Tuesday evening. At this meeting he will report on his evaluation of the space and make some recommendations for our planning process.

Some of those improvements include:

NEW LIGHTING SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR LITURGICAL SPACE.

- ❖ The current system is outdated and is currently operating sporadically (you may have noticed that the west bank of lights are often inoperable). We have had this inspected several times and have been informed that correcting the problem will be very expensive and likely ongoing. Repair, due to the expense and long term issues with the current system is not recommended.
- ❖ Replacement bulbs will soon be unavailable.
- ❖ The current system is expensive to operate and does not provide adequate lighting.
- ❖ The spotlights for the altar/ambo area are not correctly installed and pose a safety risk. They were installed as an addition to the original lighting system.
- ❖ All of the lighting throughout the building will also need to be replaced in the not too distant future, due to mandated changes in lighting systems.

SOUND SYSTEM

The current system is inadequate and problematic. It is the original system installed when the church was built. At the time the system was a used system donated from some other organization.

IN ADDITION

- ❖ The entire interior of the building needs to be painted.
- ❖ The exterior of the building is in need of painting.
- ❖ The parking lot is in need (again) of chip sealing. This must be done in the Spring of 2015. Further delay could mean that the entire lot will need to be resurfaced.
- ❖ The heating system is in need of replacement. We have developed a replacement plan and hope to begin implementing this plan soon.
- ❖ Concerns have been raised by many regarding the inadequacy of the Social Hall kitchen.
- ❖ Others have raised concerns regarding the rest room facilities.

This list, of course, could go "on and on". Before we proceed in meeting any one of these needs, we must prioritize and develop both a short-term and long-term plan for both implementation and financing.

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