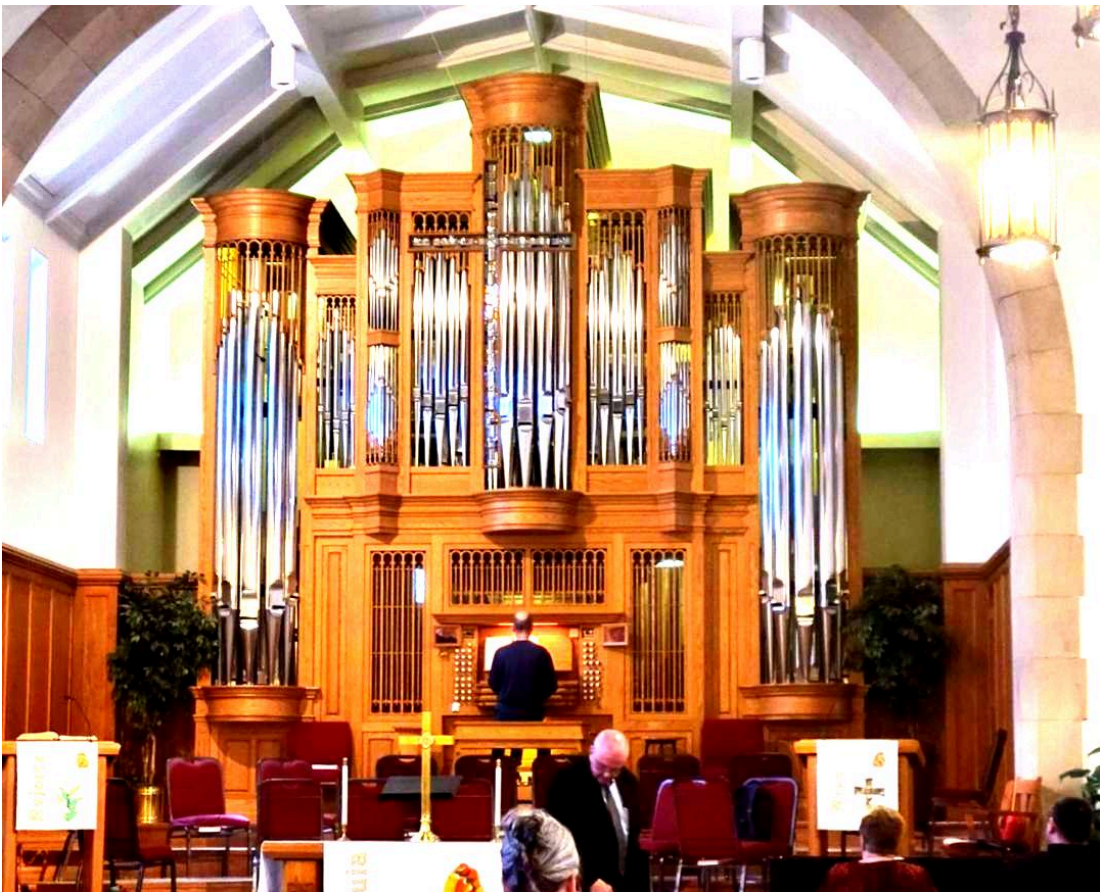


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Alleluia! St. Mark's Has Purchased a New Organ!



The Building Renewal Committee (BRC) is pleased to let the congregation know that an extremely generous donor has made an anonymous gift covering the cost of purchasing the organ from First Christian Church in Colorado Springs. We will still need to raise the money for the disassembly, shipping, and storing of the organ. This Letourneau organ

will put St. Mark's in the enviable position of having one of the top three finest organs in the state!

The organ purchase is the first step in our goal of preparing for the future of St. Mark's as a vital growing parish that takes into account the accessibility issues of both young and old and also looks to a future of vibrant and flexible programming. Enhancing the already beautiful, but worn, worship space will take us a long way.

The new organ is being disassembled, crated, and shipped to New Mexico in mid-December where it will go into storage until we are able to dismantle the choir loft and prepare the west wall of the sanctuary for its installation. We hope to shortly have some elevation drawings from the architect so you may imagine what the west wall will look like.

Other news: Our estimating partner, the construction firm Franken, has provided initial estimates for several different design options. The architect, liturgical consultant, staff, and BRC committee members are carefully going over the estimates to see where we could save costs and still cover the priorities the parish has identified. We hope to provide several more accessible bathrooms and create access to one of our basements with an elevator, if possible.

Fr. Christopher identified some firms to help us with a feasibility study as we look to the necessity of a capital campaign to pay for these improvements to our facility. We will be choosing that firm very soon.

All of St. Mark's meetings are open to interested parishioners. Please let your BRC members know of any concerns, questions, or ideas! Thanks to all those who have already shared those with us.



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