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Dear Press and Board Members,

It with sincere gratitude to the Foundation Board, I am able to inform you that the project for repair of some structural problems and painting of St. John the Baptist Church has been accomplished.

To detail the project:
The back of the Church is a block and mortar addition that over the years of a leaking roof, the mortar was eroded badly. The roof was replaced with insurance monies (2015) and now with Grant monies the mortar has been replace or repaired and the area painted for the first time in approximately 25-30 years. The doors of the block addition were so weathered and warped that you could have stuck a finger through it with enough pressure. These were replace with metal doors of the same design and the threshold repaired. The light above these doors was a good 6 feet over the door. The light was lowered to a foot above with new fixture and wires that had been exposed and weather were stabilized and wrapped well with electrical tape. All exterior lights now match.
The foundation the front of the Church was interesting in that it ran a foot in front of the window wells. In digging down no crack could be seen or felt. However there was a huge crack in one of the window wells and a small crack in the other both of which were repaired.
Both towers had a large amount of corrosion to the mortar which scrapped and remortared to return the structure as intended architecturally, power washed and painted. While working on the upper areas of the Church the contractor inadvertently expelled a large bat population and has sealed their entrance area to the best of his ability.
Window frame that have a vinyl coating had areas where to vinyl had peeled or worn away. These areas were painted for aesthetics.
The front doors were very weathered and paint cracked and veneer on the bottoms was starting to come loose. These doors are very solid otherwise, so were refinished then repainted. The hinges were replaced with Industrial heavy duty hinges (as over the years they had started to allow the doors to sag). Kick plates were applied to the doors to help keep the veneer from peeling and maintain the integrity of the doors.
The wooden rotted rails going up the stairs to the front doors were removed and replaced with iron rails to meet OSHA standards. The wooden rails were so dangerous that the contractor called me to say “If anyone would have leaned against them they would have fallen the 5-6 feet to the ground.”

It because of the actions of the Foundation Board generosity with the Grant monies we feel that the safety of our Parishioners and community members that utilize our Church for various reasons is definitely maximized.

I am aware that I may not have addressed all the areas of repair that were accomplished, but I will assure you that all and more was accomplished than was addressed in the Grant application.

I am sending pictures of the finished project.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I think our Church looks the best it has in years! I was very happy that the paint and restoration was complete for the once in a life time event of the solar eclipse this August. We received so many wonderful compliments from guests and community members. I feel this is important in our town. It speaks to our pride as Christians and Glendo residents.

Our Church is also somewhat of a historical building and should be preserved for future generations. Many of my family and friends have been baptized, married and put to rest in this old building. The building would have been impossible for our aged members and small congregation to do this work on our own. I feel that it is better to have had it done by professionals for the long term preservation.

It is my belief that God would want us to maintain a tidy and attractive place of worship for all to share and for generations to come.

Many Blessings,
Lloyd Sommers,
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