Dear Press and Foundation Board Members,

The St. Thomas’ Vestry and congregation thank you for supporting our spring 2018 grant request to replace the Community Room roof, refurbish our logs, replace rotten logs and professionally inspect our campus. All have been accomplished.

The roof replacement deserves special mention. The new roof saved our building and probably lives! We had patched leaks for several years without realizing the extent of the water destruction. Four shingle layers were on the oldest part of the building with 3 layers on the newer Community Room (1949). The men pulled off the top layer with no trouble, but the following layers were rotten and came off in hand-sized pieces causing more time than budgeted. On three ridgelines the rafters and ridgelines were so decayed they had separated, and the ridgeline, rafters and underlayment in these areas were replaced. Some of these boards had a layer of mold so thick it looked like leather. The contractor said the roof would have collapsed inside the building during the next heavy snow. While we knew and pointed out one ‘soft’ area of concern, the extent of the repair was unexpected by the roofer and us. The cost of an additional $1,200 above bid was more than fair. The new roof is a 50-year metal roof by Decra; class A fire protection and 120 mph wind protection and ridge ventilation. It will reduce our insurance. Decra metal roof was used on our Sanctuary 17 years ago and still looks new. Rocky Mountain Applicators, Riverton is recommended to any other church.

Our thorough inspection report by professional building inspector Ronald Pieracini, Certified Professional Inspector® and certified by the International Association of Certified Home Inspectors® (InterNACHI®), has provided us with a road map for current and future (over the next five years) repairs and maintenance. Our five year plan will be reviewed and adjusted every six months as we work toward completion of various prioritized line items. We
are happy to share our report with any church considering an inspection to see the depth and thoroughness of the inspector’s work. Based in Lander, Ron is highly recommended.

We expected our rotten log replacement would be our greatest challenge; however, that turned out not to be the case! Eric Shirley, a Dubois log specialist, cut out the rot and fitted a new log piece in place without having to lift the building and replace whole logs. Remarkable!

Our log cleaning and refurbishment was completed on time by Wyoming Wood Care, the same company we used in the past. St. Thomas’ log cleaning is on a 7-year rotation to keep our logs in good condition.

The total cost of the project was $39,895 with the Foundation granting us $33,695 and St. Thomas contributing $6,200. Our original estimate was higher than we anticipated due to extensive roof damage.

The Vestry take seriously our responsibility of caring for our buildings and being good stewards of all they represent for our Congregation and our Community. The Vestry thanks the Foundation for your continued support. We would have been hard pressed to do this without you!

Respectfully submitted,

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St. Thomas’ Vestry members

Attachments:
pulling the old shingles. 4 layers

Rotten rafters
mold on rafter
thick as leather
rotten underlayer
Building new ridge and rafters
50 year roof!

Thank you, Foundation, and Press for your guidance and support!