



## **Pastor Enno's Weekly Message**

**Dear Friends,**

We had a good day here on Tuesday hosting the architects, ATSR. We got to share the story with them about all the good that happens in our church and through our church. Some of our newer members proclaimed, “I have never been in this room before, or I didn’t know we did that.” Ideas, dreams, concerns, and practicality were all part of the discussions about our grounds, the outside of our building, and the structure.

Our building will never rival the beauty of a sunrise over the bay or sunset over the harbor. It may not bring the awe of standing in a grove of trees in perfect stillness. However, we are an incarnational religion. I believe that the presence and love of God is not just found in our hearts, minds, and bodies. I also believe that God is encountered in our rooms, our pews, our art, and the music that is played and sung.

I am looking forward to what the architects will bring back in showing us the possibilities for our building to continue to be a welcoming and safe place, fully accessible to all who wish to worship, meet, rest, and play. There are some basics that go along with having a 50-year-old building. There are new possibilities for our ministry and ways of connecting with our community and world.

I thank those who dreamed about a new church building who gave us this ‘church.’ I thank those who have contributed to the upkeep and maintenance. I thank those who have inhabited this place with their care and love. And I thank you who are participating and planning for our church’s future and all that it entails.

May God lead us and bless us in this process.

**Peace**