



# River of Life Current

September 2011

## Grants Were Received From...

- Otto Bremer Foundation (\$75,000 matching)
- ELCA Mission Investment Fund (\$10,000 matching)
- General Mills Foundation (\$10,000)
- Open Your Hearts to the Hungry & Homeless (\$10,000)
- Cub Cares Community Foundation (\$5,000)
- North Mpls and West Hennepin Thrivent chapters (matching from fund-raising events)

## Fundraising Timeline 2010-2011

Received \$75K matching grant from Otto Bremer June 2010

Pr. Lee Ann spoke with every L& F serving team July-Aug

Historic Church Tour Open House for interest Oct 2010

\$64,500 raised from donations and 2 grants Nov 2010

Caritas Benefit Concert at Beautiful Savior Feb 2011

Reached and exceeded goal by Bremer deadline! May 2011

Construction began June 2011

THANK YOU to all who sacrificed this summer, and especially to the following churches whose contributions made the 2011 Kitchen Remodel at River of Life possible!

*Servant of Christ Lutheran, Champlin  
 Prince of Peace Lutheran, Brooklyn Park  
 Beautiful Savior LCMS, Plymouth  
 Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran, Robbinsdale  
 Bethlehem Covenant, South Minneapolis  
 Valley of Peace Lutheran, Golden Valley  
 Advent Lutheran, Maple Grove  
 Calvin Presbyterian, Long Lake  
 Peace Lutheran, Coon Rapids  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic, Minnetonka  
 Calvary Lutheran, Golden Valley  
 Excelsior Covenant, Excelsior  
 Brunswick United Methodist, Crystal  
 Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis  
 Cross of Glory Lutheran, Brooklyn Center  
 House of Hope Lutheran, New Hope*

## The Story Continues...

The “old building” of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2200 Fremont Ave N, which houses the sanctuary, kitchen and fellowship hall, was built in 1929. During the 1960s the great number of young families necessitated the Sunday School addition which includes

offices, classrooms and the gym. In 1983 the needs of the neighborhood and large space became an opportunity to invite Loaves and Fishes, a new non-profit organization, to host nightly hot meals for the community. Over the years the number of volunteer teams prepar-

ing and serving the meals grew to its present total of 35. In 2011, we begin a new chapter of the story. Now that this kitchen is up to modern standards, it could indeed be used for another 20+ for community events and feeding ministries. Thanks be to God!



Before...



and After!





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## WHO DID THE REMODELING WORK?

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