

Q: Why aren't you proposing a pipe organ?

A: While a pipe organ would be wonderful they are much more expensive, about \$100,000 more, and we also have limited room for all the pipes as our church was not designed for such an instrument.

Q: Can pipes be added to the Allen organ?

A: Yes, in the future, if desired some limited pipes could be added.

Q: What about sound quality?

A: This instrument contains state of the art, customizable software. Their digital sampling captures the truest, cleanest nuance of pipe organ sound, produced within one of the most sophisticated super computer tone generation systems ever built.

Q: Is the Allen organ company a good company?

A: The company has been around for over 80 years and all organs are built in Pennsylvania. They build most all of the components used in their organs. And they offer a 10 year parts warranty.

Q: How long will this new organ last.

A: Pastor Schreiner will be dead long before we need to replace it. New technology says it could last 40-50 years.

Q: What is the cost and how are we going to raise funds for it?

A: This instrument with shipping, installation, and a few needed options will run about \$55,000-60,000. Upon approval by the voters on Sunday, March 29th a letter will be sent to all families with information about the organ and an envelope for them to donate to this fund.

NOTE: Voters meeting on Sunday, March 29th after the late service.

NEW ORGAN PROPOSAL

For well over a year we have been noticing issues with our current organ. A committee made up of our organists and worship committee has met with three different organ builders over the past month. All three presented us with much information about organ technology and the features that their instruments provide. We even looked into the possibility of a pipe organ. In the end the committee unanimously decided to recommend to the council and voters the Allen model G-220. While we felt that both the Rodgers and Allen, the two main organ builders, had great products that would serve us well for many years to come the lot fell to Allen. The main reason for this was the fact that a professor at Martin Luther College, who does organ consulting for churches, strongly feels that it is a better way to go.



Q: Do we need a different organ?

A: Yes, our organ is about 35 years old and the life of that instrument is 25-30 years.

Q: What seems to be the problem with our present organ – it sounds fine to me?

A: For the most part the sound quality is still okay but there are a number of issues our organist are having with the stops etc. The fear is that one day, very soon, it will just NOT WORK at all.