

**From:** Brian Ferguson

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**To:**

**Subject: Bell Tower**

To the Save The Bell Tower Community Team,

First Lutheran's Leadership Team continues to stand by the June 23 demolition decision concerning the bell tower. The following statement made, August 16, by the Director of Buildings and Inspections for Cincinnati provides significant support for the maintenance of this position: "As a reminder, the structural issues of the bell tower have resulted in orders that require this issue to be addressed in short order. The longer the condition remains the longer the risk to the community and liability to the property owner exists." The orders referenced were an Emergency Hazard Abatement Order issued November 10, 2020. In this order it states that a hazardous condition exists which presents an imminent danger.

We appreciate the efforts made by the community to save the tower.

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