

Storm damaged church receives support from fellow churches
(KAIR)--Rural Atchison County churches will come together this weekend, holding a fundraiser to help rebuild a local church.

That follows straight line wind damage incurred by the 110-year-old Effingham Union Church in June 2021.

According to a release, the Effingham Union Church Rebuilding Fund was established to assist the church, which was moved 2-inches by the wind storm, which also left many of the building's bricks broken.

An inspection by structural engineers was conducted, with the building deemed unsafe for occupancy due to the possible collapse of the tower.

Following a church review of available options, and their costs, the Effingham Union Church membership voted to replace the structure with a new church.

On Sunday, the "Pay It Forward Neighbor to Neighbor" initiative will be held at Effingham's Saint Ann's Catholic Church.

According to organizers, the day will include a variety of fundraising activities, from raffles to a silent auction.

The fundraiser will run from 11:00 Sunday morning until 3:00 that afternoon at Saint Ann's Parish Center.

A free will offering barbecue lunch will be featured, as well as a bake sale.

The public is invited to attend.

Along with Saint Ann's, the fundraiser is sponsored by Camp Creek United Methodist Church, Coal Creek United Methodist Church, Cummings Christian Church, Lancaster United Methodist Church, Larkingburg Christian Church, Muscotah United Church New Covenant United Methodist Church, Saint John's Lutheran Church, and Saint Louis Catholic Church.