

Visioning Task Force Summary

Priorities for our Building's Expansion and Enhancement for the Sake of Ministry

Visioning Members were: George Weida (ch), Jennifer Balinski, Joni Conrad, Beth Derr, Kathy Evans, Anna May Hoppes, Dena Kauffman, Ben Levensgood, Dan Levensgood, Chris Martincic, Bruce Mendenhall, Bob Nicol, Jennifer Reich, Mary Rowe, and Kathryn Wolf; Staff, Pastor Rowe, Kathy Schaeffer, and Brenda Reich; Advisor, Jeff Spann, ELCA Building Consultant. In addition, eight cottage meetings were held so that 24 additional people evaluated the building in light of *ministry needs and wants*. As a result, hundreds of ideas were considered!

Top Priorities for the Next 2-4 years: Currently our Sunday School has 13 classes in rooms that are too small for enrollment, and which makes use of two offices and the Fellowship Hall.

- After building, have at least 15 larger classrooms (not including offices or fellowship hall).
Of those 15 classrooms...
 - 8-10 would be shared by our Sunday School and Child Care
 - 3 would be used only by Sunday School (a youth room, and two adult areas)
 - 2 would be used only by Child Care (infant and 1 year olds), with running water and diapering areas
 - And one of the 8-10 shared areas would be a large room accommodating 30-40 people.
That room might be built with storms in mind.
 - Church nursery conveniently located to worship space, with diapering, water, and bathroom access.
- The sacristy would be expanded for better storage of worship supplies and paraments, and to make it easier to prepare for and clean up after worship (including hot water & possibly a micro refrigerator)
- A larger Fellowship Hall would be developed that would be uncluttered with furniture to allow for recreation, receptions, and true multi-use space.
- Rest Rooms in several locations, truly handicapped accessible, and some “child friendly” facilities
- Administration improvement would include an office capable for accommodating two workstations, offering counters, etc. An equipment room and additional storage would be needed as well. Pastor and Educator’s offices would be comparable to what they have now, and located according to their ministries.
- A dedicated music room for choir practice, music storage, gowns, and various instruments.
- Storage space for each classroom, especially the food pantry, child care, and church storage.
Space to move the food pantry freezers indoors, and doorways that allow for food deliveries.
- A utility room separate from the furnace room to store cleaning supplies and to provide janitorial sink and drain.
- Replace current windows and carpeting. New floor covering to have “warm-to-sit-on” spaces, and easy clean space since food is often served.

Priorities for next 5-8 years (or as funding or architecture allows):

- Nave – expand seating, including overflow space. Install air conditioning, make nave visible from lobby, provide place to control electronics, and meanwhile maintain sense of coziness for gathering for worship.
- Larger, more welcoming lobby with kitchenette for refreshments
- Dressing space in sacristy
- Stage area in larger Fellowship Hall
- Improved playground separated from parking lot

- Kitchen area with more counter space, easier to clean surfaces, more storage space, and additional refrigerator space. Meet the needs of food pantry, caterers, child care, and congregation (so near the fellowship hall).
- Sheltered entrance to church
- Library area to house books, videos, computer access, and to be used by congregational groups, its child care, and congregational members.

Priorities for after 9 years (or as funding or architecture suggests):

- Chapel area – a space for weekday prayer and devotion, small weddings and funerals, prayer groups, and classes
- Enlarge garage and outside storage
- Improve pavilion and picnic area, for outside activities
- Private area for counseling

NEXT STEP: The Building Team

This group will be responsible for using the above vision to seek out an architect, develop a master plan, and present it to the congregation. This master plan, together with a proposal for a capital fund appeal and financing, will form the actual building campaign.

Building Team Members are: Todd Babcock, Bob Conrad, Dave Derr, Anna May Hoppes, Chris Martincic, Pat Reitnauer, George Weida, and Harold Wiest.

In the next several months they will:

- Select a chairperson
- Meet with Jeff Spann, the ELCA building consultant
- Interview and select an architect to develop a master plan for developing a building to serve our priorities for ministry.
- The development of the architectural master plan will be **funded by the Endowment Committee**. We hope to have a suitable master plan by the summer!

While the architectural master plan is being developed, a financial team will be gathered to interview fund raising consultants, look at financing options, and our congregation's potential for giving to a capital campaign.

The Building Team and Financial Team will then present a building project to the congregation (it may be carried out in one stage, or in several stages).