

ENTER HIS GATES



With Thanksgiving



First Lutheran Building Project Proposal

Opening Prayer



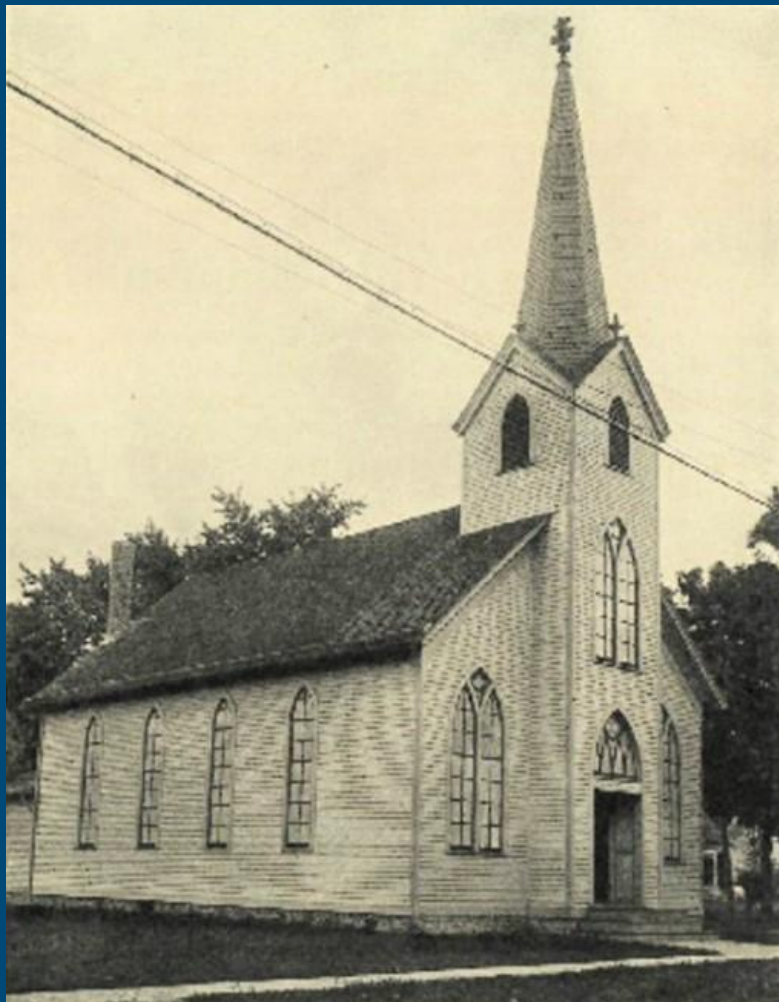
Our Mission

We live as God's children, to be nurtured by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, and to share our Savior, Jesus Christ, with all people.

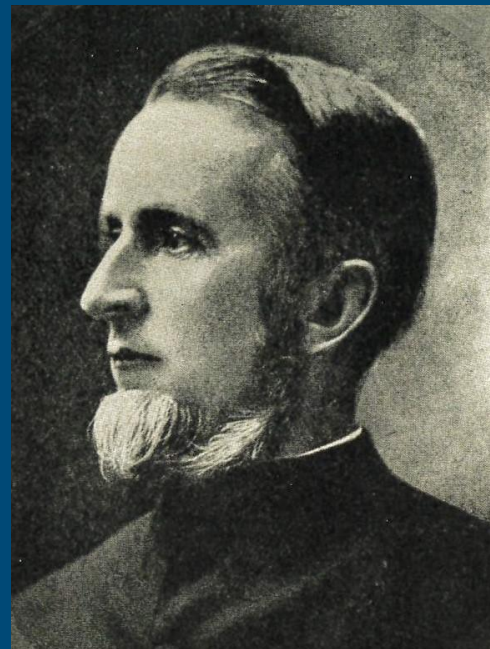
Defining Moments at First Lutheran

Established February 23, 1871

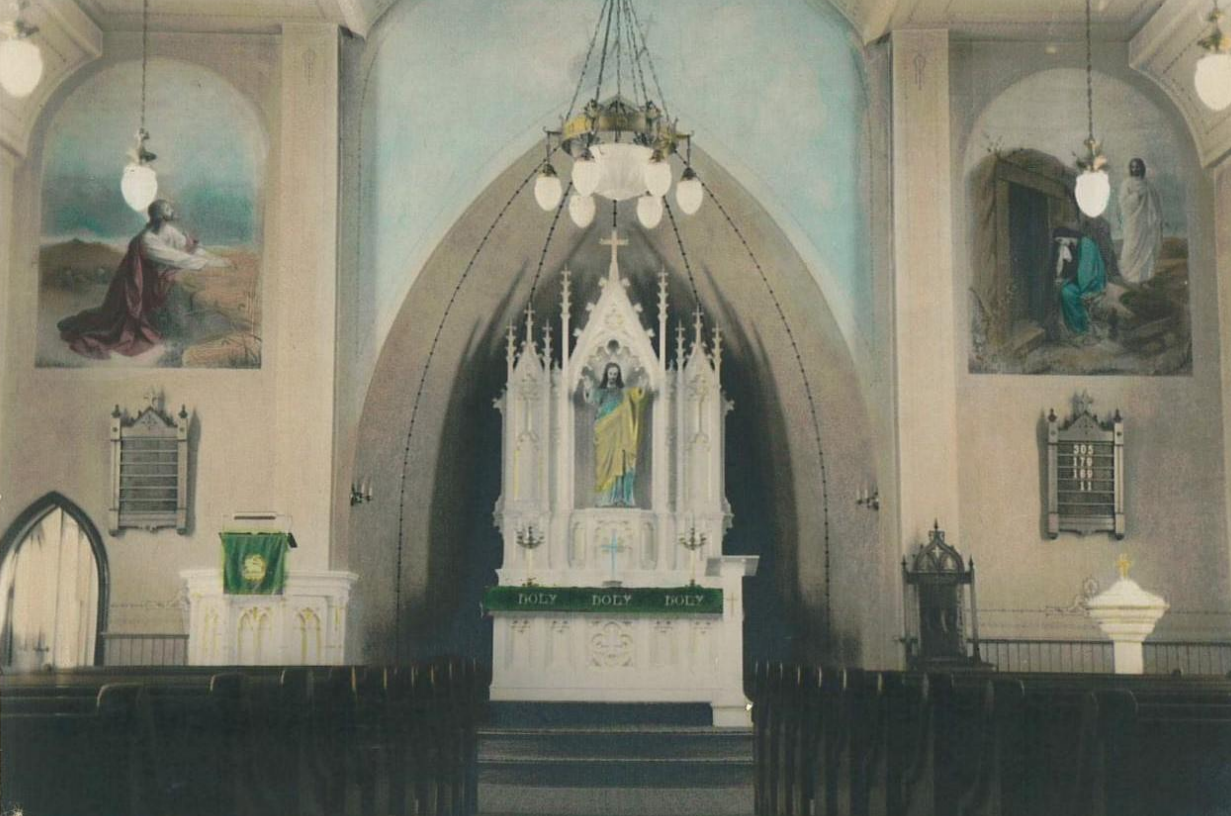
Over 152 Years of Ministry!

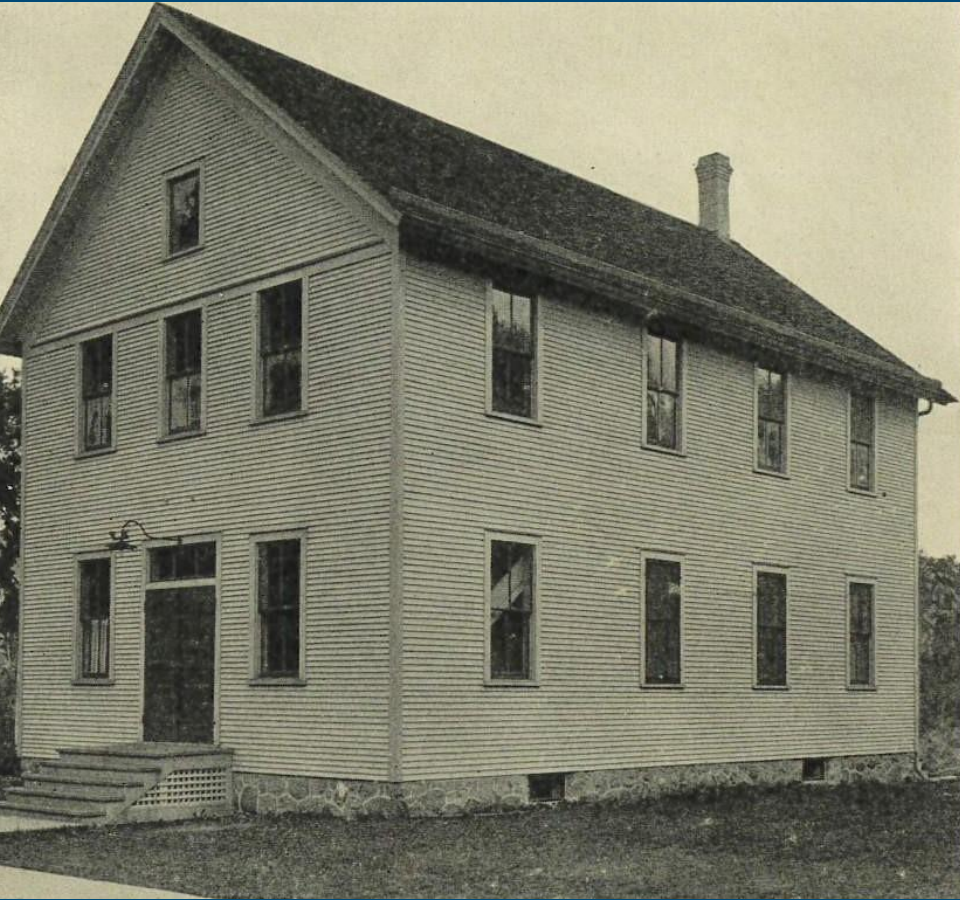


The original Deutsche
Evangelische Lutherische
Friedens-Gemeinde church,
dedicated October 26, 1884.



Pastor J. J. Meier
1874-1879
(first full time Pastor)

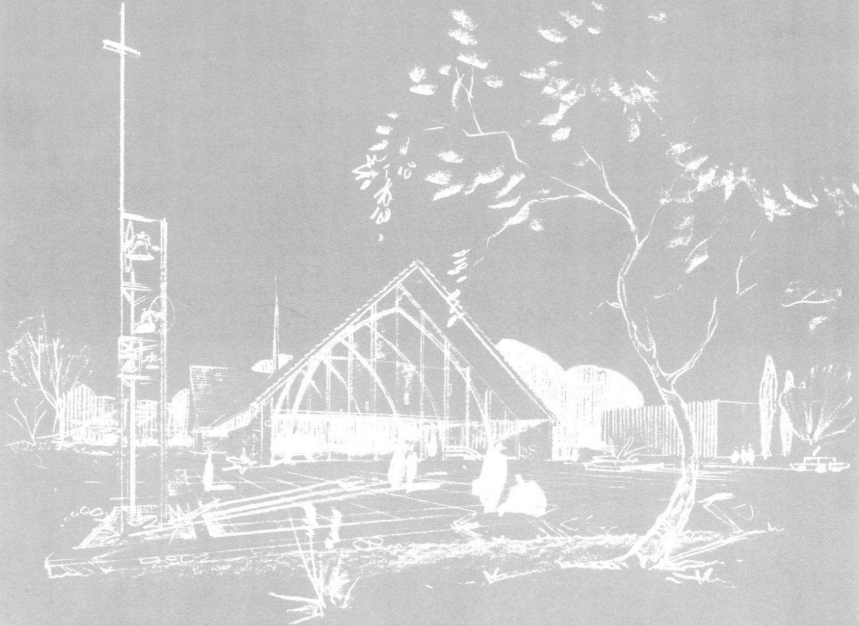




First Sunday Schoolhouse built
in 1898 - later moved and
attached to the church in 1950.

'Called to Serve'

LET US MAKE OUR
DREAMS COME TRUE!



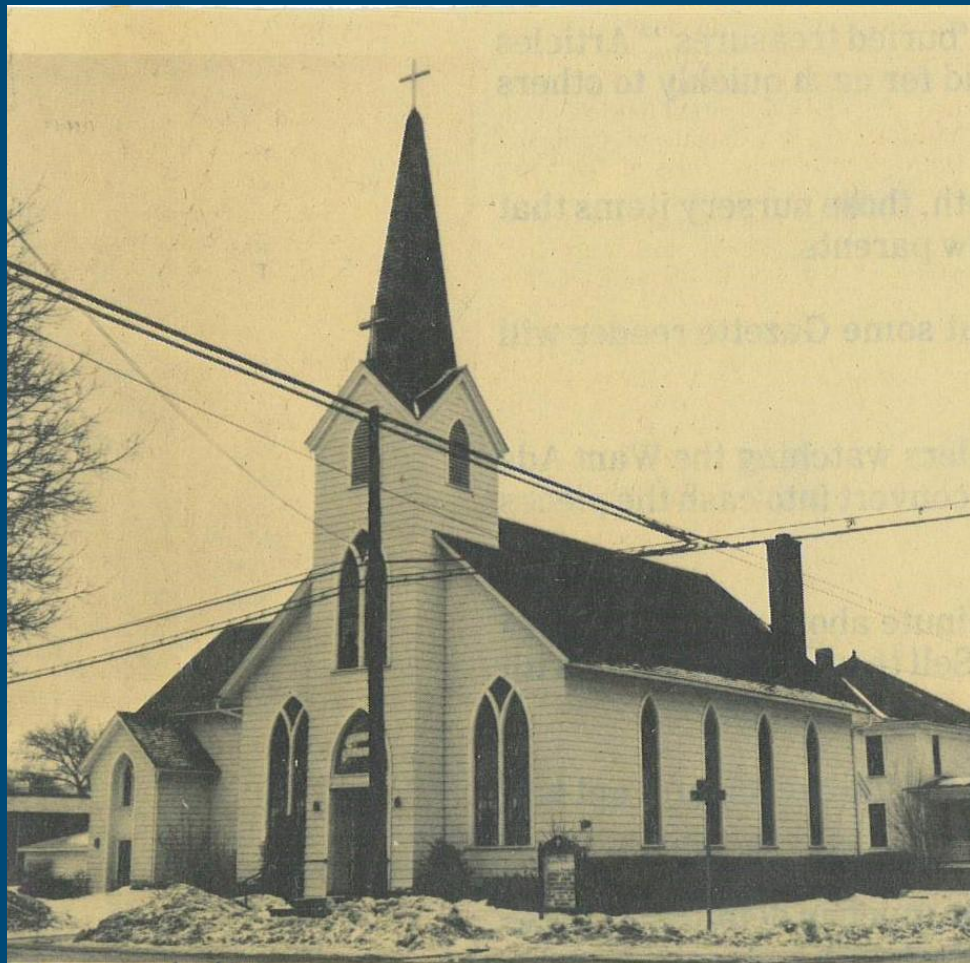
NO DECISIONS AS TO STYLE, DESIGN, OR ARCHITECT HAVE YET BEEN MADE - THIS IS SIMPLY
ONE MAN'S VISION OF WHAT MIGHT BE.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

ELKHORN, WISCONSIN

1969 - Let's build a new church!

Stewardship packet initiating
building of the new church.



Lutheran Church Marks 100 Years in Elkhorn

ELKHORN—First Evangelical Lutheran Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, marking its centennial with a series of special services over the next few months.

The little white church here was built Feb. 23, 1871, and the congregation was incorporated Feb. 28, 1871.

The present structure may not be the home of the congregation much longer. A building program has been in progress and the building fund now totals more than \$115,000 in donations and pledges for a new edifice.



Voters have chosen the local architectural firm of Goebel and Balestrieri to draw plans for a new church plant on a 3.82-acre site south of the new parsonage at the corner of Centralia and Davenport streets, land purchased by the congregation in May, 1969.

The Rev. Frederick Kosanke has been pastor of the church since ~~May~~ 1968.

August

That's almost
\$1 Million in
today's dollars!

This was in the **Elkhorn Lutheran Church 100**
Janesville Gazette - March 6, 1971.



Start of construction!

Pastor David Witte, George Lauderdale, George Brellenthin, Ben Schienke, Matt Goebel, Clarence Kreft, Willard Count, Richard Edwards, Arthur Wolff, James Mowery, William Sekeres, Pastor Frederic Kosanke



THE NEW FIRST EVANGELICAL Lutheran church provides an added dimension at the corner of Centralia and Devendorf streets now with the lighted crosses at dusk along with a full moon over the iron cross structure. Dedication services for the sanc-

tuary and adjoining education wing is scheduled for Sunday worship services at 8 and 10:15 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. There will be an open house after each service and another from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. (Independent Photo)

Dedication of the new church June 9th, 1974

First Lutheran Church Will Dedicate Facilities Sunday

Dedication Services Sunday at 8 and 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the evening, will officially inaugurate the new facilities at First Evangelical Lutheran church of Elkhorn. There will be Open House after all three services and from 2-5 in the afternoon to which the public is in-

was reached to build a new church and attached Sunday school and fellowship area.

Through the use of sound absorbing 4 foot movable panels and Modernfold accordian type movable walls, the large fellowship area is divided into eight completely enclosed and almost

of the hall, which is an extension of the spacious church entrance.

Featured in the new church are the beautiful lights from the old church, and the stained glass window showing the figure of Christ knocking on the door. The church is fully carpeted and the pews are padded. A modern

gives excellent acoustics for the pastor's portion of the service, and a factory directed installation of the Rodgers organ does a fine job of leading the congregation in singing and liturgy. Three lighted crosses, made by Jack Gunyon, of Elkhorn, highlight the north end of the church

1974 aerial view of
the church and the
parsonage, located
across the street.





1981 First
Lutheran
School
opened

Only 2
TEACHERS?!

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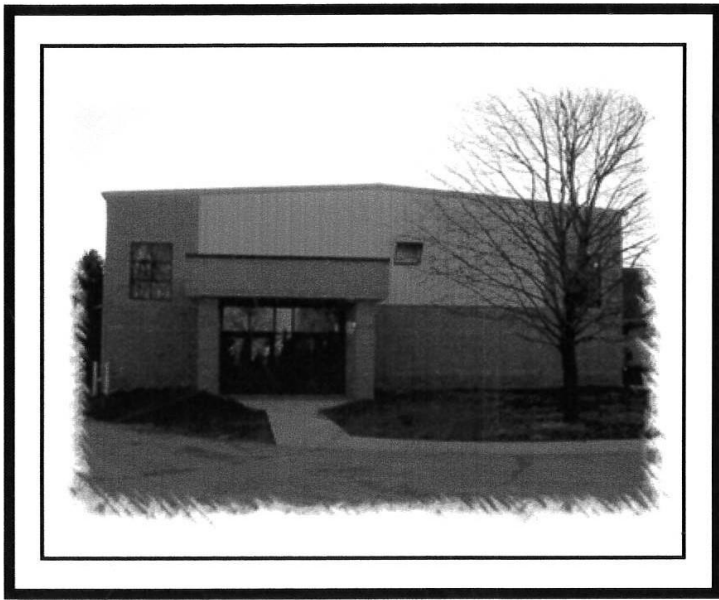












April 2002 - Finished Gym, expanded narthex, added meeting room, kitchen, and renovated classrooms were dedicated.

Project Cost was **\$1 Million** (\$1.7 Million adjusted for Inflation)

An initial gift of \$250,000 was donated for the project!

Focus on Future raised \$400k to pay off mortgage 7 years early!


Dedicated by First Evangelical
Lutheran Church
April 28, 2002



Look back and be encouraged!

In 150 Years -

- 1671 Baptisms
- 1622 Confirmations
- 516 Weddings
- 755 Funerals

Look at those courageous people that have come before us.
Look how far the effort of a small group of farmers has gone.

So What's Next?!

And Why Now?

As we passed 152 years, we stand with those generations who faithfully and intentionally participated in God's glorious plan and have benefitted from His abundant gifts.

Continuing our journey at First requires us to elevate the worship experience for our current members, create a welcoming environment for new visitors, and address some well needed maintenance items.

A long time ago...

2019 - Long Range Plan asked us to review facilities for renovation

2020 - The dark times...

2022 - Renewed efforts for renovation. “We can do it ourselves. Right?”

2023 - “Nope”.

Help required!

Church Team: Fred Baudais, Allison Lauderdale, Kathy Meier, Carla Baudais, Beth Kuschel, and Paul Lemke - And SO MANY MORE!

Projects and priorities have been determined by:

- Congregational feedback
- Board of Trustees guidance
- Staff feedback

Professionals:

- Interior Changes - Beth Welsh (Designer), Gary Welsh (Architect)
- Stebnitz Builders
- Majic Productions



Enter His gates with thanksgiving and
His courts with praise; give thanks to
Him and praise his Name
Psalm 100:4-5

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and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him
and praise his name.

Psalm 100:4-5

1. Enter His Gates
2. Enter His Courts
3. Give Thanks

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." Psalm 100:4

Dear Members and Friends of First Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Did you know that our new church is a miracle building?

We tend to think of problems and decisions, of mud and stone, of hammers and brushes, of trucks unloading materials and supplies, of workmen wearing hard hats and carrying lunch pails.

But, when it is all put together and dedicated to the service of the Almighty God, wondrous things begin to happen. Here, babies, children and adults will be made citizens of God's

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." Psalm 100:4

at death, solemnly observed within these walls, will be known to be only temporary.

Here, children will hear the Word which is able to make them wise unto salvation, and they will amaze their parents at home with what they have learned and what it means to them.

From the time of the sainted Pastor Herbert Lau, this structure has been planned, prayed for, and supported. The time, the effort and the love of hundreds of our people have been the effective building blocks of the project. We thank the Lord for all His servants who have worked so faithfully here, and who will continue to pray for and support this church.

But, above all, we invite you to thank and praise the Lord, who empowers us. May His blessing ever rest upon this structure and those who come to learn and worship here. Then this building will be serving the purpose for which we built it, and for which we now dedicate it.

Sincerely, In Our Savior,

Pastor Kosanke

Enter His Gates!

Narthex Goals

First Impressions: Guests will feel welcome the moment they walk in the door for worship or activities throughout the week.

Fellowships Formed: This bright and open area will invite those who worship to mingle and build relationships.

Useful Spaces: Provide adequate space and furniture for non-church events, sunday coffee and snacks, and plenty of storage.











Built In
Mailboxes

Ice maker
and sink

Coffee Goes
Here!

Beverage
Fridges



Brighter
Chandeliers

Wall Lighting

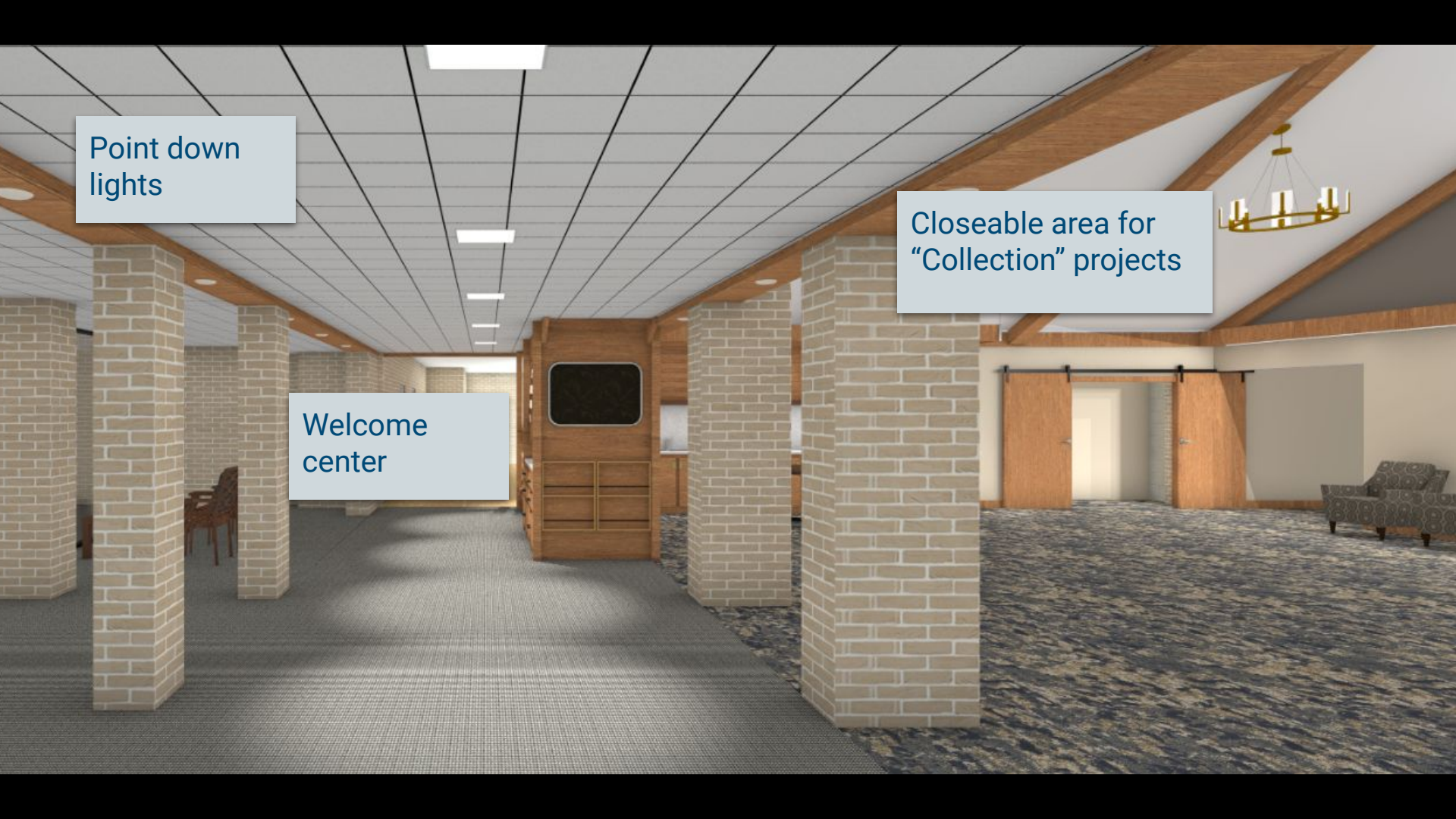
Closets!

High Quality
Furniture

Cool carpet
pattern





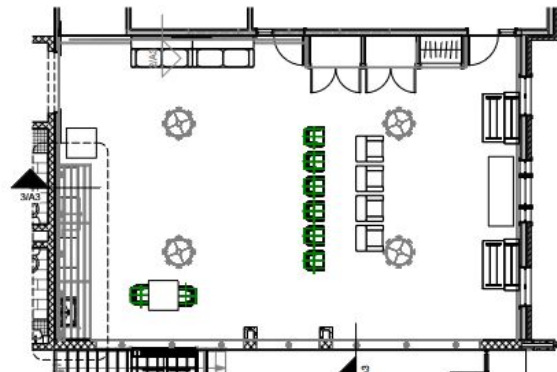
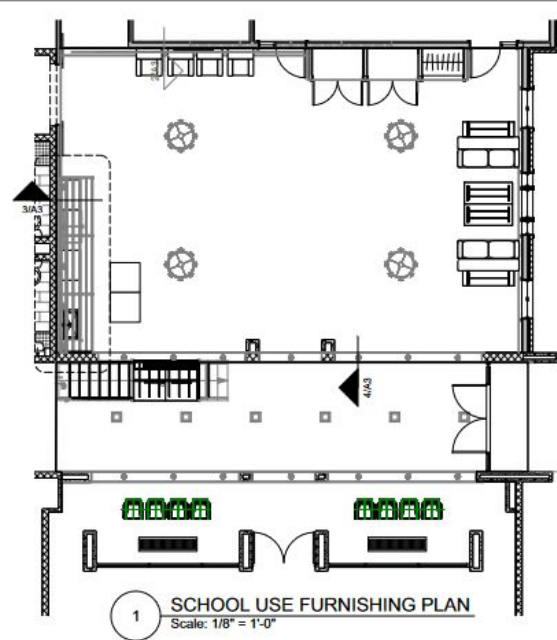
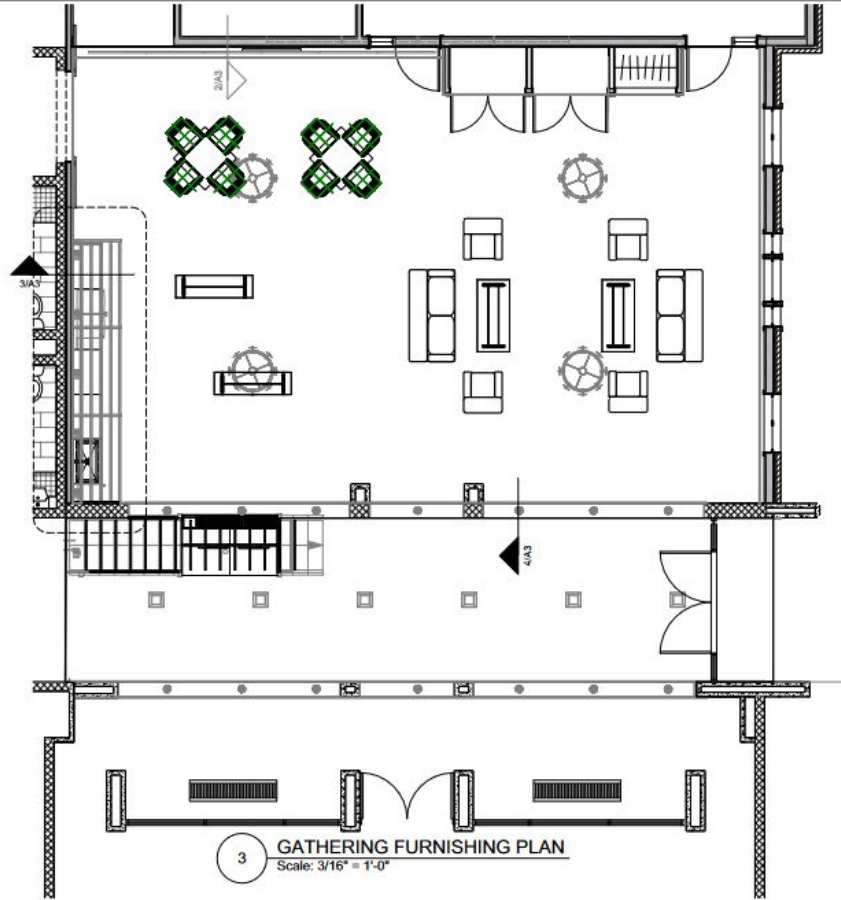


Point down
lights

Closeable area for
“Collection” projects

Welcome
center





MAXWELL-THOMAS LURBOCK
COLLECTION APARTMENT SIZE SOFA

MAXWELL-THOMAS KIRKWOOD
DINING ARMCHAIR WITH CASTERS

Bathroom Goals

Update the aesthetics of the space

Replace aging or broken fixtures

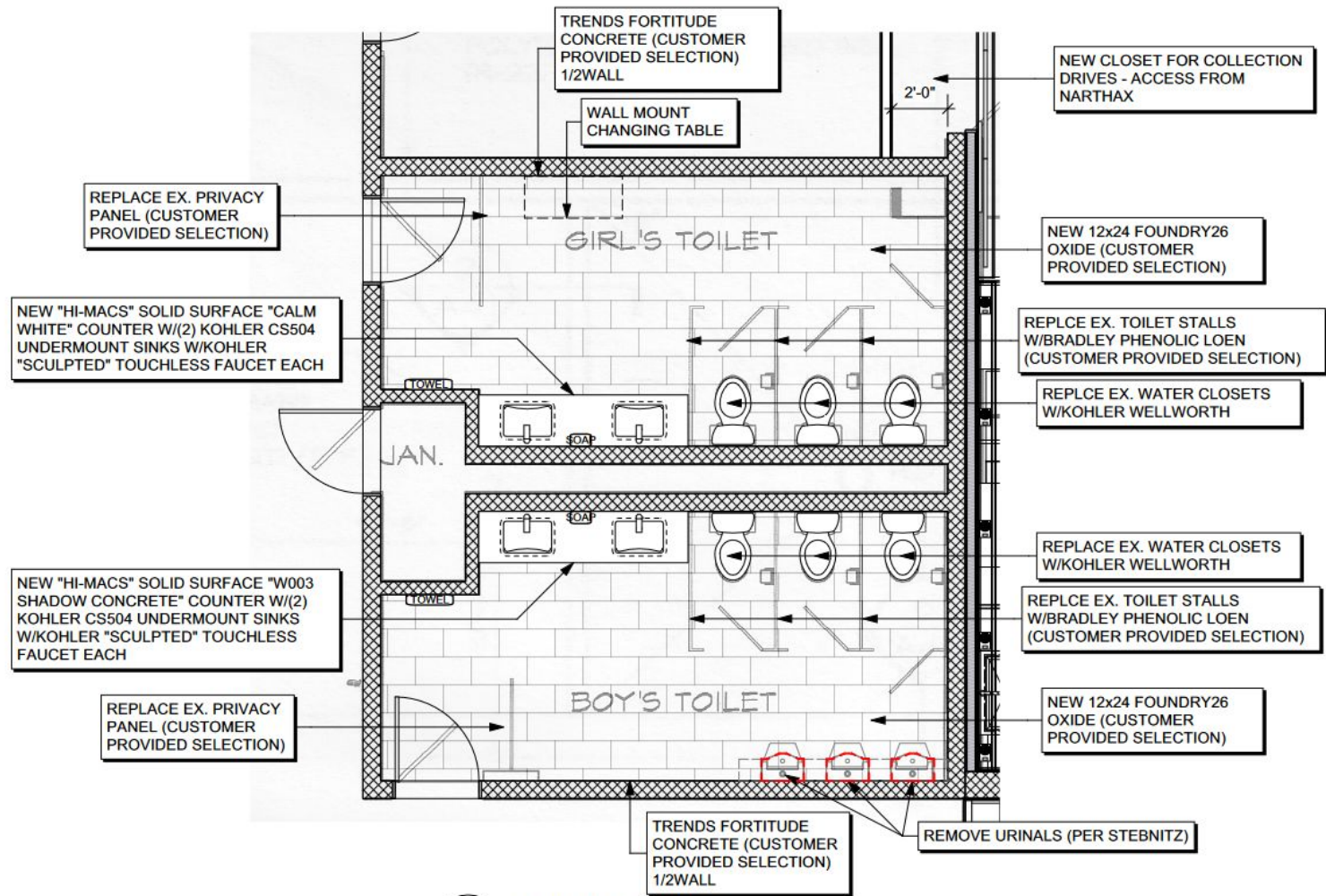
Update lighting and mirrors

Update ceiling tiles



Take the Time to Wash Your Hands
It's the easiest, most effective way to prevent the spread of germs.

- Wash for at least 20 seconds.
- Use warm water.
- Use soap.
- Rinse well.
- Pat dry.



1 Toilet Room Plan
Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"

THE BOLD LOOK
OF **KOHLER**.

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Boys restroom counter



Girls restroom counter



24x30
mirrors

12x24 wall tile



TOILET PARTITION
COLORING (CUSTOMER
PROVIDED)

Bath floor field tile : Foundry 26 Oxide

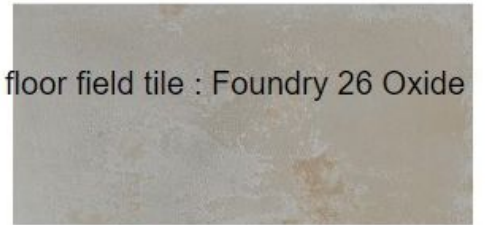


TRENDS
in CERAMIC

White Concrete

Product Series
Fortitude

Square Feet per Carton
12" x 24" - 16.00 sf



School Maintenance Goals

Create a warm and inviting atmosphere for guests and students

Fix and replace worn out items

Fix potential safety concerns

Save money with improved energy efficiency

















Enter His Gates Project Summary

- Narthex Renovation
 - Carpet, lighting, furniture, snack/coffee bar, storage
- Bathroom Renovation
 - Tilework, counters, fixtures, ceiling tiles, lighting, dividers
- Gymnasium Repair & Refresh
 - Paint, lighting replace, fan replace, add mezz fans, steel door replacement, fill vent void
- Classroom Window Replacement

Enter His Courts!

Sanctuary Goals

Update aesthetics of the worship space

Increase light on worshipers, and on the altar area

Improve acoustics and refresh altar area flooring

Provide additional space for musicians near the front

Help our Deaf or hard of hearing worshipers



Lighting hot spots

Right in the way of the organists view







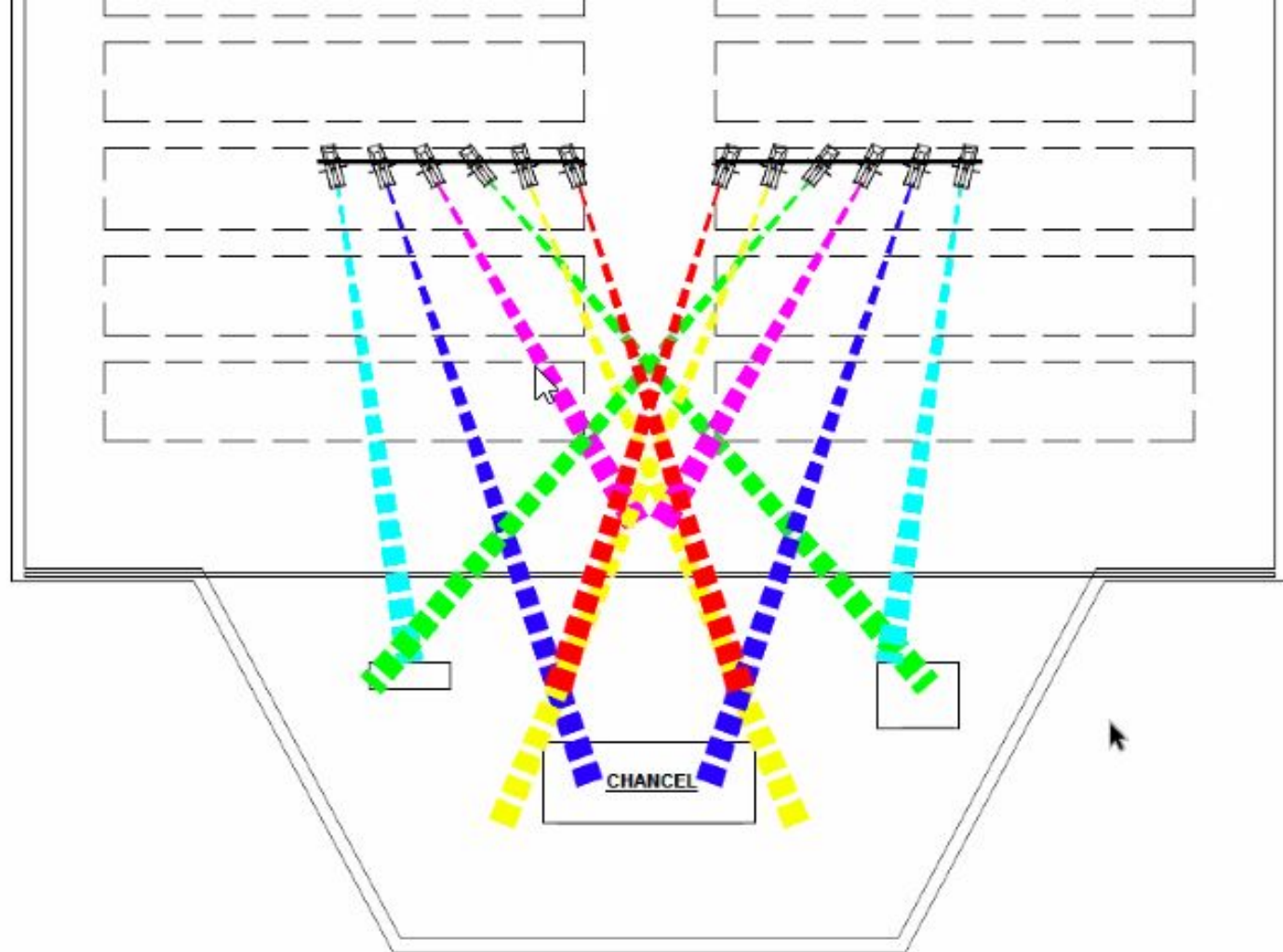
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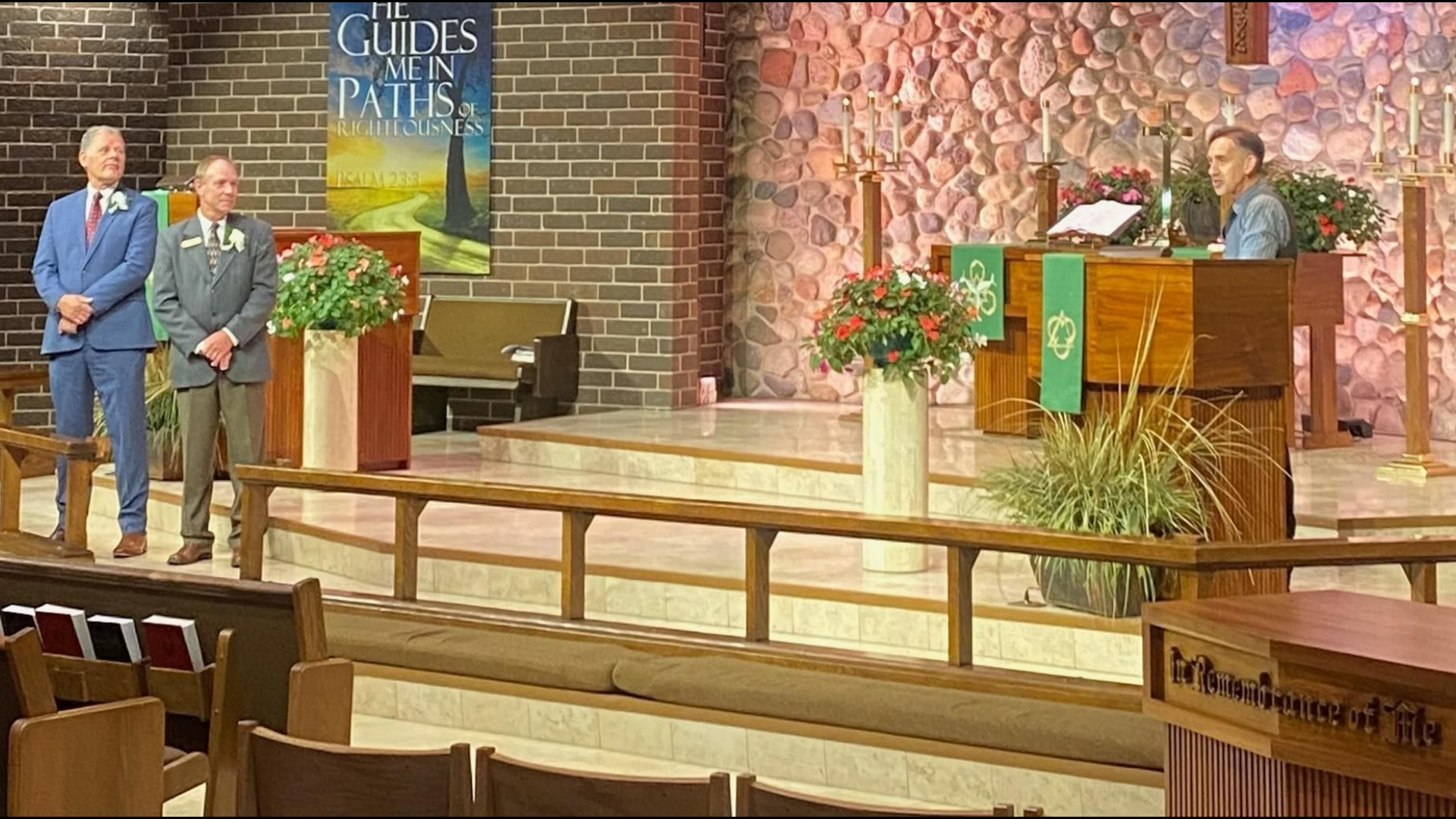






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THANKS UNTO
THE LORD

THE GUIDES
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PSALM 23:3



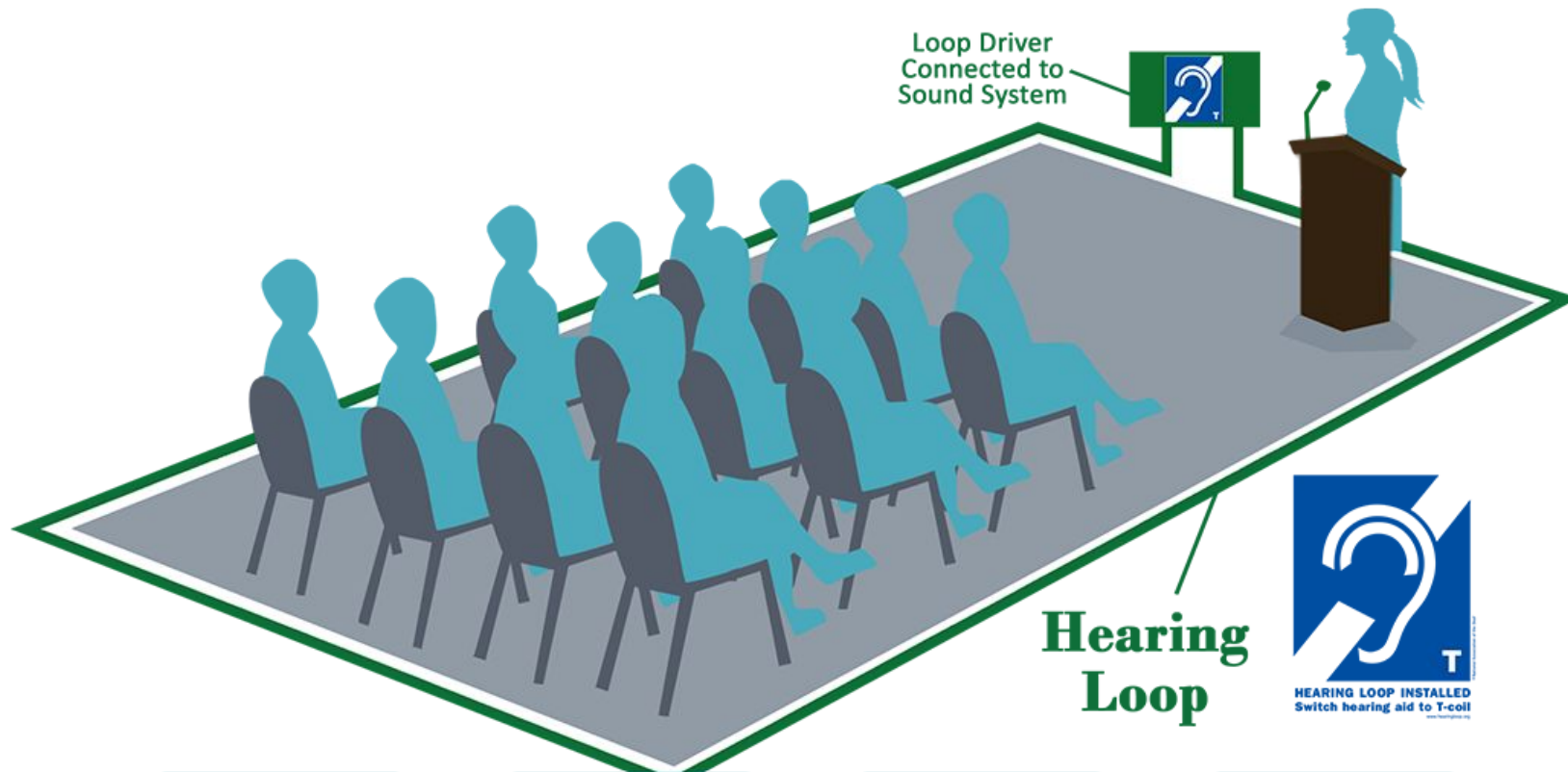
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WISDOM
SOUL







Enter His Courts Project Summary

- Improve lighting of general seating area
- Add Altar theatrical lighting
- Replace sanctuary carpet
- Altar carpet replaced with beautiful tile
 - One row of pews removed
- Hearing loop installation

Give Thanks!



First Fruits - Missions

- As with our personal budgets and sacrificial gifts to the church, giving should come before considering other expenses – “First Fruits” application.
- Therefore, **10% of contributions** to this campaign will be dedicated to missions and programs that support the work of the church that reach beyond our walls.



100 MISSIONS IN 10 YEARS

WELS HOME MISSIONS 2023-2033

A WELS Home Missions initiative to plant 100 new home mission churches and enhance 75 existing ministries from 2023-2033.

Awesome! Let's go!



Enter His **Gates** project breakdown

Narthex Renovation	\$167,000
Bathroom Renovation	\$121,000
School Windows	\$22,000
Gymnasium Refresh	\$30,000
Sub Total	\$340,000

Enter His Courts project breakdown

Sanctuary Lighting	\$63,000
Sanctuary Carpet + Tile	\$41,000
Hearing Loop	\$6,000
Sub Total	\$110,000

Give **Thanks** - First Fruits Mission Offerings

\$50,000

Project Summary

Enter His Gates!	\$340,000
Enter His Courts!	\$110,000
Give Thanks!	\$50,000

Campaign Goal:

\$500,000

Overall Campaign Goal: \$500,000

We need \$500,000 over the next **Three Years** through additional giving above your current generous offerings to make this a reality.

Campaign Timeline

Open Forums: Sunday Jan 7th, Sunday Jan 21st

Commitment Celebration: Sunday Jan 28th, meal to follow!

Voters Meeting: Sunday - Feb 11th

Tentative Project Timeline

ASAP: Gym fans, lighting and painting

Late Spring: Sanctuary lighting, carpet, tile, hearing loop, classroom windows

Summer: Narthex, Bathrooms, Gym door, Gym vent replaced

Who is doing the work?

- Stebnitz Builders
 - Narthex, Bathrooms, and Gym Door
- Majic Productions
 - Sanctuary Lighting
- Fells Flooring
 - Sanctuary carpet and tile
- Metro Sound
 - Hearing Loop
- Joe Kuehl
 - Tons of Electrical + Gym Lighting
- Professional Painting, LLC
 - Gym painting
- YOU!
 - Helping Joe, gym lighting, gym fans, moving pews, and more!

Your Next Steps



Pray, Discuss, Commit

Pray that God works in and through the Enter his Gates campaign. Pray that His mission is accomplished. Ask God to make clear your part in his vision.

Discuss with your spouse and your family about what this commitment will mean for the next season of your life.

Pray, Discuss, Commit

Commit. We are asking you to make a sacrificial commitment – whatever it is that God leads you to do. Follow His leading – nothing more, nothing less. It is an awesome God that we serve. Let us trust that he can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

Commitment Cards

Please fill out the commitment cards provided and put them in the “Church” in the Narthex.

Please mark your calendars for Commitment Celebration Weekend, January 28th!

NAME(S):

PHONE:

EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

I / We are committed to give above our normal giving:

\$

Yearly Monthly

A total 3 year gift of:

\$

Thank You!



Questions and Answers

Other questions?

Contact: Paul Lemke or Pastor Kuschel

Closing Prayer

ENTER HIS GATES



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