

TOGETHER IN FAITH. TOGETHER IN MISSION. TOGETHER IN LIFE.

PHASE 1A NARTHEX CONCEPT RECOMMENDATION | JANUARY 11, 2026
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | CONCORDIA, MO

We are united by Jesus and His gifts.

Ephesians 4:4–6; 1 Corinthians 12:1–27; Romans 12:10–13

We are united in God-given purpose.

Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 1:8

We are united in Christian fellowship and life-together.

Acts 2:42–47; John 13:34–35; Matthew 22:37–39

RECOMMENDATION

In our 2024–2029 Ministry Plan, one of our congregation's Ministry Outcomes was to "foster and strengthen Christ-centered relationships" in which a key objective was to "establish a team to oversee the design, approval and capital fundraising for a new narthex." To that end, a Campus Team was established in late 2024. The Campus Team completed their role working with SFS Architecture, a qualified architecture firm and recommend that the Church Council approve the design and funding level of approximately \$5.7 million and move forward with the capital fundraising for a new narthex. On December 10, 2025, the Church Council approved the Campus Team's recommendation and present it to the congregation for consideration.

GOAL

To create space to promote fellowship for our members, encouraging greater participation and interaction before, between, and after church services and special events as well as create a welcoming space for community engagement and visitors.

KEY DESIGN ELEMENTS

- The overall narthex size is 3700 sq ft with the large open space being 1400+ square feet and about 18 feet of head space serving as a key gathering space before and after church services, as a possible adult Bible class location, and gathering space for non-member events.
- Addition of 3 new single-use bathrooms, including one adjacent to a flexible-use room (bride's room, gathering space for families prior to a funeral, etc.).
- Minimize physical disruption to our historic sanctuary when connecting the narthex and maximize visibility of the sanctuary.
- Pass through entry into the church will be through existing north windows and existing exit with 18–20-foot ceilings and up to 10 feet in width.
- The glass faced interconnector allows for a view of the north side of the church from the east and will stand about 24 feet above the ground.

- The interior narthex open space allows for easy viewing of the great north sanctuary window.
- Interior ramps are designed to minimize the steps needed to get from the ground level to church level.
- A courtyard will provide additional fellowship space adjoining the new narthex; the courtyard is about 1500+ square feet and can be used for a variety of functions.
- The covered driveway is designed to accommodate primarily one car in width and will prove valuable for older adults during adverse weather conditions and easier movement of caskets during funerals.
- The north new narthex windows can be re-used when adding Phase 1B.
- Visually link elements of the narthex to the historic sanctuary architecture, including a mix of surfaces (brick, glass, and a copper patina look) and decorative arches on the upper narthex windows. This follows guidelines for preservation of historic structures.
- An elevator to the church balcony is deemed to not be feasible.
- Approximately 155' of pews to be removed accounting for space to hold about 62 people.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- Weekly fellowship before and after worship services in a space directly adjacent to the sanctuary.
- An easy area to set up for hospitality, including Sunday morning coffee.
- A clear and easily accessible space for guest information.
- Receptions to meet-and-greet new members.
- Space for SPLS Grandparent Day check-in and waiting.
- Display artwork and pictures from SPLS.
- Showcase special ministry projects.
- Reception space after SPLHS concerts and special events.
- Flexible use room can be used as a small rehearsal space for ensembles outside of the sanctuary and a space for families and participants to gather prior to funerals, concerts, special events, etc.
- Gathering space for processional (e.g., Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Graduation, and other things previously not explored due to space limitations)
- In general, removing physical barriers that hold people back from joining Bible classes and services.

September 3, 2025

Phase 1a: Church Repairs & Narthex

Church Repair Work	<i>16,930 SF</i>	\$348,285
Building Addition	<i>4880 SF</i>	\$3,533,743
Alternate #1: Decorative Arch Metalwork		\$245,486
Alternate #2: Patterned Brick		\$146,412
Site Work		\$449,697
Subtotal		\$4,723,623

Soft Cost Allowance (~20% of constr. cost)

Architectural / Engineering Fees		
A/E Reimbursable Costs		
Civil Engineering		
Landscape Design		
Topographical Survey		
Geotechnical Testing		
Special Inspections / Materials Testing		
Security		
Audio / Visual systems & Acoustical Design		
Furnishings / Equipment		
Miscellaneous		
Owner Contingency	<i>5% of constr. cost</i>	
Subtotal	<i>at 20%</i>	\$944,725

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$5,668,347**

Notes:

Permits and insurance are included in construction cost.

Construction cost includes escalation to midpoint of constr: 05/15/2027.

A 20% design contingency, 8% contractor overhead & profit, & 1.32% bonds & insurance is included in the construction cost at this conceptual level.

Hazardous material abatement is not included.



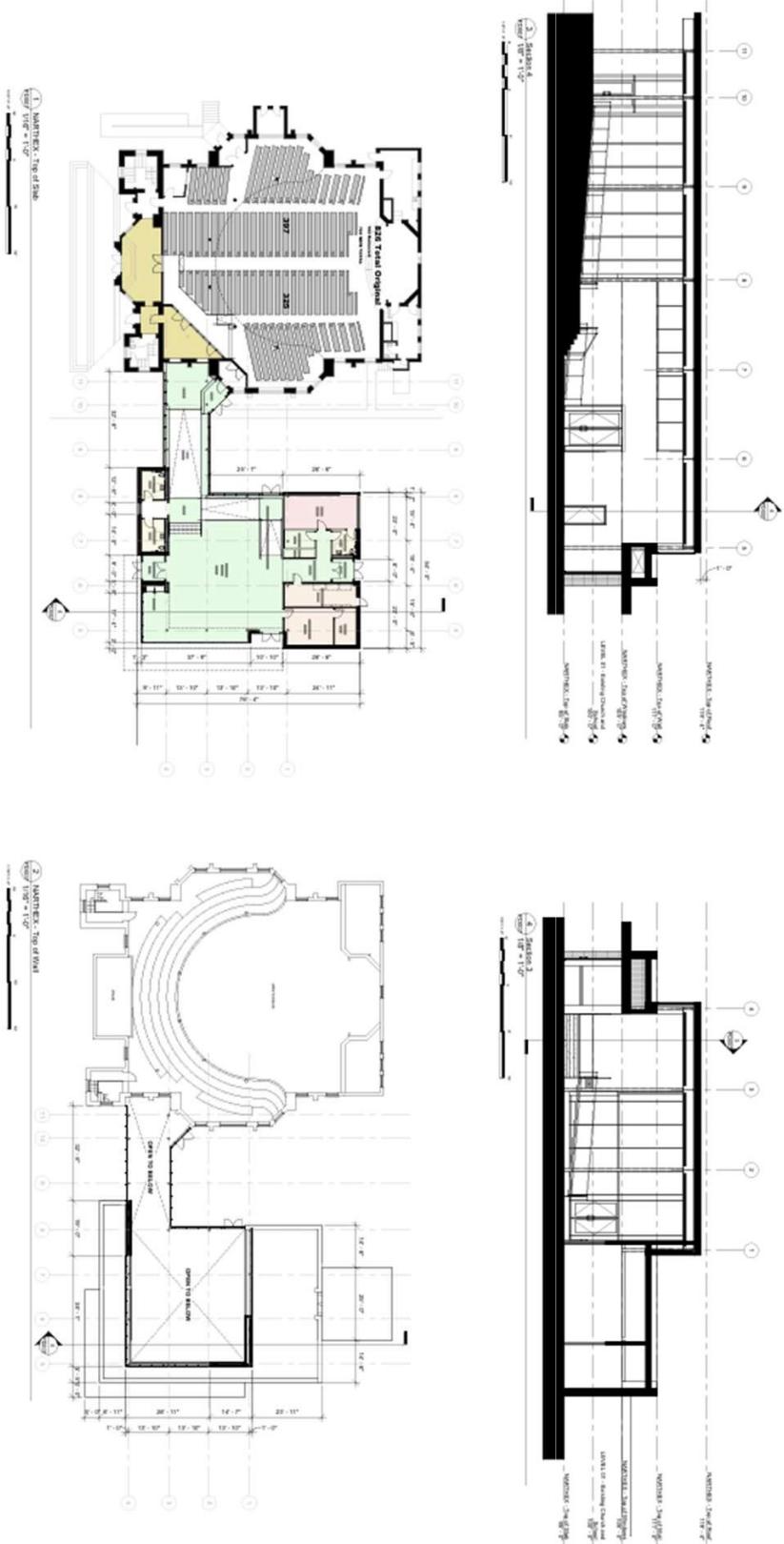
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