



TOGETHER
FAITH + MISSION + LIFE

Ministry Expansion Campaign



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LETTER FROM **PASTOR MICHAEL**

God has gathered His people under the roof of our current sanctuary for over 120 years. It is no exaggeration to say that thousands of people have joined in that space to receive God's gifts and sing His praise. Each week, hundreds continue to gather together for worship at St. Paul's.

But to be together is more than just being in close proximity to someone. It's more than just being in the same place. You can be seated among more than 70,000 Chiefs fans in Arrowhead Stadium but not actually be together. You don't know their names. You know nothing about them. Assuming some portion of the fans gathered on gameday are cheering for the opponent, you don't even share the same goal with everyone in the stadium. To be together—truly together—is a relationship.

In Baptism, we are brought together as sisters and brothers in Christ. We are claimed as members of God's family, united in faith, mission, and life. We might use the term fellowship to describe this; in the Greek of the New Testament, this is *koinonia* (pronounced koy-no-NEE-a).

This kind of togetherness is what we look to foster in our relationships among the fellow members of our congregation, and it is the kind of connection we want to extend as we reach out to our community. Today, we have dedicated spaces for preaching (our historic sanctuary) and teaching (our school buildings), but we do not have a reasonable, effective place for reaching (in-reach and outreach). The proposed narthex project provides space on Sundays and for special occasions to connect with old friends, make new ones, and greet guests with a warm welcome. We share conversation,



maybe a cup of coffee, and experience the *koinonia* God has designed for His Church. It's not just being together under the same roof. It is being connected by our Savior in the Christian faith, working side-by-side in God's mission, and sharing the new life Jesus has won for us.

This togetherness unites us with those who have gone before us, the thousands who have called St. Paul's their church home. It is the legacy of families who trace their spiritual heritage to the earliest years of our community and congregation, as well as the new faces who have been embraced as part of our Christian family. Their faith is the same as ours, centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Today we continue the mission they worked and sacrificed to advance. And the life Jesus shared with them—and which they share with Him forever!—is the life Jesus gives to you and me. And this is what we pass on for future generations.

Together with you,
Pastor Michael Pottschmidt



MISSION & VISION

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..."

— Matthew 28:19-20

MISSION

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School is a Christian community committed to preaching and teaching the Word of God and reaching all people.

VISION

Making a Christ-centered difference in our community and world today and for eternity.

PREACHING

Our vision of making a Christ-centered difference begins with God's gracious work on our behalf. We gather each week to receive our Savior's gifts in Word and Sacrament and to respond with our prayers, praise, and thanksgiving.

TEACHING

In our school, weekday and Sunday morning education opportunities, daily devotions, and special events, we learn and grow as followers of Jesus.

REACHING

We reach into our congregation to foster relationships centered in God's love for us in Jesus Christ, and we reach out to our community to share our Savior's gifts.



LETTER FROM THE **CONGREGATION PRESIDENT**

The congregation leadership is excited to be working alongside the Ministry Expansion Campaign Team during this significant time in our church's history.

We have had a Facilities Planning Team/Campus Team in place since 2023, tasked with looking at the future facility needs of our ministry here at St. Paul's. Based on the results of a congregation survey from 2023, the voters approved the 2024–2029 Ministry Plan on June 19, 2024. That plan included the objective: "Establish a team to oversee the design, approval, and capital fundraising for a new narthex."

After interviewing several firms, the Campus Team,

with the help of Rev. Billy Brath from LCEF, has been working with SFS Architecture to develop a plan for our facility expansion. The team from SFS did a thorough examination of our current buildings and sought input from many organizations and members of our congregation. The Campus Team and SFS team met many times to create the Phase 1A preliminary design.

This plan was given approval to proceed at the Townhall/Special Voters meeting held January 11, 2026. Before breaking ground, the congregation will still need to give final approval at the Annual Meeting on May 31, 2026.

St. Paul's mission of "Preaching, Teaching, and Reaching" ties in well with the campaign's theme of "Together in Faith, Mission, & Life." We look forward to many exciting interactions as we learn more about the benefits that this facility will bring to our ministry.

Sincerely,

Don Schlesselman, President of the Congregation

CAMPAIGN DATES

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INFORM

March 15–22

Forum 1

- March 15 – Bible Study hour

Forum 2

- March 18 – Following the
7 p.m. service

Forum 3

- March 22 – Following the
10:30 a.m. service

2

INSPIRE

April 12–May 16

Prayer Event

- April 11

Consultant Preach Date

- April 19

Leadership Commitment Event

- May 5

Prayer Event

- May 9 & 10

3

COMMIT

May 17–June 7

Commitment Event Sunday

- May 17

Voters Meeting

- May 31

First Gifts

- June 7



OUR MINISTRY FUTURE

The expansion will consist of two main phases, starting with recommended repairs on the existing church.

PHASE 1A (PROPOSED)

4,880 sq. ft.

- Repair work on existing church per recommendations
- Link to church
- Narthex
- Multipurpose suite
- Restrooms
- Support

PHASE 1B (PRELIMINARY)

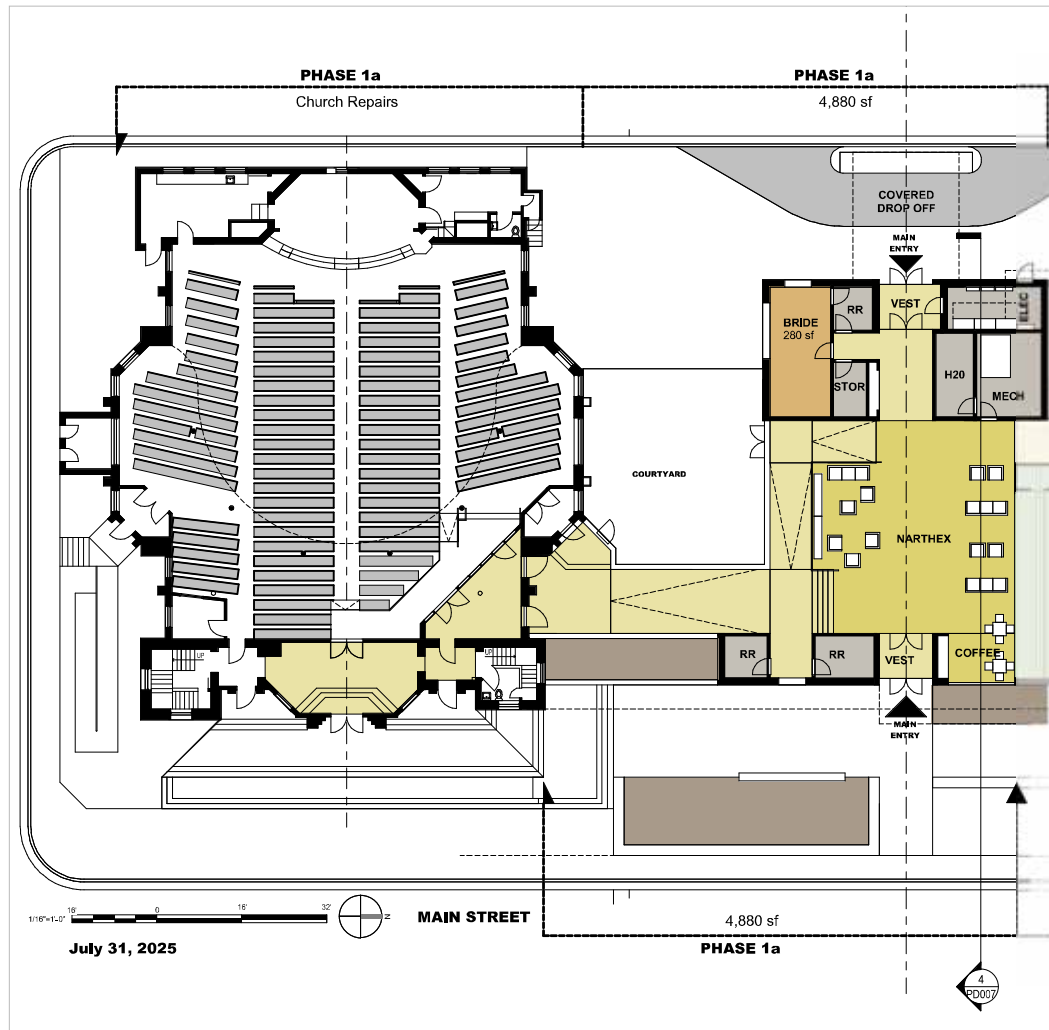
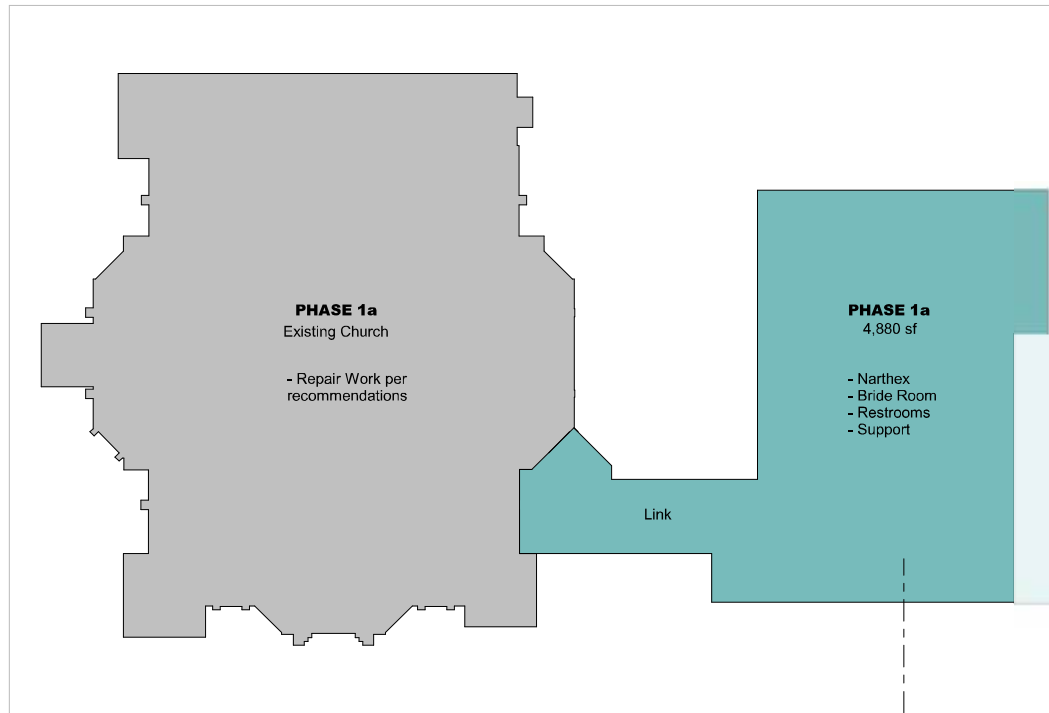
5,800 sq. ft.

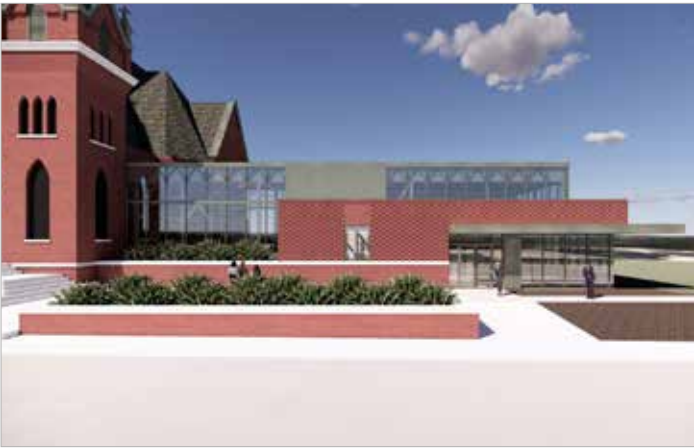
- Fellowship hall
- Kitchen
- Restrooms
- Storage
- Support

PHASE 2 (PRELIMINARY)

7,750 sq. ft.

- Church Administration offices
- Classrooms
- Restrooms
- Support





**St. Paul's Lutheran -
Narthex Addition Study & Design**
Concordia, Missouri



September 3, 2025
Rev--01-06-2026

Phase 1a: Church Repairs & Narthex

Church Repair Work	16,930 SF	\$348,285
Building Addition	4880 SF	\$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

Architectural / Engineering Fees		\$425,125
A/E Reimbursable Costs		\$2,000
Civil Engineering & Landscape Design		\$22,000
Topographical Survey		\$7,500
Cost Estimating (if needed)		\$15,000 *
Geotechnical Testing		\$10,000 *
Special Inspections / Materials Testing		\$22,000 *
Security systems Design & Install		\$30,000 *
Low Voltage/IT Design & Install		\$30,000 *
Audio / Visual systems & Acoustical Design		\$100,000 *
Furnishings / Equipment		\$60,000 *
Miscellaneous		\$20,000 *
Owner Contingency	5% of constr. cost	\$236,181
Subtotal		\$979,806

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$5,703,429
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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.

* Represents an assumed allowance cost at the time of this budget summary

CAMPAIGN GOALS

Giving spans over three years and is in addition to our regular contributions.



"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine..." —Ephesians 3:20



THE CALL

Our phones keep us on alert. What do you do when a call comes in? You answer. What about when God calls? He calls us to be missionaries in Matthew 28:19–20 – “Go! ...all nations...” That includes right here in Concordia.

This spring, God’s call to us is to support a ministry expansion campaign to strengthen the outreach of our family. To do that, an addition to the 120-year-old sanctuary is proposed. This new space includes a clear view of our magnificent church building,

provides much-needed amenities, and offers gathering spaces for funerals, weddings, school and church events, and worship.

The St. Paul’s voters assembly approved a ministry expansion campaign. How will you answer the call? It is my prayer that through the Holy Spirit your light will shine. God will bless your answer. “Go!”

Your fellow called,
Stan Oetting, Campaign Director



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