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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is my honor to write to you today on behalf of Trinity's Congregation Council. As promised, I am contacting you with a detailed update for our building security and improvement initiative entitled *Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future*.

The initiative began well over a year ago with an update to our Strategic Plan and the identification of both pressing and aspirational building projects. We then developed a Capital Awareness Team to work with the consulting group, Kairos and Associates, to raise money for this project. We also consulted with an architect to provide a structural analysis and a visual representation of how our "wish list" might be turned into reality. Consequently, through pledges and contributions, we have received commitments of approximately \$1.2 million to dedicate toward improving our beloved church.

In the next phase of this initiative, we worked to determine which projects are possible given our budget and our most pressing needs. To accomplish this, we engaged a construction firm, Campbell Associates, to determine the actual construction prices for all the various projects under consideration. With this information, we then prioritized our needs, considered the pricing, and did a thorough financial analysis of our pledged funds, our operating budget, and our ability to incur both short- and long-term debt. This was a comprehensive and methodical analysis that has brought us to a place where we can be confident that we are making important and much-needed improvements to our facilities **in a fiscally responsible way.**

The projects for this phase of our building plan are numerous and impactful. We have already completed the steeple and parking lot projects. We are now focused on building safety and security, including proposed plans for our Gathering Space, where improvements to safety and security will also enhance

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Gathering Space, where improvements to safety and security will also enhance fellowship and hospitality. For your information, I have included a one-page summary of the proposed projects. Although this is not an itemized and exhaustive list, it should provide you with a meaningful summary of the improvements currently proposed. Ultimately, however, it is Trinity members who will vote on this plan. We encourage members and supporters to review this list and attend one of our open forum meetings on September 15 or 22 (watch our worship bulletins for specific times and locations) with questions. We plan to have a congregation meeting on September 29, 2019, for the final vote, and we encourage all Trinity members to attend and vote.

Hopefully, when you review these plans, you will agree that these changes and updates are indeed needed and, in some cases, are long overdue. I am personally very excited to get started, and I hope you are as well. Our church is a very special place where we not only worship, but also gather in fellowship to plan and execute God's good work.

If you have already made a pledge for this project, I sincerely thank you. If you have not yet made a commitment, please consider doing so now to support this very important initiative. I believe that our combined efforts to improve our church will make Trinity a safer and even more inviting place to **worship, connect, and serve.**

Yours in Christ,



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Enclosure

# Summary of Proposed Projects for Trinity Lutheran Church

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## Improved Safety, Security, Fellowship, and Hospitality

**Relocation of Classrooms.** Based on our consultations with law enforcement and safety experts, it was concluded that our children are safest in classrooms on the second floor behind safety doors and controlled entrances.

**Control Doors to Children's Spaces and Family Space.** With control doors, teachers inside the classrooms with our children will be able to see individuals prior to allowing them access.

**Safety Doors.** Safety doors lock automatically, thus preventing entrance to classroom spaces from the outside. However, these doors allow someone to exit from the inside quickly if needed.

**Fire Suppression.** Automatic sprinklers and additional fire extinguishers will be added to the proposed new restrooms, the library/family space, and what is now the Narthex.

**New Plumbing.** New plumbing will be added into new women's and men's restrooms, and a new restroom will be added to the family space, replacing the small kitchen.

**Expansion of Gathering Space.** The brick wall that now separates the Gathering Space from the Narthex will be removed to create a larger, more welcoming Gathering Space area for fellowship. We will also remove the staircase and closet behind the wall so that a very large and welcoming area with views of the Nave and Fellowship Hall will greet our visitors.

**Vestibule Doors into the Gathering Space.** We will add a second set of doors inside the main doors of the Gathering Space to create a weather barrier/vestibule. This will prevent cold (and hot) breezes from entering the Gathering Space before and after services.

**Large Windows on the Back Wall of the Nave.** The back wall of the Nave under the balcony will be replaced (from the chair rail up) with large windows. This modification is an added security feature to provide visibility into and out of the Nave. It also allows people in the newly expanded Gathering Space to observe when best to enter the service without interrupting it, or families with restless children to observe the service without entering. This wall will be visibly appealing without allowing sound into or out of the respective spaces.

**New Flooring, Carpeting, and Ceilings.** We will receive new flooring (tile, vinyl, or carpet) in the Gathering Space/Narthex, welcome area, family space, restrooms, and Chapel corridor.

**Library/Family Space.** Our library will be updated and used additionally for family space. It will have a separate small bathroom for children's security, privacy, and convenience.

**Updated Restrooms.** The bathrooms in the Gathering Space outside the library will be updated to have ADA-compliant access and to include new counters, sinks, toilets, flooring, and ceiling.

**HVAC, Electrical, and Lighting.** Our heating and cooling system will be amended and updated to accommodate for the newly expanded Gathering Space. We will also receive new baseboard heating in the bathrooms and new lighting in the library/family space, the newly expanded Gathering Space (including the present Narthex), and the Gathering Space entrance/vestibule.