

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

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Dear congregational member of St. John's, Council, and Pastor John,

The build team has been working very hard to make our dream come true while taking in account the reality of the economy and maintaining our commitments to our current missions.

To date we have interviewed three design build firms. They are all very good and had great ideas. In the upcoming weeks the Build Committee will be choosing a firm. The recommendation will be presented first to council and to the congregation for a vote before a contract is signed. The average cost for the proposed building that includes offices, choir room, large Narthex and Sanctuary was priced at \$1.2 million dollars. The recommendation from the feasibility study was, at this time, not to exceed \$900,000. The overwhelming number one wish from you in the Feasibility Study was to build a new church first.

The new plan, shown on the reverse side, accomplishes all of the needs of the congregation as you have relayed to us in the study. The current plan is as follows:

1. Pastors and the main offices would move to the front of the education bldg. removing them from the new build at this time. Moving the offices to the front of the education building creates the visibility for visitors we now lack.
2. Signs would be added for higher visibility pointing visitors to the office. Parking in front of education building would be used for visitors only during the week.
3. Pastors old office would become the Choir room.
4. The main office would become the SCS office (long overdue), and the Choir director office combined.
5. The triple room, which now holds the Choir and many tables, becomes three classrooms as intended.
6. A new Sanctuary would be built off the existing foyer. A small Narthex leading into the Sanctuary could handle overflow seating when needed.
7. A new handicap entrance would be built replacing the existing entrance.
8. A gable roof would replace the flat roof above toilet rooms and a ceiling added over the existing foyer, creating attic space for storage.
9. This plan allows for expansion of the Sanctuary and/or office additions at a later date.
11. The majority of moves can be accomplished now at very minimal costs and can be done by volunteers from our congregation.
12. The overall scope, and therefore cost of the project, would be reduced.

Through God's Work and Our Hands,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Lipka".

Richard Lipka
Project Manager