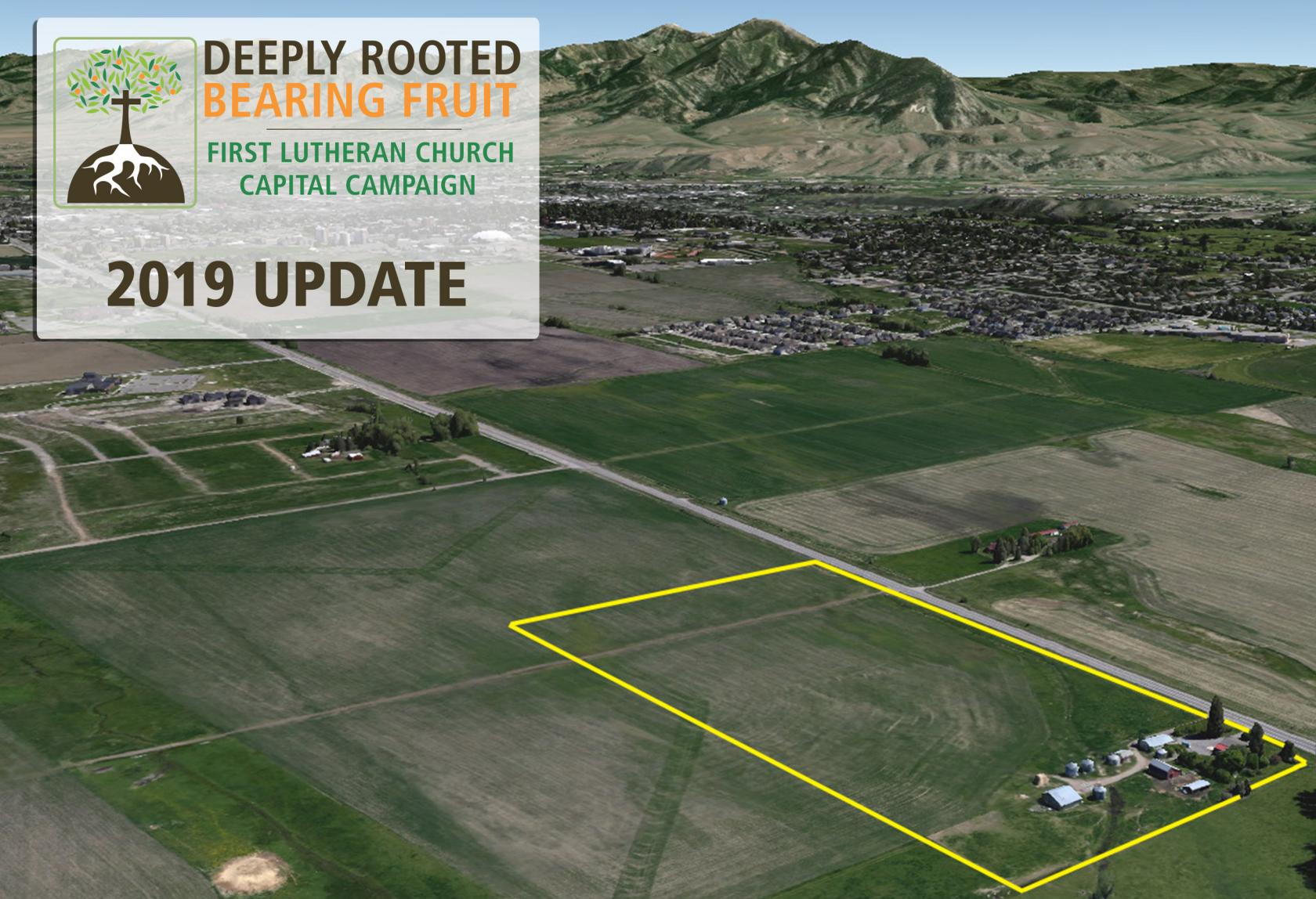




# DEEPLY ROOTED BEARING FRUIT

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## 2019 UPDATE



## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

2019 marks the second full year of our capital campaign fundraising efforts. We give thanks to God for the faithful response that has been pledged so far. Our planning efforts continue and our first applications for initial site development have been submitted and are pending review.

The next phase of our campaign will be vital: the follow-up phase. It's part of the LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund) plan for conducting a capital campaign and in this phase, we will focus on communicating with those who have yet to pledge because we truly believe that in order to reach our goals, it will take donations from every member, whether they are financial pledges, gifts of time and expertise, or simply praying for God's direction and discernment in the ways we move forward with our ministries and facilities. Accordingly, the follow-up phase is not a negative or uncomfortable phase; we will use this phase to highlight how important your contributions are and how they can address the remaining needs in our capital campaign.

If you have pledged, please continue to make your contributions based on the schedule you chose at the start of the campaign, and keep praying for your church, the pastors and the ongoing development work. If you haven't pledged, please consider making this decision a priority, and remember that every contribution of time, prayer and money is important to the success of our building program and the future of our ministries to the people of the Gallatin Valley.

## DEEPLY ROOTED

The roots of First Lutheran Church run deep in the Gallatin Valley. Some people know us from our worship, while others have been touched by one of our ministries, but there are still so many lives that we can impact.

**PLANTING SEEDS** - As we build and occupy the new facility, the community will become interested in the church's growth and purpose.

**NURTURING THE SPROUTS** - The new facility will allow the unchurched to visit, worship and find a meaningful place to participate in our ministries according to their gifts.

**GROWING** - The greatest limitation to our growth is the lack of room and access. The new center for ministry will create the needed space for worship, Bible studies and provide opportunities for other much-needed ministries and programs.

**BEARING FRUIT** - For generations to come, the facility will be used to show the love of Jesus to people every day. Through worship, music, family ministry and more, the Gallatin Valley will come to know the love of Jesus Christ and the lives of those who do not yet know Him will be forever changed. God is calling us to nurture these seeds and provide a place where they can grow into mature disciples. He is calling us to reach people where they are and help them grow into what Jesus wants them to be. The Gallatin Valley is a wonderful place to live, but for many people life is hard and the future may seem bleak. But it isn't bleak because God has called us here and now to show His love to them!



## THE GOAL

Our goal is to build a new center of worship and ministry for the next 50 to 100 years of use. The facility and ample acreage will provide worship space for our musicians and congregants, classroom space for Sunday School and other educational ministries, and adequate multipurpose space for church activities as well as outreach opportunities for the unchurched to use our facility and directly see the impact that Jesus can have on their lives.

## THE NEED

The first phase of our capital fundraising campaign has been a true blessing from God and a faithful response from our congregation. But there is more that is needed: more financial backing, more volunteer efforts and more expertise!

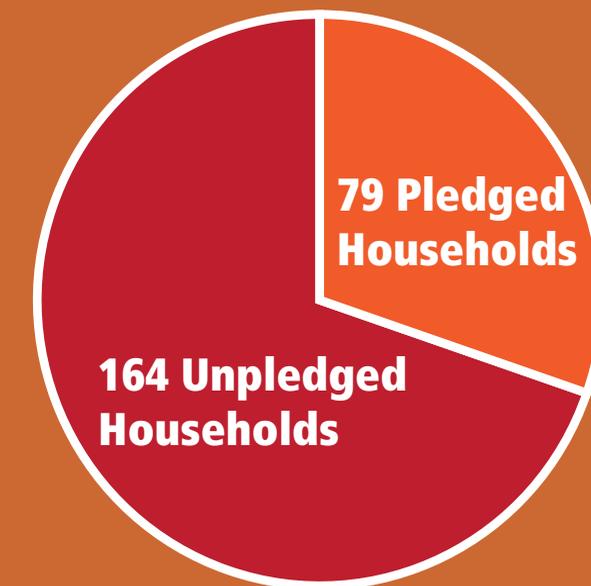
Local general contractors have advised us on the dollar per square foot ranges that are currently encountered on new commercial construction projects in the Gallatin Valley and we have used those figures to arrive at our current estimates, plus the additional costs that will arise from permits, site preparation and any roadway changes that are required. We also continue to explore cost-saving collaborations with Laborers for Christ (labor), LCEF (financing) and with local building suppliers (materials). Key equipment and furnishings from our S. Black location will also be reused whenever possible.



## FUNDRAISING

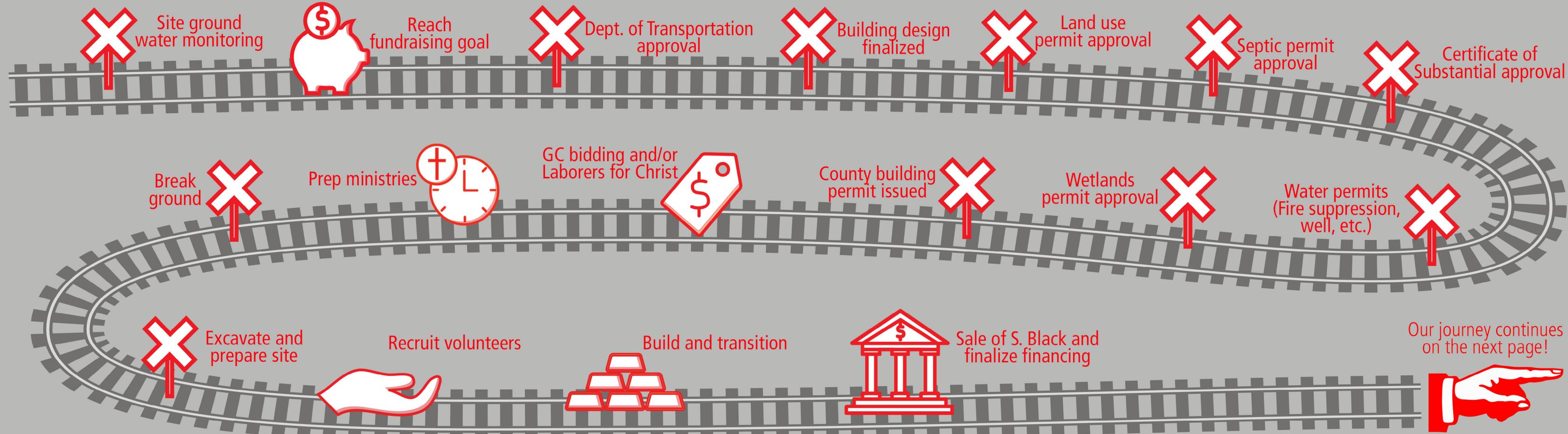
Our capital campaign is entering its second phase and the campaign volunteers are working to close our fundraising gap so our building program can continue; if you haven't already filled out a commitment card, please consider doing so - the future mission and ministries of the church are in need of your contributions!

*Only 32% of FLC member households made a campaign commitment - we need to raise that figure in 2019 so our facility planning can continue!*



# FLC's Journey To Facility Completion

There are many mandatory stops along our journey to a new center of worship and ministry; some are financial, others procedural but all of them prayerful! Any hold-ups in our fundraising or permits could derail our train:



# MEET OUR FUTURE VISITORS: GARY AND GABBY GALLATIN

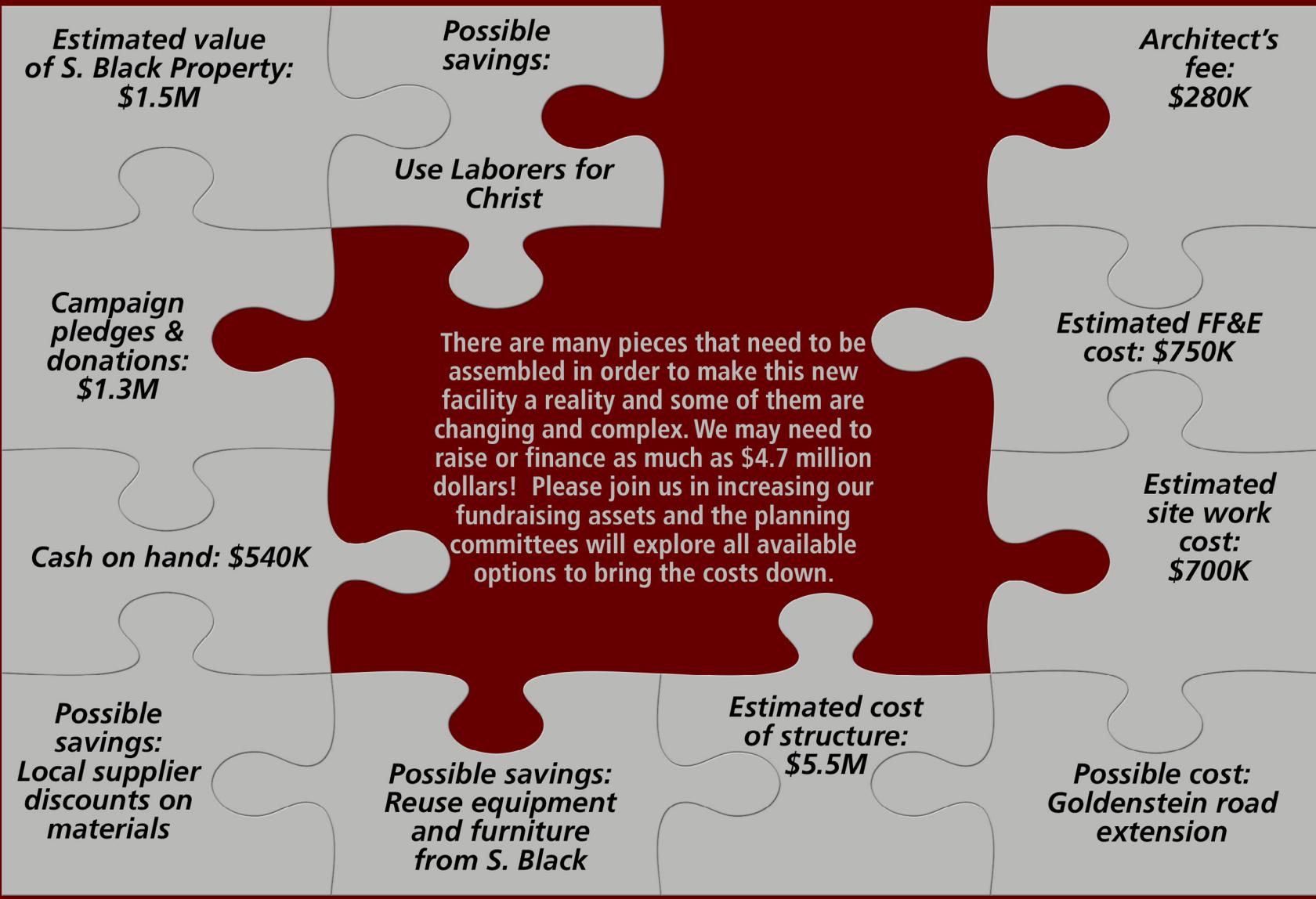


"We visited First Lutheran back in 2018 when we were deciding on whether we should move to Bozeman so Gary could take a new job in Montana. At the time the church was located in the downtown area and it wasn't easy to visit. We parked several blocks away and once we did make it inside, space was tight. Our son Greg was restless that Sunday and we really could have used a cry room but I didn't see one. The people were friendly and the church had some interesting ministries but we weren't totally sold on the experience.

We renewed our search for a church soon after we finished our move to Bozeman in 2020. We noticed that First Lutheran had built a new facility near the house we bought and so we decided to give it another look. The experience was quite different - there was plenty of parking and once we were inside, you could tell that they were better prepared to meet and care for visitors. We enjoyed meeting other people before worship and I found it was much easier to take care of Greg with the cry room adjacent to the sanctuary - I didn't have to choose between worshipping and taking care of him. During fellowship time the Sunday School staff took care of Greg while we grabbed coffee and talked with some of the members. Gary found out that with the increase in building size, they now have a greater variety of Bible Studies throughout the week and he found one that fits his work schedule nicely. I met with some other parents who meet regularly at church to do volunteer work while their kids play - as Greg gets older, he would love playing basketball inside and maybe some soccer outdoors! With the land that the church has, I can really see some interesting opportunities for our family and the community in the future.

Bozeman is a bit more expensive than where we moved from so I may be looking for some part time work so we can keep saving for Greg's education, and it was encouraging to hear that First Lutheran is working towards providing childcare and education in the community. Many of the neighbors in our subdivision have alerted us to the high cost and low availability of childcare in Bozeman so having an option close to our home would be wonderful. Overall, we enjoyed visiting and we could really see ourselves getting involved as members and volunteers at this church!"

Over a thousand new Garys and Gabbys move to Bozeman every year - let's make sure we are ready to greet them, minister to them and make disciples of them! Please consider making a commitment today.





## DEEPLY ROOTED, BEARING FRUIT

Ephesians 3:20-21: "Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine..."

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he speaks of the "immeasurably more" that God desires us to receive, to accomplish His purposes in our lives, and in the life of our congregation. What is that "more" that we are invited to believe God wants to bring to us?

Let's remember some great examples that come to us from the Word:

- Solomon prayed for more wisdom (1 Kings 3:1-15)
- Joshua prayed for more daylight to win his battle against the Amorites, and the sun stood still (Joshua 10:12)
- A man with a sick child prayed to Jesus for more faith, and the life of his son was restored (Mark 9:24)

Our God wants us to have more; more of "... this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:19)

A few verses earlier Paul wrote "His intent was that now,

through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..." (Ephesians 3:10)

Paul writes "through the church" the wisdom of God is made known. This wisdom is made known to your co-workers, made known to your friends, made known to this valley. **We** are the church, 225 S. Black Ave is not the church. This facility has helped facilitate the sharing of the Gospel for many years and we now see the fruit of that Gospel overflowing! Our Lord is doing amazing things through His Church: You and me. God is preparing us for a new facility to expand the work He is already doing in and through us. Let's pray for more:

- More desire to speak to the Lord in prayer about our hopes, and yes, our fears, about this campaign.
- More desire to see the vision we have coming true in our midst.
- More passion to be generous, to give as those who are incredibly loved by God through Jesus Christ.

And the desire to give, when the time comes, and we are invited to bring forward a commitment to the future that God sees. To echo Paul, then, "... to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

**Rev. Sam Grayl**  
Senior Pastor, First Lutheran Church



A new building and center of ministry will create wonderful new opportunities for serving and connecting our youth. Having a dedicated space for that ministry will give us flexibility in what we do. It will also enable us to have more youth events open to the community through our multipurpose space.

The addition of more classrooms and dedicated spaces for Sunday School will help us to thrive as our number of youth grow; it will also allow us to have more Bible studies for families, equipping them to teach and live out their faith at home.

**Rev. Matt Schiemann**  
Associate Pastor, First Lutheran Church



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