

Congregational Meeting May 4: The Decision to Grow our Faith

On Sunday, May 4, at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary, a congregational meeting is planned to vote on expansion of our facility. All confirmed members of Faith Lutheran Church are invited and encouraged to participate. At this meeting members will consider a specific plan to expand Faith. The plan developed by our facilities committee over the last year addresses two critical areas identified by our membership: classroom space and the need for parking.

The process that led to this plan—like many such projects—was long and challenging. Barriers appeared and were overcome. Numerous meetings were held over the months to hear directly from members and staff. At the end of the day, a final challenge had to be addressed: “How do we best meet the needs of Faith within the reality of our financial gifts?” The Council believes that this challenge has been met and is ready to ask members on May 4 for permission to move forward with the following plan:

1. To build over 10,000 square feet of educational space parallel to St. Michael’s Hall. This will provide new space about equal in size to the St. Michael’s wing of Faith. It will be two stories matching the current wing. The space will wrap around the east and north sides of St. Michael’s.
2. To build just over 50 new parking spaces in a new lot to be located north of St. Michael’s Hall and east of the three Faith-owned duplexes.

The cost of this expansion will be \$2.8 million. To fund the project we will ask members on May 4 to approve a financial plan that involves borrowing up to \$650,000. The final details are being worked out as of this date—so the specifics could change very slightly over the next two weeks. Please look for final and confirming information as May 4 nears.

Those who have worked most closely on this plan believe it strikes the right balance between meeting the critical mission of Christian education in the near and medium term while keeping Faith in a strong position financially. It also keeps our options open for further expansion as we grow.

This represents another major and exciting step in Faith’s progress toward the long term vision. ***We pray you will attend the May 4 meeting and contribute your vote to the process of moving Faith forward. Please pray for our church as you consider your decision.***

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Learn More About the Plans:

Please check Faith’s website www.faithlc.org for updates over the next two weeks. Also, we will have two more member forum/town hall meetings to answer your questions. The first will be held on Sunday, April 27, beginning at 10:45 a.m. in Learning Center 2 downstairs. The second forum will be held on Sunday, May 4, (the day of the vote) from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., also in Learning Center 2 downstairs. The vote will take place on Sunday, May 4, at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.