



## Calvary Members,

For the past several months, the Building Planning Team has been working to develop plans for potential renovation and expansion of the church building to better fulfill our mission *to lead all people to a lifelong faith in Jesus Christ*. We have been listening attentively to congregational feedback offered at the three Sunday morning meetings in August and September, through individual survey forms submitted, and conversations with members. Thank you for your participation in the meetings and for sharing your thoughts as we progress through the process. Your feedback has been incredibly helpful!

We'd like to take some time to tell you what the next steps are in the process, share some of the most common questions we've heard, and remind of resources available to you.

### NEXT STEPS

We are excited to share the next version of building drawings with you. We ask that you take advantage of being fully informed so you can help make critical decisions.

At the November meetings you'll see exterior building views and more fully developed interior renderings, as well as hear more about the financial scope of the project. The Building Planning Team and JLG Architects are working to create the best possible outcomes that will help Calvary live out its mission now and into the future. We ask for your partnership and presence at one of the upcoming meetings.

- Saturday, November 10 at 4:45 pm
- Sunday, November 11 at 9:30 am
- Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm
- Sunday, November 18 at 9:30 am

### COMMON QUESTIONS

Below are the frequent questions we've heard since sharing initial remodel/expansion concepts and drawings.

#### **We've heard: What is the total project cost?**

This has yet to be determined. Congregational input will help set the scope of the project. A financial feasibility team is studying our capacity, and we can imagine a \$4-6 million dollar budget for remodeling (including deferred maintenance) and expansion (including all furnishings and technology). The final scope of the project depends on the dollars pledged. Calvary's Financial Feasibility Team consists of Brent Iserman, Bruce Luehmann, Jim Eidsvold, Mike Svobodny, David Kjos, Mark Watkins, Mike Steidl, Rick Paulsen, Katie Rentschler, and Pastor Hans Dahl.

#### **We've heard: What is the right size of expansion?**

Some wonder if it's too big and just as many other people wonder if it's too small. The size and scope of the project will ultimately depend on congregational funding capacity and approval. We will have to prioritize; however, we do believe that renovated and new space will allow Calvary to not only serve members better but that it also lets us serve more effectively our community.

#### **We've heard: Will worship happen in both the existing sanctuary and new worship space?**

The main function in both spaces is worship, though the new space for worship will have multipurpose flexibility. Future drawings will clearly reflect worship as the primary function in both spaces as well as more description of the ways the additional worship space could be used for multipurpose functions.

Likewise, while certain spaces may be primarily designated for a certain activity on a specific day/time slot, we see many areas in the concept plans that will be scheduled and used for varied functions throughout the week. Multipurpose usage is key to the design of the spaces.

**We've heard: What will happen to the existing sanctuary?**

We will preserve the aesthetic qualities of the beautiful sanctuary. We have begun to discuss modifications and more planning needs to be done. We do anticipate keeping the pews, illuminating stained glass windows where the conceptualized new preschool wall will block outdoor light, replacing flooring where needed, improving lighting for better visibility for all, bringing the altar forward to be more useable in services and improved ventilation to enhance care of the organ. Again, these are options being considered.

**We've heard: What will the kitchen be like?**

The new planned kitchen is larger than the existing lower level kitchen and has full equipment and functionality. While we can't anticipate the long-term uses for this space, the concept allows for the events currently in place to be efficiently accomplished. We believe that placement on the main level, near the hub of activity and tables/seating areas not only on Sundays, but for special events, is a sound decision. This central location of a modern kitchen will provide better flow, comfort, and accessibility for all.

**We've heard: How will I vote in the approval process?**

Every member has a role in the decision making process. Our constitution dictates a process, and we will share more details about that process in November. Thank you for your enthusiasm for being a part of the process.

Overall, your feedback has shaped our thinking around the project and is being incorporated into the next version of drawings. Please continue to use any of the resources listed to give your feedback.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE?**

We have a number of ways to stay informed of the building project:

**Website** – Calvary's website has a page dedicated to the project at [www.calvaryalex.org/resources/building-project](http://www.calvaryalex.org/resources/building-project), which will be updated with the latest information and upcoming meeting dates. You can also fill out a feedback form or email the Building Planning Team with your questions.

**Video screen in Narthex/Gathering Area** – Stop and watch for more info about the project.

**Upcoming Meetings** – Join us November 10, 11, 14, or 18 for the next version of drawings and more information on the proposed project.

**Church Office** – If you don't have access to the internet, we are happy to help provide what you need by calling or stopping by the church office.

**Building Planning Team members** – Ask any one of us and we're happy to discuss the project.

Gratefully,

**Members of Calvary's Building Planning Team**

Miriam Svobodny, Alicia Bertram, Elaine Larson, Tom Jacobson, Cory Hodgson, Marlene Thompson, Jay Sieling, Matt Anderson, Lowell Einerson, Katie Rentschler, and Pastor Hans Dahl