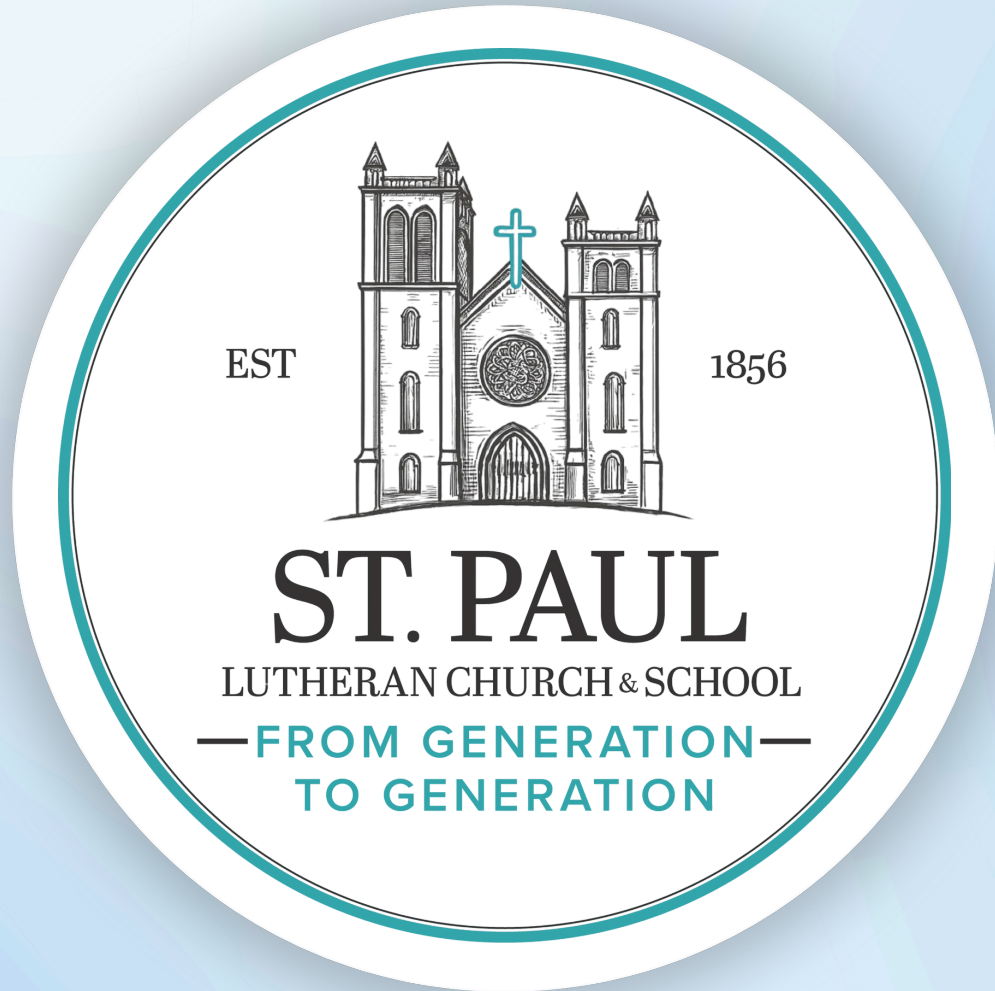


From Generation to Generation



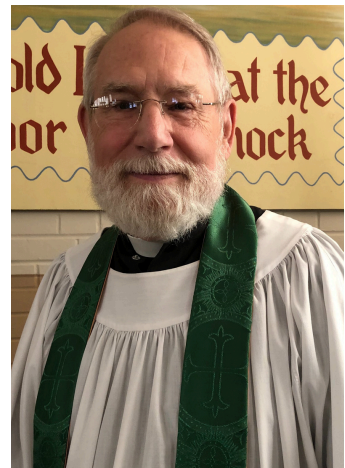
DECLARING CHRIST'S MIGHTY ACTS
PSALM 145:4



A PRAYER FROM OUR CAMPAIGN CHAPLAIN, PASTOR GLEASON

Almighty and Everlasting God, who through your Holy Spirit governs and sanctifies the entire Christian Church, we ask you to bless this, your congregation, gathered in your name that we may faithfully preach and teach your word from generation to generation. Grant us your wisdom to discern your will, your grace to speak and act with love, and your strength to fulfill the tasks before us. Unite our hearts in faith and purpose, so that all we do may glorify you, Father, and serve your holy Church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR, PASTOR BALL

One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare
Your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Since 1856, God has been gracious to our congregation. Whether your ancestors were attending our church back then, or you and yours have only been here for a little while, we are together members of God's family of St. Paul. From generation to generation, Christ Jesus has been the cornerstone of our congregation. His Word and Lutheran doctrine have been the source of the congregation's life for all these years, and we pray that they will be until Christ returns.

It is until our Lord returns that we as a congregation are to be at work. The mighty acts of God have been declared to generations before us, and are being declared even now, and each of us has a part in the work of the kingdom of Christ to see that the mighty acts of God will be proclaimed into the future. Those who went before us built our first church building as the American Civil War waged. During the Great Depression, those who went before us built our current church. Generations before knew that the children of God needed a place to hear the Word of God and to gather and receive God's good gifts, and they sacrificed for the next generation, and for us.



From Generation to Generation is the theme for our Campaign, based on Psalm 145:4, "One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts." The true faith and the works and acts of God in Christ Jesus are to be passed down to those who are around us now, and those who will come after us. Through our Church and School, we are hard at work doing that. The Bible is taught, the Small Catechism is learned by heart, people are coming to faith in Christ Jesus. Our campaign to improve our facilities will assist our Gospel work together by providing much needed space for the children of our school to learn and grow, and for a new home for the many

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activities we do together as a congregation. I pray you will take part in this effort.

It has been 169 years since our congregation's founding. God has grown His Church here, and by His grace and mercy He uses each of us in His kingdom to do His Work of declaring His mighty acts.

Let each of us join, in this generation, to serve our neighbors now, and to provide for generations to come. Let us pray that God would grant our generation faithfulness to Him and love for each other, so that generations to come would receive His Word and declare His mighty acts.

In Christ,

Pastor Ball



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A WORD FROM OUR HEADMASTER, PASTOR CASTILLERO

Imagine being a kid getting off the bus and walking through the entrance of your school. You are greeted by a smiling teacher holding the door open for you. Imagine, after putting your books in your desk, lining up for the morning's Matins chapel service followed by your favorite class. Now imagine, you are the parent walking through the halls, and you look into classrooms filled with joyful children, learning from their benevolent teachers. You hear Grammar jingles being sung in one room, the sounds of Latin paradigms recited in another, and down the hall you hear the serenade of the orchestra or choir coming from the music room which is right next to the library where a kid just excitedly left, smiling with their favorite book clutched in their hands. Now imagine, you peek into the classrooms again and see not your children—



but your grandchildren, the next generation. You think to yourself: "This is St. Paul Lutheran School."

What happens in the halls and classrooms of our school is more than just a teaching of math, science, history, reading, and writing. I want you to know that the goals of St. Paul Lutheran School are threefold, that the children: learn to love God and neighbor through Holy Scripture and other learning; they realize their life in view of their salvation; and that they are equipped with knowledge and truth to confess Christ and know him better. The idea of "education" is not just an idea of a school building, per se, but a forming of

minds, bodies, and souls. It involves prayer, study, and exercising the faith. These are the foundations of our Lutheran school. These are what make our school distinctive and unique. They are invaluable truths for the Church's use to raise a Christian child in a Christian culture to be active in the life of the world. Kids are instructed and the faithful teachers have its basis in the Christian Truth within these walls. In our school God's Word rules.

St. Paul Lutheran School is here, and it is here to stay. Imagine participating in the work of building up our Lutheran classical school, by helping create the space necessary to fill these rooms with wonderful students—each one blessed with intellects, brains, and skilled hands. Just think about how much more we could do to help our current body grow or even consider how many more wonderful children will go through our school and grow up and become Lutheran doctors, Lutheran businessmen, Lutheran professors, Lutheran tradesmen, or even Lutherans in politics. With a school like ours, imagine what blessings God will give us! We will have homes with singing, reading, and writing. Christians with Lutheran homes, having children, and sending them off to a good school like ours is the font of all things.



To be a teacher, principal, a pastor, or parent is a gift. It's a joy. It's a vocation. We look out and see these wonderful little children and we think of them and pray for them. We want to give them the best education possible. This capital campaign is also a gift to us. It's a gift that we can use the same resources that God has given to us, a portion of that daily bread, and invest it into the children for the next generation to come. This project is more than just about a building but establishing St. Paul Lutheran School as an educational light in a dark world, illuminated by God's Word and the teaching of His truth. Our work is plenteous.

Imagine, if but for a moment, entering this beautiful school building, meeting your children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren, and seeing them study, pray, and be faithful to God. Now just think: "This is St. Paul Lutheran School."

May God be praised.
Rev. René G. Castellero



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN, DAVE BRAASCH

As we look to the future in faith, we must look to the past and to the witness of our faithful forefathers and mothers. They visibly demonstrated their faith by building the church and school we still worship and learn in today. It did not come easy. It took real sacrifice on their part, building a church amid the Great Depression. Yet build it they did! They built it in faith to the glory of God. They built it knowing that God would use St. Paul in a mighty way, in the preaching and teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They built it for their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and indeed, for all those who would come under these roofs to be fed and taught.



We have been abundantly blessed in a variety of ways over the years! The blessings of faithful pastors, teachers, and servants of the church. The blessings of a growing church family. Even the blessings of great difficulty, like a fire and the challenging restructuring of our school. Now our blessings have put us at a crossroads in our life together. Let us continue to build on the foundation which has already been laid, the foundation of Jesus Christ. "For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid which is Jesus Christ" (1Cor. 3:11). The improvements and expansion of our facilities that we need to continue to support the ministry of St. Paul's, will be our generations' contribution to this great and faithful heritage. We know this foundation will never fail us, so we move forward in faith to ensure that our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all those who come under these roofs are given the opportunity to be taught and fed. As in the past, it will not be easy. It will take the sacrifice of our time, talents, and treasures. However, build it we can and should.

The path we take in St. Paul's Church and School Capital Campaign will be led by God's Word and His will, bathed in prayer, and trusting his promises for us. I ask that you join me and prayerfully consider your sacrificial path and gifts for the next leg of our journey together. Let us all move forward together in faith in this great opportunity, to the Glory of God.

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TIMELINE

Inform Phase

The campaign launch and education phase, ensuring the congregation understands and supports the goals

Sept. 28 - Oct. 18, 2025

Inspire Phase

A Christ-centered time of inspiration and commitment, culminating in a celebration where the congregation declares unity and support

Oct. 19 - Nov. 9, 2025

Commitment Event

When church leaders gather in fellowship to unite and commit to the cause

Nov. 6, 2025

Voters Meeting

Where everyone is invited to participate in approving and affirming the campaign's next steps

Dec. 2, 2025

First Gifts

Congregation-wide giving begins

Dec. 7, 2025

Meeting Today's Needs—Building for Tomorrow

As our school and church family continues to grow, we celebrate the blessings God has given us—and we also recognize the challenges that come with that growth. Our current building has served us well, but it can no longer meet all the needs of our students, families, and ministries.

This campaign is about more than bricks and mortar—it is about creating spaces where children can learn, families can be welcomed, and ministries can flourish. Below, you'll see some of the challenges we face today and how the new building will provide solutions that strengthen our mission for years to come.

Current Challenges

Limited Security Features

With multiple access points we do not have one secure dedicated entryway to the school.

Overcrowded Classrooms

Our classrooms are full, and we have reached the limits of our current building. With enrollment at 87 students, there is no additional space for new families who desire a Christ-centered education for their children.

Limited Restrooms

During school hours and at large events, students often face long lines. This creates challenges for both comfort and efficiency.

Office Space Constraints

Our current office space is cramped and not ideal for serving families, visitors, or staff. The layout limits privacy, accessibility, and a welcoming environment.

No Dedicated Spaces for Ministries

Church groups such as our Ladies Aid, the music program, library, and meeting groups currently use shared spaces, which means constant setup and tear down.

Parking Limitations

Parking has become increasingly difficult during school days, pick-up times, and church events. The shortage of spaces is inconvenient for both members and guests.

Future Solutions

Safe and Secure Learning Environment

One main entrance to the school, easily monitored, for a safer and more secure environment for our school children.

Additional Classrooms

We're growing! With room for more students, we can be excited to welcome new families and create even more opportunities for children to learn & grow together.

More Restrooms

The new building will provide additional restrooms to serve both students and visitors, making school days and special events run more smoothly.

Relocated & Expanded Offices

With the expansion, the office will move to a larger, more accessible location designed to provide a warm welcome to families and to support staff needs effectively.

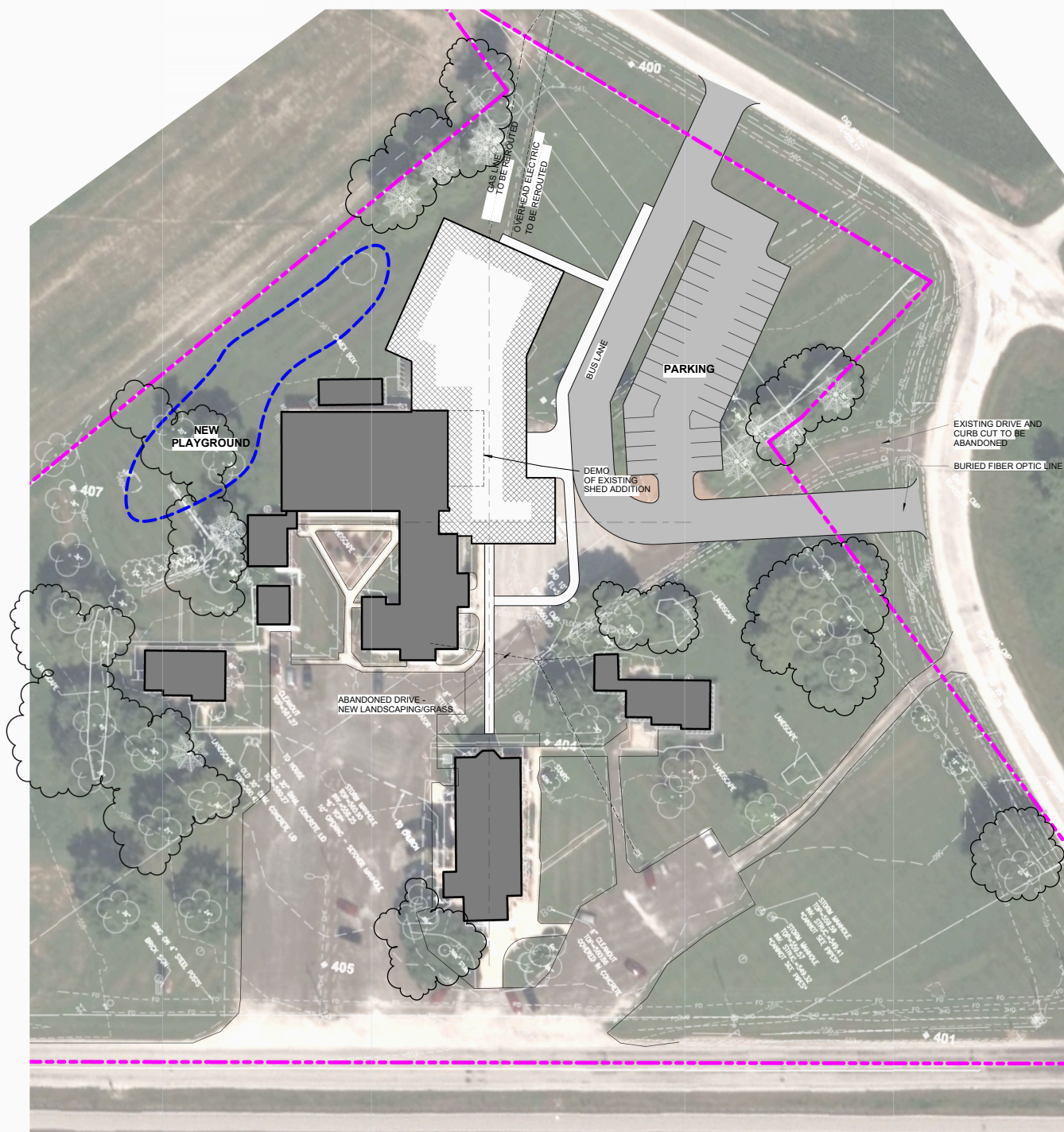
Dedicated Ministry Spaces

The new addition will create designated areas for quilting, music, the library, and church meetings—spaces that are ready to use, flexible, and purpose-built for ministry.

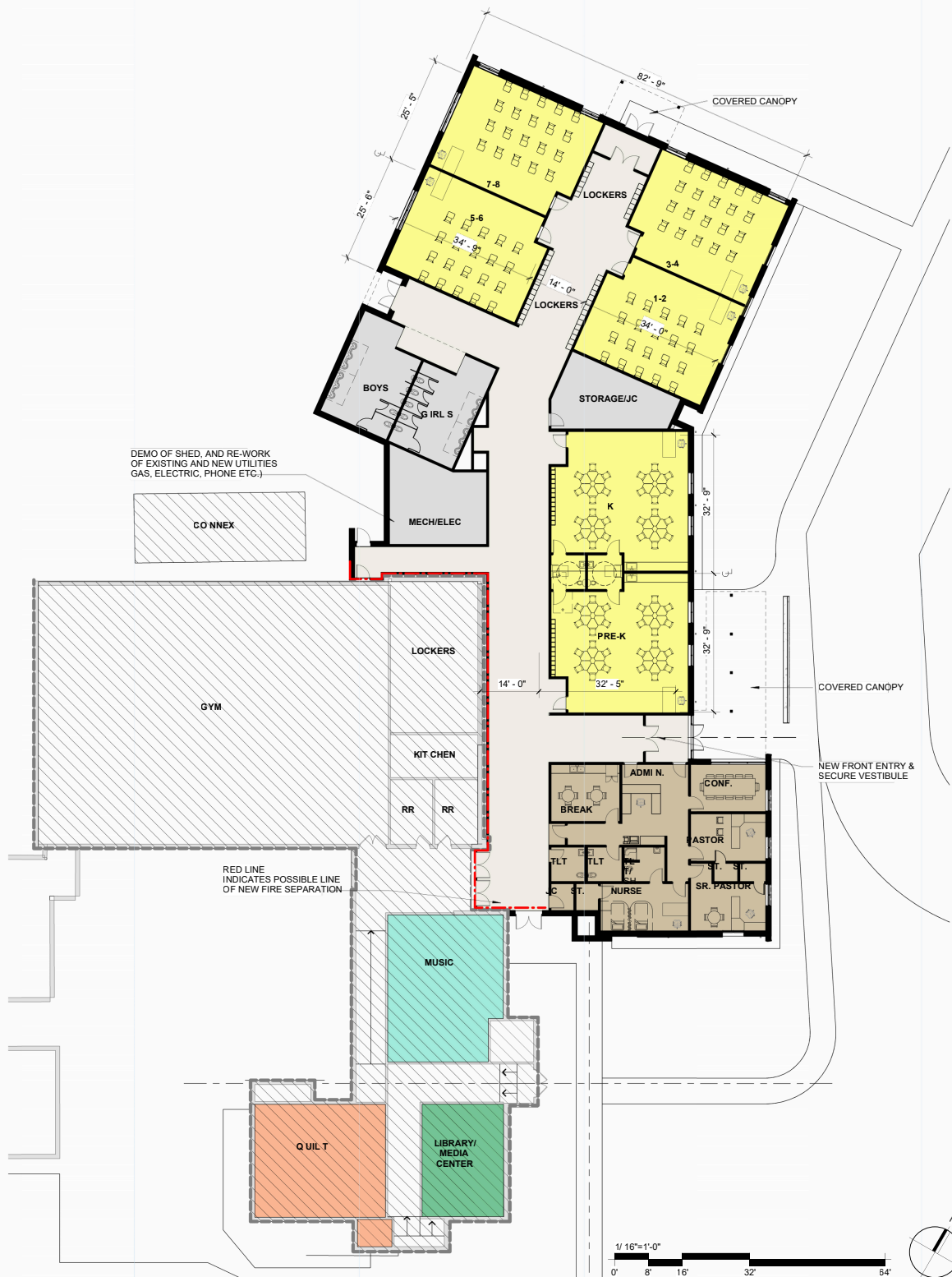
Expanded Parking

Once construction wraps up, additional parking will be available on the north side of the school. This improvement will make attending events more convenient and safer for our families and guests.

These are just some of the areas that will be improved through the new building project. With the support of our community, we will be able to address today's challenges and create a stronger foundation for the future.



SITE & FLOOR PLAN



NEW K-8: St. Paul Lutheran

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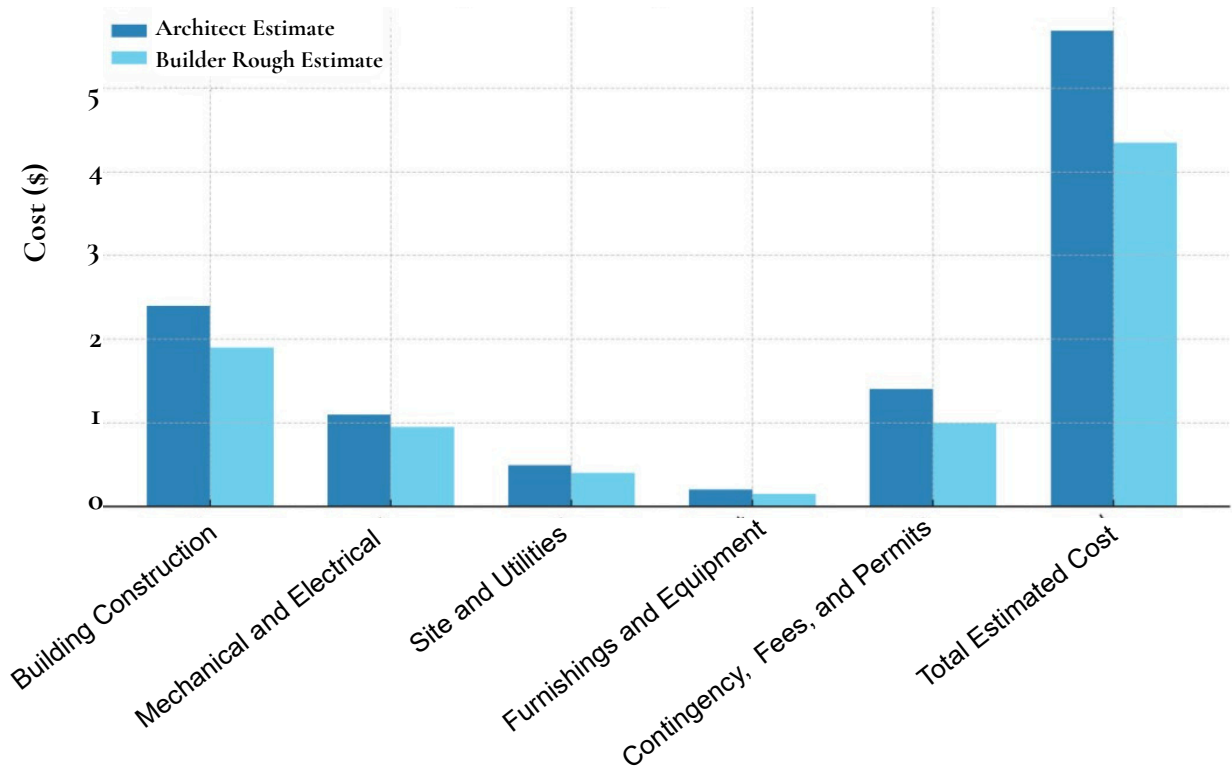


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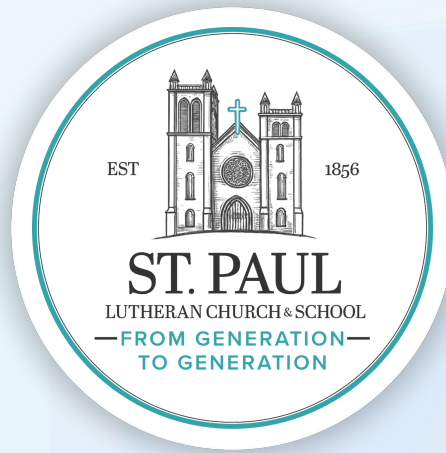
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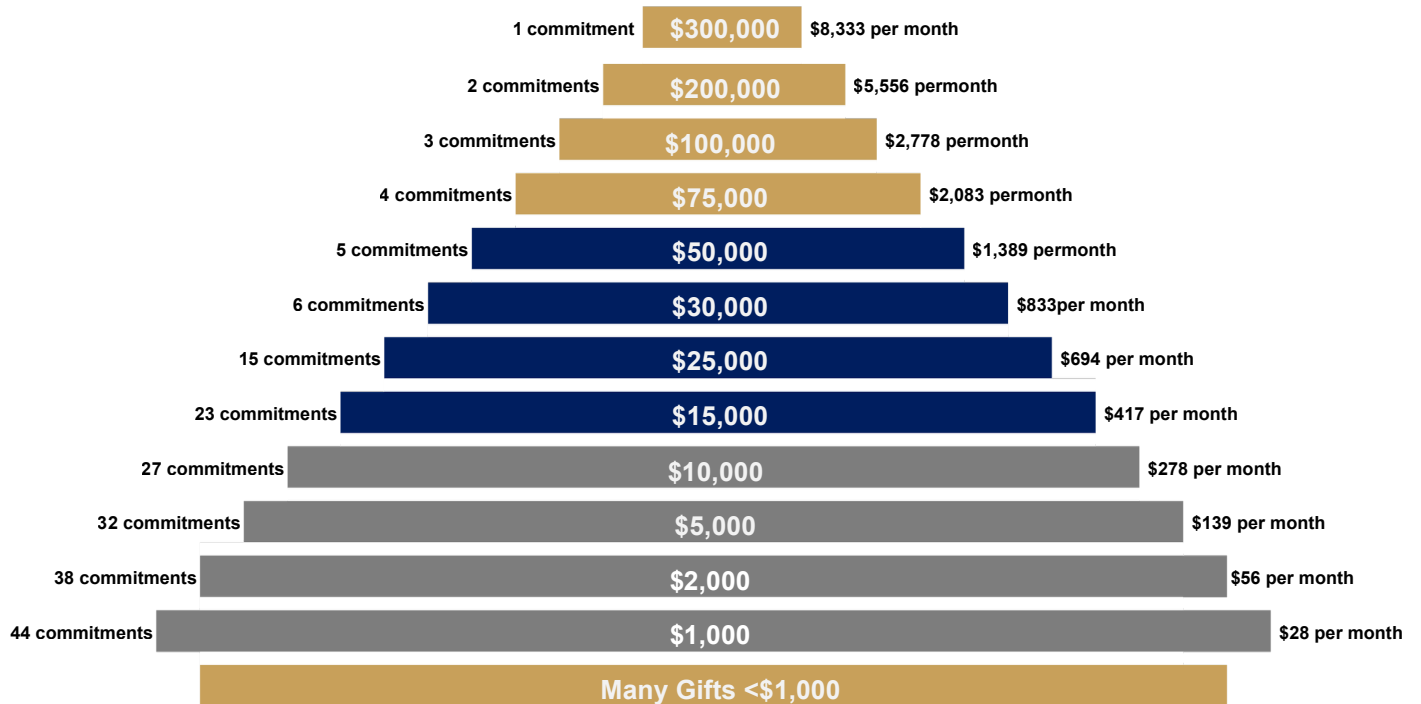
Comparison of Project Cost Estimates



Category	Architect's Estimated Cost	Builder's Estimated Cost
Building Construction	\$2,400,000	\$1,950,000
Mechanical and Electrical Systems	\$1,100,000	\$950,000
Site and Utilities	\$490,000	\$400,000
Furnishings and Equipment	\$200,000	\$150,000
Contingency, Fees and Permits	\$1,400,000	\$1,050,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$5,600,000	\$4,450,000



Gift Profile Goal: \$3,000,000



Giving is over 3 years, over and above our regular giving.
"Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine..." Ephesians 3:20-21



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