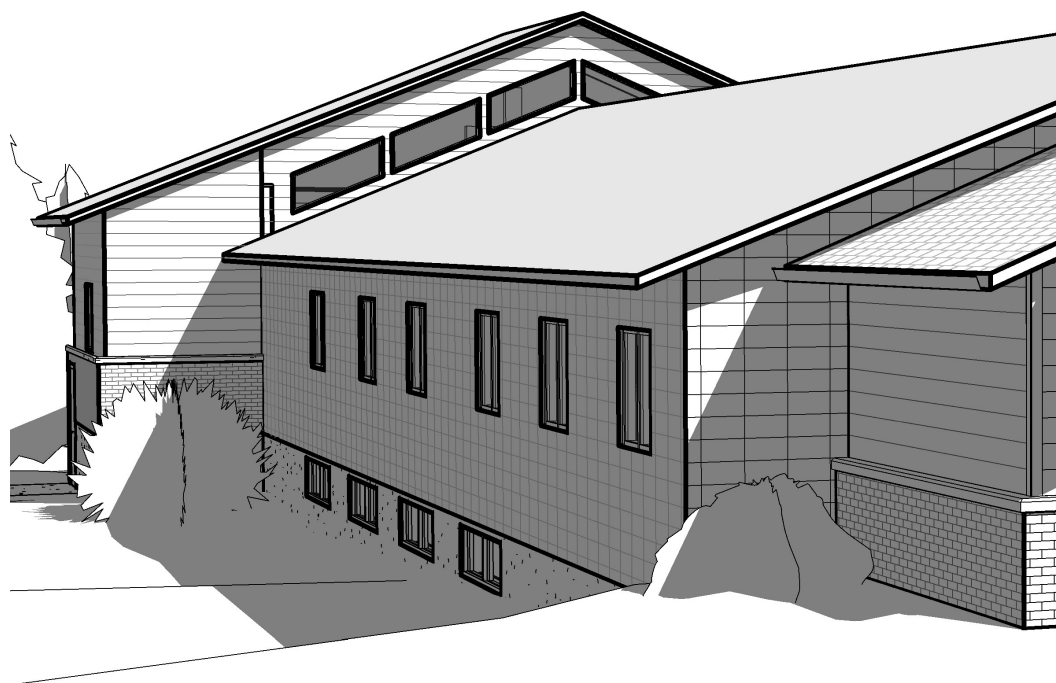




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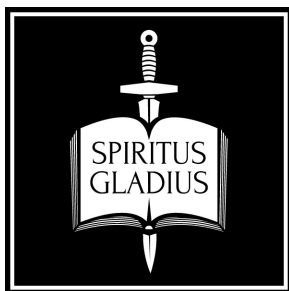
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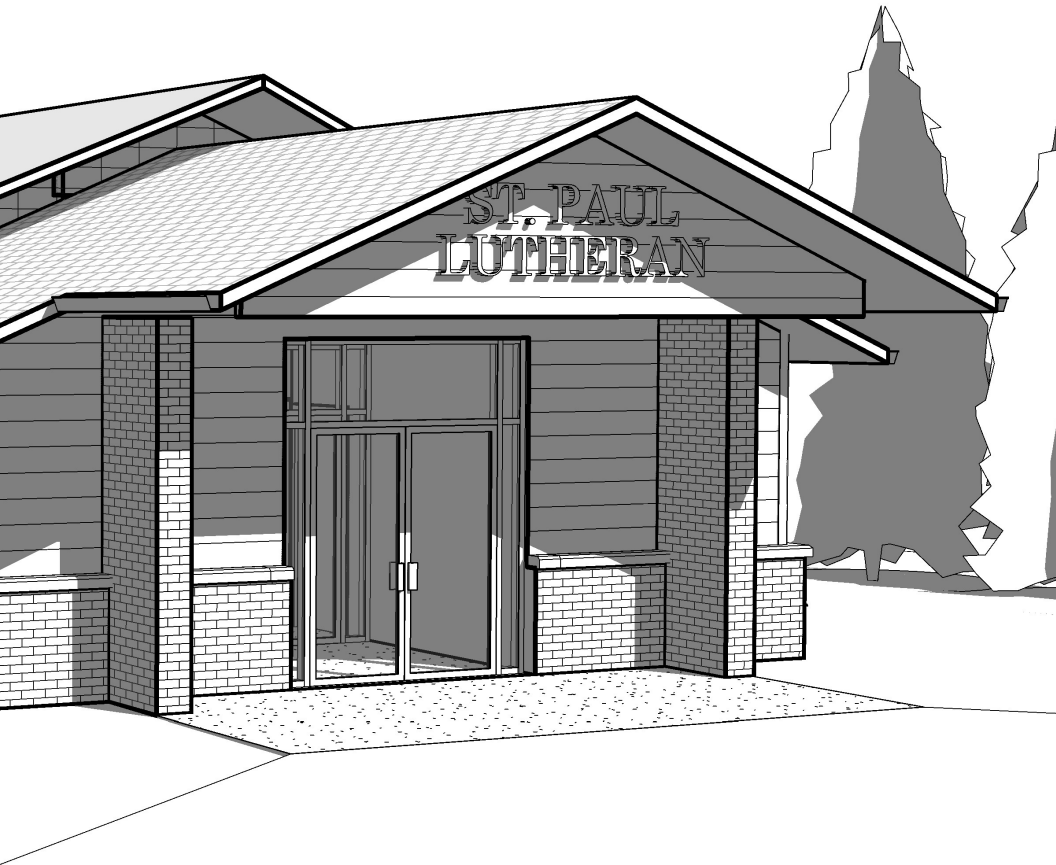


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Building on the
FOUNDATION
of Christ

Introduction

Over 50 years ago a group of Christians set out to form St. Paul's Lutheran Church. They did this so that they could be built, not on bricks or on earthly wisdom, but on the Rock, Jesus Christ and his Word alone. By risking their own homes as collateral, the members built this church to be a refuge for all who wish to build their lives on Christ. That foundation of Christ and this building has stood firm and the Lord has seen fit to bless this place with more individuals who wish to have that same sure foundation. In order to accommodate that desire and to gather more and more to hear the hope we have in Jesus Christ our Lord and to build their lives on him, we begin a new building project today. This project has been a long time in the making and will open up new ministry opportunities for our church family and for our community and it will allow us to better serve those who grace us with their presence.

Since no gathering of believers can stand unless God himself lays the foundation, let us begin our groundbreaking ceremony in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Groundbreaking Prayer

A Prayer for our Church

Lord, as we expand the walls of this building, let us never be confined to them. Let us be like your servant Paul, who so encouraged the founders of this earthly congregation that they called it by his name as a constant reminder of the power of your Word.

**C: We, like Saul were blind to your truth,
but like Paul You have called us and made us new.**

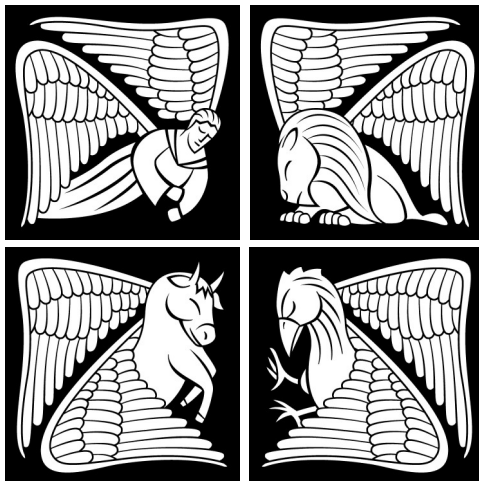
You called Saul and transformed him into Paul, an ambassador of your kingdom. He lived to serve you. He boldly shared your message to all people, even those who did not want to listen to your truth.

C: Let us be all things for all people.

And yet, keep us grounded in the Word, not compromising or changing its message, not deluding the story of you and your love. If we do, we lose everything.

**C: We preach Christ crucified—
which is offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks,
but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

1 Corinthians 1:23-24



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It is this gospel, that you sent your Son to die for us, which gives us confidence that all of our sins are forgiven. It is this gospel, that Jesus rose from the dead, which gives us confidence that we too will overcome the grave and rise to everlasting life. It is also this gospel that inspires our passion to be a beacon of hope to others so that they too may have such confidence!

**C: For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers,
neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 8:38-39

Here we hold to the unaltered Augsburg Confession and we subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions. We do this because we are convinced that they are a true exposition of your Word. These proclamations of faith show what the true Christian faith is, and they fight the dangerous lies many tell. These old defenses of faith show your Word as it is, timeless and unchanging.

C: The Word of the Lord endures forever.

Grant that this place be a fortress of Your Word. Lead us to take refuge here whenever we are lost and do not know where to go or what to do.

**C: Lord, to whom shall we go but you,
you have the words of everlasting life.**

John 6:68

Groundbreaking Prayer

However, when we feel safe within this mighty structure and we simply hide instead of sharing the hope we have, let us humbly join the Centurion and pray:

C: Lord I do believe, help my unbelief.

Mark 9:24

O Yahweh, God of faithful love, be a burning bush to us. Send us out, as you did Moses even in his fear, to do your work. You have gifted us with everything we need to be your witnesses and you have blessed us with the means to expand this place to foster growth in your Word and in your grace.

C: Fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

Establish the work of our hands.

Yes, Establish the work of our hands.

Psalm 90:17

This is the day the LORD has made,

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

Song

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The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

She is his new creation By water and the Word.

From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;

With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

3

The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,

To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.

Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,

Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.

5

Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war

She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore

Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest

And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

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Reading

In keeping with the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. But let each person be careful how he builds on it. In fact, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11



Meditation

Building Carefully on the Same Foundation

Prayer on Construction

Lord, we thank you for leading us to expand and renovate this house for your honor and worship. We therefore ask your blessing on this project done in your name.

**C: Just as a man prepares his horse for battle,
it is the Lord who brings the victory.**

Proverbs 21:31

Guide the workers and craftsmen to complete their tasks. Protect them as they skillfully construct and enhance our facilities. Grant them safety and success.

**C: Let their time, talent and skills be your arm
to enable more work to be done in and for your name.**

Groundbreaking Prayer

Lord, you are the builder of everything. Thank you for the materials and the equipment which will be used to construct this temple for you. Help us faithfully use this place as you call us to in your Word.

**C: Like the stones of this building
use us as Your living stones to hold up the hope we have.**

We can only give you back, Lord, what was first given. We humbly ask that you bless and support those who risk what they have so that your kingdom may grow here.

**C: Every house is built by someone,
But God is the builder of all things.**

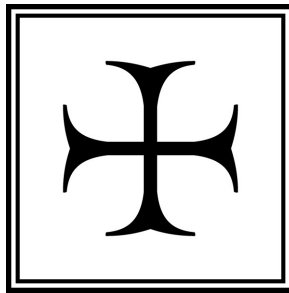
Hebrews 3:4

Break Ground

With faith in Jesus Christ, we break this ground
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

At this time all who have a shovel may plunge their shovel into the ground. We will then join together and sing the doxology

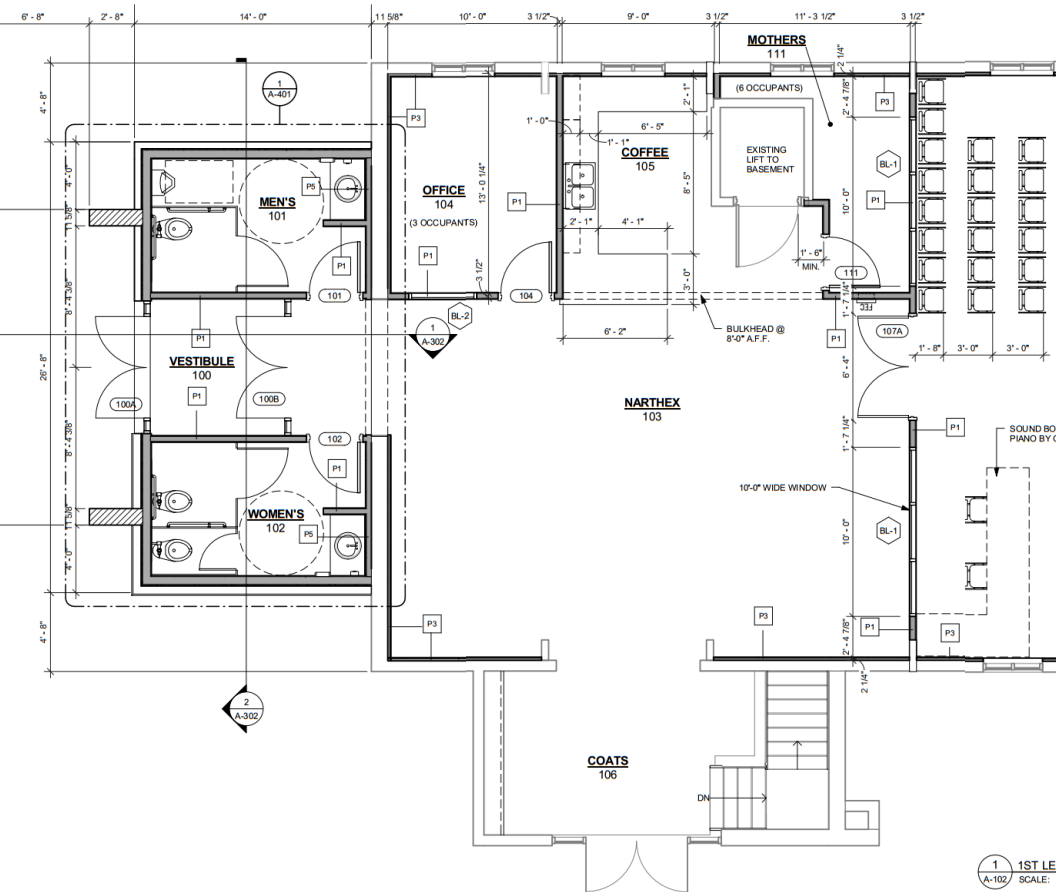


Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen!**

Expanded Narthex

Parents



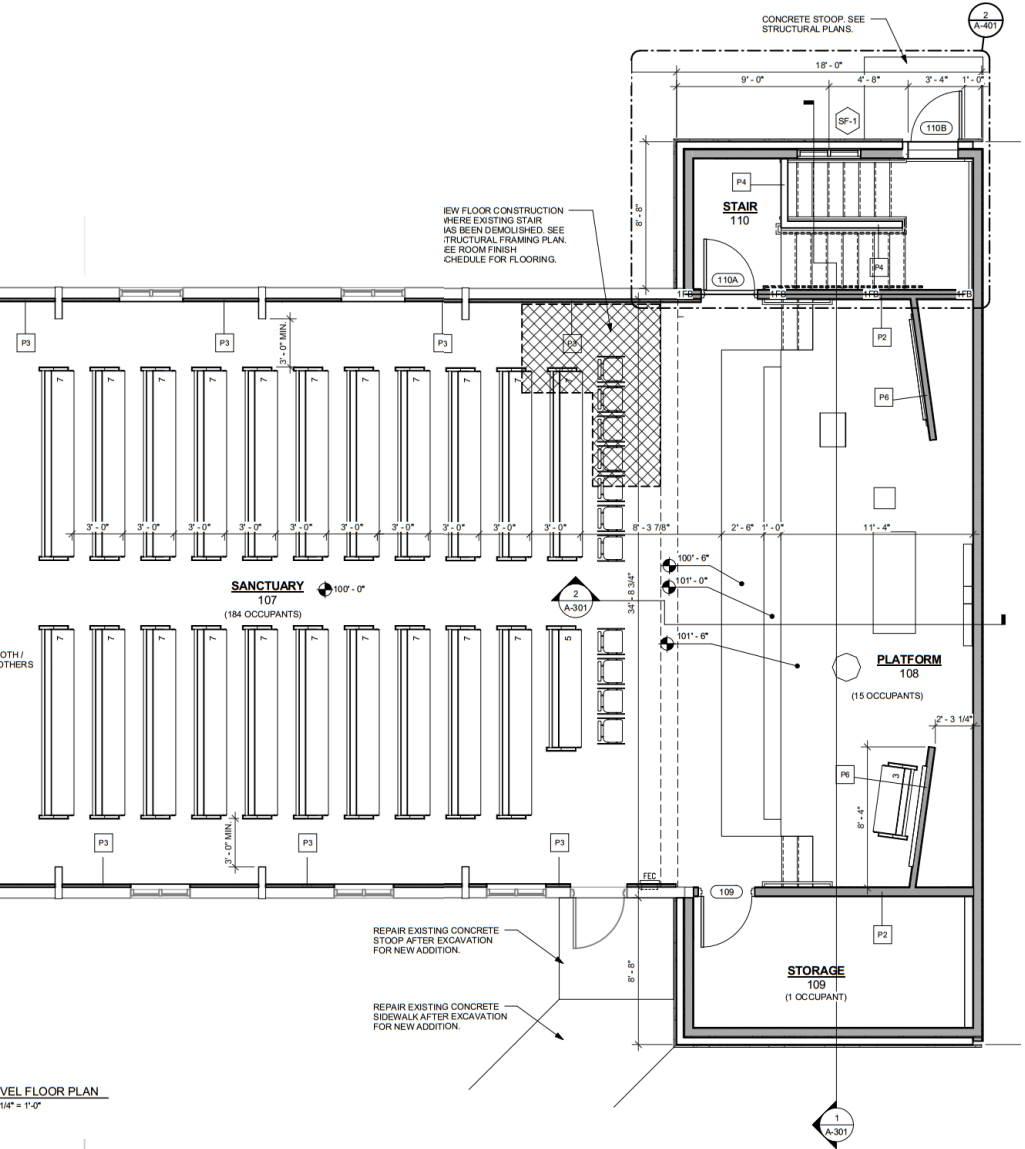
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