

Kairos Times

The latest news about St. Luke's space & building renovation plans.

St. Luke Presbyterian Church

Session to seek congregational approval to move forward with capital campaign

Based on recommendations from the Omega Committee, which were unanimously approved by its members and by members of the Omega Capital Committee, the Session on Sept. 1, moved to:

- Form a St. Luke Capital Committee to oversee fundraising for the proposed renovation project.
- Appoint a Capital Committee chairperson — yet to be determined.

In addition, the Session set a **Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Oct. 23**, following worship.

During the meeting, the congregation will be asked to approve the Session's recommendation to launch a capital campaign for the sanctuary renovation project, supported by the services of a professional fundraiser. The fundraiser would work in conjunction with and under the direction of the capital campaign chairperson and the pastor to provide needed training, administrative support and guidance.

Architect to outline updated plans Oct. 16

Work on St. Luke's proposed renovation program continued this summer as the Church Renovation Committee (CRC) met to incorporate feedback on initial designs and focused on reducing the cost of the project.

The CRC was created through the Omega Committee's recommendation and Session approval to assist in scoping project schemes beyond the original "A" and "B" concepts presented by Architect David Schultz in June.

Individuals from the Omega, Property and Sanctuary Committees were all invited to participate in the review process, while a smaller group that included **Bill Bollenberg, Terry Brennan, Debbie Ver-vack, Randy Winans** and **Dolores Zimmerman** communicated to the architect the feedback and desired revisions.

In reviewing the proposals, the CRC worked to revise the plans to best meet St. Luke's needs in the most cost-effective manner possible.

The CRC also asked Schultz to design an updated proposal that would allow St. Luke to undertake the program in a more phased approach, if needed, to add classroom space and other features at a later time.

Architect David Schultz will present these updated concepts for St. Luke's proposed renovation program during a congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, Oct. 16.



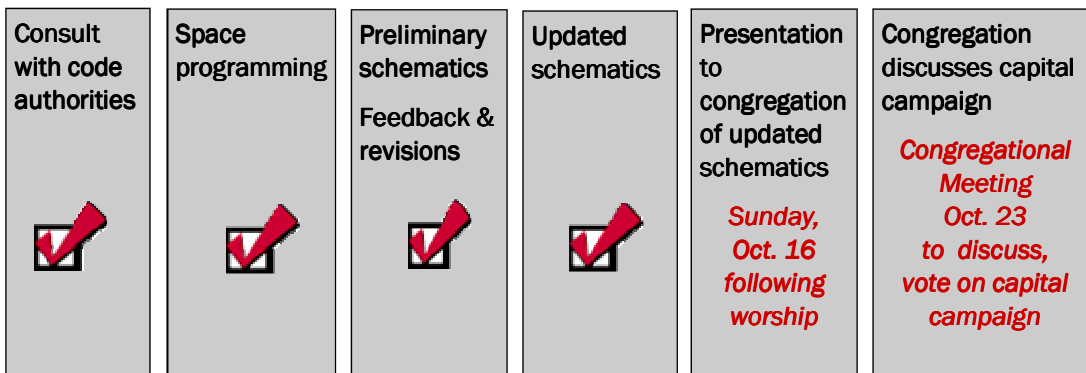
Drawings and a model of the proposed renovation will be available for review.

The primary focus for the renovation program continues to be the sanctuary — specifically to increase seating capacity, provide for a choir and musical instruments area in the front of the sanctuary and to pitch the roof.

Other priorities based on the congregation, committees and ministries' input were to increase accessibility, provide for updated utilities and improve parking.

An overriding goal is to expand our capabilities to serve the community. By improving our facility and increasing the size of our congregation, we can better support our mission initiatives and community outreach.

The renovation program planning process



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Chris Collins, Bill McCandless, Eileen Miller,
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Property Committee:

Terry Brennan, Cal Christy, Chuck Hosto,
Kurt Hyzy, Ron Kelder, Jim Norris, Cindy Pavlik,
Frank Prasil, Rick Roche, Bruce Slater,
Randy Winans

Sanctuary Committee:

Jeff Balk, Linda Christy, Ron Kelder, Jeannette
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What's ahead

Fall 2005

- ▶ Updated concepts finalized.
- ▶ Updated rendering and model presented.
- ▶ Congregational meeting to consider capital campaign.
- ▶ Appointment of campaign chairperson.
- ▶ Launch of capital campaign, if approved.

A year of progress toward achieving St. Luke's vision

During the Session's annual budget planning retreat in August, members heard an update from Omega Committee Chairperson **Scott Mitchell** on the progress to date on the proposed renovation program.

Scott reminded the Session of its recommendation in August 2004 to: "...embark on a capital campaign to accomplish the goal to 'Expand and remodel the sanctuary to increase seating by 50 to 60%...' " as stated by the 1996/1997 Long Range Planning Report.

Last September, the Session approved the mission for the committee: "The Vision Committee (later renamed Omega) is charged with finding ways more members can be more active in worship and church life, with adjustment or additions to our physical plant to accommodate our growth."

During the past year, the Omega Committee organized and:

- Met with David Ezekiel of Presbytery to learn more about how other churches have undertaken renovation programs.
- Created the *Kairos Times* as a communication vehicle.
- Conducted congregational and ministry surveys concerning needs and visions for St. Luke.
- Held Town Hall meetings and Cottage Meetings to gather further feedback about a renovation program.
- Coordinated the architect's presentation in June 2005 of original schemes for the renovation.
- Created the Omega Capital Committee (OCC) to investigate capital campaigns and processes.
- Recommended the formation of the Church Renovation Committee (CRC) to assist in the decision process for the architect – merging members from Sanctuary, Property and Omega committees.
- Conducted interviews with professional fundraisers.
- Contacted seven to eight churches to get references concerning fundraisers and to gain information and insights from their experiences.
- Gained unanimous quorum consensus on recommendations to the Session concerning the formation of a capital campaign committee, the launch of a capital campaign and use of a fundraiser.
- Recruited volunteers for a proposed capital drive.

Members of all the committees involved with the renovation program will be on hand during the Oct. 16 and Oct. 23 congregational meetings as the process continues to gather feedback, answer questions and plan next steps.