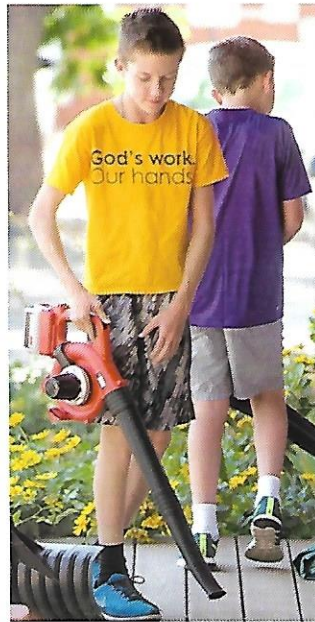
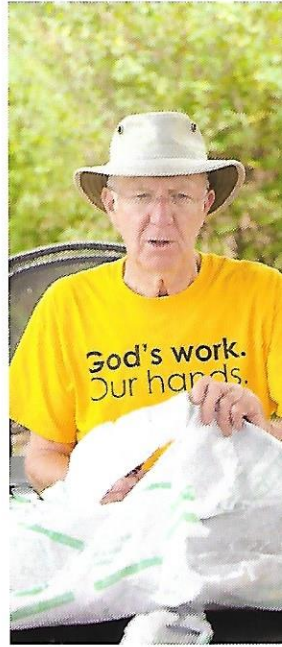
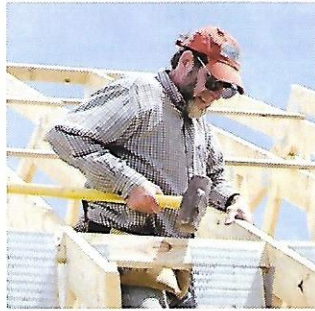




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October 2016

Dear Members and Friends of Our Saviour's,

You are a part of what promises to be one the greatest opportunities and exciting times in the future of our congregation and our ministries.

The theme of the campaign which will drive funding for major changes to our facilities is **GENERATIONS BUILDING AND SERVING COMMUNITY IN GOD'S LOVE.**

It's important for all of us to know that the reasons and timing for this effort go far beyond new and changed brick and mortar.

Our mission statement avows that "We welcome all in the love of Christ through worshipping, learning, and serving". In an increasingly complex world success in raising funds for the campaign and completing the project will enable us to live and expand our vision in those communities we serve in ways that far exceed our current capabilities.

Our congregation is healthy, diverse, alive, and excited. The financial environment may never be better to undertake this challenge both as it relates to the marketplace and to our church's current financial obligations. In short, the time is now and never better.

Your contributions whether they be financial, as an engaged team member, or in prayerful consideration and support are vitally important. The aspect of fundraising may be best summed up in the words of the well-known author and Pastor Henry Nouwen. "Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer all an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission.

We hope you will be able to take advantage of the opportunity and to engage in whatever way you believe is appropriate and best for you.

Faithfully,

Dick Yahnke

Dick Yahnke, Campaign Chair



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Ephesians 4:16- Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love

This is an important time in the life of the whole church in Christ Jesus. As one scholar put it, never in the past 500 years has the face of Christ been more open for interpretation. This is scary and exciting. On one hand there is less clarity in how and what the church is called to be for the world. On the other hand we have an opportunity to shape the face of the church more than ever before.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is positioned to be a leader in our community in shaping that vision. We pride ourselves on our welcoming atmosphere. We pride ourselves on our outreach in the community. We pride ourselves on the generations that worship together. These realities we want to continue to cultivate for today and the church of tomorrow that we are still trying to envision. As a congregation who is a worshipping, serving, and learning community, we have sought to widen the road of how we welcome and how we engage with our community and world, while remaining centered on Christ.

We undertook this vision of a building expansion and renovation, centered in who we already are and in the mission we wish to continue in the future. Through several forums, listening sessions, surveys and the coming together of multiple leaders and generations, we came to know our goals and desires for how our building can be enhanced. This vision opens up space more effectively to meet the goals of welcoming and serving the community. This plan for renovation and addition of space helps us to meet these goals together by creating flexible fresh spaces as a way to serve our community more effectively and efficiently.

As vitally important as it is to reach out in community, it is also important that we are good stewards of our resources. We do not take a capital campaign of this magnitude lightly. We do believe that the plans set forth will provide Our Saviour's with a better building for today and tomorrow. This is the time that we can respond together and positively impact our ministries and our community needs.

We are one body knit together in Christ Jesus. We are called to love, serve, and invite using our resources. This building campaign is bold, but so is our welcome in Christ Jesus. We hope you will share with us in responding to this vision.

With Love in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Leta Arndt Behrens
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Pastor Michael Stadtmueller
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HISTORY: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church was organized in 1965 as a mission congregation of the Lutheran Church in America. The early congregation worshipped at O'Dea Elementary School until 1967, when the first unit, the current fellowship hall, was completed. In 1977, a much-needed educational wing was added. An organ was purchased in 1978 and served OSLC until its replacement in 2001. Continued growth led to the building of a much larger sanctuary in 1988. An addition to the education wing came in 1991, completing the building as it stands today.

MISSION STATEMENT: Welcoming all to the love of Christ through Worshipping, Learning, and Serving

THE NEED

Growth at **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church** over the years has stretched the limits of our facilities. As we welcome more and more families to our congregation, we rejoice that the current building no longer meets the needs of our worship and outreach ministries.

Visitors to Our Saviour's first form an impression of our church when they walk in the door to the **narthex**. What was once substantial space has now become overcrowded, and a space in which a visitor can be lost in a sea of people. We seek a larger and more functional space where there is room for greeting, fellowship and room to welcome those who are new and unfamiliar to our church. An adjoining multipurpose space will provide an additional large area for hosting events for members and community groups alike.

Our kitchen has provided meals for fellowship as well as for those who have nowhere else to turn for sustenance made with loving hands. As we seek to serve more people throughout our community, it is vital that we relocate the **kitchen**, increase its size and update it to a commercial standard. With the ability to serve to the narthex, the multi purpose room and the fellowship hall, our food ministry will have more flexibility and capacity to help us live our mission.

Our Saviour's worship ministry has been blessed with a comprehensive **music program** in which many of our members participate. More musicians who share their musical gifts in a variety of ways means that we need more space for our music room. It also means that the time is past to update the organ and choir area within the sanctuary, provide our pastors with a sacristy to prepare for worship, and upgrade our sound system so everyone benefits from a meaningful worship experience. When visitors cannot hear the music or the pastors, or when they become lost in the service due to a substandard sound system, they are unlikely to ever return.

Basic hospitality to the newcomer to Our Saviour's involves providing **restroom facilities** which are bright, clean and updated. Whether a first time visitor to worship or a guest to Faith and Family Hospitality, our restrooms indicate the levels to which we are willing to go to serve our neighbors. This calls for a full remodel of our north and south restrooms.

A ministry with the vibrancy of Our Saviour's requires many people to work "behind the scenes." We must no longer expect our staff and volunteers to work in overcrowded and insufficient **office areas**. Relocating, expanding and remodeling our administrative offices will ensure that those who work on our behalf have the space necessary to do so.

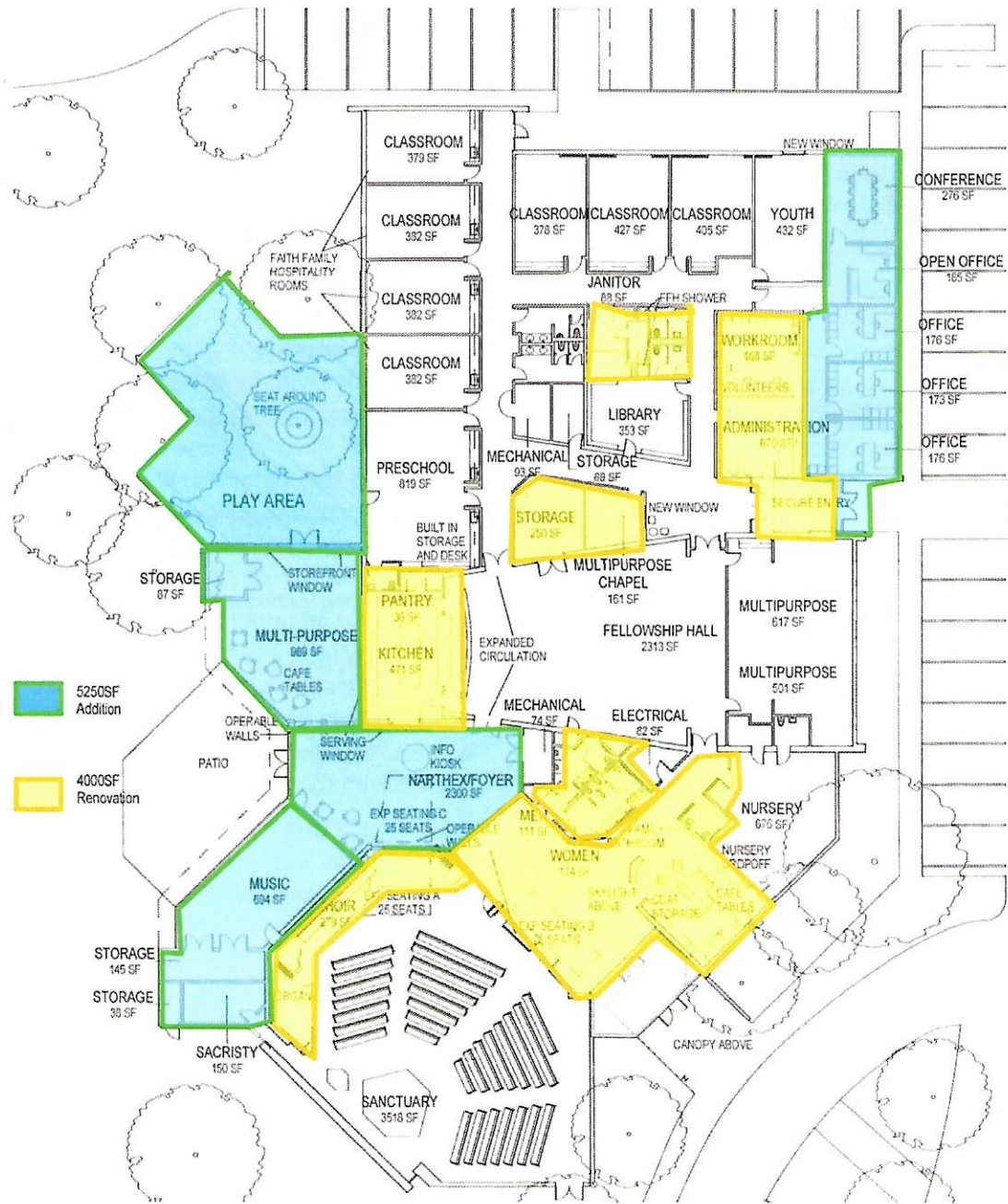
Safety and comfort are paramount in any location where people gather, but nowhere more than a church and preschool. Our **playground** is worn, and some would say unsafe for children. By relocating our playground to where it will be in full view of passersby on Lemay, we make a bold statement that Our Saviour's welcomes and values families with children, and in the process we can install the very latest in equipment which is far safer-and more fun!

This is also an opportunity to update the **parking lot** flow, improving safety for those who visit and attend Our Saviour's. Finally, an updated **fire system** is a must as we remodel our building. Updating our **air conditioning** will likewise keep those who struggle in the heat comfortable in the haven that is our church.

We rejoice that we live and serve in the exciting city of Fort Collins, a city that prides itself on providing for its growing population while maintaining the natural aesthetic that we all love. When carrying out changes to Our Saviour's therefore, we must abide by ordinances and regulations which add significantly to the cost of our projects as determined by **city code**. Most of these are unavoidable, regardless of the scope of renovations.



FACILITIES MASTER PLAN



\$ 2,550,515 – Master Plan Cost

- Narthex, Multi-purpose Room Addition
- Music Room, Storage, Sacristy Addition
- Choir/Organ Area Remodel/Upgrade Sound System
- Narthex/Nursery Remodel
- Administration – Relocate, Expand, Remodel
- Kitchen relocation, upgrade/Prayer Chapel in old kitchen
- North and South Bathrooms Remodel
- Playground, Parking Lot, Fire System, AC,
- Site Upgrades required by City

New Construction

Renovation

CHALLENGE GOAL – \$2,550,515

Congregational and campaign leadership has established our *base goal* at **\$1,500,000**.

The costs of these renovations and improvements total \$2,550, 515. Our congregation has overwhelmingly shared its desire to address all of these needs in one campaign, asking each family to share the gifts that God has provided generously and with a heart for service to others. Therefore, our *challenge goal* is **\$2,550, 515**.

In addition, our faith calls us as a congregation to share our blessings with others. Therefore, we will tithe all gifts given to the campaign to Habitat for Humanity. Our abundance will mean a safe, inspiring home for hard working families who provide their own “sweat equity”

for their home and others’ homes as they pay it forward.

Our stewardship extends to the budgeted costs of this campaign (\$40,000). **Fully funding our plan would mean that our fundraising costs for this effort will be less than 2%.**

Different families have different capacities to participate financially. In order to meet this challenging goal, however, we know that we must receive three-year commitments at the following levels to fully subscribe this campaign:

GIFTS NEEDED TO MEET THE CHALLENGE GOAL

3-Year Commitment Amount	Number of Commitments Needed	Cumulative Total
\$350,000	1	\$350,000
\$250,000	1	\$600,000
\$100,000	3	\$900,000
\$75,000	5	\$1,275, 000
\$50,000	7	\$1,625,000
\$25,000	10	\$1,875,000
\$20,000	12	\$2,115,000
\$10,000	20	\$2,315,000
\$5,000	25	\$2,440,000
under \$5,000	many	\$2,550,515



CAMPAIGN PRAYER: God of our ancestors, direct us to a tomorrow as yet unknown. Open our eyes to the ways we can be your church for people as yet unborn. Strengthen our vision and bind us to your promise that spans all generations and all people across time. As we seek to carry out our mission to faithfully serve this community, we pray that this campaign will strengthen our connection with the community of Ft. Collins and beyond in ways that bring your light and hope. May your presence enfold our journey in your love and send us to live out your mercy and grace. Amen.



CAMPAIGN VERSE: Ephesians 4:16- Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not about keeping the lights on at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, or making sure there is coffee to perk on Sunday morning. Stewardship is a spiritual exercise that draws us into a closer relationship with God, in thanksgiving for the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Our gifts celebrate the love of God and fulfill our need to give, through prayer and Bible study.

Over the next few weeks we will talk about our need to give, the role of prayer in our giving, the concept of first fruits, the reality of abundance as opposed to scarcity, generosity in sharing the gifts God has given to us, and our joyfulness in giving.

We will celebrate our common bond at Our Saviour’s, and imagine the ministry and outreach possible with every family involved –basking in the glow of a living, daring faith in God’s grace!

CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE

- Campaign Chair** Dick Yahнке
- Pastors** Rev. Leta Behrens
Rev. Michael Stadtmueller
- Information Chairs** Lori Fletcher-Khourі
Lisa Hays
- Inspiration Team Chairs** . Jo Thompson
Karen Wulff
- Commitment Chair** Chris Hutchinson
- Special Events Chairs** . . . Annie Hennen
Joyce Jobson

Amount per week	Amount per month	Amount per year
\$500	\$2,000	\$24,000
\$400	\$1,600	\$19,200
\$250	\$1,000	\$12,000
\$200	\$800	\$9,600
\$150	\$600	\$7,200
\$100	\$400	\$4,800
\$50	\$200	\$2,400
\$35	\$140	\$1,820
\$25	\$100	\$1,200
\$20	\$80	\$960
\$10	\$40	\$480
\$2.50	\$10	\$120

Years ago, after church shopping for some time, my husband and I visited Our Saviour’s. Having grown up in Lutheran churches, we immediately felt at home in a warm, welcoming congregation and environment. I was impressed with the inclusive philosophy of “all are welcome at our table” which was important to me personally. Another wonderful aspect of the church is the ministry of serving others less fortunate, giving both monetarily and with time and talents.”

Rosie Goetz



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Does the campaign replace our annual stewardship?

A. No, we are asking you to prayerfully consider a commitment to the campaign in addition to your annual stewardship gifts. Only by raising the funds for this campaign and by increasing our annual stewardship effort can we as a congregation begin to realize all that God has in store for us and for Our Saviour's!

Q. Why is this campaign being launched now?

A. If we don't act now, we risk being complacent and not living into what God is calling us to become as a family of faith. There is plenty of ministry that needs to happen—both within the walls of Our Saviour's and beyond. We also risk higher costs of construction and potential financing as each year passes. Construction inflation alone is estimated to be 10% annually in our region!

Q. How long does the campaign last and when do we begin making our contributions?

A. Contributions toward this campaign will continue for up to three years. Contributions may begin December 1, 2016.

Q. Will I be visited?

A. Yes. You will receive a personalized proposal and a commitment forms on which you will indicate your financial commitment for the campaign and stewardship effort. You will also receive an envelope in which to seal your response. A fellow member of Our Saviour's will then arrange to meet you at your home, the church, or another convenient location to receive your sealed commitment. Please view the visit as a time for faithful disciples to share the joy of being a part of Christ's church and in fellowship with one another.

Q. Will I be told how much to give?

A. Absolutely not! Information about the gifts necessary to meet our important campaign's challenge goal of \$2,550,515 will be provided to all members. You and your family will be asked to prayerfully consider and fill out two commitment cards; one for a three-year financial commitment to the Generations Building and Serving Community in God's Love campaign as well as another for your annual commitment to next year's stewardship effort. In preparation for these decisions, we ask that your family open your hearts and minds to what God is calling you to do through prayer, Bible study, and worship.

Q. We will be billed for the amount of our response?

A. No, you will be sent a confirmation of your commitment. From that point forward a quarterly statement will be sent for your records.

Q. Will gift amounts be published?

A. No, only the amounts for the entire congregational response will be celebrated.

Q. Why am I receiving two commitment cards?

A. In order to avoid the confusion of two campaigns (Generations Building and Serving Community in God's Love and our annual stewardship drive), we have combined them. In doing so, you may prayerfully consider your commitment to both the operations of Our Saviour's, focused on supporting our 2017 operating budget, and the Generations Building and Serving Community in God's Love three-year commitment, focused on renewing our building for enhanced ministry and benevolence. We ask that you complete both forms at the same time.

Q. How do I make a gift of appreciated stock?

A. Have your broker transfer shares from your account to the congregation's account. A form with the necessary information will be provided to you. IMPORTANT! Do not sell the stock yourself or you will be liable for the capital gains tax. The church's broker will sell the stock, and you will get credit for its average market value on the day it is transferred. Only in the case of capital loss should you sell the asset yourself.

Q. What if I cannot make a large gift?

A. Every gift is important. We learn in Matthew that where our treasure is, our heart will be also. This campaign is about much more than the money that will be raised. It is about us, as a family of faith, working together. As we each give as we are able, our hearts and our trust will be in the Lord and our ministry will make a great difference in our community and our world.



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There are many ways in which the ministry of Our Saviour's is important to me, and it is not easy to come up with a short, concise answer. As I reflect on all they ways that our ministries have impacted my own life, there are two words that stick out: FAMILY, and ACCEPTANCE. I have been involved in small group, Sunday School and youth ministries, music ministry along with the many other opportunities of service that OSLC offers. I believe that the ministries at OSLC can only grow and get stronger if we invest in our base and building through our capital campaign.” – Carrie Stadtmueller

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The church ministry is important to me because it supports people both inside and outside our walls. In order to do this our church must expand physically to meet as many needs as possible. The more space our church has, the greater our ability to promote programs, groups, fellowship, helping homeless families, music, and worship. I like how our church is big enough to be a home base for ministries that can reach out to the rest of the community and world, for that matter.” – Kendra Hanson

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New and remodeled spaces in our church building would allow us to better serve our congregation and our community; they would provide: more spaces for fellowship and informal conversation; a larger nursery to help our young families; a bigger kitchen to better feed many different groups, and new showers, more storage, and larger bathrooms to serve our congregation and visitors (and FFH in particular). Any building needs periodic updating so that it is both appealing and useful.” – John Bisbee



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