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Sanctuary 2.0:
Building for Eternity
Congregation Update -
January 2025

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THE “WHY” - BACKGROUND

- ▶ Pastor Jeff’s Stewardship testimony

Haggai 2:1-9

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THE “WHY” - PURPOSE

GOALS

- ▶ To Enhance Worship
- ▶ Excellence in Worship

= Greater engagement

= Create an environment conducive to contemplative and joyful worship

= Attract young people into worship

= Be relatable to draw those not part of traditional church into a relationship with Jesus

PURPOSE

- ▶ Honor God
- ▶ Prepare for Ministry Opportunities
- ▶ Contemporize the Worship Space

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THE “WHAT” - DETAILS

- ▶ **Redesign Platform Lighting** - Enhance visibility for in-room audiences and support video streaming. Using the existing electrical system, this update will improve engagement and reduce distractions.
- ▶ **Add two front corner Screens and Center LED Wall** - Desire to maintain visibility of stained glass windows, so screens need to be retractable
- ▶ **Redesign/enlarge existing platform** - Accommodate PraiseHym (musicians and instruments) during worship. Incorporate altar. Existing music area to become seating.
- ▶ **Replace pews with chairs**
- ▶ **Update PA (Sound) System**

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THE “WHAT” - SCOPE, TIMING & COST ESTIMATES

	<u>Option A-Phases</u>			<u>Option B-Comprehensive</u>	<u>Option C-Comprehensive</u>
	\$315K			\$245K	\$291K
	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	<u>Minus Audio</u>	
Lighting/Installation	\$32 K			\$32 K	\$32 K
Chairs/Screens & Projectors	\$64 K			\$64 K	\$64 K
Electrician	\$23 K			\$23 K	\$23 K
LED Wall		\$51 K		\$51 K	\$51 K
Platform		\$28 K		\$28 K	\$28 K
PA System/eDrums/WING			\$38 K		\$38 K
Churchfront Labor	\$26 K		\$32 K	\$26 K	\$33 K
Integration Equipment	\$21 K			\$21 K	\$22 K
Phase Total	\$166 K	\$79 K	\$70 K		

Holy Cross contracts: Chairs-\$18K, Electrician for power supply-\$23K, Platform \$28K
Not Included: Sanctuary Carpet, Wireless Mics, iMag cameras, Sanctuary Computer

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THE “HOW” - WORKING TOGETHER IN LOVE FOR THE GOSPEL

- ▶ God’s Word from Philippians 1 & 2:
 - ▶ “I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to **advance the gospel**” so:
 - ▶ People know that **all we do is for Christ**
 - ▶ We are **much more bold to speak the Word** without fear
 - ▶ We **defend the Gospel of Jesus’ death and resurrection, His love for the world**
 - ▶ **Christ is proclaimed!**

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▶ Gratefulness and Hope

- ▶ “Only let your manner of life be worthy of Christ... standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, truly loving each other, striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.”

Philippians 1:27

Since God is for us, nothing can be against US.

based on Romans 8:31

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ASSESSMENT

Where are we (Council) at?

Where is the Congregation at?

How Contemporary do we want to be? (Identity) What is God calling us to be?

How do build unity in this matter?

What are the barriers to proceeding? What are people expressing as concerns?

- ▶ Pews - Memories, “that’s my pew” (carved initials!)
- ▶ Lighting - not a “concert” (Colors? Spotlights? Lower lighting?)
- ▶ Putting worship team on the platform (not a performance, not a concert)
- ▶ Could we lose our doctrinal stance by doing this
- ▶ Upgrade feels like a lot for a small congregation in a small building
- ▶ Money -- ~\$300k in total
- ▶ Rather invest in 2nd site - which could be platform worship team / more modern (but recognize can’t ignore the primary residence either...)
- ▶ LED screen (feels like overkill, too modern(?))

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Things we've addressed:

- Altar will stay
- Cross will stay
- Not covering the stained glass
- Prayer rails - maintain ability to utilize

Are there things we can do to help understand, educate

- ▶ Platform - Worship in the Courtyard has worship team front and center
- ▶ Doctrine - we expect this leads to more Biblical worship, not less
- ▶ 2nd site - the new technology would allow us to prepare for broadcast
- ▶ RH side seating (today) -- It's a little unnatural to turn at 45 degree angle to see the screen [and we don't want worship team to be in the lounge... so we like them up front somewhere....]
- ▶ This isn't unique in LCMS - see other contemporary LCMS churches (King of Kings-Omaha, Hosanna Lutheran-Mankato, Woodbury Lutheran, etc.) *See next slides.
- ▶ Worship team on platform - goal is to create better engagement, more heart-felt worship
- ▶ Many things are perception, or personal preference - but are real to the individuals
- ▶ LISTEN
- ▶ OVERCOMMUNICATE
- ▶ Move at a pace which allows us to bring people along

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Woodbury Lutheran, Woodbury, MN



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What could we agree on? Common Ground:

- 1) THIS DOES NOT CHANGE OUR DOCTRINAL STANCE (God first, it's all about God....)
- 2) Things we are keeping - see list above
- 3) Invest in Phases
- 4) Phase I should include

a) Lighting/Installation

b) Chairs

c) Screens & Projectors

d) Platform

e) LED Wall

f) PA System

g) Sanctuary Carpet

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