

# Our Plans

The first goal of the Visioning Statement is to provide a facility accessible to all, & an adequate worship space in terms of theology, aesthetics & functionality. We plan to address the needs outlined in a way that demonstrates our commitment to living out our welcoming statement. We will address seating, accessibility, & aesthetics in the sanctuary; make restrooms accessible; create an accessible & safe kitchen; change our Sunday School & Nursery areas into welcoming & safe places for children; & address other compliance, safety & accessibility issues.

## Worship Space

We will enhance our worship space by improving seating flexibility, the design & accessibility of the chancel area, & the choir areas. We will create a sanctuary promoting a welcoming, bright, & fresh environment with color & texture while maintaining current iconic elements such as the hanging cross & use of wood.

- By having both pews & chairs, our seating will be more flexible & will allow spaces for wheelchairs, scooters, & walkers. Pews & chairs will be padded, have kneelers & continue to provide seating for 275-300.
- The space will be light & bright with programmable lighting & increased light by incorporating natural or enhanced light into the space.
- Flooring will be changed to match contemporary aesthetics.
- The chancel will be changed to make it accessible, while still maintaining a communion rail.
- Additional space will be created on the main floor to accommodate the choir & instrumentation.

## Restrooms

To align with our commitment to accessibility, we will ensure restroom code compliance for wheelchair access as well as to provide facilities for families with young children.

- Near the front door, we will add additional multi-stall, handicapped accessible bathrooms.
- We will also provide at least one oversized family restroom.
- The deck, currently an unused space, will be partially converted into a building expansion with two additional restrooms.
- We will move & add restrooms adjoining each two Sunday School classrooms in the hall.

## Kitchen

Our new kitchen will address safety & efficiency & be large enough for a group of 7-10 people to work together comfortably. Our goal is ensuring code compliance of appliances, work surfaces, & storage. The space will improve accessibility as well.

- We will have a professionally-designed, accessible area—providing efficient flow both for working in the kitchen & in the serving line.
- Improved appliances will include a stove with exhaust system, an oven with an electronic pilot, a freezer, refrigerator, microwave, ice machine, & commercial upright dishwasher.
- Our serve-safe kitchen will feature a double bowl prep sink, hand-wash sink, three bowl scullery sink, code compliant work counters for food preparation, & covered dish storage.

## Nursery & Sunday School Area

We want to show our dedication to children at First Lutheran Church. To that end, our goal is having safe, accessible & welcoming spaces for them.

- The nursery will be relocated to the expansion. It will be light, bright, & decorated to feel inviting & reminding young families that Jesus loves their children & we do too.
- Restrooms will adjoin every two



*“For I know  
the plans  
I have  
for you,”  
Declares  
the Lord,  
“Plans to  
prosper you  
and not to  
harm you.  
Plans to  
give you hope  
and a future.”*

Jeremiah 29:11

classrooms in the Sunday School area.

- An exterior door from this area will have a ramp, making it possible to push out cribs in an emergency.

## Miscellaneous Compliance, Safety & Accessibility Issues

Finally, our goal is to address miscellaneous items to ensure safety & code compliance, to improve accessibility, & to improve way-finding on the property.

- We plan to have zero-step accessible entrances at most doors.
- The ramp outside of Door 10 will be resloped & have a new railing enclosure, ensuring the safety of all who use it.
- We will have clear & consistent signage.
- We will add a main entrance covered portico. This will provide a safe drop off—during inclement weather & particularly for the elderly & young families. It will also provide a welcoming first-impression.