

*Loved by God, we
grow, care, give, and share
in Jesus' name.*

Commitment Sunday April 5

**Return your commitment form
in person or by mail.**

*Together we will offer our
commitments, offerings,
and prayers with faith and
thanksgiving, creating a
legacy for ministry
which will continue into
the future.*





Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

This is an exciting time in the life of St. Paul Lutheran Church. As a result of a planning process that began in 2011, we have reaffirmed our commitment as a “neighborhood church” that is here to welcome and serve our members and surrounding community in Christ’s love. The demographics in and around St. Paul continue to change, and new, active members are being welcomed into St. Paul. As we continue to grow, we need to consider new approaches to meet the needs of our community in the future. Our current building and campus layout can make it difficult to carry out the ministries important to us due to space, safety and accessibility limitations. We have many opportunities for continued growth in our ministry through improvements to our facilities, further expansion of our staff, and restoring/maintaining cash reserves for timely building maintenance.

You are invited along with the whole congregation to make a three-year capital campaign gift. Each gift will be unique to each person’s circumstance. A gift of any amount will make a difference. Pray about your gift; reflect on God’s blessing in your life. How is God leading you to respond?

Enclosed you will find a commitment form and information about how gifts can be given. Please complete the form, enclose it in the envelope provided and bring it to worship on Commitment Sunday, April 5. If you wish to make an early commitment or cannot be with us on Commitment Sunday, please mail your form to the church.

We ask for your prayers, for we can only accomplish our vision for ministry with God’s Spirit working in our midst.

Your friends in Christ,

The ProJECT Forward Core Team

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Pastor Zachary Wagner



OUR PROPOSED BUILDING PLANS

We appreciate the helpful input we received in our Fall 2019 dialogue sessions and surveys. Member input continues to help shape our proposed plans. There are three overarching goals that have guided our planning and prioritizing:

- Improving **safety & accessibility**
- Making first impressions more **welcoming**
- Building community through **fellowship & ministry**

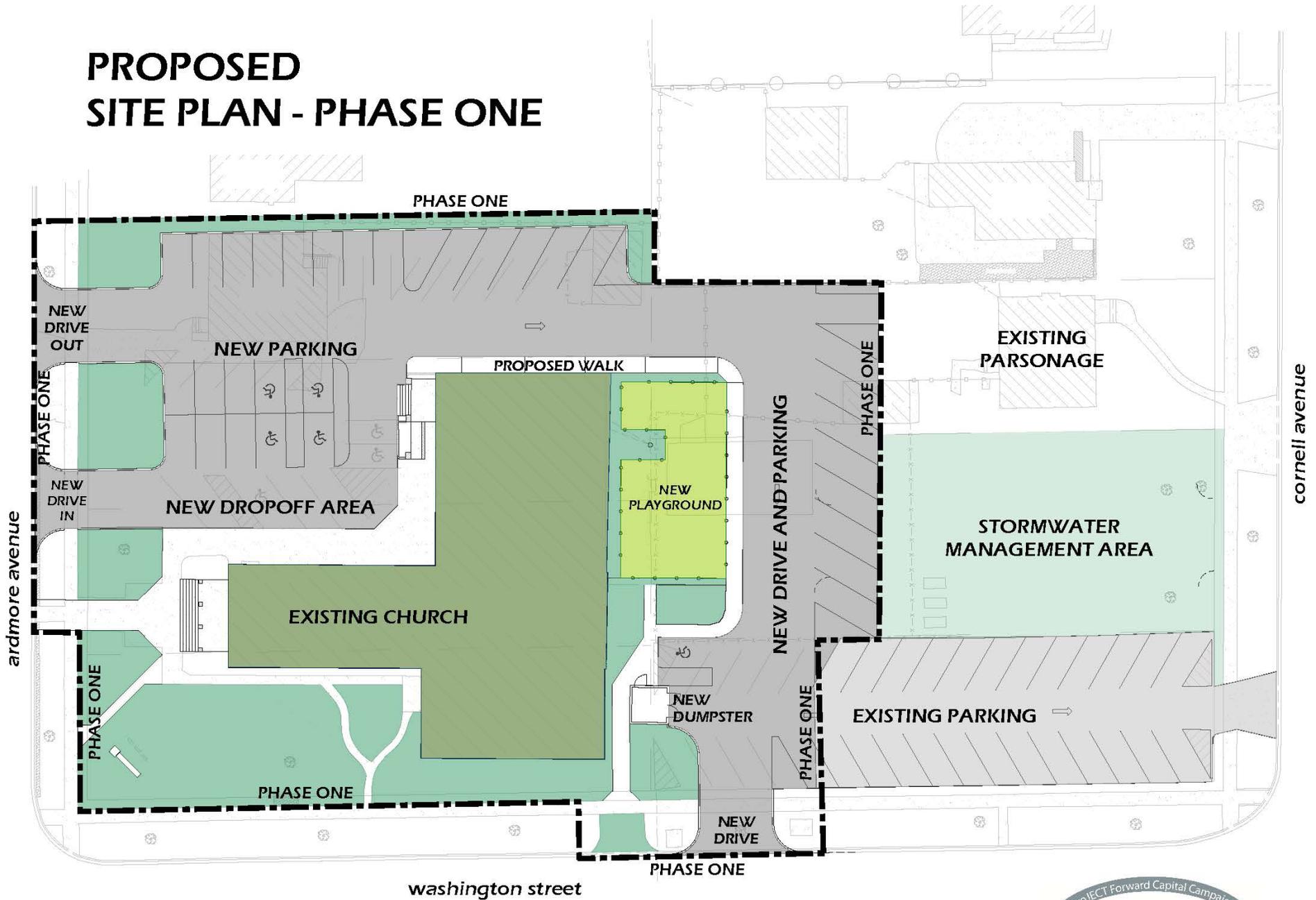
The chart below identifies the proposed phasing of the Master Plan.

We propose phase one consist of the following key items

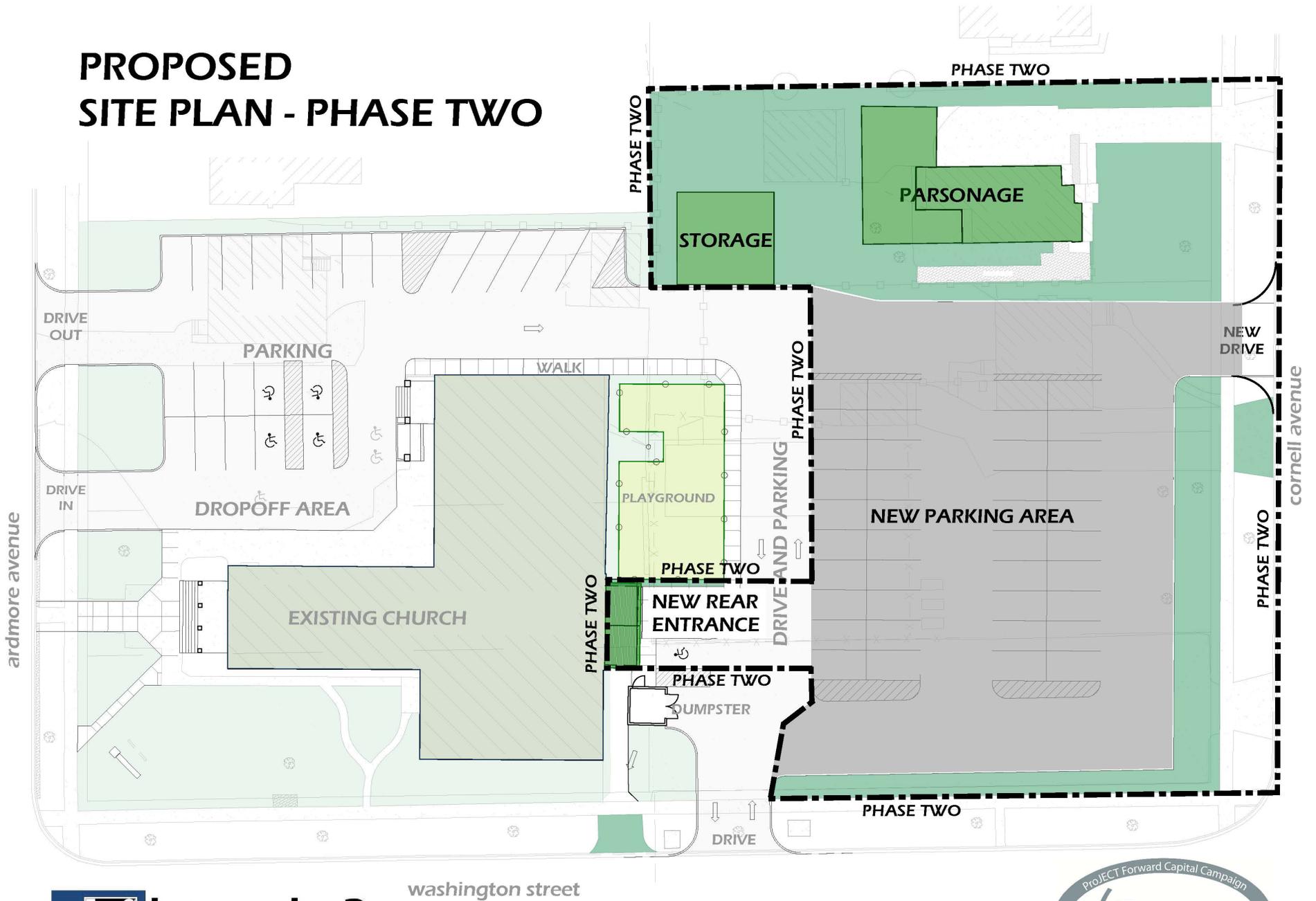


		Cost, \$	Safety	Code	Accessibility	Fellowship	First Impression	Enabling Ministry	Life Cycle
Contractual	Professional Services	275,000							
	Tithing – Ministry Support	150,000							
	Repaying House Purchase	220,000							
	Subtotal	645,000							
Master Plan Phase I (Inclusive of deferred maintenance)	Exterior Site-work	650,000	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
	Elevator	180,000	✓		✓		✓		✓
	Café (incl. Bathrooms)	475,000	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	Sanctuary Renovations	300,000		✓			✓		
	Office Spaces	150,000					✓	✓	
	Hands & Feet	25,000					✓		
	Subtotal	1,780,000							
Master Plan Phase II (inclusive of deferred maintenance)	Rear Entrance	75,000	✓		✓		✓		
	Daycare	200,000						✓	
	Basement & Fellowship Hall	600,000			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Parsonage	75,000						✓	
	East side site work	225,000	✓		✓		✓		
	Sanctuary Roofing & Exteriors	400,000		✓					
	Subtotal	1,575,000							
Total		4,000,000							

PROPOSED SITE PLAN - PHASE ONE



PROPOSED SITE PLAN - PHASE TWO



PHASE 1 EXTERIOR RENDERING

*Rendering is a visual depiction of what renovations could look like.
No design choices have been finalized.*



PHASE 1 CAFÉ RENDERING

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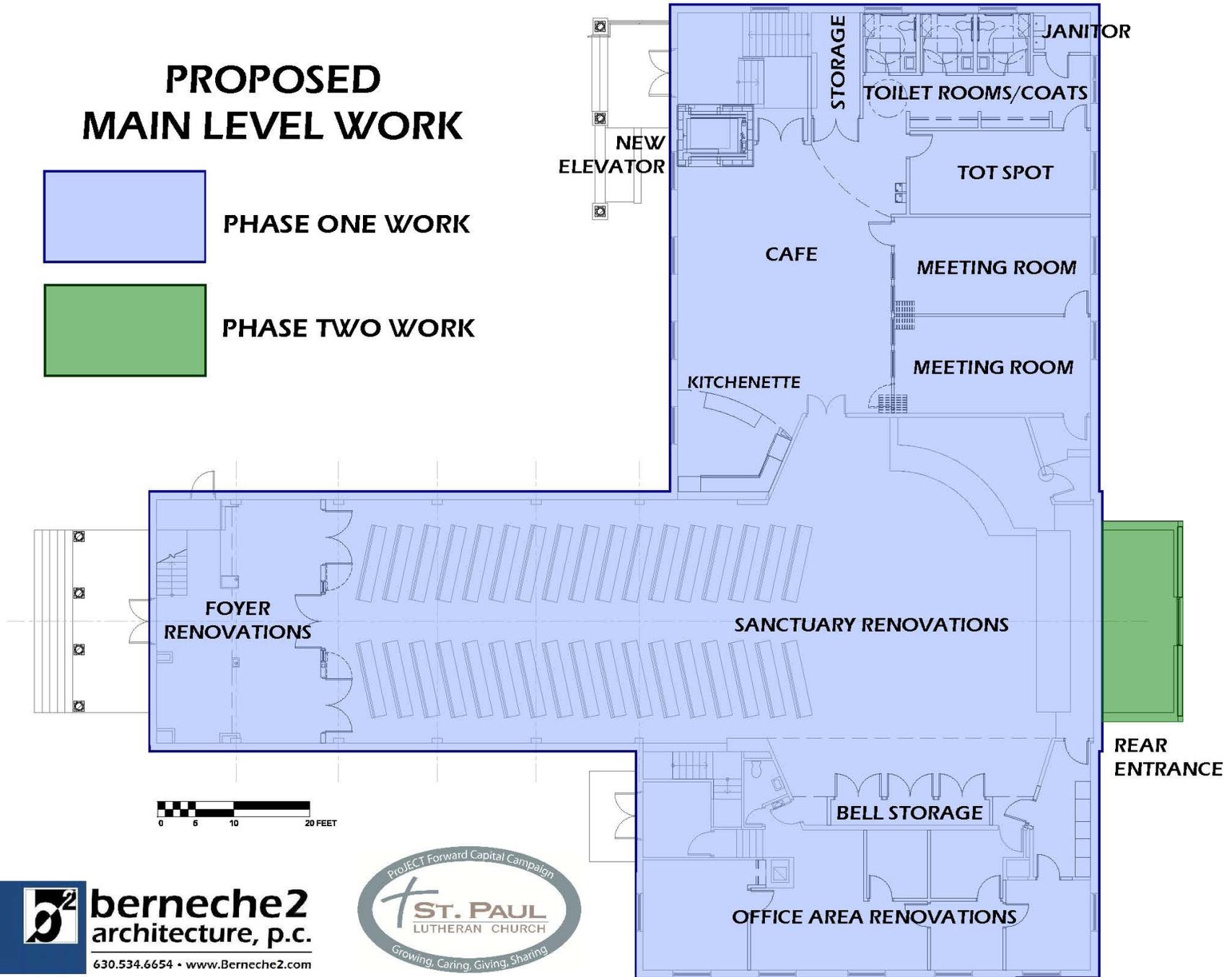
PROPOSED MAIN LEVEL WORK



PHASE ONE WORK



PHASE TWO WORK



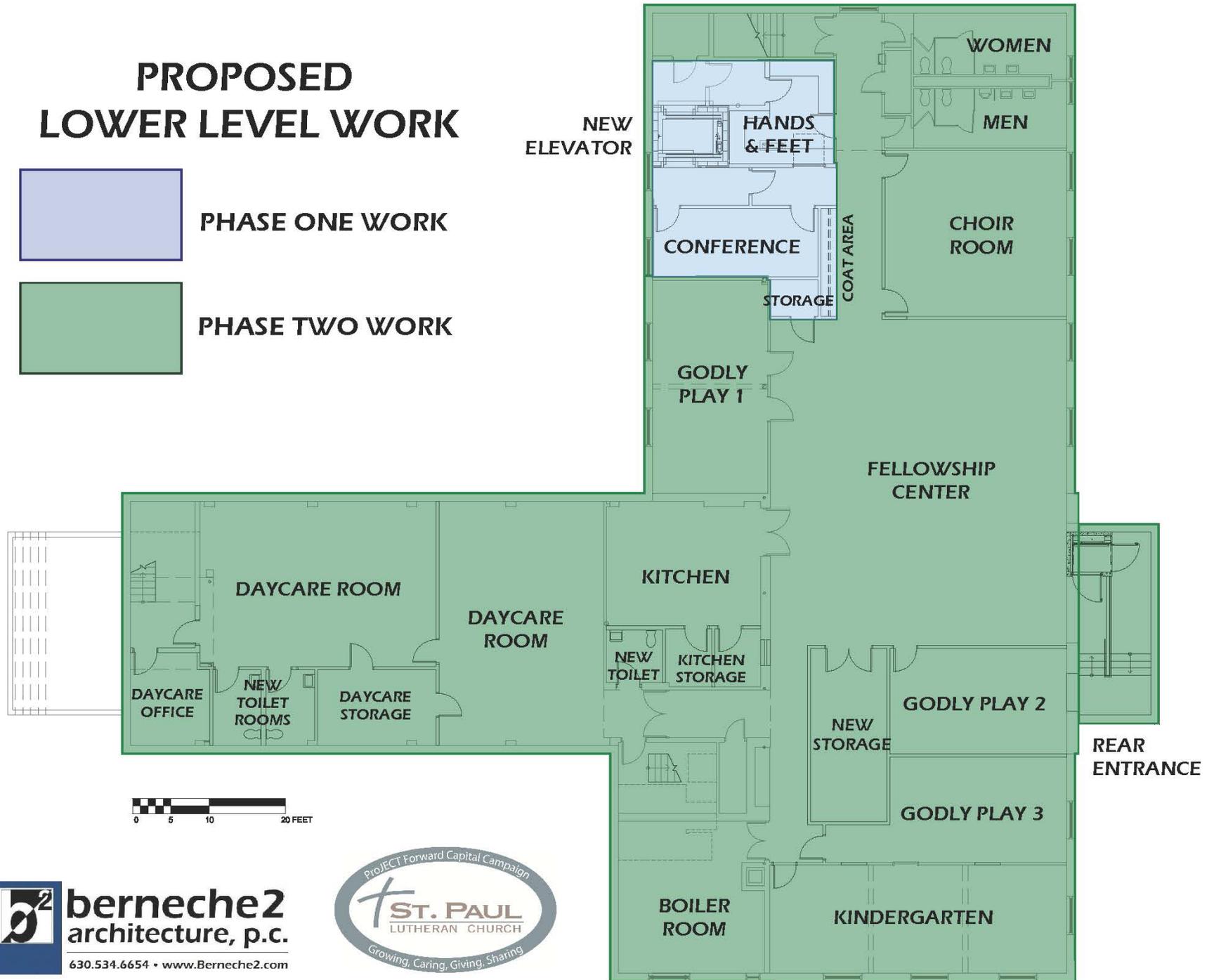
PROPOSED LOWER LEVEL WORK



PHASE ONE WORK



PHASE TWO WORK



“HOW CAN I REPAY THE LORD FOR ALL HIS GOODNESS TO ME?”

PSALM 116:12

We pray that all of our gift-giving decisions are motivated by the love God has shown for us in Jesus Christ.

We realize that not everyone has the resources to make a gift within the ranges requested. Our hope is that every person makes a prayerful, sacrificial gift. “Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice” describes the biblical principle of proportionate giving. Through this campaign, we encourage an equal sense of commitment and sacrifice throughout our congregation, with each person prayerfully determining their own gift.

We trust in God's Spirit to guide each of us in our decision. In the end, we say “Thanks be to God” to each and every response to our Campaign.

Our ProJECT Forward Phase 1 Campaign Goal is \$2 million to \$2.5 million

This includes:

- Repaying purchase price of the property at 536 S. Cornell.
- Tithing 10% of campaign gifts to support new and growing ministries.
- Building construction to include:
 - Exterior Site-work
 - Elevator
 - Café Renovations (including Bathrooms)
 - Sanctuary Renovations
 - Office Space Renovations
- Additional funds raised would allow us to consider Phase 2 projects.

Your Invitation To Give

As you respond to our ProJECT Forward Capital Campaign, we encourage you to consider making a kick-off gift and then a three-year commitment. The three-year giving period runs May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2023. Kick-off gifts are given at the time you make your commitment. We ask all of our members and friends to prayerfully consider the following giving options:

Matching Existing Giving - As a starting point, consider matching your current regular giving over the next three years. For example, if you are currently giving \$25 per week (\$1,300 a year) to the church's ministry, consider giving an additional \$25 per week to our Capital Campaign over the next three years, for a total commitment of \$3,900.

Pacesetter Gift – If you are in a position to give more, consider making a pacesetter gift of \$5,000 to \$20,000 over the next three years.

Legacy Gift - We invite you to consider making a legacy gift of \$20,000 to \$100,000 or more over the three-year period.

Gifts needed to raise our Phase 1 goal:

3 gifts of \$250,000 or more
4 gifts of \$100,000 or more
5 gifts of \$50,000 or more
10 gifts of \$30,000 or more
15 gifts of \$20,000 or more

20 gifts of \$10,000 or more
30 gifts of \$5,000 or more
40 gifts of \$2,500 or more
50 gifts of \$1,000 or more
and many gifts of \$100 to \$999

MAY I CONTRIBUTE GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH?

Life Insurance

There are special ways you can use life insurance as a gift-giving device. Some examples include:

- Give the cash value accumulated in a policy.
- Donate the annual dividends of a policy.

Appreciated Assets

St. Paul Lutheran can accept gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate or other types of personal property.

For example: stock purchased in 1990 for \$5,000 could have a market value of \$21,000. Rather than selling the stock and paying income tax on the \$16,000 capital gain, you can transfer the stock to the church and take a tax deduction based on the market value of the stock at the time of the gift. In this way, you would maximize your gift, maximize your tax deduction and, at the same time, minimize your tax liability.

IRA Charitable Distribution

The IRA Charitable Rollover Act allows for individuals age 70 ½ and older to make tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts to a qualified charitable organization. The maximum of \$100,000 is per taxpayer each year. The amount transferred can be used to meet the donor's required minimum distribution. Amounts in excess of \$100,000 must be included as income but may be taken as an itemized charitable deduction, subject to the usual Adjusted Gross Income annual cap for contributors.

Bequests or Planned Giving

Making an unrestricted gift, or designating the ProJECT Forward Campaign through a will or trust is a significant expression of legacy stewardship. This allows a person to make a significant contribution that may not have been possible during one's life.

Deferred Gifts

There are a variety of ways to give through trust funds, which have advantages for short-term and long-term giving, as well as tax planning.

GIVE MORE THAN YOU THOUGHT POSSIBLE

This is the benefit of including assets as a part of your giving! The monetary value of the gift typically exceeds what you might give as cash outright. In fact, cash doesn't even enter into the picture. In most cases, asset-based giving is as simple as assigning ownership to the church. Of course, there are many variations on this theme. On this page are a few to get you thinking.

NEW TAX LAWS

New tax laws went into effect in 2018. A standard deduction of \$12,000 per individual or \$24,000 per couple will apply. If your generous charitable giving coupled with other allowed deductions exceed the standard deductions, itemizing deductions on your tax return will allow you to take advantage of your higher deduction amount.

You are encouraged to discuss your options with a financial advisor or tax professional.

HOW CAN I HELP MAKE THIS CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS?

- By praying for God's blessings upon our vision for ministry and this campaign.
- By prayerfully responding to God's gift of love with your generous gift to this campaign.
- By bringing your campaign response form to the worship service on Commitment Sunday, April 5. If you cannot be with us on April 5, please mail your response form to the church.
- By continuing to support the ministries of St. Paul during the capital campaign. Please continue to support the operating budget at your current levels.



LET US PRAY

Make us one in you, O God. Through the power of your Spirit, give us unity of purpose, and oneness of Vision. Give us grateful hearts, O God. Help us see and appreciate the many and varied gifts with which you have blessed us. Help us grow in love, O God. Let us build up the Body of Christ as we move into the future together, your holy people, Walking in the Light of Christ, Amen.



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