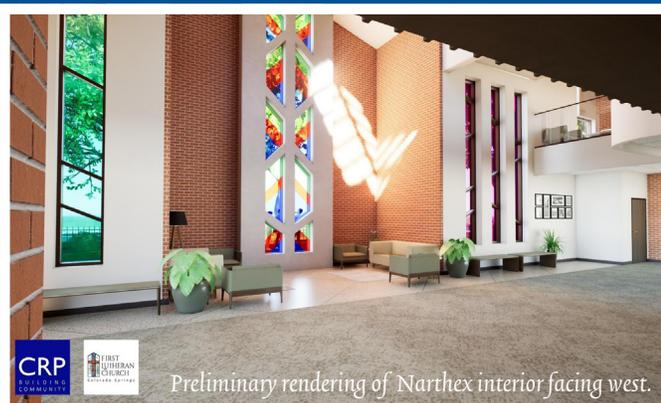




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FAITH

MATTHEW 5:14 – 16

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.



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Below are the priorities we hope to include in Phase One. The renovation team is working with the architects to refine the price of Phase One and then adjust the scope to fit what the *Inspire Faith* capital campaign raises in the order of the following priorities.

EXPANDED NARTHEX

The narthex is the threshold between the ordinary and the sacred – a space for welcome, preparation, and connection. Our new design will flood this area with natural light through stained glass, creating beauty and warmth. By expanding the space west and rising two stories, we will offer a spacious, inviting environment for meaningful conversations and ministry. No more bottlenecks or rushed greetings – this will truly be a place of holy encounter.

EXPANDED GATHERING PLACE

Our growing congregation needs room to connect. Enlarging this space will foster fellowship and community, making churchwide events and meals comfortable and welcoming. This is where relationships deepen and the body of Christ comes together.

NEW ELEVATOR

Our current elevator is small, unreliable, and poorly located. The new elevator will be modern, spacious, and strategically placed for easy access to the Gathering Place, classrooms, and worship areas. It will accommodate wheelchairs, instruments, and other equipment, ensuring safety, accessibility, and convenience for all.

UPDATED RESTROOMS

Our current restrooms are too small and antiquated for the size of our congregation. If possible, we will increase the size of the restrooms and update the finishes and fixtures to make them more contemporary and handicap accessible.

UPDATED FINISHES

Yellow windows in the sanctuary and narthex, outdated carpets and lighting, and an aging kitchen no longer reflect the vibrant spirit of our congregation. This renovation will refresh our spaces with modern finishes that honor God's gifts and appeal to new generations – just as we did with the Peel House. We aim to be relevant, hospitable, and excellent stewards.





FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST FLOOR PLAN



Preliminary rendering of Narthex interior facing south.

THE ASK

We are embarking on a bold and hope-filled journey together. To fulfill the vision of our *Inspire Faith* campaign, we are seeking to raise **\$6.1 million over the next three years** – an investment that will strengthen our ministry today and bless generations yet to come.

The table below outlines the range of gifts needed to reach this transformative goal. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us with a commitment that reflects both your gratitude for God’s blessings and your hope for First Lutheran’s future. Your generosity, offered in the highest category of your capability, will help ensure that our church continues to be a place where faith is nurtured, community is built, and lives are changed.

We stand on the shoulders of those whose faithfulness built the foundation we enjoy. Now it is our turn to steward this sacred trust and prepare First Lutheran to serve those who will gather here long after us.

Thank you for thoughtfully and prayerfully considering this invitation. Please bring your completed intention card to worship on **Sunday, March 1**. We look forward to celebrating the results with our whole church family on **Celebration Sunday, March 22**.

INSPIRE FAITH CAMPAIGN

Number of Gifts Needed

| GIFT LEVEL | AVERAGE GIFT | NUMBER OF DONORS | TOTAL RAISED |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Inspirational Gifts | \$1,000,000 | 2 | \$2,000,000 |
| \$250,000–\$499,999 | \$250,000 | 1 | \$250,000 |
| \$100,000–\$249,999 | \$110,000 | 10 | \$1,100,000 |
| \$50,000–\$99,999 | \$55,000 | 12 | \$660,000 |
| \$20,000 - \$50,000 | \$35,000 | 8 | \$280,000 |
| \$10,000 - \$19,999 | \$15,000 | 50 | \$750,000 |
| \$5,000 - \$9,999 | \$7,500 | 60 | \$450,000 |
| Less than \$5,000 | \$3,000 | 205 | \$615,000 |
| | | Total Raised | \$6,105,000 |

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN DO MY GIFT PAYMENTS FOR THE APPEAL BEGIN?

Unless you prefer a different timetable, the payment period begins March 2026. The Intent Form has a place for you to indicate how and when you will fulfill your commitment.

HOW LONG DOES THE APPEAL LAST?

The Appeal will last for three years: March 2026 – February 2029. However, if you feel you can make a larger gift by extending the time, you are welcome to do so. You may also make a one-time gift or make payments for less than three years. Those 73 years old or older often find that giving through an IRA Required Minimum Distribution allows them to make a significant gift at a time best for them.

IS IT POSSIBLE JUST TO MAKE GIFTS TO THE APPEAL WITHOUT MAKING A SPECIFIC COMMITMENT?

Yes, but written responses, while never legally binding, give us an indication of what we can expect and plan for our mutual ministry, and will ultimately determine our ability to impact the world. Please fill out an Intent Form indicating how you will respond even if you do not make a commitment. The response from the congregation will be a compelling story to tell to our new members and to our community as we prepare for even more impactful ministry.

DO ALL GIFTS TO THE APPEAL HAVE TO BE CASH?

No. Gifts of real estate, appreciated stock, mutual funds, and in-kind gifts needed for property improvements are all welcomed!. These gifts may be subject to restrictions and limitations, so it is wise to consult your financial adviser or accountant.

Note: Contact Tad Goodenbour through the church office for gifts other than cash.

CAN I GIVE A GIFT FROM MY IRA?

If you are 73 years or older, you have the option to give a gift in lieu of your required minimum distribution, up to \$100,000 per person per tax year. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). For more information about how to make your campaign gift through a QCD, please speak with your financial advisor or Tad Goodenbour.

WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF GIVING APPRECIATED STOCKS OR PROPERTY?

You can avoid capital gains taxes and also receive a potential tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the assets contributed.

HOW DO I MAKE A GIFT OF APPRECIATED STOCK?

Have your broker transfer shares from your account to the church. Contact Tad Goodenbour through the church office for more information.

WILL I BE ASKED TO GIVE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT?

We encourage you to prayerfully consider an amount based on the gift chart to reach our goal. If every gift on the chart is fulfilled, we can exceed our goal.

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you alone are worthy of our worship and love. Inspire our faith as we share your love with the world and welcome more of your children into this community of faith. As you have given us so much, make us generous to bless your church and strengthen our witness so that all may know the joy of salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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