

## Introduction

Salem Lutheran had previously decided that the future of the Church and congregation would remain at its current location. The purpose of this study was to determine the most appropriate way to place desired program requirements for the Church regarding current and future needs, on its existing site.

The committee identified the areas of focus for this effort:

### 1. Children / Youth

- Safety and security
- Appropriate learning amenities
- Dedicated youth area
- Nursery adjacent to worship space

### 2. Fellowship

- Space that provides all year use, fully conditioned
- Multi-use space with opportunities for fellowship and community use
- Kitchen
- Full accessibility

### 3. Worship

- Additional seating
- Gathering space
- Maintaining existing worship space as a worship space

### 4. Connectivity

- Accessibility
- Interior access to all functions
- Both campus and building connectivity
- Safety and security

## Goals and Objectives

- Evaluate existing campus and buildings located on campus
- Develop program requirements and space needs for campus and congregation
- Assess, develop and review site layout options
- Develop and review concept design options
- Develop and confirm preferred concept design and opinion of cost
- Present findings to building committee and congregation as a whole

## Challenges

- Safety and security concerns
- Lack of way-finding
- Multiple entry points and separation due to lack of building connection
- Outdated technology
- Non-universal accessibility
- Building infrastructure and systems
- Interior finishes
- Separation of like program functions

## Architectural Goals

Generated as an architectural response to the Building Committee request. These were developed as goals and used throughout the master planning process.

- Contextual with existing imagery
- Visually opening the facility to allow the public observation of congregational events
- Clear and concise planning to assist in directional wayfinding

## **Process**

This document is the culmination of a five-phase study, as summarized below, completed over several months. Various activities were completed and deliverables developed during this time, with Building Committee review, providing input during each phase. Refer to Appendix – Meeting Minutes and Presentations for a chronological account of the process.

### **Task I – Condition Assessment**

The first task allowed the design team the ability to become more familiar with the existing facility, its campus and the existing conditions through review of drawings, building exploration and discussions.

### **Task II – Program Needs**

Determining the program needs involved meeting with Building Committee, stakeholders, congregation members, and administration. Conversations were documented and assessed with the Building Committee team, creating goals and new spaces recommendations.

### **Task III – Site Assessment, Concept Design Options and Preferred Concept Design**

Task III was a comprehensive review of the campus, building and program needs which culminated in an in-depth study of options for each.

### **Task IV – Congregation Presentations**

Congregation presentations were conducted over the course of the master planning exercise; giving the congregation an opportunity to see the process and evolution of the study. It also allowed the congregation a chance to provide additional feedback and voice concerns.

### **Task V – Architectural Renderings**

Final architectural renderings were generated based on a comprehensive review of all work developed to date. The final images provided a conclusion of all work produced, between Task I to Task IV.