

Lakeside Community Church Building Campaign

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

When the conversation about renovating our building started several years back, it was spurred by relatively simple and straightforward things: The need for some heavy maintenance and evolving ministry needs. Now, though, I'm starting to be convinced that it's about more than that. I think God is up to something. Despite the world being slowed down by the pandemic, something is building momentum here.

More un-churched and unbelieving people are finding Jesus here, more families and more kids are connecting with us, and I see a buildup of people passionate about becoming like Jesus, raising Godly kids in a world increasingly against them, and serious about making him known.

Yes, our building needs some overhaul for the sake of maintenance, and, yes, the needs of our current ministries will be better served, but I think this is about more than that. This project isn't just about what God *has* been doing, but what God *will* do.

I think God is up to something at Lakeside Church. Let's get ready for it.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave Bosscher





1983 Construction of a new Lakeside Church building completed on 1967 Whitneyville Ave. Community center building purchased on Campau Lake, as a joint chapel planting project by Dutton CRC and Millbrook CRC. 1993-1994 Recognizing the need for more space, a master plan is formed for building. 1977 Lakeside Chapel formally organized as an established church in the CRCNA.

2020 A building planning team is convened and begins working in partnership with 2000 architects and the Upper entrance and congregation evaluate needs and develop a lower floor classroom expansion completed. design. 2018 Lakeside congregation votes to adopt a vision and strategy for disciple making that includes hiring a new position and development of a new building plan. 2021 Lakeside congregation votes overwhelmingly in favor of adopting design plan and beginning a capital campaign.



MORE INVESTMENT IN THE NEXT GENERATION

More families are moving into our neighborhood and into our church. With that, we have an even greater responsibility to invest in the next generation. The new design gives not only more space for more kids, but better spaces to enable more ministry. It gives them a space to feel more at home as Jesus makes his home with them.







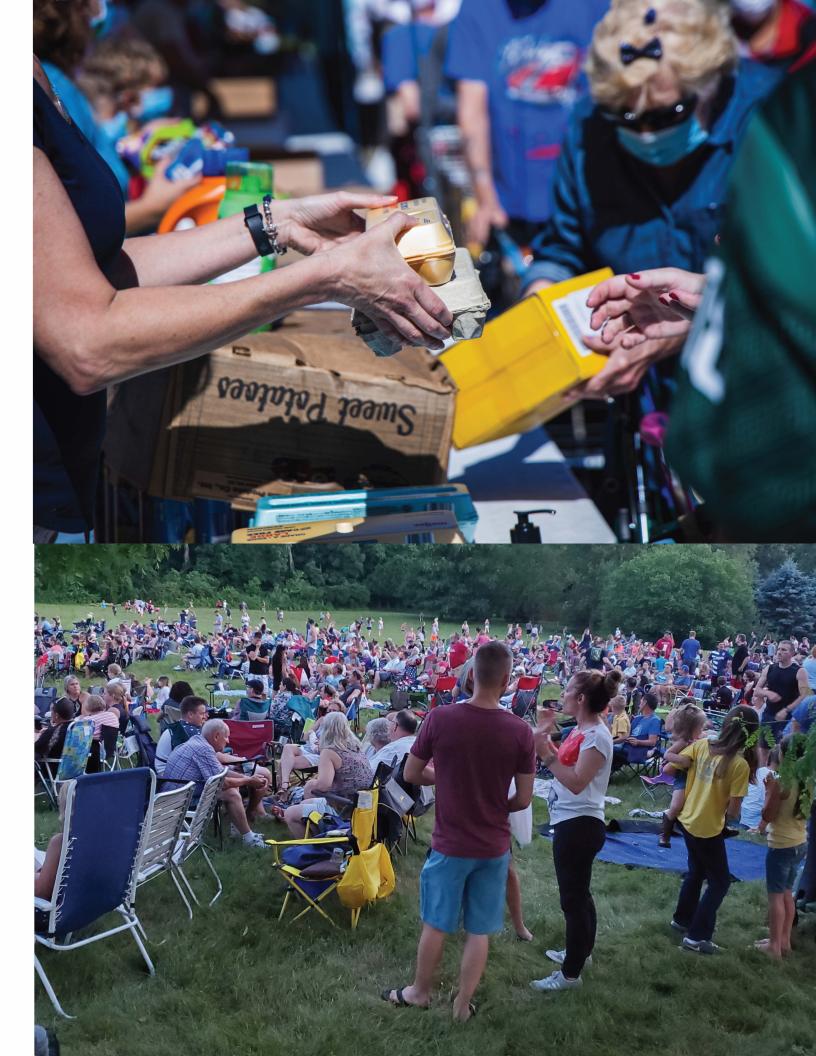
MORE RELATIONSHIPS

Arguably the most significant and formational works that God does through his church happen in the context of Christ-centered relationships. The church building is the place where people make their first connections and, eventually, some of their deepest relationships. Improving our facilities will help our church feel as welcoming and hospitable as a home prepared for guests. Additionally, the expanded spaces provide a better environment for making connections in small groups, one-on-one discipleship, community meals, and a whole host of other potential events we haven't even imagined yet.



MORE REACH

Our facilities are used for much more than Sunday events. Throughout the week, Lakeside's shared with local space is community groups--everything from home school groups to Tai-Kwan-Do to home owner association meetings are hosted in our building. These connections not only serve our neighbors, but also introduce us to our neighborhood. With improved spaces--especially kitchen--we'll be able to have even more of a footprint in our community.



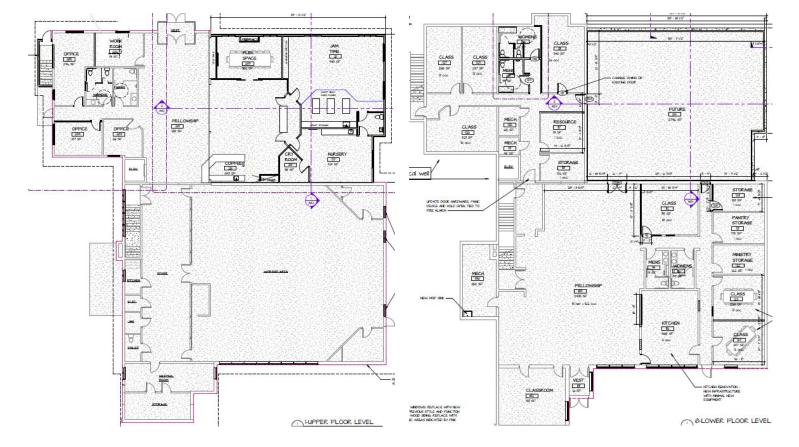




MORE POTENTIAL

Besides investing in the longevity of our church by refreshing a well-worn facility, the new spaces created by this project give us the ability to accommodate more members, should God bring them to us. People are regularly meeting Jesus for the first time at Lakeside and others are joining us as their first step back into church after years and years away. We don't want to limit God's work.

Should we find ourselves outgrowing our worship space, the most logical move, given our culture, would be to go to two services instead of one large one. This would allow us to maintain more of our close knit feel and hopefully keep new people from feeling invisible in the crowd. However, at present, if we were to go to two services, our kids spaces and hospitality areas would be overwhelmed soon after. Our planned upgrades would allow for the possibility of growth without committing us to a larger worship center and larger crowds.





THE PLAN



FUNDING PLAN AND GOALS

Realistically, this project will cost about \$2.2 million. Based on early analysis by Church Growth Services of our congregation's potential, an increase of \$750,000 in pledges over and above normal giving during the next 3 years was considered realistic as a starting goal, but we are challenging the church to exceed that. The remainder of the money will be taken in a loan that can be paid off in a short enough time so as not to be a long term burden to ministry.

In order to reach such a goal, it will not require that we each give an equal amount, but it will require equal sacrifice. The chart below provides a guide to the number and type of three-year commitments that will help us achieve our goals. As we achieve deeper levels of commitment and wider participation, we believe that God can and will do great things with what we give back to Him.

	Individual Households					
# INDIVIDUAL	3-YEAR	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	COLLECTIVE	
HOUSEHOLDS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	3-YEAR	
1	\$150,000	\$962	\$4,167	\$50,000	\$150,000	
1	\$75,000	\$481	\$2,083	\$25,000	\$75,000	D
1	\$50,000	\$321	\$1,389	\$16,667	\$50,000	Е
4	\$25,000	\$160	\$694	\$8,333	\$100,000	Е
6	\$15,000	\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$90,000	P
10	\$10,000	\$64	\$278	\$3,333	\$100,000	W
12	\$7,500	\$48	\$208	\$2,500	\$90,000	1
12	\$5,000	\$32	\$139	\$1,667	\$60,000	D
10	\$2,500	\$16	\$69	\$833	\$25,000	Е
10	\$1,000	\$6	\$28	\$333	\$10,000	
67					\$750,000	

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

There are two things we are asking you to do: **pray fervently** and **consider giving** to the Preparing a Home project. Our dream is to refresh our space and prepare for whatever God has in store for the future. Trusting God and making sacrifices together is the only way to make that dream a reality.

HOW DO I DETERMINE WHAT TO GIVE?

PRAY:

Ask God what he wants you to give. This is a question to ask in your own heart and to be in prayer about with a spouse or your family. The answer is not the same for everyone. Pray that God will give you peace as you begin giving. Remind yourself of His promises to those who are generous and look for how he will keep the promise in your own life.

Consider:

Consider what you can do or give up to be a part of the Preparing a Home project. Look at the chart of gifts in this book. You can see that it is not equal gifts that will get us to our goals. It's equal sacrifice.

Determine:

Determine your gift ,and fill out a commitment card, and put it in the drop box at church.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20