

Gym Renovation & Parking Lot Expansion

Rockpoint Church
FAQs – January 2025

Why are we doing the gym renovation and parking lot expansion?

As we enter 2025 and seek what the Lord has next for Rockpoint, we believe now is the right time to expand our vision as a church. Our mission is to “Multiply Disciples through a Healthy Church”, and we want to dive even deeper into that mission.

We stand by the fact that every believer in Christ is “Made to Multiply” because God’s Kingdom is not linear, it is exponential. At Rockpoint we have a grace-based message that everyone in our community needs to hear, and it takes all of us to make that happen.

Our facility is a tremendous gift and the key ministry tool that we have as a church to help our church family grow in their love of God. Our passion is to equip people to go into their community and world ready and willing to share the story of Jesus Christ. As we’ve grown in attendance on Sunday mornings, and ministry throughout the week, we don’t want parking or lack of multi-purpose space to prevent even one person from hearing the gospel, learning how to grow in their love of God, and going and loving their neighbor.

Why are we focusing on the gym renovation and parking lot projects first? Aren’t there other ministry needs across our facility?

Having enough parking on Sunday mornings has been a challenge throughout 2024. In the Fall of 2024, we asked the Elders, Deacons, and Staff to park at the missionary house. There were several Sundays when we would have run out of parking if not for those individuals parking offsite. Parking will be a limiting factor for more people in our community to attend Rockpoint and hear the grace-based message God has given us. It is our #1 priority.

By renovating the gym we will be able to have a ministry space which can flex between 150 – 400 people depending on the type of event or program. This mid-sized space equipped with full audio, visual, and lighting allows us to hold larger men’s/women’s events, teaching seminars/conferences, and more effective banquets. The design ensures the gym can and will also remain a gym.

We recognize our facility also needs to address additional educational spaces and common/gathering space as we continue to grow attendance and ministries. Addressing these needs is a complex and expensive endeavor and one that we want to ensure is giving the right amount of thought and prayer. Our intent is to address these in the next ministry expansion phase. Conversations around this have already begun with our architectural firm, COSCO.

How will set-up and tear-down of the Sunday morning worship experience in the gym be accomplished? Is there an impact to other ministry uses?

Considerable time and energy has been spent into evaluating set-up/tear-down and impact to other ministries. We are continuing to evaluate the best approach that provides flexibility for ministry.

Could we please get designated walkways and direct paths to the lower-level doors?

We are developing a plan to add designated walkways with striping in the lower level parking lot and the driveway from the upper level parking lot. We will also be addressing walking path connections as part of the expansion.

What is the total estimated project cost?

The total estimated project cost will be \$3.2M. The gym will be \$2.6M and the parking lot will be \$600k.

How are we going to fund the projects?

We will use multiple funding sources for the projects. \$1.55M will be funded through cash reserves from the sale of our previous campus in White Bear Lake. \$1.5M will be raised through a 12-month generosity initiative from the church body. \$150k will be funded through giving above our 2024 operational expenses.

When will the project begin and end? How long will the project take?

The start date for both projects will be in April. We anticipate the parking lot to be completed late summer and the gym to be completed early Fall.

How will the Warehouse be used moving forward?

We will maintain the current environment of the warehouse (AVL, flexible furniture) and its use as a multi-purpose space. Today this includes weekly Bible Studies, Student Ministries, Men's and Women's events, and special events.

We are evaluating the use of the Warehouse on Sunday mornings based on our ministry needs for Kids Ministry and Adult Ministry.

Where will Club 4/5 meet during and after construction?

We are identifying the best location for Club 4/5 during and after construction. All of our ministry teams are committed to being adaptable and flexible during this time of transition.