



## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Building Renovation

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### **The Next Phase Takes Form!**

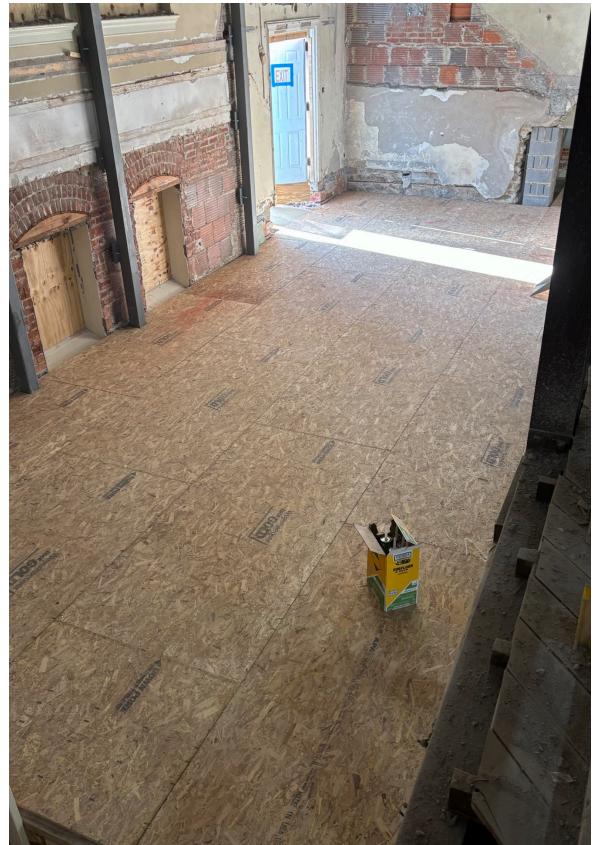
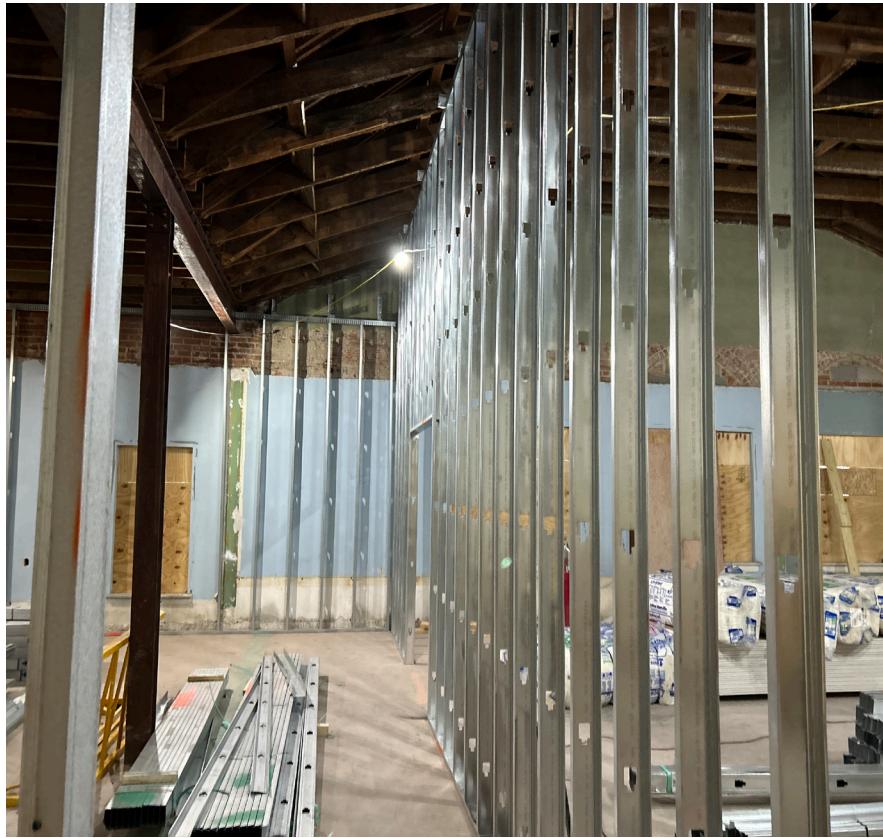
As the renovation at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church continues, the building is taking on new form and strength with each passing week. Recent progress has focused on shaping the interior spaces that will support worship, fellowship, and daily church life. Our team remains committed to completing this work thoughtfully and safely, and we're grateful for the congregation's continued patience and support as this important transformation moves forward.

### **Schedule**

December marked an important month of progress at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Crews completed framing for the second floor and front lobby, finished installing the new sanitary plumbing, and poured the basement concrete floor. The steel structure was also completed, along with the installation of new door supports, further strengthening the building and preparing it for the next phase of work.

Looking ahead to January, the team will begin framing the connector that links the renovated spaces to the sanctuary. Light-gauge framing will start to shape new interior areas, and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work will begin inside the building. Crews will also start insulating the roof area, helping prepare the space for future interior finishes and improved comfort.





## Meet the Team

In each newsletter, we highlight a Warfel team member who is helping bring the new Grace Evangelical Lutheran space to life! This month, we're featuring Jon Sands, Project Executive.

Originally from North Carolina, Jon moved to Virginia in 2006 and now lives in Middletown with his wife, Marcie, and their son, Hudson. Their family spends much of their time on a hobby farm supporting Marcie's work in organic regenerative farming. Jon brings that same thoughtful, steady approach to guiding the Grace Lutheran project.

When they're not tending to the farm, Jon and his family enjoy spending time outdoors together, camping, fishing, kayaking, hiking, and visiting the Outer Banks whenever they can. They're also joined by a French Bulldog named Lucky and a few barn cats who help keep things running smoothly.

