



IMMEASURABLY MORE

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Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV

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Our Kids and Students are the Church of Today and Tomorrow!

One of the greatest investments we can make as a congregation is in our children. Our kids and students are not just the church of tomorrow, they are the church of today. They are facing challenges and pressures that we never had to deal with. The church, as we support parents (and grandparents) in the spiritual formation of their children, has a unique opportunity to equip families to live a biblical, Christ-centered life in an ever-changing culture.

At the heart of the IMMEASURABLY MORE capital campaign is our Kids and Student ministry. As we continue to rebuild and grow our Kids, Students, and Family ministry, we made an intentional decision to bring in a "Master" DCE, Audrey Duensing-Werner to create systems and structure for the growth of family ministry at Gloria Dei. We are already seeing growth in our program and are bringing on two full-time interns to serve in the area of Kids and Students ministry beginning January 2025. We also believe that with an intentional focus on our kids and students the natural outcome will be the requirement for more space.

This campaign will expand our current Kids ministry space by relocating them into the current administrative offices, providing a highly visible ministry centerpiece for those entering our building. Additionally, it will provide a single access point to provide greater security for our children. Additionally, the second floor of the administrative offices will provide space to add two classrooms for future growth and expansion.



A capital campaign aimed at expanding and improving our facilities for Kids and Students ministry, signals to our congregation and community that Gloria Dei values children and that we are committed to empower and equip parents for faith formation in the home. By expanding our Kids ministry in a "prime real estate" location, we are providing an intentional focus on Kids and Students ministry that provides a welcoming and engaging atmosphere.

With an intentional focus on Kids, Students, and Family ministry through the IMMEASURABLY MORE capital campaign, we are creating a pipeline of young people that

will grow into our middle school, high school, and beyond. These kids and students will be equipped and disciplined for the challenges and pressures they face on a daily basis so that they can live fully alive in God's grace in the spaces where they live, learn, gather, and play. We pray that God will do IMMEASURABLY MORE than we can ever ask or imagine in the hearts and lives of our kids, students, and families as we help more people live life with Jesus every day!

Main Building Projects & Expansion of Facilities

Family Bathrooms and Porte-cochère

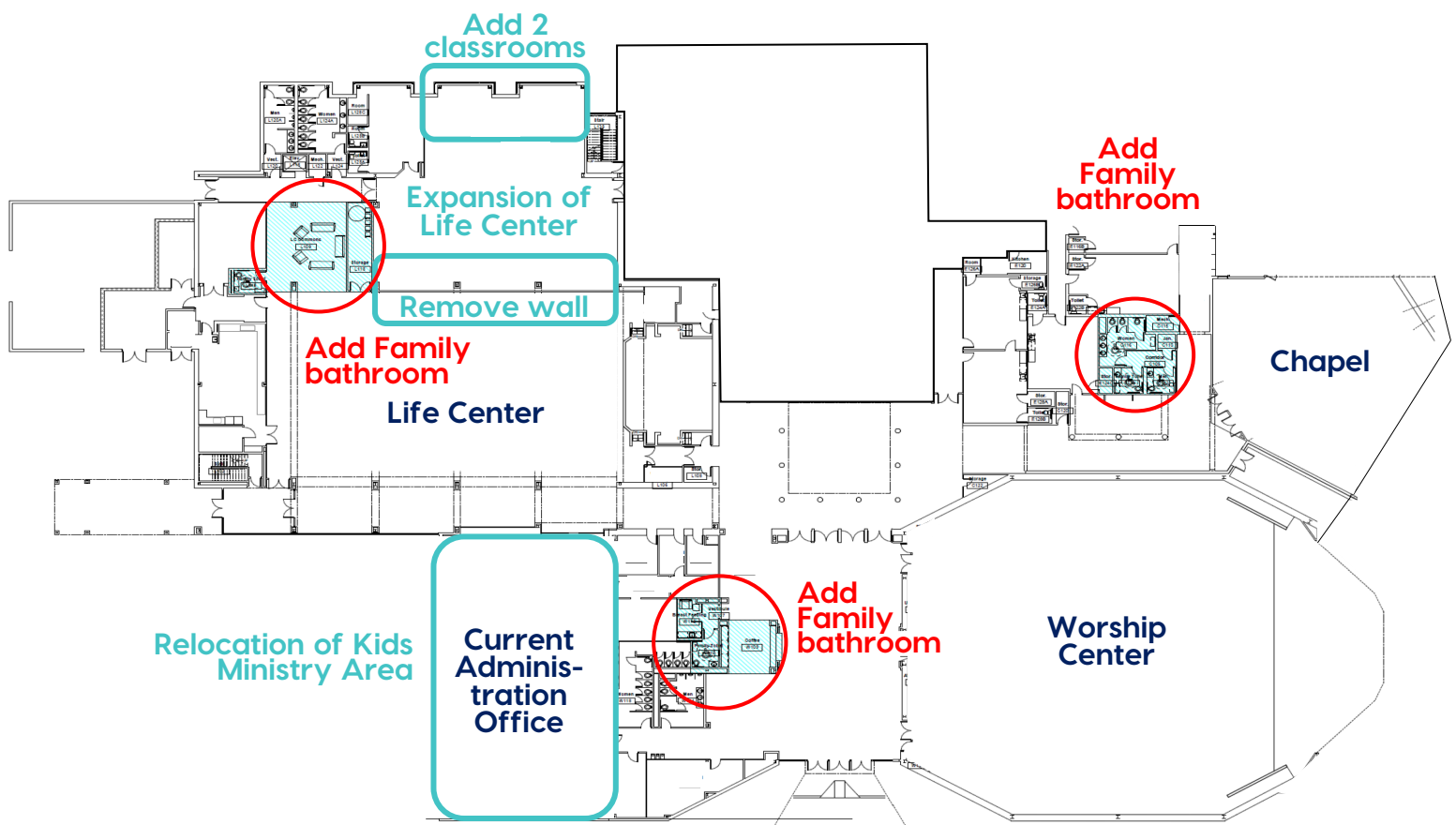
- Add three family bathrooms.
- Replace and expand the damaged overhang (Porte-cochère) by the entrance to the Life Center.

Relocation of Kids Ministry Area

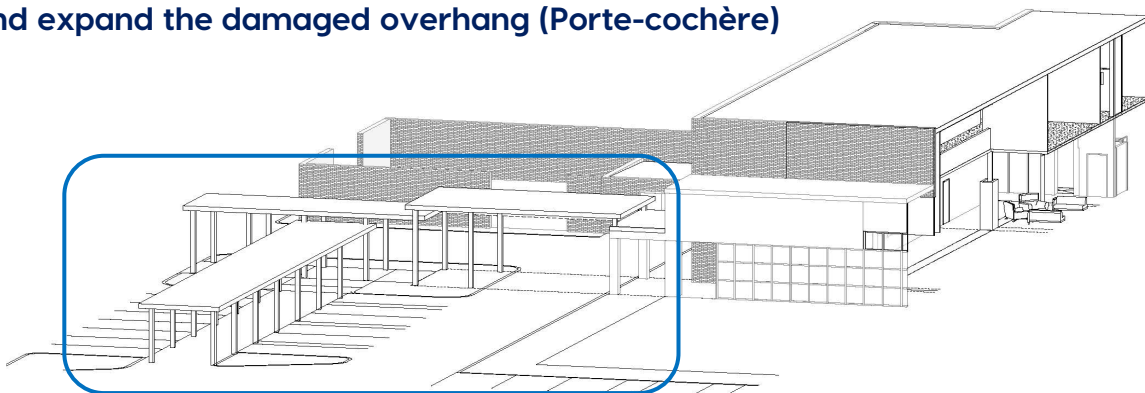
- Reconfigure the current administration office into a highly visible and functional K-4th grade ministry wing on the bottom floor.
- Expand the Kids Ministry by adding two additional meeting spaces/classrooms on the second floor.

Expansion of Life Center

- Expand current Life Center by removing the long wall separating the Kids area and Life Center.
- This expansion will increase seating capacity from 400 to 600.
- Add two additional classrooms alongside the northernmost wall.



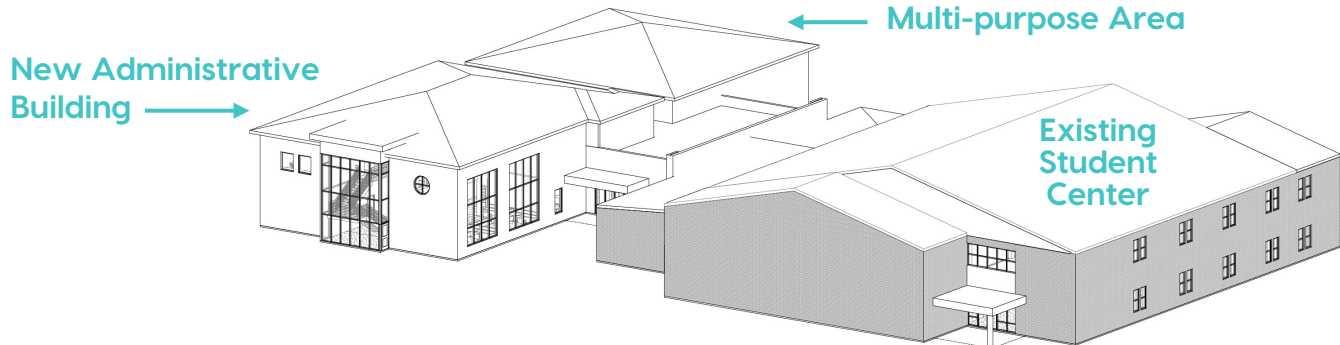
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Expansion of Facilities & other Project Highlights

Expansion of Facilities

- Administrative building will be next to the Student Center.
- "Nova Vita" counseling center will have a dedicated space.
- Multi-purpose area "shell" will be on the back side of the staff offices.



Other Project Highlights

- Recording studio to enhance ministry needs and opportunities.
- Holy Smokers trailer restoration for disaster response activities and other needs.
- "Ready Response" hub and training center for disaster response.

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COMMITMENT CELEBRATION
Oct 27 | after 10am service | Life Center



We promise, this is a celebration you won't want to miss! Enjoy Brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, soft pretzels and cheese, German cookies and beer. There will be entertainment by the German Oompah Band, Isaak Klaus and the Lederhosen Junkies. Other activities include; Alpacas in lederhosen for the perfect photo opportunity, cornhole competitions, Alpine Hat making, the Chicken Dance, Gaga Ball and more!

Keep up with other important campaign details at gdlc.org/more



Awareness Forums

Thanks for the many folks who attended our Awareness Forums held recently! We had a great turnout! We appreciate your insightful questions, comments and continued prayerful support. If you missed the forums, you can view the slide show presentation by visiting gdlc.org/more.



Bible Studies by Pastor John Kieschnick

Thank you, Pastor Kieschnick, for participating in the capital campaign by teaching valuable bible studies focused on giving. For those of you who were not able to attend the bible studies there are handouts and videos available at gdlc.org/more.



How to Pledge On-line

General Fund

1. Visit gdlc.org/giving.
2. Click on the green button labeled **Make a Pledge for 2025**.
3. Under **Mission & Ministry – 2025**, enter in your **First & Last Name**, **Email** address and **Total Dollar** amount you wish to pledge.
4. Click **Submit** when completed.

2025 Pledge Card

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

In response to God's grace, I (our family) pledge(s) to financially support the **Mission & Ministry** of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in the **annual** amount of:

For a simple and convenient way of giving, use online electronic transfers by visiting gdlc.org/giving. If circumstances change and you need to revise your commitment at any time, please contact the church office.

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☐ I Pledged Online

Signature(s) _____

Printed Name(s) _____ Please print legibly

Date _____



Capital Campaign Fund

1. Visit gdlc.org/giving.
2. Click on the green button labeled **IMMEASURABLY MORE Commitment**.
3. Enter in your **First & Last Name**, **Email** address and **Total Dollar** amount you wish to commit for the 3½ year span of the Capital Campaign.
4. Select which **Gift Frequency** you plan on giving towards your commitment.
5. Click **Submit** when completed.
6. Once submitted, click on the white button labeled **Setup a Giving Profile** to initiate your scheduled giving towards your commitment.

IMMEASURABLY MORE Commitment

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In response to God's grace, I (our family) commit(s) to financially support the **IMMEASURABLY MORE Capital Campaign** of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church over the length of **3.5 years** by the amount of:

For a simple and convenient way of giving, use online electronic transfers by visiting rock.gdlc.org/give-capital-2024. If circumstances change and you need to revise your commitment at any time, please contact the church office.

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☐ I Committed Online

Signature(s) _____

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Date _____



A note from Beth Koerber, Campaign Coordinator



We are so excited to take this step of faith and begin to focus on our vision of empowering families to grow in their faith walk and impact our community IMMEASURABLY. I believe this campaign will provide more legacy opportunities for our youth. As parents and grandparents, God has made it clear that it is our duty to raise up the next generation into a Jesus Loving community.

Our Family Life ministry provides resources from sharing the Christmas Story through a beaded bracelet to allowing a grandparent to utilize the First Communion lessons.

Although only 3 of my 14 grandchildren live locally, I have been blessed to travel

with this material and teach my grandchildren, so all have been able to take First Communion at Gloria Dei. No matter how far away they live, they know Gloria Dei is their church home and are always excited to come into town and assist Audrey with whatever her needs are during events or services. We are proud to have four generations that have been discipled in so many ways by our church and pray this blessing can ripple throughout the community to other families through the expansion of both space and staffing for our children and students. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth (3 John 1:4).

Heavenly Father, we come to You with faith and hopeful hearts requesting Your blessings to bring this vision of IMMEASURABLY MORE to life at Gloria Dei. Please guide us as we seek to improve and expand our facilities and increase our capacity to serve. May we steward all funds well across campus improvements, external mission work, and debt reduction efforts. Above all, help us fulfill our campaign plans so we are able to reach more people with the message of Jesus Christ within and beyond our community. We trust in Your will to do IMMEASURABLY MORE than all we are able ask or imagine. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Beth Koerber

