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# St John Lutheran Church & School

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## B.O.L.D. S.T.E.P.S PROJECT THEME REVIEW

The **B.O.L.D. S.T.E.P.S** logo was chosen and presented to you, the members of St. John, nearly two years ago. More than just a matter of brick and mortar, we're **B**uilding **O**n a **L**egacy **D**evoted to God and his Word. That involves our **S**upport, **T**rust, **E**ncouragement, **P**rayers, and **S**haring. As we build together on Christ and his Word, we know that we can't possibly fail. He's called us as his church-builders. He's given us the powerful tools for ministry. And he promises us that his Word does exactly what he's assigned it to do – no more and no less.

*"Opportunities are there for new outreach programs. We can show our open arms as Jesus did to all the little children." Jean Brandt*

The verse of Scripture that ties into our building program theme comes from 1 Corinthians 3:10,11. Remember it. Memorize it. Reflect on it. And boldly step out in faith with it.

"In keeping with the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. But let each person be careful how he builds on it. In fact, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has been laid, which is Jesus Christ." (EHV)

*"Jesus is the reason for the change in my life. God through my mother-in-law got me going to church weekly and using the weekly sermon to help me grow my faith in God." David Rosenbaum*

## WHERE WE'VE BEEN

Satan has a way of convincing us to forget the good stuff, so let's rejoice in some of the highlights of the BOLD STEPS we've taken over the past few years!

- February 2018 – The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) shared a PowerPoint presentation with the congregation laying a solid foundation for its recommendation to establish committees to launch a building project.
- April 2018 – The Voters Assembly established these four committees: Building, Finance, Property Disposition, and Communications.
- Spring 2019 – The Building Committee spent about seven hours interviewing seven architectural/construction/design-build firms.
- May 2019 – It was reported to the congregation that "actual repair/renovate/remodel cost figures that have been gathered in recent years" total above \$900,000 for the church and school, yet leaving "the most serious shortcomings that hinder ministry ...not addressed at all by the expenditure." If we were to also repair the church steeple and replace the roof "the total would exceed \$1,000,000 by far."
- June 2019 – Voters approved the selection of Catalyst Construction of Milwaukee and Excel Engineering of Fond du Lac as builder and architect, and Cornerstone Stewardship Ministry to assist in the capital campaign.
- September 2019 – Members identified three items they most wanted carried in some way to the new building: the baptismal font, the windows, and the organ.
- October 2019 – The Finance Committee presented to the congregation in four open forums an eight-page full-color booklet outlining the case for a new building, presenting for the first time a preliminary architectural concept plan, and updating the congregation on financing. (Still have your copy? Consider digging it out and prayerfully reviewing the abundance of information in it!)
- October 2019 – Led by our organ consultant Dr. Wayne Wagner, an "Organ Transplant Forum" was held to inform the congregation regarding all aspects of transporting the organ to the new church. Informative!

- November 2019 – Six identical forums fielded from members their reactions to preliminary design plans for the Plum Road structure.
- November 2019 – The school property was sold to the Village for \$200,000, with right to continue using the building for several years.
- Spring 2020 – The capital funds initiative was launched with considerable fan-fare, leading up to Celebration Sunday on April 5.
- March 2020 – COVID-19 hits with a vengeance. The plans noted in the previous bullet were aborted midway, and for five months almost all B.O.L.D S.T.E.P.S progress was halted.

### HALTED, BUT NOT DETERRED

- All cylinders are now firing up to build on what was begun last spring. Already 19 families have submitted 3-year commitments totaling over one quarter million dollars. Most families are waiting for Celebration Sunday to submit their commitments.

*“Stewardship is not just about money, but time and talent, giving back to my Savior.”  
Aura Lee Gehl*

- Although groundbreaking has been delayed, probably until the fall of 2021, know that the B.O.L.D S.T.E.P.S leadership team remains steadfastly committed to following this project through to completion.
- The identical every-member project presentations which were begun but not finished last March will be continued as follows:
  - Sunday, October 18 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall
  - Monday, October 19 6:30 p.m. in church (previous to the Voters Assembly)
  - Wednesday, October 21 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
  - Sunday, October 25 11:15 in church

Who should attend? As before, every confirmed member, and even those younger, are strongly encouraged to attend to get informed and to be inspired. Those many who have already attended may certainly attend again as a refresher.

- In addition, October 11, 18, and 25 have been tagged “Special Generosity” Sundays. Look for additional information, Bible study, discussion opportunity, prayer folders, and more.

*“God blesses us (both spiritually and materially) with much more than we give to him.”  
Terry Sieker*

- Sunday, November 1 – This is Reformation Sunday and also B.O.L.D S.T.E.P.S Celebration Sunday. Exciting details will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.



Men's Choir from 150th Anniversary



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October 11, 2020

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