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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BOOKLET

Praise Lutheran Church
in the foothills near the Great Smoky Mountains
National Park, located in East Tennessee



Our Vision

As living stones building upon the Rock, we wish to expand the worship, fellowship, and discipleship of Praise Lutheran Church.





LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

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Dear Friends in Christ:

Living Stones: Building Upon the Rock is more than just the theme for our campaign to erect a stone-faced church building. It communicates a Biblical message of who we are as the church and reminds us of our sturdy foundation from God. Read carefully the verse from which our theme derives:

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."



- 1 Peter 2:4-6

Peter, as an early believer in Jesus, knew what it meant to be a rock. Remember how Jesus told Peter: "Upon this rock I will build my church," (Matthew 16:18) after Peter (whose name means "rock") just confessed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16). Jesus built the church on the good confession Peter made. And He builds the church still today!

As living stones, we will have opportunities to confess Jesus like Peter did and to celebrate what God has done and continues to do among us. We will find ourselves getting excited about our future possibilities in the areas of ministry and mission, empowered by the means of grace. We will work together, grow together, and pray together as we see the Lord open doors of opportunity for others to acknowledge Christ Jesus as the rock of our salvation.

I invite you to be blessed and to be a blessing as we commit ourselves to this campaign.

Built and building on Jesus+

Pastor Derek Roberts



LETTER TO THE PARISHIONERS FROM DR. TOM WITTKOPP

YOUR CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT

More than two years ago, the Planning Council at Praise began to look at the growing need for space in our ministry. Our communicant members had steadily grown in numbers to the point where we were out of space for our Bible study every Sunday. We also lacked space to have outreach activities at the church. We began to explore the possibility of building onto the land that we owned surrounding the current church building.

Over ensuing months, some possible plans began to take shape, but there was still the hesitation that we were a rather small church congregation to embark on such a project. We looked at ways to alter our present space. But new people kept coming. The more we became serious about our need for more space to expand our ministry to the Maryville community and beyond, more new faces appeared on Sunday morning.

When the Year of the Virus tried to slow down our ministry, God showed us how to minister via the Internet. And the people kept coming. It was as though we were being directed from above to expand this ministry. We developed plans with an architect for a new sanctuary building to be connected to our present building. And more people came to church.

This has become a real "holy mission": to build a place where not only will there be room for all our members and families to worship together, but to have space to expand our outreach service to our surrounding community; to be able to bring Christ's message of salvation and love to our neighbors here in Maryville, Tennessee and surrounding areas.

So now we must live out our holy calling as "Living Stones: Building Upon the Rock." Directed from above, Christ, the Builder, is at work. We acknowledge His presence and gracious hand to bless and direct our building activity and expansion of His ministry as our holy mission.

With the continued direction of the Holy Spirit, we will make this new building a holy space for the work He has directed: "you will be My witnesses...to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8)," bringing the Good News of salvation by grace through faith in Him to everyone who will listen.

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OUR HISTORY

On April 23, Easter Sunday in the Year of our Lord 2000, Praise Lutheran Church held its inaugural Divine Service and Sunday School in a 1,400-square foot storefront at 536 East Broadway Avenue near Washington Street.

In June of 2001, a small group of faithful people gathered together to sign the charter for a new LCMS church in Maryville,
Tennessee. Praise Lutheran Church was born.

We met in storefronts and borrowed basements, but the true Word of God was preached purely and the Sacraments were administered rightly.

The first pastor to serve was Retired Pastor Robert (Bob) Kerekes and his wife, Emma Lu Kerekes, played the piano.



Rev. Robert and Emma Lu Kerekes, Charter Members

Pastor Timothy Rake was called and installed in 2001.

The church building on Big Springs Road was dedicated in 2007.

In 2007, we moved into our current house of worship, fellowship, and discipleship. The Lord blessed us with expansion, renovation, and growth.

Our current pastor, Derek Roberts, was called and installed in 2012.

Today, our church family has grown to over 220 members, and we have two services plus online access to worship in order to serve all the souls who wish to hear God's Word and receive His Gifts through the ministry of Praise Lutheran Church.



OUR CHALLENGE

To accommodate the growth of Praise Lutheran Church and the number of souls we project to serve in the future, our congregation proposes:

- Building a 9,245 square-foot facility including space for worship and discipleship
- Renovating the current facility into a bigger social hall for Bible Study, celebrations, receptions, and life together (fellowship)





OUR GOAL

Our goal is to respond to the opportunity that God has placed before us — to expand our ministry as "living stones, building upon the Rock" (our vision statement from 1 Peter 2:5). Recall that our vision is to expand worship, fellowship, and discipleship for our community.

EXPANDED MINISTRIES

How will our ministries expand with our new building? Some of our plans to date include:

WORSHIP -

"And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst." Exodus 25:8

- Space designed to deliver Word and Sacrament to 302+ (versus 160 max in our current space)
- Choir and orchestral space for growing our music ministry
- Chancel area, vestry, and sacristy with room for altar guild service and storage
- A stone accented sanctuary reflective of the glory and beauty of the Lord
- Large windows to capture natural light
- Interior ceiling like a traditional nave (redolent of a large boat or holy ark)



FELLOWSHIP —

"...you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3

- Inspired space for fellowship with God and one another (see worship)
- Community space for gatherings and meetings (social hall and classrooms)

- Facilities to host events for community partners (such as foster parent training)
- Room for wedding receptions (social hall)
- Space to gather for midweek Advent and Lent meals, monthly potlucks, townhalls, and service events (social hall)
- Updated warming kitchen with a serving window
- Storage space for event furnishings

DISCIPLESHIP —

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." –Jesus, Matthew 11:29

- Bible study spaces with greater capacity (social hall, classrooms, narthex, and library)
- Classrooms for weekly Sunday school, catechesis, VBS, and adult learning
- Space for growing youth ministry
- A comfortable and quiet setting for private confession and absolution, pastoral care, and counseling (pastor's office)
- A destination venue for guest speakers, retreats, and study weekends
- Space to invite friends to "come and see" John
 1:46 and "learn from me" Matt. 11:29

Praise's Goal

- Building project goal: \$2.0 million (Latest Opinion-of-Cost from our architect and builder: \$1.5 million plus contingencies and other needed furnishings and fixtures)
- Capital to be raised through special gifts from our members and support from friends of the congregation
- Goal is to spread God's Word and have room for growing the ministry of Christ Jesus (the Rock) among us and others

OUR OPPORTUNITY

How can you be involved? Pray, Participate, and Prepare —

- Pray that God blesses this effort
- Participate in the Capital Campaign events and Bible Studies
- Prepare prayerfully to make a sacrificial gift in response to the love that God has shown you

GIVE GLORY TO GOD

As we pray, participate, and prepare may we perceive the Spirit of Christ alive in our hearts and how He continues to work through us and among us to accomplish great things.

Consider our goal as something far greater than a typical fundraiser for a need; instead see this as an opportunity to invest in Christ's work and Kingdom for the sake of His beloved people including you, your family, and friends.

When responding, some members will look to their regular income as a source for their gift over and above their regular giving. Others will look to appreciated assets. Others still will sell items they would be willing to do without. (See *Three Year Commitment Totals*, right, and *Examples of Sacrificial Giving* on next page.)

Keep in mind that giving is a matter of priority. Giving is a matter of willingness — not a matter of wealth. Giving is a matter of opportunity and joy — not a matter of obligation.

Have this mind among yourselves, as you have been blessed by God, give back to Him prayerfully, thoughtfully, willingly, sacrificially, and cheerfully. Let all be done in prayer so that our congregation's ministry expansion can become a reality by His gracious blessing (not by our strivings and efforts).

> "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

Three-Year Commitment Totals by Amount

Significant commitments can be met when gifts are made incrementally by week or month. For some, annual gifts may be more practical.

Prayerfully consider your gift:

(numbers are rounded for simplicity)

Weekly	Monthly	Annually	3-Year Total
\$2,326	\$10,000	\$120,000	\$360,000
\$2,000	\$8,600	\$103,200	\$309,600
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$156,000
\$750	\$3,250	\$39,000	\$117,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$400	\$1,733	\$20,800	\$62,500
\$300	\$1,300	\$15,600	\$46,800
\$200	\$867	\$10,400	\$31,200
\$150	\$650	\$7,800	\$23,400
\$125	\$542	\$6,500	\$19,500
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$80	\$347	\$4,160	\$12,480
\$40	\$173	\$2,080	\$6,240
\$20	\$87	\$1,040	\$3,120
\$15	\$65	\$780	\$2,340
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$1,560
\$5	\$22	\$264	\$792
\$1	\$4	\$12	\$36

EXAMPLES OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Consider how others have made sacrificial gifts to help build churches and expand ministries as we are doing.

Type of Giving	Real World Examples	
Salary and budget	A man in Texas gave his annual bonus for total of \$250,000.	
Double Tithe	A pastor in Kansas doubled his tithe.	
Savings, investments, assets (stocks, bonds, real estate)	A pastor in Indiana gave his entire inheritance of \$52,000.	
Collections (art, cars, guns, coins, antiques)	A man in Illinois sold his family collection of stamps and gave the proceeds.	
"Gifts in Kind" (heating, air conditioning, roof, cement, flooring)	Various members of a Colorado congregation donated all the plumbing, concrete, and masonry – a total of \$150,000 of gifts in kind.	
Selling or giving up something (postpone home improvements or elaborate vacation)	A couple in New Jersey gave up a planned trip around the world and gave the total projected cost as their gift.	



"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

A Steward's Prayer

Lord God, Heavenly Father, Creator and Giver of all things, accept my praise and gratitude for the abundant blessings You have given me. You have given beyond my necessities of life and I am humbled by Your goodness.

Please grant me a heart of faith that will trust more fully and act more courageously because of Your abundant blessings. Keep me mindful of the great work of redemption You have accomplished for me and all people through Jesus Christ my Lord. Enable me to help spread this good news by committing my support in a way that is pleasing in Your sight.

This I earnestly pray in Jesus' name.

+ Amen +

ABOUT FIRST FRUITS AND TITHING

First fruits giving is giving to the Lord from the blessings already given as an act of worship. It is done before other expenses are factored. Tithe is the Hebrew word for "tenth." Abraham gave a tenth of everything to the Lord (Gen 14).

Tithing is the practice of giving 10% of your income to the Lord. It is the amount God asks his people to give as their first fruits offering (Deuteronomy 14:22-29, Malachi 3:6-12). Although the New Testament does not mention a specific percentage for Christian giving, Christians, compelled by Christ's love, often follow biblical patterns of giving a tenth or sometimes even more. They do so with generous hearts—as cheerful givers (2 Corinthians 9:7).



Tithing is a good way to begin placing everything we have in God's care. We give the first 10% or more not as a way of separating what is God's from what is ours, but as a way of remembering that everything we have belongs to God. We are to love God with our whole

heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:35-38). By grace and grace alone, first fruits giving of 10% or more is an act of our trust in God.

Tithing is both challenging and rewarding. To those who have never tithed before, the prospect of offering a tenth may seem unattainable or risky. But those who have dared to start with a tenth have discovered the joy of partnering in the work of the Lord. Some endeavor to give even more as a response to God's abundant blessings. Giving first fruits such as tithes is an act of worship of our God who Himself loves to give and already gave His greatest treasure. We give because He gave.

First Fruits and Beyond: A Guide to Giving								
			Weekly Giving					
Annual	Weekly	3%	5%	7%	9%	10%	12%	20%
Income	Income					Tithe		
\$5,200	\$100	\$3	\$5	\$7	\$9	\$10	\$12	\$20
10,500	200	6	10	14	18	20	24	40
26,000	500	15	25	35	45	50	60	100
41,600	800	24	40	56	72	80	96	160
83,200	1600	48	80	112	144	160	192	320
100,000	1,923	58	96	135	173	192	231	385
125,000	2,404	72	120	168	216	240	288	481
150,000	2,885	87	144	202	260	288	346	577
200,000	3,846	115	192	269	346	385	462	769
300,000	5,769	173	288	404	519	577	692	1,154
400,000	7,692	231	385	538	692	769	923	1,538
520,000	10,000	300	500	700	900	1,000	1,200	2,000

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Praise Lutheran Church is a vibrant and self-sufficient Lutheran congregation in Maryville, Tennessee that is able to reach out to the Blount County community of East Tennessee and support the mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Praise Lutheran Church has been currently operating at their existing location in a steel industrial building that was converted by talented and generous congregation members and supporters into a holy worship space. Recognizing the need for growth, Praise Lutheran Church is proposing to build a new church facility of sanctuary, classrooms and support spaces for the congregation adjacent to the existing building and repurpose the existing building as a social hall. The project is envisioned to be one story of +/-9,245 SF based on current needs and design requirements on the existing site location with

The new building will reflect the values and image of the church with the existing building façade being updated to match the new building promoting a church campus feel consistent with the direction the church is moving and their core values.

CRITERIA & GOALS

maximized parking.

The design for this project shall address the following needs, goals and objectives:

- Endeavor to complete the design and construction work within the determined design and construction
- schedule, while maintaining high standards of quality in all areas.

 During design, evaluate in detail all feasible options for potential cost savings. With the owner, determine those adjustments which will be implemented in order to maintain the high quality of the facility, while minimizing costs.
- Enhance the security of the facility and ability to increase site lines and visibility where appropriate.
- Maintain access to and use of adjacent site areas and neighboring buildings during construction.
- Maintain unimpeded access to and use of adjacent parking areas and fire lanes at all times during construction.



- Promote handicapped accessibility throughout the facility, in compliance with ADA requirements, including site improvements for accessible paths from parking and loading zones to all areas of the building.
- Go beyond ADA and code minimums to achieve a facility with functional accessibility, as required to fully address real-world needs of disabled persons.
- Address the delivery, trash, maintenance and service needs of the facility in the completed project, including
 provision of appropriately screened trash dumpsters and parking for service vehicles.
- Address energy conservation and sustainability issues in the building's design as appropriate.
- Address life safety issues and meet current code requirements.
- Develop separate procurement packages for work that can be expedited, possibly including abatement, demolition and long-lead-time equipment.
- Advise owner on the selection of furnishings and loose equipment, and coordinate with built-in elements.
- Develop and implement a proactive and collaborative team approach to delivering the overall project on time and within budget.

Mechanical / Electrical

- Provide adequate and appropriate interior and exterior lighting throughout.
- Provide network interconnection of all areas for fire alarm monitoring network.
- Provide domestic water piping and sewer utilities as required.
- Provide appropriately sized electrical and mechanical rooms.
- Provide waste plumbing lines and drains as required.
- Provide toilets, sinks, and plumbing items as required per plan.
- Provide storm water drain lines as required within project scope of work and budget.
- Provide all electrical components and main transformer as required.
- Provide a "wet pipe" sprinkler system as required.

Telecommunications & Security

- Provide phone, data and close circuit TV lines as required throughout.
- Wireless data service shall be provided as required.
- Security cameras & audio/video recording shall be provided per design as required.
- Building access control systems shall be provided per design.

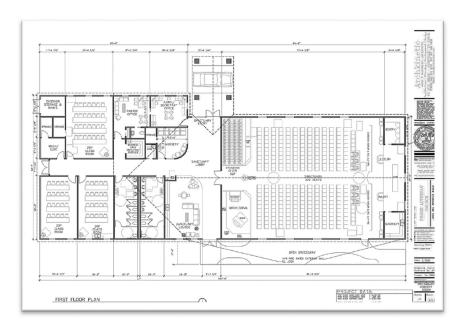
Site Improvements

- Parking: provide parking as required per facility and zoning. A&E shall verify an appropriate number of handicapped stalls are provided for facility, with an ADA-compliant ramp or walk / accessible path from HC stalls to facility entry.
- Exterior areas, patios, and entry areas shall be landscaped and configured to create inviting, usable spaces.

SPACE ALLOCATION

Proposed Space Requirements (new building) Spaces and SF are suggestions only and are subject to change based on final direction of program and design requirements.

Sanctuary	4,378 SF
Classroom 1	580 SF
Classroom 2 & 3	448 SF
Admin Office	227 SF
Nursery	217 SF
Sacristy / Vestry	101 SF
Narthex lounge area	469 SF
Men's and Women's Rooms	299 SF
Additional Spaces &	TBD SF
Requirements	



PRAISE LUTHERAN CHURCH – BUDGET VARIABLES (2.10.20)

- Utilization of people/vendors within the project's family and friend's network
- Amount of material moved/relocated from the building site and project site
- Amount of site material to be imported or exported
- Utilization of retaining walls or deep foundation systems if required
- Relocating subsurface utilities if required
- Storm water treatment solutions (drainage from building and adjacent areas at the proposed site)
- Unsuitable soils if encountered
- Additional program requirements not included or added (outdoor areas, pavilions, additional interior spaces, etc.)
- Sewer capacity, location, and tap fees
- Gas HVAC vs. electric
- Water meter/line location, size, and tap fees
- · Sprinkler systems, fire lines and hydrants utilities
- Acoustical treatments and additional specialty interior items
- Off-site paving (entrances and drives to the immediate project site)
- · Parking requirements in addition to proposed design drawings recommendations
- Extents of the existing building to conform to the new adjacent building architecture
- Volatility of certain building materials (steel and asphalt, lumber, etc.)
- Volatility of adverse weather conditions and its impact to construction schedule and budget
- Availability of recommended subcontractors and building partners affecting schedule and budget
- · Owner's expectation level and selection of materials and finishes corresponding with budget estimates
- Opportunities for general contractor or owner to self-perform at lower cost vs. construction schedule and budget
- Final F.F.E. (furniture, fixtures, and equipment) chosen by owner
- Jurisdictional / permitting agency requirements (ADA, site, building, etc.)

PRAISE LUTHERAN CHURCH Design – Build Project Delivery

Opinion of Costs Estimate (2.10.20)

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6.	Furniture, fixtures, and equipment (owner estimate/determined)	\$250,000
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5.	Contingency (owner estimate)	\$250,000
4.	New Building Construction Budget	\$1,100,000
3.	Sitework Budget	\$280,000
2.	Renovation Costs for Current Structure	\$35,000
	Additional Design Services and Costs	\$0
1.	Design Contract Services Architecture and Engineering A/E Services	\$85,000

Total Project Opinion of Costs Estimate

\$2,000,000

Notes:

- Excludes land, bonds, taxes, vertical/lateral deep foundation systems, rock, unsuitable soils, utility extensions and improvements/upgrades, specialized engineering, etc.
- See "Budget Variables" above for items that may affect cost and are yet to be determined or realized.
- Opinion of Costs Estimate is based on current concept designs for the grand vision and expectations of the project
 and may be subject to change as additional phases of project proceed, owner expectation changes and adjustments,
 architecture, and engineering design changes or per schedule lapses.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will we break ground?

Our hope for breaking ground on the new structure is during the year 2022. Our architect and builder will advise us when lumber prices or engineering solutions are in relative proximity to their opinion of cost for the new build and renovation of our existing space. Assuming certain funding goals are met with the help of our *Immeasurably More* capital campaign, the factors most likely to speed up or delay the timeline include material availability and costs, the permit approval process, and labor availability.

What can I do to help achieve the vision of expanding the ministry at Praise?

1) Pray. 2) Come to Bible Studies and events to learn more about Biblical and sacrificial giving. 3) Attend campaign events to become well informed and inspired. 4) Begin to consider your own ability to give a sacrificial gift for expanding the ministry of Praise Lutheran. 5) Spread the word to others who may be interested in supporting the campaign and worshipping with us now and in the future.

How is parking going to be impacted once the building process starts?

Our Property Committee and the Builder will work together to find best solutions to minimize impact on parking and entering safely for church and activities. It may mean parking in the grass for a period or having to lay down additional gravel.

Will the new parking areas have lighting?

Yes! Lighting solutions, including exterior and parking areas, is something the build team will address in upcoming A&E (architectural and engineering) phases. What a benefit that will be to our members and visitors who come to worship after sundown! We will consider the factors of strength, color/warmth, and energy costs for both indoor and outdoor lighting.

Will the new church have a nursery?

Yes, our current architectural floor plans include a conveniently located nursery for nursing moms, toddlers, etc.

Will the Sanctuary have stained glass windows?

The build team has already identified several window areas in the Sanctuary proper (near the altar) where stained glass may add beauty in the house of the Lord. Upcoming engineering work could present us with ideas and more specific design options and costs. If necessary, a special committee could be formed to help research all options, consult with liturgical design specialists, and present designs to the congregation. It may not be part of the initial build, but later we will have the option of replacing or adding stained glass medium to any number of windows in the nave. Initially, however, most or all windows will simply be clear.

How will we fund the construction of the new building and renovation of our current space?

The goal of the capital campaign is to help us see the need, blessings, and impact that our proposed new House of Living Stones will be for Christ, for our members, for the Knoxville Circuit and Mid-South District of the LCMS, and for our growing community. Through generous commitments from members and friends of the congregation, we hope to fund a large portion (or perhaps even all!) of the build in order to minimize the need for a loan. With little or no loan, think how much more we could expand the ministry, deepen our investment in missions, and impact our community for Christ the Lord and His saving truth!

Will the new worship space have wooden pews?

Our new worship space will continue to use our current worship chairs. We likely will need more of these when it comes time to move into our new space. The option to have wooden pews in the future is a possibility, if the congregation desired such, but it is not included in the opinion of costs and plans for the new build. Note: the architect's rendering does visualize the space with wooden pews, but that was simply what the software could do for demonstration purposes. Our custom chairs could not easily be rendered.



BUILDING UPON THE ROCK

OUR FUTURE

God is writing Praise Lutheran Church's future, and you have an important place in it. As we endeavor to build up the ministry of Christ Jesus in East Tennessee, may these words from Malachi bring you comfort and excitement. God grant us more than we think or imagine by His grace.

"Bring the entire tithe into the storehouse so that there may be food in my temple. Test me in this matter," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "to see if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out blessing for you until there is no room for it all."

For more information and to view 3D animations, make a special commitment, or give today visit: praiselutheran.com/build



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