

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN at ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

September 18 - 19 update

New School Project

Zion Lutheran School was created as a mission by the Zion Church. Our school has established a superior reputation for education and leadership. Through the years, the original school has served many students, but it has surpassed its life span. The need to create a modern learning environment for our young children while keeping Our Lord in the forefront of their life is greater now more than ever. Many of our classrooms are serving 25 students and desk space is at capacity.

The new school is to be built directly south of the gym with the main entrance of the school facing south. The current gym, kitchen, lunchroom and most recent school addition will remain. When it comes to the construction phase, the old school will remain open and operable so we can continue to serve our students without interruption.

The goal of this update is to keep open communication with our Congregation. So, what is the status of the project?

Capital Campaign

The Voters Board hired the Steier Group to lead the capital campaign following the completion of a five-week planning study. The review provided us with a realistic estimate of contributions that could be made towards the project. They acquired the information through personal interviews and surveys. Per the special voters meeting on September 12, 2022, the Steier Group feels comfortable proposing we could raise \$3.3 million - \$3.8 million. Capital campaigning is the most effective way to reduce the burden of debt to our congregation. We welcome any opportunity to meet any person or business that you feel would be beneficial to our campaign.

The next phase of our efforts is to prepare for the actual campaign. It is important we build positive momentum and get our story out. Over the next seven weeks, the Steier Group will be preparing the materials needed to best tell our story. They will also train our campaign volunteers on how to communicate effectively with potential donors. The active pledge phase of the campaign will begin in early November and continue through the middle of January.

Building Design

Currently we have a beautiful concept and are working with Battle Creek (BC) Builders to provide us with floor plans. Plans are in process, and we expect to have floor plans with a broken-out bid in 2.5 to 3 months. The primary reason we have chosen to move forward with BC Builders is they are not requiring any money up front to give us a rendering, floor plan and bid. Other companies we contacted would require an engineer to be hired which would require additional fees upfront.

The design is two stories and includes a main entrance for the gym, a library, nine classrooms, bathrooms, maintenance facilities and an elevator. We would continue to utilize the classrooms and locker rooms in the most current school addition.



Enrollment History at Zion Lutheran School

Year	Kindergarten – 8th Grade	Preschool
2022	110	21
2021	98	24
2020	88	25
2019	90	23
2018	83	25
2017	75	26
2016	76	17
2015	76	20
2014	68	36
2013	72	18
2012	68	12

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions below is a list of volunteers on our building committee board:

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 Brandon Hamilton
 Casey Krueger
 Kayla Hoffmann
 Laura Benes
 Mike Krueger

Ryan Babl
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We feel it is important to note that the teachers have been very involved in sharing needs and priorities that will best serve their classrooms.