

WORKING TOWARD THE FUTURE



FORT LEWIS BAPTIST CHURCH

As you know, we formed a Vision Team in November 2024. Their job was to determine what we need to do as a church to better serve our current population and to minister to the next generation for Christ.

After five months of diligent prayer, research and discussion, the Vision Team is recommending four areas for immediate improvement. These changes will be our “short-term” fix, which will allow us to grow into a financial position to pursue a “long-term” solution.

The below upgrades/changes will be mostly funded with \$30K from the Johnson Trust Fund and undesignated funds located in the church’s money market account.

1. Restroom Renovations

Both restrooms on the ground floor will be remodeled into single use, either-gender facilities, complete with baby changing amenities as well as door locks to indicate when rooms are in use. The current men’s room will be overhauled to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Estimated Cost: \$6K.

2. Centrally Located Children’s Church

At present, the nursery and subsequent ages’ rooms are scattered around the church. This can be confusing and even a bit unsettling for guests and new attendees. While we have not settled on the exact arrangement of upstairs rooms to make this possible, the leaders of our Weekday Kids Ministry and our Sunday Children’s Ministry are committed to working together in this decision-making process.

Estimated Cost: TBD

3. Dedicated Youth Area

The youth group is poised to jump in numbers primarily due to an influx of eleven rising 6th graders but currently does not have a dedicated meeting area with its own point of entry. Access to food is also important when hosting teenagers. To address this need, our current fellowship hall will be repurposed into the youth area (actual moniker TBD). New flooring, paint, new furniture and amenities will transform the area into a space where our youth can be comfortable and to which they’ll be excited to invite their friends.

Estimated Cost for new flooring: \$8K

Additional Remodeling Cost (paint, furniture, etc): \$5K raised through this year’s Fort Lewis 5K