

Christ Lutheran Campus Planning Committee, Focus Group responses

Sanctuary space - 22 different comments related to pew reconfiguration, turn entry to the parking lot, speaker system, lighting, larger balcony, AV screens, larger canopy,

Wondering if we should start a Mid-week service?

What about a 9:30 service again?

Real contemporary worship. Who are we targeting for worship? Need to target the 30's to attract replacement for congregation members.

Could possibly have Church & Sunday School as one building so Parents would attend with their children.

Parking & restrooms need help

Need 3 Pastors

The Church Endowment fund needs to grow

Christ Lutheran needs a small bus or van to shuttle members to Church from the nursing home. This vehicle could also be used by the school

In the Church we need to get rid of all the paneling. The entrance doors need to be sealed up; they are not energy efficient and are inaccessible to a wheelchair bound person who is trying to get into the church by themselves. The windows in the church are also not energy efficient.

Need to hire a person to do technology and do pod costs and continually update our technology.

There needs to be a Retreat House or Center for all of Northeast Nebraska to use.

7 comments related to expanding the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, socializing area, meeting rooms, better seating

4 comments to close the alley

Various comments related to the need for fellowship. Widow, divorced singles groups, couples club, Parish Nurse, computer and digital camera classes, young couples and college age, men's bible classes, trips for seniors, assisted living buildings, and Christian Counselor on staff

Place in church for people who are handicapped. Not be limited to the back row, but be able to sit with their family. Have shortened pews for wheelchairs.

Working with families to help them through difficult times. Parenting, single parents, unwed parents, divorced.

Education is a strength, using Bible studies for addressing issues. Spaces to meet for Bible studies and other meetings.

Young couples Bible studies – money management, relationships, something of interest and applicable to their life now.

Regardless of facilities, we need to be touching people.

Marketing tool would be to have the child care, pre-school & school in one building because the child could transition easily.

Revamp old gym for lunch room and build a new gym which could be used also as a large Fellowship Hall area

We start younger, but we are losing our youth and then our young married couples. An example was given that our couples' night has ended. This event had child care opportunities for young families and great events. We used to have a young family focus. Our priorities have shifted as a society. How do we pull the church back to the first priority in today's families.. A facility that reflects that priority would be a start.

Our focus cannot be entirely on the young, what about the older generation of the congregation. Intergenerational activities are presently impeded due the fact that we only have the fellowship hall for such events.

The library is not practical when it is locked. It should be moved somewhere so it can be used. Would it be possible to be put between stairs in narthex?

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There needs to be a library for the Congregation where we could check out books and/or donate used Christian books for others to use.

A fellowship area with couches and relaxing area that could be used for Bible Classes, small group sessions, etc.

Place to keep people in need of a place to stay that would have a shower & cot in it.

Assisted living area run by the Church

We need women and families to usher.

We need families to do things, such as Altar Guild.

Youth are our future – youth housing made better

Need to have the kids (youth) here. May need to have a meeting at the youth house.

College Ministry – we lose them at college, then they go somewhere else. Keeping them connected can build the child care and day school. Our younger families are not joining as often.

Need to get young people active. College age students.

New facility should be built for ½ Child Care and ½ Youth.

College age ministry needs to be done as well as a young singles group.

Some congregations are doing a Christian Coffee House for high school and college age students. It is open every day after school.

One participant said they had heard the youth say that the youth house was chopped up and not a large area for fellowship.

Youth activities are a positive draw for new members of that age.

Youth house is a negative for kids and adults.

Young adult group started – out of high school.

Daycare and youth house share a common building

Create a combination youth and new day care facility. –youth activities are at night after child care would be empty and the two would be able to share space.

Kent suggested coffee shop option for youth.

Attract youth into facility that is not the daycare. A place where youth feel they could hang out. A place that is their own and is not shared with other ministries.

Youth would benefit from a new youth facility. Inviting friends what if we were connected to gym for more space.

11 comments that the Daycare needs attention – TLC

Look to the future with ministry to the Child Care and Youth – to encourage them to come to our school.

Preschool and daycare are big mission projects. Families that are unchurched are encouraged to attend.

Family from Iowa called and had heard about our preschool, but looked at the daycare and didn't call back.

Social Services will pay for daycare/preschool if they are combined, but not preschool if separate.

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Child Care by the Playground???
MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) might be an area where we could expand.
Childcare enrollment could be increased with a new facility. It is also a lead into our school. A more modern facility for child care would be attractive.
We need a youth band and youth to usher.
Could we reach more kids by a Christian coffee house, not just a youth house?
Should provide space and direct ministry toward college age
A new gym will draw more students
Put the youth in the old school – upstairs
The youth house needs attention
The youth is where congregation is building from – focus on our youth more.
Gym is inadequate – definitely
Sports groups for social aspects.
Musical concerts & band concerts – we need a place for all.
New gym for athletic use.
Better marketing of the school, especially in light of the current problems at the public school. (??)
Gym and kitchen in the school and kitchen in the fellowship hall
A new gym for the school could be built by taking out homes. This would also allow space for a childcare and youth all in one new large building. The old gym could become the new music space or cafeteria--with the hope that this would help enrollment for our school.
The school gym should be turned into lunch room or band room, new gym parking where youth house & child care are.
Asbestos issue in old school
It is hard to drop off kids at the Child care and get backed out when school is going on.
Move the school out by Lutheran High Northeast
Faculty pay should be comparable to Norfolk Public Schools
Check-in system needs to be more important and watched more carefully at the Child Care. Security issues
Entrance to the school on the west side is not effective
No place for kids to play on a grass area
Child Care should be in the School building so that they children are not walking in the parking lots
The old school needs to be renovated

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The gym should be turned into the lunch and a new gym built

Smart Boards in the school classrooms

There should be a covered entrance to the school on the south side.

Improve the music room at another location

Landscaping is positive improvement

A book and gift store that could sell books, Christian items and Christ Lutheran clothing

More (stronger) outreach in the community needs to be done so all hear God's word

Work more on youth to find out why they don't attend.

Utilize old addition for youth or day care and remove old houses to build a gym

What do we do with the open lot to the south of Pasewalk? Can we sell it and put that money to better use.

Make the fence on the west side (along 5th Street) more attractive.

By balancing the budget we've cut the mission budget! Need to have more attention put on this!

Balance missions here & abroad.

People are moving from our area, but may need to move facilities to where the people are.

Restrooms need to be remodeled.

Storage needs to be a substantial part of any new blueprint.

Combining school and church offices to share personnel and equipment.

Old School – Could be improved and possibly used as Youth House. It has a new roof, but it would need new windows & insulation. Project upgrading would cost 70-80% of building new.

Remodel old School for Sunday School since it is used for Sunday School now. Also use it for college-age ministry.

Cafeteria kitchen should be moved to the school gym along with the bank room.

Christ Lutheran should acquire the last house in the block.

Space for expansion is not a problem.

Build between Church & School would be very nice.

Do the youth like their "Youth House"

How can you add to the old school and make it ADA accessible? Heating and air conditioning would need to be updated.

The roof of the old school had to be fixed to accommodate the band and hot lunch programs.

Parking has to be easily accessible and available for the handicapped

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Group discussion had went away from ministry to the brick & mortar. Participant asked that we go back to ministry.

Everything under one roof – most thought that was a good idea. One member said “no, then if you have a fire, everything burns down”

Multi-use building tours of other facilities would be good for the Committee to do.

Multi-use building for all areas would be good.

Buy the gray house first before doing any expansion.

More storage – a secure place for each organization.

Old school may be able to be renovated.

Better information center (King of Kings in Omaha)

Connect the church and school – maybe some reorientation

Atrium between the two buildings

Reorganize the old wing of school

Closing the alley

Sides of sanctuary seating be movable seating and just use the two main center sections

Where will we park with all of these new buildings? There is a possibility for parking north of school.

What about building in old (current) parking lot and creating new parking where homes are currently? The facility would be one connected building. The current storage, office, narthex, fellowship hall, and kitchen spaces are all insufficient in meeting current needs. If we were connected we could more easily share space.

Old section of the current school should/could be removed.

Question about the land that is across the street and whether it could be used for parking.

Wally suggested trying to make the facility more handicapped accessible. Could leave space for a circle drive off of Fifth Street.

Closing the ally would be an option.

Houses are becoming eyesores.

Any facility should be built at ground level for accessibility. The example of the old gym was given as a hindrance for some current events. Ramps are also a possibility.

Something we don't have is the people to step and do things--example given about greeters not knowing everyone. Wednesday night group in the gym, and the other activities, when I quit no one stepped up to take it over. Eighth grade softball team was dropped when I had to quit. PTL has disappeared. We don't need buildings; we need a way to pass the torch.

Modern technology is lacking from top to bottom

See the south lot due to lack of use

Need a new kitchen

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There needs to be a way to get from the Church to the School without going outside

Purchase the gray house

Larger Kitchens

Move the church offices

Larger restrooms

All Norfolk LCMS churches should be a large facility by LHNE and combine resources. Why do the 4 congregations compete with each other?

There should be a sign that directs people to the correct entrance at the school

Video conferencing needs to be available for the School and Church

Buy Central Park from the City of Norfolk and use it for Christ Lutheran Outdoor Ministry

Someone to work with spiritual gifts.

Consolidate the several buildings we have (We have 6 kitchens – none of which are adequate.)

Consider security of current site arrangement