



GROWING LEGACY

FOR THE GOSPEL

Dear Desert Foothills Family,

I am so thankful for what God has done through us these past few years, and I am so excited about God’s plans for the next few years. What an exhilarating time to be serving the Lord at Desert Foothills!

As I reflect on my own journey and how God was preparing me for a moment like this, I am certain you can sense the same. God’s hand preparing you for this moment of significance, where you will meaningfully impact the mission of Jesus right here, right now, and for generations to come.

Around the time I was graduating college, Pastor Eugene Beyer was leading the efforts to plant a Lutheran church and preschool ministry in North Scottsdale. The DNA of our church family is to love each other and share Jesus’ love with our neighbors, whether we are meeting in a bar or in a beautiful sanctuary. Our first place of worship was the Pinnacle Patio Bar & Grill. Our congregation answered God’s call to build worship and preschool facilities in 1998 and to later expand to add preschool classrooms and a new building for fellowship and building community.

Pastor Jeremy and I are convinced that God is calling us again to step up in faith, building what really is a third phase, to improve and expand our ministries even more. We will maximize the use of our great property and location, fulfilling the dreams of our founders to make a significant impact in our community. Pastor Jeremy and I are both committed to leading Desert Foothills through this expansion and through the following years of growth we will enjoy because of it.

I am asking you to join us in making a personal commitment to our Lord, in service to the work He is doing at Desert Foothills. Consider what a generous gift of time and money would be for you but then pray about what an extravagant gift would be. Some of our church family will be going as far as making sacrificial gifts to answer God’s call upon us. The Lord will honor, bless, and multiply our efforts and gifts to do great things for the Gospel!

The following information has been prepared by many people, listening to the Holy Spirit and giving of their talents and time. Please enjoy dreaming about what God can do when we come together around His mission and purpose.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Mark

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Sanctuary Expansion and Update

Expanding the size of the sanctuary will increase our capacity for worshipers. Adding a music room will create a space for our wonderful musicians and singers to practice. We will add a cry room with a window into the Sanctuary and nursery classrooms right off of the narthex. The carpet, paint, pews, lights, and speakers are original and will receive a complete overhaul to create a warm, welcoming, and reverent space for Divine Worship. This capital improvement will enhance and increase the impact of our ministries dedicated to worship. Increasing the capacity of the room will eliminate that barrier to growth. The quality of the experience will increase immensely with a refresh of materials and upgrades in technology. Our wonderful music ministry will expand, blessing us in our worship of the Lord.



New Contemporary Worship Center

We have quickly outgrown our makeshift worship venue for contemporary services, and we anticipate that will continue to be a fast-growing service. We have designed a state-of-the-art and stunning building to host our worship services and be a concert hall available to the community. Our architect has designed what will definitely be the landmark on North Scottsdale Road. Because we are grandfathered in, no other building will ever be closer to the street than ours. Worship is the most important thing we do. We have to increase capacity for this service. We will be wise to maximize the impact we can make with a new, amazing venue.



Renovated Children's Ministry Building

Providing excellent children's ministry is a key factor separating growing churches from dwindling churches. Renovating the current Worship Center (former Fellowship Hall) into a dedicated Children's Ministry building will provide an amazing environment for church ministry on Sundays and evenings, while also providing preschool classrooms and indoor play areas. For our children to grow in faith and for our children's ministry to grow in number, we must communicate to the children that we want them here, that we are expecting them and want them to have fun while they learn about Jesus.



New Family Life Center/Gymnasium

A new Family Life Center next to (south of) the Children's Ministry Building will include a college-size basketball court, youth room, meeting rooms, rest rooms with showers, and church offices. This incredible facility will share the love of Jesus by being a community center. We will staff it and program it so that the community will be welcomed for events, meetings, and sports leagues. Our youth will grow in their very own exciting youth room.



Preschool Remodel and Update

The preschool building will receive an update – paint, carpet, and playground. The current playground outside the classroom will be replaced with new equipment. A brand new playground will be placed outside the front door of the preschool so it can also be used after church on Sundays by all our children. Two restrooms will be added to the Kindergarten classroom, and an outdoor sink will be installed for the students. The pony wall around the current playground will be lowered to a height the children can sit on and the teachers can better see the children at all times. Our preschool is a shining example of Desert Foothills sharing Jesus' love with future generations – for over 20 years now. These capital improvements will greatly enhance our care for our students and attract even more families to our school.



New Outdoor Gathering Spaces

A large, grassy cloister will be created between the rows of buildings – between the Children's Building and Family Life Center on the east and the Sanctuary and Worship Center on the west. This will create a welcoming, fun space to gather, fellowship, meet, and play. From the large south parking lot, the main entrance to our campus will be obvious. Being able to grow together in fellowship outdoors is a wonderful Arizona blessing. We will maximize these opportunities between worship services, after preschool daily dismissals, and at many evening events, like movie night or Oktoberfest.



New Nurseries and Cry Rooms

Each worship venue will have its own Cry Room. The three Nursery classrooms will be located in between the two worship venues. Making space that young parents want, shows we are considerate of their needs and want them to grow with us in faith and love.



Expanded and Connected Lobby/Narthex

The two worship venues will share the same lobby, nursery rooms, and coffee bar. Greater connections will be made with the two worship venues next to each other, sharing the commons space. Monument Sign, Expanded Parking and Redesign Flow. The new Worship Center will be very noticeable to passing cars, and the new sign will welcome and direct guests into our main parking lot (south). The new buildings necessitate moving parking south and allows us the opportunity to improve the traffic flow and orientation of our campus. Two large, cast in place concrete portals will clearly define the main entrance. Can the love of Jesus be shared through architecture, signs, and driveways? We think so. Even a clear, easy-to-follow entrance and driveway show that we are intentional about first-time guests being able to find our church and navigate their way to a parking spot and a pew.



② CAMERA SHOT - SOUTHWEST CORNER
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OUR MISSION

The congregation entered into a partnership with The Lutheran Church Extension Fund, Ministry Solutions, to review our mission and ministry plans. This led to the development of a three-year Immeasurably More Capital Campaign designed to raise additional funds, over and above current giving, in support of ministry projects that will enhance our congregation's future ministry as we “are privileged to share Jesus’ love with present and future generations.”

Through prayerful consideration of the congregation's feedback received at our congregation's vision and discernment event in September 2021, Pastors Mark McCrory, Pastor Jeremy Da Pena, and our Vision Team discerned where God was leading Desert Foothills in three main areas:

- Improvements to the worship venues
- Expanding our ability to serve children, youth, and families
- Expanding our ability to accommodate more community groups

God is continuing to lead His people at Desert Foothills into the mission field of North Scottsdale to reach the lost and broken in our midst. God reminded us that He is calling us to faithfully and regularly worship Him and spend time in His presence through prayer and study of His Word during the week. Through these, He will inform His people in the many ways they can serve those in need by building trusting relationships with them and ultimately be the means by which He uses to proclaim the gospel through our words and deeds. The Vision Team also looked at ways we can better utilize the many blessings God has already provided to do His work in His creation.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Desert Foothills will be strengthened and enhanced as the congregation focuses on:

Current Facilities:

- Re-purpose and improve current facilities to strengthen existing ministries and community outreach by expanding and updating our beautiful Sanctuary for our traditional worship services and hosting weddings and funerals.
- Provide dedicated children’s space and more effectively utilize the old fellowship hall and kitchen.

These improvements will create new opportunities for our existing facilities to serve our congregation and neighbors, providing available gathering spaces for community events, group activities, worship, receptions and other events. Adding bathrooms and improving the playground at the preschool are upgrades that will enable us to better serve our community.

New Facilities:

- Construction of a new, Contemporary Worship venue to connect to young families and provide a concert venue for North Scottsdale.
- Construction of a new Family Life Center that will provide recreation spaces for community events, sports leagues, and meetings. This will also greatly enhance ministries to our own children, youth, and preschool families every day of the week.



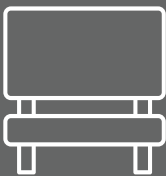
② 3D View 11



③ 3D View 12



① 3D View 10



New Monument Sign

Add a new monument sign so that tens of thousands of passersby on Scottsdale Road will be aware of all God is doing when they see the new sign that welcomes and invites them to be a part of our community.



Sound

Update and improve sound, audio, and musical equipment that will enhance worship spaces for all ages



Outdoor Gathering Spaces

Provide new, large Outdoor Gathering Spaces to allow for church and community groups to come together in person to meet outside while enjoying our amazing climate.



Columbarium

Build out the columbarium in our Memorial Garden for family members to inter loved ones.



Parking/Traffic Flow

Increase number of parking spaces; Improve traffic flow around campus; Create a clear main entrance to the buildings on the campus.



SCOTTSDALE ROAD

EXISTING
PARKING

EXPANDED
PRESCHOOL

REMODELED
CHILDREN'S
BUILDING

EXISTING
PARKING

EXPANDED
SANCTUARY

CLASSROOM
ADDITION

NEW WORSHIP
CENTER

NEW FAMILY
LIFE CENTER

NEW SHADE
STRUCTURE

NEW PARKING

SITE PLAN

Investing in renovations of existing facilities will allow us to make better use of existing spaces throughout the campus. Building new facilities will allow us to have state-of-the-art worship facilities, children’s spaces, youth spaces, and community center facilities. It will allow us to open up our campus to community groups from music and theater to sports leagues and small groups. It will allow us to share Christ’s love through hosting counseling services and classes to address marriage and family-life challenges, substance abuse and recovery groups, life skills education (e.g. budgeting, health, healthy cooking). We will become more widely known as “THE place for care and community,” where people can gather to improve their lives while at the same time experiencing the love of Christ.

The new facility will also provide space for our growing Senior Ministry programs. Programming will include weekly on-site exercise classes (chair yoga, stretching, etc.); open gym for daily walking; indoor Pickleball; organized card/dominoes games; monthly bingo; quarterly/monthly speaker luncheons; on-site parish nurse program.

The renovations of the current Worship Center into a new Children’s Ministry Building will add three large classrooms with a large fourth open space. This provides excellent space for Sunday morning children’s ministry and increases usable, indoor space for our preschool.

	CURRENT FACILITIES	FUTURE FACILITIES	TOTAL ADDED
SANCTUARY	8,900 SF	12,500 SF	+3,600 SF
PRESCHOOL	6,062 SF	6,200 SF	+138 SF
WORSHIP CENTER	6,675 SF	6,675 SF	+0 SF
NEW WORSHIP CENTER	0 SF	9,337 SF	+9,337 SF
FAMILY LIFE CENTER	0 SF	13,415w SF	+13,415 SF
TOTAL	21,637 SF	48,127 SF	+26,490 SF
Many of the capital improvements in this campaign are to eliminate current barriers to growth. Our parking, contemporary worship services, and preschool classes are presently limited by the facilities we currently have. In those cases, “build it and they will come” is true because the staff and programing are already in place to accommodate larger numbers of people.			
SANCTUARY	215 People	380 People	+165 People
WORSHIP CENTER	175 People	400 People	+225 People
PARKING	153 Spots	270 Spots	+117 Spots

PROJECT TIMELINE

INFORM PHASE

JANUARY 9, 2022

LAUNCH DATE

Our launch date is Sunday, January 9, 2022. Additional Forums, newsletters, brochures and other information will be provided to keep the congregation fully informed about the campaign. Your insights, questions, comments, and prayers will be so important to God’s blessings in this campaign.

INSPIRE PHASE

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

LAUNCH DATE

The congregation is invited to pray and grow in faith through a series of Bible studies, events, and sermons.

IMPACT PHASE

MARCH 6, 2022

LAUNCH DATE - Commitment Celebration Sunday

All members are invited to return three-year commitment cards to the GROWING LEGACY for the GOSPEL campaign.

MARCH 27, 2022

COMMITMENTS BEGIN

The three-year giving period will begin with IMPACT Sunday on March 27, 2022.

JANUARY 2023

POTENTIAL GROUNDBREAKING

Getting plans approved through the City of Scottsdale is estimated to take one year, so groundbreaking could be January 2023.

EASTER 2024

POTENTIAL DEDICATION

Building out all three phases will take approximately 14 months, so dedication could be as soon as Easter 2024

MARCH 2025

END OF COMMITMENTS

Gifts will be received through March 2025.



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FUNDRAISING GOAL

ORIGINAL GOAL

Our Original Goal affords us the opportunity to build with the assistance of additional funding from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

\$8 MILLION

PRAISE GOAL

Our Praise Goal allows us to build with minimal to no outside assistance.

\$12 MILLION

HALLELUIAH GOAL

Our Halleluiah Goal allows us to build without any outside assistance, while also paying off all current debt.

\$16 MILLION

This is a “congregation-wide” campaign. We are asking every member to commit dollars and hours to focus and strengthen the ministries that will enable us to “share Jesus’ love with present and future generations.” We need your steadfast prayers. Pray that God helps you discern His vision of what Desert Foothills will be like 25 years from now. Pray that God helps you discern how you will generously support this campaign which will allow Desert Foothills to reach any and all in our community who are lost.

You will receive a Giving Guide that serves as an excellent way for you to envision a three-year commitment that positions and strengthens Desert Foothills to move boldly forward in mission. Givers at every level are valued and valuable. You may choose on your commitment card to contribute weekly, monthly, one-time, or multiple gifts, lead gifts, contributions from qualified retirement distributions, stocks, and other assets and resources God has provided. We do ask that you return a commitment card so that we can thank you for your gifts and celebrate the overall results with all the members as we reach the giving goal.

CONSTRUCTION PHASES

PHASE 1: The new Contemporary Worship Center, the refresh of the preschool and children’s building, most of the parking upgrades, and site work.

PHASE 2: The expansion of the Sanctuary, addition of the choir room, nursery classrooms, removing the offices to make a connected lobby between the worship venues, and complete the parking and cloister/courtyard.

PHASE 3: The new Family Life Center, which includes a Youth Room, Meeting Rooms, and Church Offices.

THE COMMITMENT TO THIS CAMPAIGN IS NOT ONE OF EQUAL GIVING, BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE.

The Capital Campaign is a three-year commitment to give above our regular offerings. The ministries of the Church will continue while the capital improvements are taking place over the next three years.

