



Christ our Cornerstone

Our Church - Mortgage Commitment

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church



St. Paul's Mission & Vision

Mission Statement

To use the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in its truth and purity in order to nurture the faith of the congregation's members for carrying out the Lord's will, and to reach out to others for bringing them to faith in the Savior.

Our Vision

Bring Jesus and his Word to more people, more often!



How did building support our mission and vision?

A new church sanctuary...

- Hold more worshipers allowing us to gather in greater numbers in one place, more welcoming to visitors
- Is handicapped accessible making it easier for all our congregation and community members with disabilities to easily attend.
- Provide modern audio/visual capabilities with the capability to use technology to better inform and teach members through various forms of modern media;
- Attached to the school allowing the school children and faculty to use it for worship, chapel devotions, and singing practice for services.

A new church entryway (narthex)

- Large enough for people to mingle and spend time visiting indoors;
- More appealing to visitors (outreach) and members.

A large fellowship area...

- Able to hold over 150 people for fellowship activities, dinners, luncheons, etc.
- Available for larger Bible studies, Pioneer activities and meetings, youth meetings, Ladies Aid gatherings, etc.



By God's grace, St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School continue to grow

	Members	Communicants	School	Preschool
2005	800	632	68	27
2017	934	729	97	23

	Called Workers
2005	6
2017	8



Further Blessings from the Lord at St. Paul's over the Past 10 Years

- 500+ new members through our doors, with a net growth of 130
- 57 adult and 107 child confirmations
- 55 weddings
- 178 baptisms
- 80 Christian funerals committing God's children to his eternal care.
- Expanded worship and music presentation area that has allowed special groups to lead us in worship:
 - Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus Koine'
 - WLA Traveling Choir Branches Band
 - Caeli Orchestra Chris Driesbach
- "Home" for Joyful Witness adult choir and an annual concert host.
- Multi-use of the whole facility enabling us to host various and numerous events and groups simultaneously.



Our Church - Mortgage Commitment

Construction Costs \$ 2,555,775.34

Initial Mortgage \$ 2,364,398.64

Current Balance \$ 1,677,482.80

2007 20 year Mortgage
6.75% interest \$ 18,381 Monthly Payment

2017 22 year Mortgage
3.75% interest \$ 10,449 Monthly Payment
\$ 1,000 Additional Payment

Renewal Date – Sept 20, 2017



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Why are we asking for a 3 year commitment now?

- A continuation of the process begun 10 years ago.
- Before the building project began, members made generous commitments to the “Christ our Cornerstone” Building Fund Appeal.
- Two years ago members continued the process, once again committing to help reduce the building mortgage debt, above and beyond their weekly offerings.
- It keeps our debt reduction responsibility in our hearts and minds.
- It is useful for planning both personally as we consider our gifts, and congregationally as we seek to renegotiate our mortgage and pay off the debt in a responsible manner.
- As verification for the bank that we can meet our monthly payments



Psalm 116:12 says: “How can I repay my God for all the Lord’s goodness to me?”

These Mortgage Reduction Commitments are vitally important to our congregations ministry. Through it we can make financial plans to pay for our facility that is such a wonderful house of worship and tool for outreach to the community.

We are encouraging all of our members to pray about what God is asking them to give to support this appeal - and then to act in faith as they commit to those gifts. We are not suggesting a specific amount of money that members should give. However, before deciding on an amount to give, please reflect on the love Jesus has demonstrated to each of us. Then, in response to that love, we encourage you to consider your Mortgage Reduction Commitment to St. Paul’s.

Whatever your decision, be assured that your promise card will be handled confidentially. Even if you cannot make a promise gift at this time, please sign the card, indicating your prayerful support, and return it by June 4th.

2 Corinthians 9:7 “God loves a cheerful giver.”



Thank you! For your attention and taking to heart the encouragement of God's Word.

