

StJLC Proposed Renovation Projects

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Overview: The 2019 StJLC Master Plan Report, approved by the congregation on September 29, 2019, includes several projects for consideration by the congregation. Two of these projects are renovation of the Historic Chapel and the Shepherd House. A description of these is included below.

Project 1 – Historic Chapel: The proposed modifications to the Historic Chapel include installing a partition wall in the east wing (to make both wings symmetrical around the altar forming a uniform cross-like configuration), remodel of the Sacristy, creation of a handicapped accessible restroom, and interior redesign of these areas. Additionally, the interior will be painted and the pews will be reupholstered. Finally, it will provide a room that can be used for wedding preparations or other needs.

Project 2 – Shepherd House: The 1980s addition (rear portion) will be removed due to a foundation problem which has caused sinking and separation of the walls. The original structure will be renovated to include significant interior redesign and upgrades. With the proximity to the Historic Chapel, it could be used as a bride's room for weddings, family gathering place for funerals as well as a meeting space. The plan also includes a handicapped accessible restroom and kitchen.

Way Ahead. In order to move these projects forward, an affirmative vote by the congregation is needed. Therefore, the Council would like to put forward the two motions below. The costs for these projects would be paid for from the Building Fund which currently has approximately \$300,000 available. Donations to the designated Building Fund are highly encouraged.

Motion 1: The Property Committee is hereby authorized to remodel the interior of Historic Chapel to include installing a partition wall in the east wing, remodel of the Sacristy, creation of a handicapped accessible restroom, and interior redesign of these areas, as reflected in the attached architectural drawing. Also authorized is repainting of the interior and reupholstery of the pews. Cost for this project, estimated at \$100,000, would be paid for from the Building Fund.

Motion 2: The Property Committee is hereby authorized to remove the rear structure of the Shepherd House, remodel the kitchen and bathroom to make them handicapped accessible, and interior redesigns, as reflected in the attached architectural drawing. Cost for this project, estimated at \$200,000, would be paid for from the Building Fund.

Bottom Line: The Historic Chapel and the Shepherd House are the two original St. John Lutheran Church buildings and should be maintained to preserve these historic structures. These projects are long overdue and will enhance the appearance, functionality and useability of the structures. Funds are available in the Building Fund but designated donations to the are highly encouraged. When possible, much of the work will be done by volunteers, thereby reducing the costs.