



ST. LUKE'S

Episcopal Church

Evanston, IL

Proposed Capital Campaign Goal: \$5,550,000

This preliminary document has been prepared to help St. Luke's in its feasibility study discussions and surveys. Depending on the feedback we receive from the feasibility study, we expect to prioritize these projects into achievable stages, completing the highest priority items through our upcoming capital campaign while developing longer-term plans for completing the rest.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church stands as a beacon of faith, inclusivity, and community service. With a mission to create a welcoming, multigenerational faith community, St. Luke's is committed to fostering spiritual growth, lifelong learning, and acts of service that make a positive impact in the world. Rooted in the Episcopal tradition, its dedication to vibrant worship—enriched by preaching, liturgy, music, and the arts—reflects its profound commitment to nurturing the spiritual lives of its members.

Guided by a vision of inclusivity, St. Luke's strives to be a place where individuals of all ages and backgrounds can explore and celebrate their faith. It aspires to cultivate a sense of belonging through worship, fellowship, and meaningful expressions of God's love. Inspiring one another through shared ideas, questions, and unique gifts, St. Luke's continues to thrive as a dynamic community for spiritual exploration and growth.

In 2022, St. Luke's developed a strategic plan that presented five key goals:

1. Work for equity, sustainability, and racial reconciliation in Evanston and across Cook County. Working on local issues of justice is core to

the Christian mission of bringing about God's kingdom on earth. The proposed plan makes the entire St. Luke's campus accessible to persons with mobility challenges so that St. Luke's can truly be a house for all persons of faith in Evanston.

2. Increase the arts in worship and St. Luke's as a space for arts. In addition to incorporating more art and mediums into our own worship and education life, in recent years St. Luke's has tripled its income from arts organizations for performance and office space.
3. St. Luke's will be known for its education as much as for its

OUR GOALS...

- Create a fully accessible campus welcoming people of all abilities
- Reduce our carbon footprint
- Increase our campus as a community resource and space for the arts
- Increase rental revenue
- Improve programming for all ages

music. Over half of St. Luke’s households currently participate in one or more education offerings. The proposed plan reconfigures the Parish House to allow for accessible, flexible, usable, and safe education and meeting space on all three levels of the parish house.

4. Increase the percentage of households with children while retaining our commitment and offerings to those households outside that group. The proposed changes create flexible, accessible, safe, sustainable space for all ages and abilities.
5. Develop a comprehensive campus plan for maintenance, improvement, and sustainability. Bringing mechanical, electrical, and HVAC systems up to date through this campaign allows St. Luke’s to develop a maintenance and retention plan going forward.

A capital campaign that will allow us to modernize St. Luke’s campus is a transformative investment in our mission and vision, enabling us to fully realize our strategic goals. By updating and enhancing our facilities, we will create a fully accessible, inclusive space for worship, education, and community engagement. These improvements will support equity and sustainability through eco-friendly upgrades, ensure long-term financial stability by increasing rental opportunities, and strengthen our role as a center for arts and education. This campaign empowers St. Luke’s to elevate its impact on the community, fostering connection and faith across all generations.

PROJECTS *and* PRIORITIES

ACCESSIBILITY *and* HOSPITALITY: \$1,920,000

To be a welcoming church to all people of all abilities, every area of our campus must be accessible. Whether from the nave or from the outside, our “split-level” configuration means that there is no way to access any level of the Parish House without encountering stairs. The addition of an elevator

opens our doors—on every level—to all and expands the ways in which we can use the Parish House for programming, staff, and public access now and in the future. Addition of the elevator necessitates staircase, dining room, and kitchen modifications to bring all up to code as well as ventilation to the elevator.

“The most ecologically friendly building is the one you already have.”

— CJ AMSTRONG, VP OF MULTISTUDIO (KS)

COURTYARD: \$550,000

The front lawn and garth site improvement include a new side-winding concrete path, supplemented by two stepped pathways, allowing for an accessible route into the garth and into the Parish House. The garth site improvement will

feature a new bike rack, Memorial Garden, irrigation/drainage system, ornamental planting, paving, seating, lighting, and all new native planting to provide pollinator and wildlife support while reducing water consumption.

PARISH HOUSE INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS: \$1,940,000

Children’s, youth, and adult programming has grown in many directions, our commitment to the arts has continued to evolve, the parish staff structure has changed and our space is more in demand than ever.

Overall improvements include updating the boiler system throughout the campus and cooling

for the Parish House. Main floor layout improvements include flexible office and classroom spaces to better meet contemporary work needs and a bathroom on the first floor. Second floor improvements include adding windows to the back of the stage space and flexible walls to create multi-use office and classroom space on the top floor.

EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ROOFING: \$1,140,000

Mortar and stone repairs are needed to mitigate further deterioration and water issues throughout but particularly on the South façade of the Parish House and Lady Chapel. Roof replacement of the cloister walk, the proposed elevator, and the slate roof on the Parish House as well as

addition of solar panels to decrease electric costs over time. Original design windows will be added to the west side of the nave, which improves the exterior aesthetics, and makes St. Luke’s a more desirable rental venue for arts organizations.

Gifts Essential Chart

This chart illustrates the size and number of gifts necessary for a successful \$5,550,000 campaign.

<i>Size of Gift</i>	<i>Number Needed</i>	<i>Cumulative Total</i>	<i>Monthly (over up to 3 years)</i>
\$1,000,000	1	\$1,000,000	\$27,778
\$500,000	3	\$2,500,000	\$13,889
\$250,000	4	\$3,500,000	\$6,944
\$100,000	4	\$3,900,000	\$2,778
\$75,000	5	\$4,275,000	\$2,083
\$50,000	8	\$4,675,000	\$1,389
\$25,000	13	\$5,000,000	\$694
\$15,000	15	\$5,225,000	\$417
\$10,000	15	\$5,375,000	\$278
\$5,000	17	\$5,460,000	\$139
\$3,000	19	\$5,517,000	\$83
\$1,000	20	\$5,537,000	\$28
\$500	21	\$5,547,500	\$14
Less than \$500.....	Many.....	Goal Achieved.....	Variable