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rejoice!



LOMBARD MENNONITE CHURCH
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2025



Dear LMC Friends.

Over the past number of years, LMC has made significant investments in our church property. Three phases of renovation have resulted in a refurbished fellowship hall, kitchen, and bathrooms (Phase One), a revitalized sanctuary and narthex (Phase Two), and a remodeled office wing (Phase Three). With Phase Four, we now turn our attention to a few final areas that have yet to be renewed.

A newly resurfaced parking lot will offer greater safety and provide a more accessible and inviting welcome to all who attend. Refurbished classrooms and nursery will create a more nurturing environment for the Christian formation of our youngest participants. Energy-efficiency projects will help us better fulfill our calling to be faithful stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us.

As we prepare to complete this important work, we invite you to participate generously in this Capital Campaign. This is more than a fundraiser. It is a calling—a chance to collaborate as a church family to invest in the future of our ministry and mission. Even more importantly, it is an opportunity to come together to **Renew. Restore. Rejoice!**

This campaign seeks to **renew** the physical infrastructure of our church—updating facilities, enhancing accessibility, and ensuring our shared space continues to serve generations to come. As stewards of God's resources, we seek to **restore** the beauty and strength of our buildings and programs. This means preserving the history we cherish while preparing for the needs of a vibrant and growing community.

Together, we celebrate what God has done and will continue to do through this church. Every gift, prayer, and act of service is a reason to **rejoice** as we live out our faith with renewed purpose and unity.

Your Pastors,
Richard Gehring
Barbara Krebbiel Gehring
Nathan Perrin



Strengthening our Welcome and Nurture

As we enter this final phase of revitalizing our church facility, we do so with hope, purpose, and a deep sense of calling. This work is not merely about bricks and paint—it's about creating spaces that reflect the love, welcome, and hospitality of Christ. We are faithfully preparing for the future by reducing our environmental impact and making a lasting investment in our children, our community, and all who walk through our doors seeking God.

Anyone who has parked in our lot knows it tells a story of wear—but we envision a transformed welcome, where even the first step onto our grounds speaks of care and belonging. Within our building, the Christian Formation wing—though less visible to many—holds sacred work. It is here that young hearts begin their journey of faith, yet these spaces are deteriorating and often cluttered due to limited storage. All of our classrooms show signs of age: stained walls, outdated fixtures, and drafty windows.

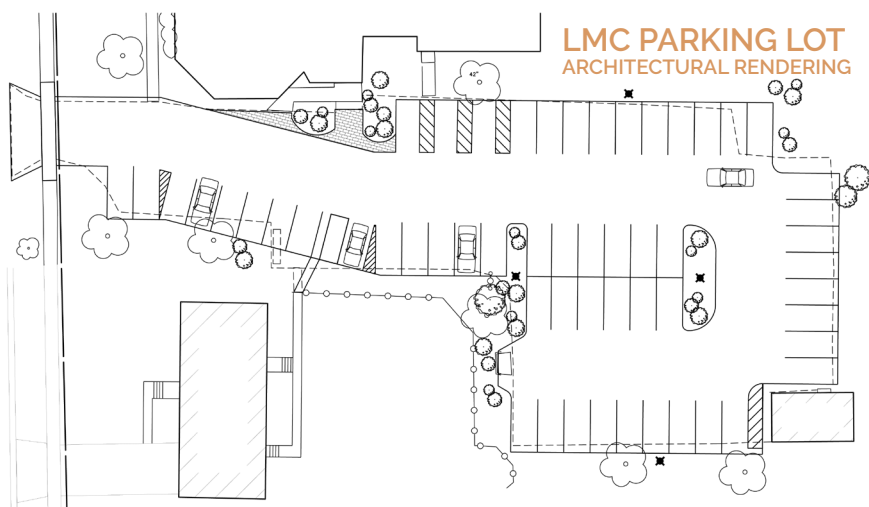
Our children deserve spaces that are bright, safe, and thoughtfully designed for their unique needs. Every corner of our church should reflect warmth, joy, welcome, and God's abundant love. Let's come together in this final step not simply to repair, but to reimagine. To build not just for today, but for the generations to come.

Specific improvements to the Christian Formation wing, parking lot, and building envelope include:

- Modern and welcoming Sunday school classrooms with fresh paint, new carpet, and custom cabinetry
- New storage solutions, including the creation of three closets in the education wing



- A safer parking lot with clearer traffic patterns, an expanded drop-off area, and smooth asphalt free of tripping hazards
- Improved lighting to brighten dark corners of the lot, while also reducing the light spillage that affects our neighbors.
- Eighteen new windows that will better seal out the elements, let in more light, and can be opened for natural cooling
- Better stewardship of God's resources through improved insulation



OUR CAMPAIGN GOAL

Gifts and pledges to be made over a two-year period to fund these renovations.

BASE GOAL

Raise \$320,000 in above-budget giving over the next two years.

The estimated total cost of Phase Four is \$570,000. The congregation has approved using \$67,500 from the Building Fund and a \$193,763 bequest for the project. Our capital campaign goal of \$320,000 ensures some funds remain in the Building Fund for future capital projects.*



Chart of Gifts

This chart illustrates how LMC—through 53 participating households—can reach our campaign goal of \$320,000. We hope that every household at LMC will find a pledge amount that fits their budget and resources. You may also pledge an amount not listed here.

Giving Level	# of Commitments	2-Year Pledge	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount	Annual Amount	Total Raised
VISIONARY	1	\$50,000	\$481	\$2,083	\$25,000	\$50,000
	2	\$30,000	\$288	\$1,250	\$15,000	\$60,000
	2	\$20,000	\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$40,000
	2	\$15,000	\$144	\$625	\$7,500	\$30,000
	3	\$10,000	\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$30,000
BUILDER	4	\$7,500	\$72	\$313	\$3,750	\$30,000
	5	\$5,000	\$48	\$208	\$2,500	\$25,000
SUPPORTER	8	\$3,000	\$29	\$125	\$1,500	\$24,000
	9	\$2,000	\$19	\$83	\$1,000	\$18,000
	9	\$1,000	\$10	\$42	\$500	\$9,000
FRIEND	8	\$500	\$5	\$21	\$250	\$4,000
TOTAL	53					\$320,000

CATEGORY SUMMARY

VISIONARY (\$10,000+)	}	65% OF GOAL
10 commitments totaling \$210,000		
BUILDER (\$5,000-\$9,999)		
9 commitments totaling \$55,000		
SUPPORTER (\$1,000-\$4,999)	}	17% OF GOAL
23 commitments totaling \$51,000		
FRIEND (\$1-\$999)	}	1% OF GOAL
8 commitments totaling \$4,000		

**If your contribution is not used for Phase Four, you authorize its use for future capital improvement projects.*

PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS



Landscaping Upgrade

Add islands, permeable pavers, move tree.



Asphalt Resurfacing

New asphalt with modified driving lanes.



Lighting Enhancement

Lower lights, better coverage, less spillage.



Other Improvements

Bike rack, fiber to P1, electricity, lighting.



Entrance Modification

Widen entrance, replace apron and sidewalk.



Parking Spaces

56 total spaces, 3 accessible spots.

EDUCATION WING RENOVATIONS



Room Improvements

Enhancing room aesthetics and functionality



Cabinetry Installation

Adding new storage solutions in each room



Door Replacement

Upgrading classroom doors for security and aesthetics



Carpet Replacement

Installing new flooring for comfort and safety



Closet Construction

Creating new storage spaces in specific areas



Radiator Replacement

Replacing old radiators to prevent leaks

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS



Foundation Work

Waterproof and insulate the foundations of the education wing, also insulate below upstairs windows.



Door Replacement

Replace three uninsulated metal doors with insulated ones for better energy efficiency.



Roof Insulation

Seal and insulate roof joist ends in the original building, planning to add insulation to the roof deck later.



Window Replacement

Replace sanctuary, small narthex, and south-facing education wing windows, totaling 18 windows.



1. WHAT ARE THE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?

To strengthen the nurture of our young people, create a safer and more welcoming parking area, and reduce our environmental footprint. Refreshed Christian Formation rooms will enhance our mission of nurturing disciples of all ages in the lifelong journey of following Jesus. A restored parking lot will be a beacon of hospitality to members and visitors alike, while energy efficiency upgrades will reflect our commitment to caring for God's creation.

2. MAY I MAKE A PLEDGE AND PAY IT OVER TIME?

Yes. While upfront gifts are always welcome, pledges may be paid over two years via weekly, monthly, semiannual, or annual contributions. Pledges are voluntary and confidential. Your commitment is not legally binding; should your financial or economic circumstances change, you may revise your commitment at any time. Only Evan Richards and Katharine Richert will have access to pledge and donation information.

3. HOW CAN I SUBMIT MY PLEDGE?

Pledges can be submitted via QR code (online) or pledge form. Forms are available on the LMC website or from the church office. You may place your form in Evan Richard's mailbox or bring it forward on Commitment Sunday, August 24.



4. CAN I MAKE MY PLEDGE USING NON-CASH ASSETS OR FROM MY RETIREMENT SAVINGS?

Yes. There may be significant tax savings if you donate appreciated stock or make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA (available for those over 70.5 years of age). Charitable distributions are not taxable (unlike regular IRA distributions), and count towards your Required Minimum Distribution.

You may also give through a Donor Advised Fund. These funds are easy to set up and can help eliminate capital gains tax and retain your charitable deduction. See Bart Miller to learn more.

Check with your tax advisor before making any decisions.

5. SHOULD WE MAKE THESE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR CHURCH WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER NEEDS IN THE WORLD?

While global needs are indeed pressing, a safe, welcoming, and functional space enables the church to carry out its ministries and extend its reach to broader audiences. This is about more than aesthetics—it's about creating a church home where teachers love to teach, children feel valued, and families choose to gather, even when many other demands compete for their time. We strive to be a warm and inviting place where all can feel the love of Christ. A strong facility enhances our ability to be a community of healing, hope, and hospitality—both locally and globally.

6. WHO CAN I TALK TO IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS NOT ADDRESSED IN THIS BOOKLET?

Please address questions about the scope of the Phase Four Renovation to Jeremy Kropf.

Questions regarding the capital campaign and funding can be answered by members of the Phase Four Capital Campaign Committee: Ken G Kabira, Bart Miller, Evan Richards, and Katharine Richert.



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