



PAVE THE WAY

A campaign to fund crucial property improvements maintenance and repairs, and ministry enhancements at St. John's Lutheran.

PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THIS LEG OF THE JOURNEY

THE WHY

It is time for St. John's Lutheran Church, (SJLC) to move forward to address important property concerns for the benefit of mission and ministry for our family, visitors, and the community. This campaign effort includes strategic outdoor worship and ministry enhancements.

As a church family, we are on a journey to bring Christ's message of service, love, and hospitality to the larger community. Our building is a place where we gather to worship, a safe space to come together, and a foundation that gives us strength as we go out into the world in service. At this, our church home for 61 years, we come together to show our love of God and each other. It is the place from which we are sent out to love and serve our neighbors.

Pave the Way is a year-long giving campaign to raise funds necessary to complete four primary projects identified by the property and finance committees and the church council as having the highest priority. Additionally, the campaign includes a tithe to the Hope Center for the renovations of their new building.

THE HOW

We seek your loving and generous response with a special gift commitment over and above your annual offering support. Remaining projects will commence as funding is received. Gifts for the Pave the Way Campaign will be received throughout 2023 and 2024.

●	PAINTING THE BUILDING	\$28,000
	Just completed in April 2023, the critical repair of rotting wood siding and painting of our entire building was completed at a cost of \$28,000. The decision to move forward before fundraising was initiated was based on the advanced degree of damage. Leadership determined that it was prudent to tend to this work before the damage progressed any further.	
●	OUTDOOR SIGNAGE	\$60,000
	SJLC sits in a prime location in a thriving residential and commercial area, but the location of our current sign offers limited visibility, especially for traffic coming from the south. To increase awareness, visibility, and witness to the community, the plan includes installing a new electronic two-way sign on Barker Road. The cost of the sign is estimated at \$60,000.	
●	UPDATE THE NARTHEX	\$20,000
	The interiors committee is working on a plan to create a more open welcome area where members and visitors can gather and share fellowship. It is anticipated that the updated and refreshed space will include comfortable conversation spots, a coffee bar with seating and improved internal building signage. Estimated cost is \$20,000.	
●	RE-CONSTRUCTING CIRCLE DRIVE	\$150,000
	The largest project of the campaign is the re-construction of the Circle Drive. Under consideration for over a decade, this project is long overdue. Plans include removal of the existing pavement, the building up of the drive foundation, and new asphalt. Included in the Circle Drive improvements are the following:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striping of 185 parking spaces over the entire parking lot. • Install a tricycle path along the west side of the children's learning center. Twelve tricycles have been secured through a special grant and the path will give our little ones yet another way to play and learn. • The purchase, replacement, and ownership of five pole lights around the drive. Currently we lease the lights from WE Energies. • Other drive beautification and worship enhancements including landscaping, electrical connections, and explore shade options for summer worship. 	
	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$258,000
●	TITHE TO HOPE CENTER	\$25,800
	It has been the commitment of SJLC to tithe our congregational fundraising projects to an outreach ministry project. Keeping in this tradition, we seek to include in our fundraising goal a tithe of our project costs to the Hope Center to assist in their efforts to renovate the new site.	
	TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL	\$283,800