



GOOD NEWS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**A LASTING
FOOTPRINT**

FOR GOOD NEWS :: IN MT. HOREB

**Building Dedication
February 19, 2023**

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In 2013, a group of Christians took the bold and faith-filled step to plant a new church here in Mt. Horeb. Their mission was simple: to reach the lost with the good news of Jesus.

Since that group first started meeting, Good News Lutheran Church has been sharing that good news in Mt. Horeb and its surrounding area. We have seen God keep his promise that, wherever his gospel is proclaimed, it is never without effect. It always has an impact.

We often like to measure that impact. Perhaps we measure it by the number of people who become members of a church or the number of people who attend its services. Perhaps we measure it by the acreage of a piece of property or the square footage of a new church building.

But the greatest impact of the good news isn't so easily measured. The good news of Jesus transforms people's lives and changes their eternities. As a result, Isaiah 52:7 has some high praise about those who are engaged in this important work: **"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news."** From the time we first started looking for land, our desire was to leave "A Lasting Footprint." That footprint is bigger than a piece of property and lasts longer than even the most well-constructed building. Those who proclaim the gospel leave a footprint that lasts forever.

American writer William Faulkner once wrote: "A monument only says, 'At least I got this far,' while a footprint says 'This is where I was when I moved again.'" It would be easy to think that, now that our building is complete, we've left our footprint. But that would be turning this building into a monument. That would be inviting the attitude that our work is complete. Instead, the footprint we leave is with the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a result, that work is just beginning. God-willing our new building will be a tremendous blessing as we continue to do what our church has always done.



GOOD NEWS HISTORY

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| May 20, 2012 | Earliest record of a Mt. Horeb Mission planning meeting |
| February 20, 2013 | Articles of incorporation filed with the state of Wisconsin |
| July 14, 2013 | First service at storefront location, 1217 Springdale Street |
| September 15, 2013 | Community Grand Opening |
| July 13, 2014 | Installation of Pastor Jonathan Bauer |
| May 22, 2016 | Confirmation of first youth confirmation class |
| April 2, 2017 | Kickoff for Lasting Footprint Campaign, Phase 1 (Land) |
| June 19-22, 2017 | First summer soccer camp |
| May 13, 2018 | Installation of Seminarian Isaac Hayes as summer vicar |
| July 15, 2018 | 5 th Anniversary Celebration |
| April 24, 2020 | Purchase agreement signed for church property |
| May 31, 2020 | Installation of Sam Schulz as summer vicar |
| August 18, 2020 | Installation of Evan Arrowsmith as vicar |
| November 1, 2020 | Kickoff for Lasting Footprint Campaign, Phase 2 (Building) |
| April 22, 2021 | Purchase of church property completed |
| April 25, 2021 | Dedication of church property |
| May 30, 2021 | Final service at storefront location, 1217 Springdale Street |
| June 13, 2021 | First service at the Mt. Horeb Innovation Center |
| August 15, 2021 | Installation of Matthew Zeng as vicar |
| January 2, 2022 | Groundbreaking ceremony for new church building |
| July 12, 2022 | “Make Your Mark” event at construction site |
| August 14, 2022 | Installation of Tristan Pankow as vicar |
| December 18, 2022 | Final service at the Mt. Horeb Innovation Center |
| December 24, 2022 | First service in new church building, 9975 Pepper Drive |

GOOD NEWS NUMBERS

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| Attendees at first service | 26 |
| Baptisms | 34 |
| Adult Confirmations | 59 |
| Youth Confirmations | 17 |
| Deaths | 2 |
| Weddings | 5 |
| Highest single-day service attendance | 203 (Christmas Eve 2022) |
| Current membership | 199 baptized members 129 communicant members |

OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

From its founding, Good News has been blessed by the support of other Christians. Though there were times when it was easy to feel somewhat alone and isolated because we were so small, we always knew there were thousands of other Christians praying for us, encouraging us, and supporting us with their time and money. Our church would not exist, much less be dedicating a new building, without the support of these Christians.

In addition to the specific churches and organizations listed below, we are grateful for the support of dozens of congregations throughout our church body who have offered us manpower, prayers, and financial support.

Local Congregations Integral to Our Founding

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Verona

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Middleton

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) Support

Board for Home Missions – Keith Free, Sean Young

Western Wisconsin District Mission Board – Jeff Mahnke, Paul Schupmann, Scott Krause

WELS Mission Counselors – Mark Birkholz, Jared Oldenburg

WELS Kingdom Workers and Builders for Christ – John Lautz, Michael Benrud, Fred Klingbeil

WELS Church Extension Fund (CEF) – Rory Vircks, Brian Roser, Scott Page

OUR PROJECT PARTNERS

Any building project depends on the skill, effort, and honesty of a wide variety of individuals and companies. We certainly enjoyed that blessing during the course of this project. We consider it an additional blessing to be able to work with so many individuals and companies with whom there is more than just a business connection: companies based in our community, companies owned by members of our congregation, companies owned by Christians within our fellowship, and individuals who bring expertise to this field and are also dear friends. We also enjoyed making some new friendships with people we didn't know at all before the project began.

Despite every attempt to recognize everyone with whom we worked, the list below no doubt has omissions. There are also dozens of subcontractors and vendors who worked with our general contractor. We are grateful for their role in this project as well.

Principals

NCI Roberts Construction – Jeff Grundahl, Scott Johnson, Greg McGuire General Contractor
Groth Design Group – Paul Barribeau, Todd Dvorak, Mike McGraw, Katie Barczak Architect

Designers, Consultants, and Artisans

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| Ameristone – Jeff Shields | Chancel wall masonry |
| DSH Audio Visions – David Hosbach | A/V system design and Installation |
| Davis Furniture Company | Sanctuary seating |
| GMK AV – Chris King | A/V system production and installation |
| Hartland Piano | Sanctuary piano |
| Ian Welch | Etched window design |
| Prof. em. James Tiefel | Design consultant |
| Kessler Studios – Bob and Cindy Kessler | Stained glass window |
| Massmann Studios – Antoinette Massmann | Chancel furnishing design |
| Mohs-Widder-Paradise – Tim Umland | Real Estate Attorney |
| Riedel and Associates – Craig Schaefer | Acoustical consultant |
| Sign Art Studio | Steeple and exterior cross |
| Wisconsin Built – Dan and Sandy Petersen | Casework, chancel wall cross, chancel furniture |
| WrenSong Creations – Wren George | Etched window fabrication |
| Wyser Engineering – Wade Wyser | Civil Engineering |

OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It has been said that a successful building project is one where no one on the building committee quits the church over it. Not only have we had no one leave the church, the working relationship among the various members of these committees has been wonderful from start to finish. We are grateful to them and their families for their time, their hard work, their care, and their cooperative spirit. Not only did everyone work well together, but they guided the congregation through the completion of a beautiful building.

In addition to those listed here, we are grateful for all the members of Good News not listed here. Part of their important role in this project has been the trust, encouragement, and feedback they have provided to committee members along the way.

Land Search Committee

John Delikat
Hans Dumke
Rachael Johnson

Barb Schulz
Adam Wisner

Building Committee

Josh McLuckie (chair)
Amy Hansel
Mark Pitzen
Barb Schulz

Stephanie Shinnick
Kyle Sutter
Adam Wisner
Gary Pepin (A/V Design)

Interiors Committee

Stephanie Shinnick (chair)
Lindsay Bauer

Sandy Petersen
Jennifer Stein

Funding Committee

Tom Hansel (chair)
Chris Davis

Lindsay Bauer
Lindsey Chesbro

OUR FUNDING PARTNERS

Funding projects like this one has developed into a bit of a science. There are countless books to be read and firms to be hired to guide a congregation like ours through the funding process. Without a doubt, there were best practices we deviated from. Without a doubt, there were missteps that were made. Without a doubt, there were opportunities we missed and gratitude we failed to express. Despite all this, however, we were able to fund this project during unpredictable market conditions without ever having to delay our progress or drastically reduce our scope. Whatever we lacked in how we executed our funding efforts was more than made up for by the immense generosity of people who love the gospel and want to see it spread.

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WELS Church Extension Fund (CEF) – Rory Vircks, Brian Roser, Scott Page

Foundations

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| Siebert Foundation | \$50,000 for A/V system and classroom partitions |
| Antioch Foundation | \$10,000 grant for A/V system |
| Mt. Horeb Community Foundation | \$6,500 for serving kitchen appliances |

List of Donors

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| Andrews, Bryan | Delwiche, Brad | Deich, Ione |
| Andrews, Lester & Lynn | Brennan, Jerald & Tara | Delikat, Doris |
| Appelt, Paul & Katherine | Burgess, Justin & Amber | Delikat, John |
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Church, Verona
Richardson, Angela
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Church, McFarland
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Ashley
Schulz, Jonathan &
Barbara
Shinnick, Daniel &
Stephanie

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(Schoen)
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St. John Lutheran,
Woodville
St. John's Lutheran,
Cornell
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Ziche, Allison

In Loving Memory

Nearly all of us owe a huge debt of thanks to God for those who have come before us in the Christian faith. These are brothers and sisters in Christ who loved their Lord Jesus, had an impact on our faith, and now rest in the bliss of God's eternal kingdom. Campaign contributions were made in loving memory of the following individuals:

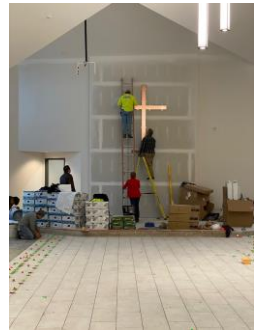
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- Kent Johnson
- Henry & Marie Luehring
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- Marcella Schultz
- Rev. Wayne Schulz
- Walt & Laura Weiser

We thank God for their legacy of faith and ask for his Spirit's blessing to follow in it!

Gifts Received

| Number of Gifts | Gift Amount |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 231 | \$0-100 |
| 179 | \$101-500 |
| 57 | \$501-\$1000 |
| 13 | \$1,001-2,500 |
| 35 | \$2,501-\$5,000 |
| 5 | \$5,001-10,000 |
| 1 | \$10,001-15,000 |
| 1 | \$15,001-25,000 |
| 3 | \$25,001-50,000 |
| 2 | \$50,001+ |
| 527 | \$787,233.67 |

BUILDING PROJECT PHOTOS





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