

Church Architecture: A Design that Speaks

By Jon Hein

Below are some excerpts from the printed article along with photos (not included in the original) to illustrate the points under discussion.

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Jon Hein, pastor at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Summerville, South Carolina since 1997, expands on one of the main goals of the congregation as they planned their new church building: come and join us! More pictures of Beautiful Savior are under *Worship the Lord* at wels.net/worship.

Room to Grow



Jon Hein's final point in his *Worship the Lord* article, "***A Design that Speaks***" says: *we wanted a building that says we're a family who care about one another. Oh, and also. . .we'd love to have you join us!*

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Summerville, South Carolina, has several areas for gathering and fellowship. Southern hospitality is alive and well in Summerville, and the size of the entry foyer (40% the size of the nave) shows it.

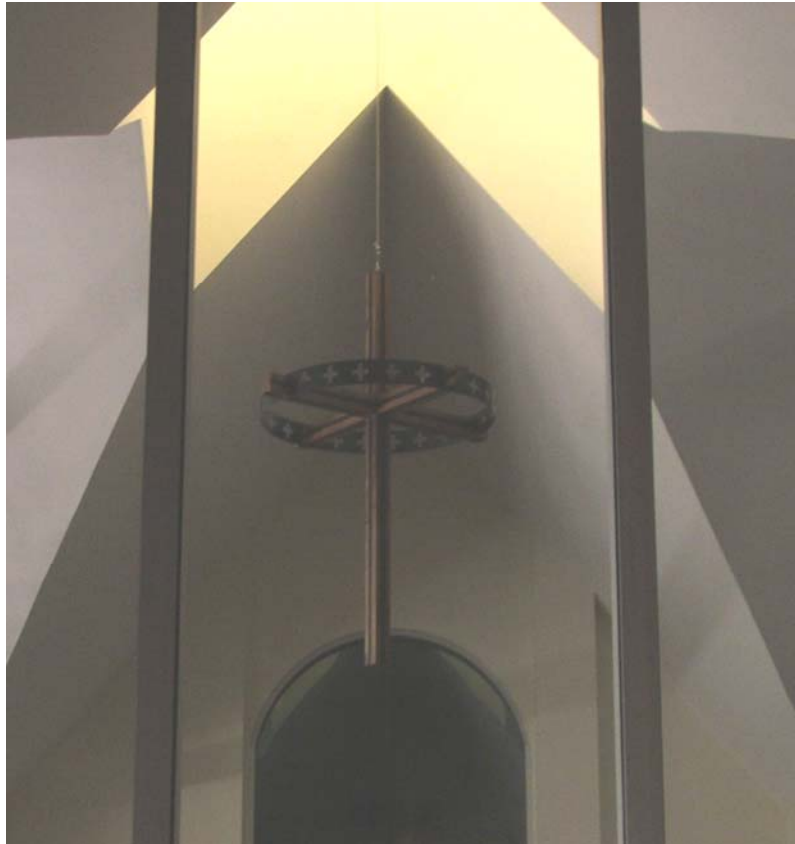
People can gather in the main part of the foyer or in the adjoining lunch room; there is room for all and plenty of room for the children.



The Courtyard

Pastor Hein comments on their outdoor courtyard: *that entry courtyard is also a Wi-Fi hotspot...There are always people out there—surfing the net, reading, praying. Most of them aren't our members...yet. But I'm glad they feel welcome at our church. It was designed to communicate a welcoming message.*

Every visitor who makes use of the courtyard has a clear view into the church. *At night we illuminate the cupola. The light filters down and highlights the cross, so you can see it while walking by the church.*



We wanted a building that said that Christ is at the center of everything we do.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Summerville, South Carolina, speaks the cross of Christ to its community and invites them to come join them.

Summerville, South Carolina Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



The beautiful and simple design of the interior



Note the high quality wood used in the interior furnishings

