

Mount Olive

**Preliminary Plans
Proposed Building Project and
Capital Stewardship Campaign**

Ask questions. Share ideas, opinions and suggestions.

Please plan to attend one of our Dialogue Sessions:

Sunday, May 21 at 9:15 a.m.
in the Church Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Complete the survey by May 31.
Return the enclosed survey or complete our online survey.

Your input is vital to our planning process.

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Our Mission

United by our faith in Jesus Christ and our confession of God's Word, the members of Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church use the gospel in Word and sacrament to win the lost for Christ, to nurture one another in Christian love, and to equip God's people for lives of Christian worship and service, all to the glory of God.

Dear Mount Olive Family Member,

For over 100 years, Mount Olive has been a congregation firmly founded on the pure Word of God, a congregation committed to training up the next generation of believers, and a congregation uniquely gifted to carry out the mission God has given to us.

God has blessed our congregation in so many ways. For all these things we give glory to God. And yet, for Mount Olive to continue to be a Family Growing in Christ, it is vital for us to address the future needs of our church and school.

This brochure contains information about an exciting, yet challenging, opportunity to help ensure our facilities are able to effectively serve future generations of Christians. To learn more, you are invited to attend informational dialogue sessions on Sunday, May 21, at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary, as well as Tuesday, May 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

These meetings are a forum to share the proposed building plans and to listen to our Mount Olive family's ideas and suggestions. Your input assists the Mount Olive leadership team in developing the best plan and helps us better prepare for our capital stewardship campaign.

At this preliminary stage, it is vital that we hear from you. Please take a moment to complete the enclosed survey and drop it off at church. Or you can complete the online survey found at www.mountoliveappleton.com. Please respond by May 31.

We look forward to seeing you at the dialogue sessions and reading your survey responses.

Your Shepherds under Christ,

Pastor Robert Raasch

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Pastor Troy R. Schreiner

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Pastor Jasper Sellnow

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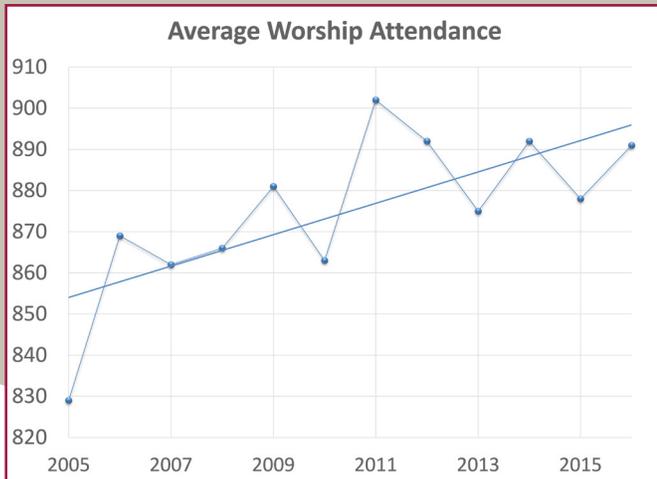
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Why is Mount Olive Planning a Building Project?

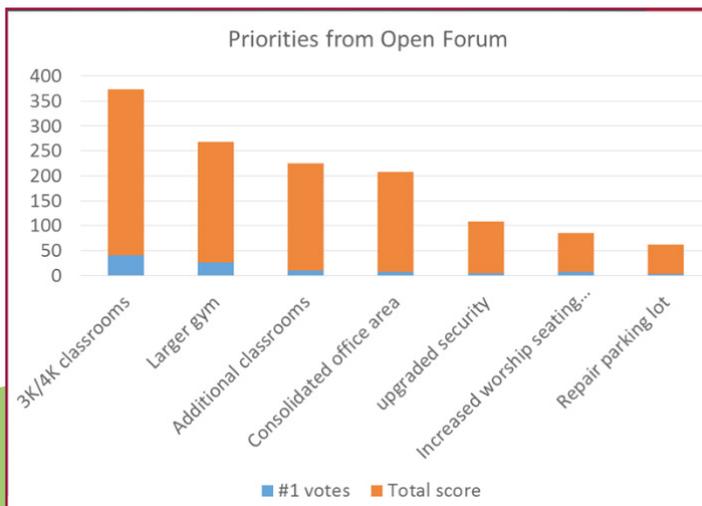
Simply put... we are growing, and we are running out of space!
 Since 2005, when we completed our atrium project,
 Mount Olive has experienced steady growth.



Since 2005, enrollment in our K-5-8 school has surpassed 200 students. We are presently at 225 students. Additionally, enrollment in our pre-kindergarten ministry has doubled, to an enrollment of 30. In 2016, almost half (44%) of the new members who joined Mount Olive enrolled children or grandchildren in our school.

Unfortunately, many prospective families who desire full day 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten must look elsewhere as we do not currently have adequate space for these programs. Seven out of our ten K-8 classrooms are at capacity. Due to Mount Olive's school space limitations, we are turning away families who were hoping to enroll their children here.

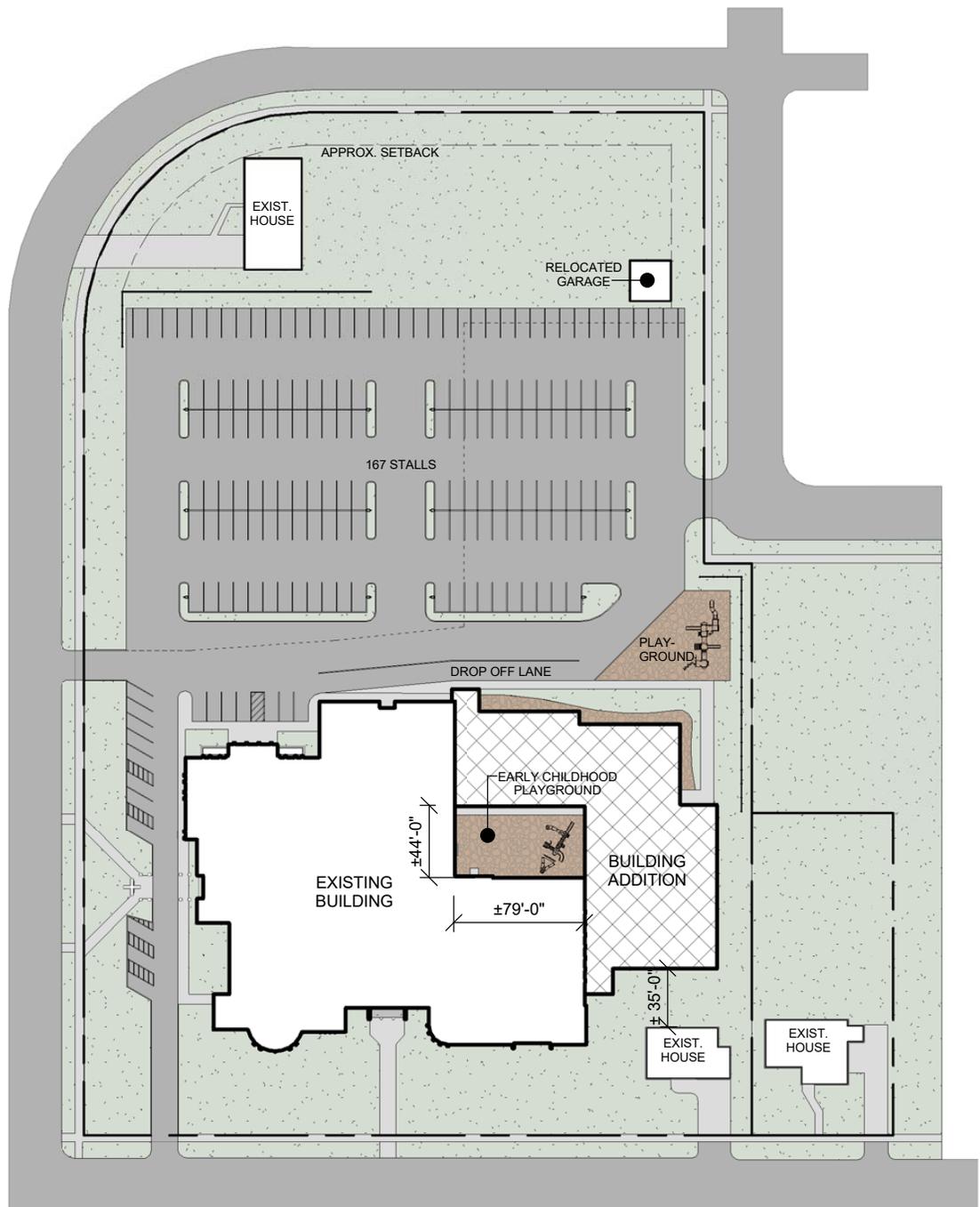
In a 2016 open forum, the Mount Olive family ranked our key needs and priorities. The congregation ranked our highest needs as being additional classrooms and a larger gym.

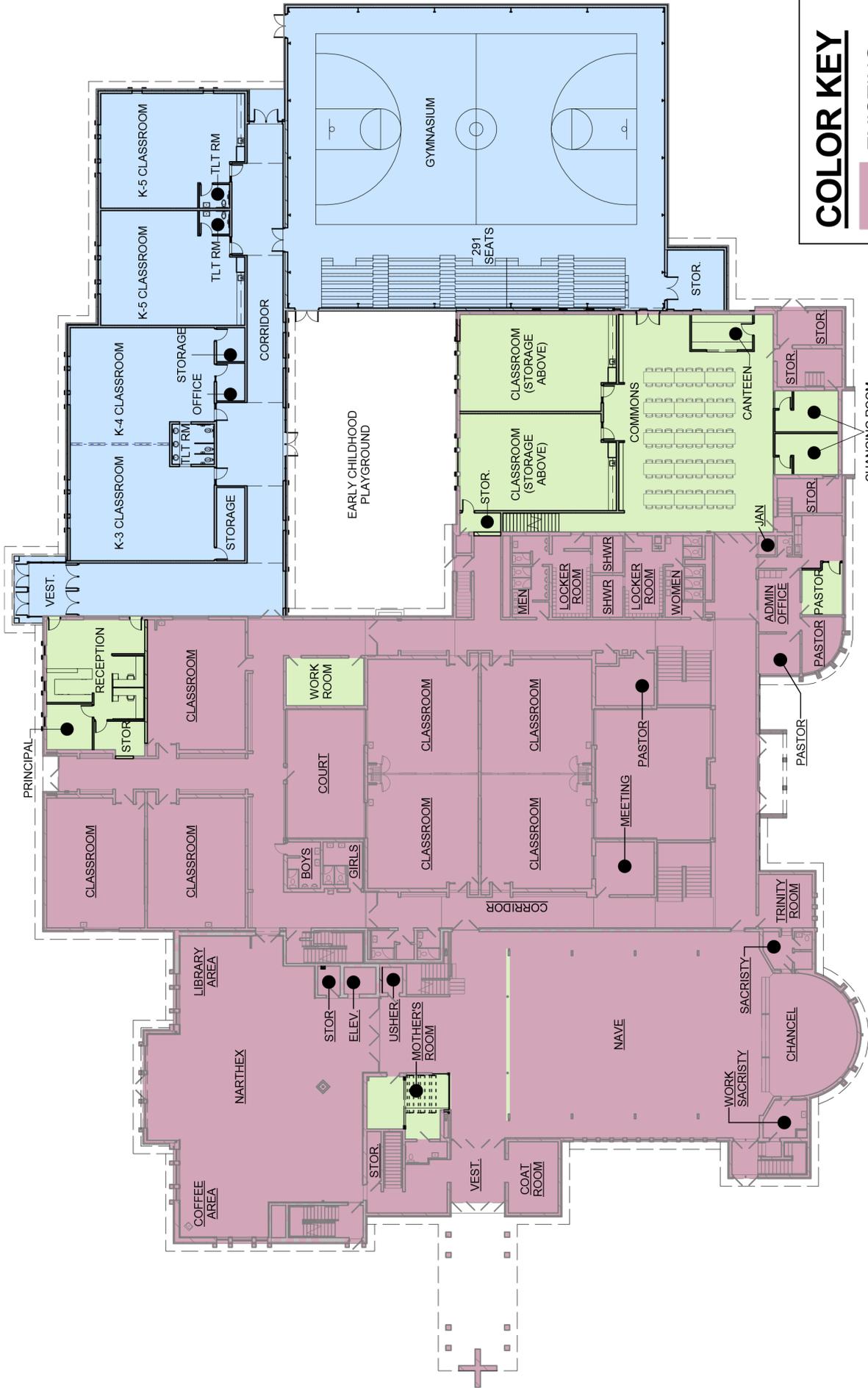


Our Proposed Building Plan

These preliminary concepts will continue to evolve. Member input is welcomed.

- A new wing with four additional classrooms and conversion of the existing gym into two additional classrooms. These six new classrooms will allow us to offer full day 3K and 4K as well as two classes for each grade from K5 to 4th grade.
- A new commons area for use by all parishioners for concessions, fellowship events, and Bible classes.
- A new, larger gymnasium serves as an activity center for all ages and provides a wonderful space for larger church events. Our current gym is undersized, has poor access, and lacks adequate seating.
- A new, secure main school entrance located next to the remodeled administrative offices.
- An inner-courtyard playground for the younger children.
- Expanded parking close to the atrium entrance by relocating Pastor Zank's parsonage.
- A second worship screen in the church sanctuary.
- An expanded mothers' room with a window to the sanctuary.
- Additional storage space.





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Potential Building Project Funding

The proposed Mount Olive building plan is estimated to cost roughly \$5.5 to \$5.75 million. Due to the cost, providing additional seating space in the sanctuary is not part of this building project but is included in a proposed future project. Presently, we have \$250,000 set aside for this building project. To add to these reserves, we are planning on conducting a capital stewardship campaign this fall. In November 2017, after the capital stewardship campaign pledges are received, we will have a better understanding of the total funds we can expect from our members over a three-year period.

We are prepared to enlist the help of The James Company, a stewardship consulting firm, to assist us. The James Company has successfully helped many WELS congregations with their capital fund appeals. They have suggested that a congregation our size could raise \$1.5 to \$2.5 million over a three-year period. We would welcome offers of in-kind services and construction skills to help reduce the cost of our building project. We plan to borrow additional funds to help us achieve our building goals. The response of our members to the capital stewardship campaign will be a significant factor in determining what we can afford to build.

Possible Timeline

Here are potential milestones for our project. This timeline is subject to change.

- May, 2017 – Dialogue sessions to share project plans with members
- June 19, 2017 – Vote on moving forward with the project and Capital Stewardship Campaign
- August – November, 2017 – Conduct Capital Stewardship Campaign
- November, 2017 – Gather pledges; vote on final design
- December, 2017 – January, 2018 – Prepare detailed drawings; solicit bids
- February, 2018 – Break ground
- February – September, 2018 – Building construction
- November, 2018 – Dedication

Three Things We Ask You to Do

1. Please attend one of the dialogue sessions on May 21st or May 30th.
2. Please return the enclosed survey or complete the online survey found at www.mountoliveappleton.com. Return the survey by May 31st to the survey box located in the church entrance.
3. Please continue to pray for God's blessings on our planning process as we prepare for the future...all to the Glory of God.

Building/Stewardship Committee Members

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