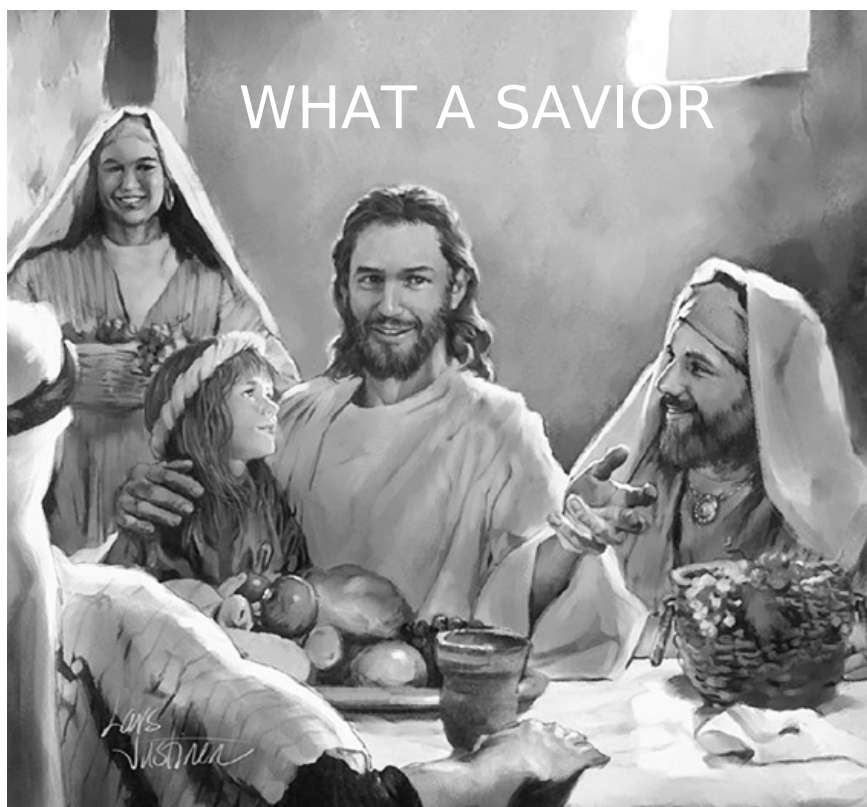




**February 6-7,  
2021  
The Fifth**



## **Messiah Lutheran Church & School**

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## Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 8.

**Pre-Service Devotion:** "So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them" (**Mark 1:31** NIV84).

**Hymns:**                      541                      762                      351                      297

### **Old Testament Reading.....Job 7:1-7 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> "Is a person not forced to labor on earth, And are his days not like the days of a hired worker? <sup>2</sup>As a slave pants for the shade, And as a hired worker who eagerly waits for his wages, <sup>3</sup>So I am allotted worthless months, And nights of trouble are apportioned to me. <sup>4</sup>When I lie down, I say, 'When shall I arise?' But the night continues, And I am continually tossing until dawn. <sup>5</sup>My flesh is clothed with maggots and a crust of dirt, My skin hardens and oozes. <sup>6</sup>My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, And they come to an end without hope. <sup>7</sup>"Remember that my life is a mere breath; My eye will not see goodness again.

### **New Testament Letter1                      Corinthians                      9:16-23 (NIV84)**

<sup>16</sup>Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights in preaching it.

<sup>19</sup>Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so

that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

**Sermon.....Mark 1:29-39 (NIV84)**

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

**“What a Savior”**

Jesus wasn't just another example to follow. He was a Savior to trust in. He was compassionate, powerful, and real.



Preaching Today: Pastor Caleb Schaller



**Communion Announcement:** Since the Lord's Supper implies a unity of faith and confession, we ask that those who have not previously participated with us in the Lord's Supper meet first with the pastor to discuss our Scriptural doctrine before partaking of the Lord's Supper in our services. In this practice of closed communion, we seek to follow and obey the Word of God.

**Weekend's Bible Class:** After Paul left the Galatian churches to preach elsewhere, men came and tried to dismantle the Holy Spirit's work. Paul's letter is the Holy Spirit's response. This week we consider Galatians 2:11-3:29 (2 of 4 on Galatians).

**Young Adults Bible Study:** How can Christians respectfully interact with those who hold radically different beliefs, and also remain faithful to the gospel? Join us Sunday morning for a series based on "*Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully In a World of Difference*" by Timothy Keller and John Inazu. - Prof. Joel Gullerud

**Pastor Emeritus Warren Fanning was called home to heaven** on January 31. Warren served as a pastoral assistant here at Messiah at one time. We rejoice even as we grieve for this child of God. Sympathies can be mailed to Janet Fanning, 10614 Tropicana Cir., Sun City, AZ 85351. "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word" (**Luke 2:29** ESV).

## ***This Week at Messiah***

**Masks required indoors by state mandate.  
Sunday services live-streamed/archived at  
[eauclairemessiah.com](http://eauclairemessiah.com).**

**Sun, 2/7** 9:00 am

Communion Service (Ushers #6,  
Counters D)

10:15 am

Bible class/Sunday School/Young  
Adults

**Wed, 2/10** 4:30 pm

Afternoon Catechism

6:30 pm

Elders

**Fri, 2/12** 9:45 am

Pastor's Study Club

**Sat, 2/13** 6:30 pm

Worship Service (Ushers #5)

7:45 pm Bible class/Sunday School

**Sun, 2/14** 9:00 am

Worship Service (Ushers #8,  
Counters E)

10:15 am

Bible class/Sunday School/Young  
Adults

11:15 am

Sunday School Teachers Meeting

### **Coming Up:**

- Feb 17, Ash Wednesday
- Feb 21, Special Voters' Meeting

## ***Announcements***

**June Schmid's Call:** *Dear Members of Messiah Lutheran Church, I have received the divine call to serve as a teacher for the 1st and 2nd grades here at Messiah. I am grateful for the open door that the Lord has placed before me. I will prayerfully consider this call to serve our congregation. Please keep my family and I in your prayers as we weigh this decision. -In Christ, June Schmid*

**Caleb Noeldner's Call:** *Dear members of Messiah Lutheran Church, I have received the call to serve your Christian Day*

*School as the 5th and 6th grade teacher. I recognize the importance and privilege of instructing the children in the truths of God's Word. I also recognize this as a divine call from the LORD and will give it thoughtful and prayerful consideration. I am confident the LORD will lead me to a decision according to His will. Until then, I appreciate your prayers. -In Christ, Caleb Noeldner*

**Immanuel Dorm Supervisor Positions Opening:** After serving faithfully as dorm supervisors, both Gus Falkenberg and Beth Sandeen will be resigning at the end of this academic year. We thank them both for their faithful service to the LORD and for being such positive role models to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for these two positions to begin the 2021-22 year, an adult male for the boys' dorm and an adult female for the girls' dorm. These roles are vital to our campus given how they provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Those who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck ([dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu](mailto:dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu)/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at [ilc.edu](http://ilc.edu) > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins March 8.



**Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend**  
**GOD'S WORD SERVING US:**



***Bible Readings*** - 2 Kings 2:1-12a, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

***Sermon Text:*** Mark 9:2-9

***Bible Class*** - Galatians (3 of 4)

***CHRISTIANS SERVING US:***

***Saturday 2/13 6:30 pm: Usher Team 5***

Mike Markus	Mark Franson
Jim Sydow	Ben Thurow
Jim Lau	Andy Buck

***Sunday 2/14 9:00 am: Usher Team 8***

Paul Heinze	Seth Schaller
Christian Schaller	Tim Schaller
Jim Sandeen	Peter Reim
Dave Cavanaugh	

***Counters for the week following 2/14 – E***

Stacy Behlmer, Mark Hammond, Jon Oster

***Thank you!***

**ILC Mini-classes:** If you are willing to spend 100 minutes to present a hobby, life skill, game, or other interest you have to a small group of students, please contact Prof. Ross Roehl at ross.roehl@ilc.edu or 715-864-1764.

**Messiah Shut-ins:** Ida Drews (2455 Sawgrass Place #213, Altoona), Marge Eckel (1431 Peterson Ave.), Shirley Johnson (2512 New Pine Dr. Altoona), Mae Noeldner (3706 Damon St. #17), Ellen Knuth (Care Partners, 887 Brian Lane, Altoona), Connie Larson (1500 S. Edgewater Dr.), Tom and Linda Larson (3134 Eldorado Blvd.), Betty Nolting (HeatherWood Assisted Living #213), Mavis Thelen (418 N. Barstow), Paul Tiefel, Sr. (2455 Sawgrass Rd #419, Altoona), Johanna Williams (2118 Augusta St.) and Shelly Williamson (Bellevue, IA).

**Messiah's 2020 Yearbook** are in your church mailboxes. Extra copies are also available on the narthex kiosk, and in church entryway near the Communion kits. The Yearbook provides numbers and statistics, a description of current programs being implemented for God's kingdom, and a starting point for prayer. Download a copy at: [tinyurl.com/annrpt-2020](https://tinyurl.com/annrpt-2020)

**God's Kids Bible Camp** is set for July 5-8, 2021. Zack Sippert and Emily Zimmerman are stepping down as co-directors after 2021. We are looking for two new directors (one male, one female) to be counselors in 2021, to shadow Emily and Zack, in order to co-direct in 2022. Co-directors participate on the planning committee, recruit counselors/volunteers, conduct counselor orientation, assign cabins, plan camp activities, and manage day-to-day camp operations. If you are interested, and you are between the ages of 17-early 20's, please contact Pastor Caleb or Anne Vaver @ 715-456-3418.

**CLC News:** Ross Kok, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has been called by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their principal and upper grade teacher. ● Pastor Mark Tiefel has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. ● Valerie Hammett, Messiah, Eau Claire, has been called to be the second full-time teacher at Immanuel of Winter Haven, FL. ● Andrew Roehl, Messiah, Eau Claire, has been called to serve as principal and teacher at Grace, Sleepy Eye MN. ● Mrs. Jennifer Roehl returned the call extended to her to be the female mentor at ILC.

**Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ January 30 & 31, 2021**



Weekend Worship: (Sat. 95 - Sun. 110) 205  
 Bible Class: (Sat. 25 - Sun. 32) 57 Sunday School: (Sat. na -  
 Sun. na) na  
 Online: (Worship: 261, ILC Streaming: 10, Bible Class: 78)  
 Young Adults: 17 Ruth's Retreat: 10

## Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$74,808.00	\$19,231.00
YTD Offerings	\$51,690.57	\$14,986.25
Weekly Need	\$15,453.00	\$3,936.00
Last Weekend (1/31)	\$12,085.50	\$3,007.50
Amount Still Needed	\$726,309.43	\$185,013.75

Building Fund	
\$425,000.00	Goal
\$408,133.14	Received to Date
\$16,866.86	Still Needed
\$1,581.00	Last Week (1/31)

Given in memory of...

Mary Hallauer	25.00 ILC Student Aid
Desirae Naumann	20.00 ILC Student Aid
Robert & Jeanette Roehl	100.00 Messiah Building Fund



# SUMMONS TO APPEAR AS JUROR

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

to serve on the jury for the case of  
*"An Inquest into the Death of Jesus".*

To be held one week after His death

DATE: February 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24

PLACE:

Messiah Lutheran

Church

TIME: 6:30pm

(also via live stream)

NOTE: Witnesses presently subpoenaed to  
testify about why Jesus died:

Peter	Pontius Pilate	Annas
Herod	Elder	Centurion
Scribe	John	Caïaphas



\*Pontius Pilate's seal, 26-36 A.D.

## Highlights from the January 31, 2021 Quarterly Voters' Meeting

The meeting began with a devotion and prayer. There were 56 voters present, with 8 participating remotely. For the various reports presented, you may view/download the voter packet and supplementary material by accessing this folder online: [tinyurl.com/v-1-31-rpts](https://tinyurl.com/v-1-31-rpts). <> **Elders/Membership:** Jack Mielke applied for voting membership. Soul care for Sarah Joos was discussed; the Elders will bring a motion for action at the February 21 meeting. Motions carried to accept Dwight and Caleb Gantt by transfer Zion, Longville, GA into communicant membership, and Caleb Heinze by transfer from Gethsemane, Spokane, WA. Rhiannon Roehl was transferred to Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN by the Church Council. A motion carried to terminate the membership of Melissa née Otte (Parker) Owen because we are unable to her. Motions carried to terminate the memberships of Maggie Caird, Blakely Nyhus, and Rayne Reetz, each at the member's request. A motion carried to terminate the membership of Lindsey née Matysik Johnson according to bylaw 2.08c, since she will not respond to our extensive efforts to serve her. The Elders announced that the following may be removed from our membership at the Feb. 23 meeting, since they will not respond to our extensive efforts to serve them: Chong Vang, Ger Vang, and Mai Ka Vang. <> **Pastors' report:** The congregation's 2020 Annual Report should be coming out this week. During 2020 there were 11 baptisms, 11 confirmations, 2 adult confirmations, 2 weddings, and 8 victory services. We are constantly bringing the Word of God in public worship, Bible classes, confirmation and other instruction classes, pastoral counseling, and various visits, even with the changes brought about by COVID-19. The pastors want our members to know that they're never too busy to serve the members with the Word of God. <> **Deacons:** We will hold midweek Lenten services at 6:30 pm only, which will also be live-streamed (because we're having school in the sanctuary on weekdays). A motion carried to hold Easter services at 6:30 pm Saturday, 9:00 and 11:00 am Sunday (all will be the same service, and the 9:00 service will be live-streamed). <> **Education and Principal:** We are waiting on more building information before making summer VBS plans. All basketball teams have been practicing; girls' games are on the schedule. The grade school basketball tournament is cancelled. Rug runners have been ordered and will be installed. Motions carried to release Paul Tiefel III and Carrie Reim from their calls, effective at the end of this school year. Morgan Lone is now the only school secretary. We have conducted mandatory safety drills in school and mandatory reporting training for new staff. We have updated web monitoring software policy. One new student has been enrolled in Kindergarten. Mrs. Reim is taking some time off this semester (long

weekends) to care for her ailing mother. <> **Property:** We are continuing with monthly workdays. Siding the shed is complete; shingling will take place in the spring. We will need additional cleaners during Lent, for after midweek services. Contact Jerry LeDuc if you are able to help. <> **Teacher calls:** An initial slate of candidates was provided by the CLC President for our vacant positions in the lower grades and upper grades. Additional nominations were added from the floor. The voters resolved to call Mrs. June Schmid for the lower grades (1-2 for 2021-22), and Caleb Noeldner for upper grades (5-6 for 2021-22). Caleb Noeldner is currently in the Milwaukee area, teaching grade 5 in a public school. <> **Finances:** Summary of 2020 - We received about \$713K, and spent about \$693K. Both were less than budget of \$736K. Contributions were up about \$9,500 compared to 2019. The budget already set for 2021 is \$778K. Our synod offerings (CBP) came in just short of \$190K in 2020. Total receipts about \$1.2M, about 7% over 2019. Indebtedness is down about 5% to \$959K. A motion carried to set the 2021 CBP amount at \$200K, as recommended by the Church Council. <> **Building Project:** Final design refinements of the site and building plan were presented by the Building Committee. Material costs have risen as a result of COVID-19. The committee plans to come to the February voters' meeting with refined estimates, and for a decision from the voters on whether or not to move forward with construction this summer. The cost of the plan as presented would be in the area of \$1.8M, rather than the previous estimate of \$1.7M. The Building Finance and Publicity Committee presented a budget impact report. The impact of the increased debt service would mean adding an initial \$61K per year to the budget (an increase of 7.8% over current). This increase will be less if we exceed our initial goals for contributions to the building fund, and could also be decreased somewhat if we receive low-interest personal loans from our members. Our members are encouraged to make use of our Scrip program, which can also substantially offset these increases. <> **Outreach Committee:** Work is being done on booth designs for Northern WI State Fair. Pre-K & K roundups have been cancelled for this year. We are planning for evangelism "webinar" in the spring. Other projects: promoting online services with a banner, producing a DVD of hymns for nursing homes, providing members with "blessing bags," with personal items and outreach materials for the homeless and needy, production of short devotional videos for social media. Help from our members is always needed. <> **Other:** Our outgoing President, James Sydow, read his report which will appear in the 2020 Yearbook. The Messiah ILHS Student Grant Fund Committee reports that we fell behind at the end of 2020 in meeting our needs to support families sending their students to ILC. We will receive applications for next year in March. <> **A Special voter's meeting**

has been scheduled for Sunday, February 21 at 6:30 pm, to discuss membership matters, teacher calls (if necessary), and to make a decision concerning the building project. <> **The meeting was adjourned** at 8:42 pm with prayer for the Holy Spirit's guidance for filling our teacher vacancies, the Lord's Prayer, and the Benediction.

**Outreach Blessing Bags:** The outreach committee is in the beginning stages of a new project called Blessing Bags. We will be putting together care packages for members to keep in their car to be able to hand out to the homeless, or others they see in need. They will have food, supplies, uplifting passages, and in invitation to meet with one of our pastors. At this stage we are asking for donations of the following: Travel size toiletries, hand warmers, mini water bottles, non-perishable ready to eat snacks i.e, granola bars, crackers, cookies, etc. We will also be accepting monetary donations to purchase supplies. If you would like to donate please contact Joey Meilke [joey.beekman6@gmail.com](mailto:joey.beekman6@gmail.com), or Jared Swyter [jared.swyter@gmail.com](mailto:jared.swyter@gmail.com) so we can track what items we still need. If you would like a porch pickup please let us know and we can arrange that.

# Why Build?

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Voters will decide whether we should proceed with the proposed building project. This is the second of four inserts to explain how this building project will meet the needs of our growing school and church. A project of this size (\$1.7 million) will need the support of the whole congregation.

## Part II: A Re-worked Office Area

Last week we reviewed how the new building project has plans for 10 classrooms, each able to hold 25 students for an enrollment of 250. Growth along the way from our 150 average of the past few years to 250 will require adding teachers. We are presently 1 ½ teaching positions away from having one teacher per classroom. But adding teachers and students will mean needed additions in office personnel.

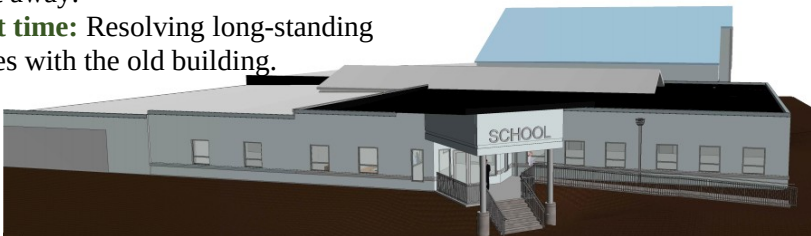
The Planning Committee passed on to the Building Committee the need for more rooms for secretaries, pastors, principal, and small groups. The proposed plan addresses all these needs and creates new space while freeing up old space so that the new floorplan will have these rooms.

- Principal's office
- Sick room
- Double the school secretary space
- Triple the workroom for school and church
- Three offices for the three pastors
- New church secretary reception room to house also the church library
- A modern special meeting room for school/church use

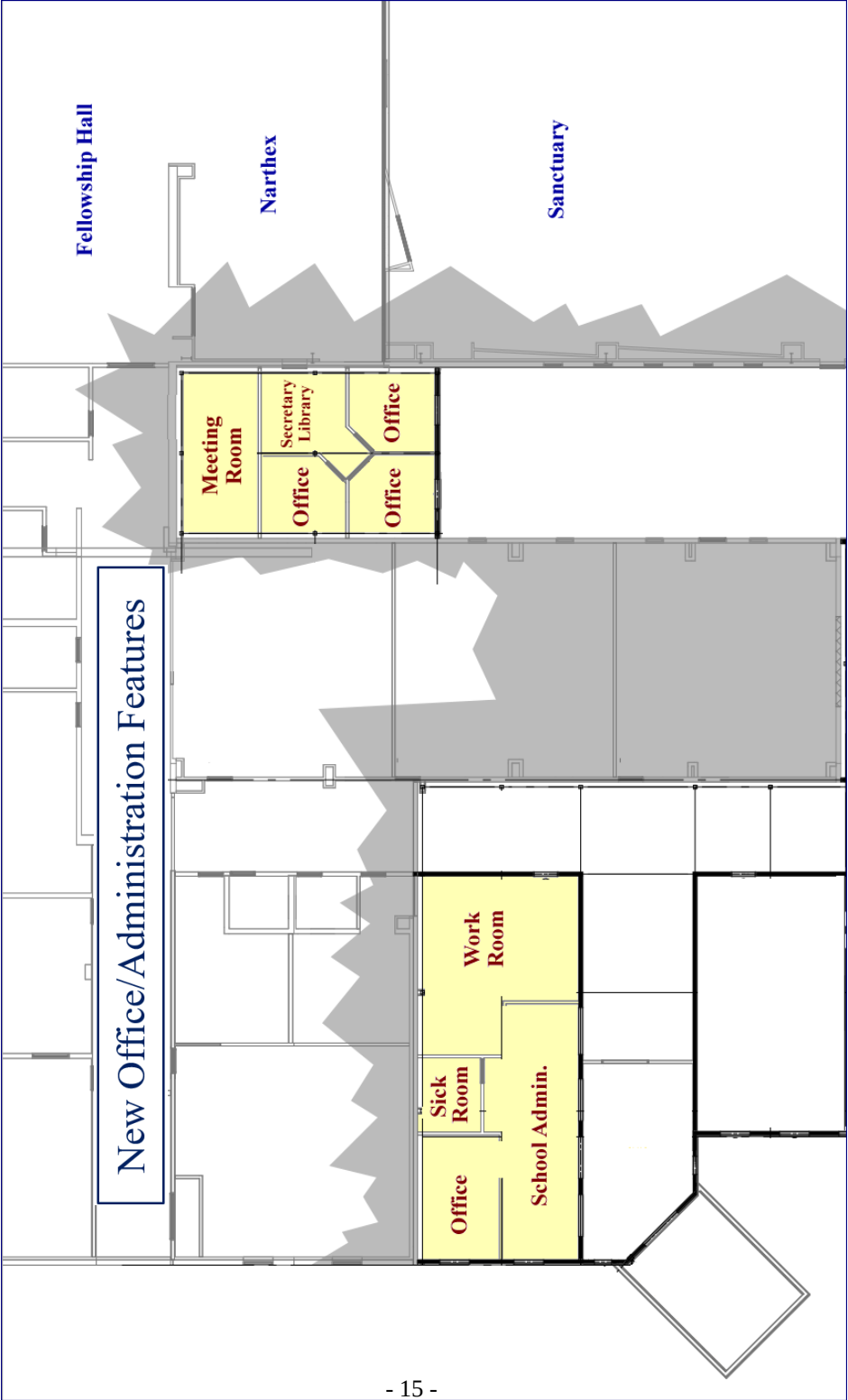
In addition the old library (along with the present workroom and school, office and principal's office) will be converted to make a large classroom. The new library will be slightly larger. The old blue room will be freed up for a small meeting room.

The floorplan also adds two large bathrooms for students and a modest staff bathroom. Overall, the new space should provide a great workshop for teaching the lambs of the Savior well into the future with important benefits right away.

**Next time:** Resolving long-standing issues with the old building.









## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Feb. 8-13, '21

**Mon Job 7:1-7** A quick read of the whole book gives the strong impression that Job was a type of Jesus: God allowed Satan to afflict him so severely that he could not relax (1-3), his fragility depressed him (4-5), his life was drawing to a close all too soon (6-7), and his friends failed to understand what he was going through. Indeed, *God does great things which we cannot comprehend* (37:5), so the child of God casts himself upon the Lord's mercy, convinced that God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours (Romans 11:33-36).

**Tues Mark 1:29-39** Jesus was constantly pressured by folks who craved His help (29-30); He did not disappoint them, even though he lost some hours of sleep (32-35) and attending to for His own needs (35). After all, soul-care deserved higher priority than medical care, and even demons couldn't stand in His way (38-39), for He came to seek and to save those who were lost.

**Wed 1 Corinthians 9:16-23** Jesus had claimed the Apostle Paul as His spokes-man, and that privilege made Paul not only willing and self-sacrificing in Jesus' service (16-19), but he even put himself "into the shoes" of Jews and non-Jews when he presented the gospel. He understood people; he reached out to people; he loved people; he wanted to see them in heaven.

**Thurs Psalm 103** For what good reasons do we praise the LORD? Mostly that He *forgives all our iniquities* (3), then that His positives are greater than all our negatives (6-13). He pities us for what we are – mortal and fragile (14-16) --while He is divinely eternal, compassionate, and superior (17-19). God's angels and all His trophies adore Him, and so do we (20-22).

**Fri Mark 6:30-44** Jesus joined His disciples for a few hours of rest (30-32), for they were all human. Next, when they were mobbed by folks desperate for divine help, we are told that Jesus was *moved with compassion for them because they were like sheep not having a shepherd*. Surely, Jesus was moved with divine *compassion to teach them many things* for their spiritual welfare, while His human *compassion* prompted Him to fill their stomachs (37-44).

**Sat Acts 21:1-14** As the Apostle Paul hop-scotched along the coast, he by-passed Cyprus, made a brief stop-over at Tyre, and left friends in tears that they would not see each other again. But why was he in such a rush? Because he wanted to get to Jerusalem by Pentecost, the festival when Jews from all over the world would trek to Jerusalem for worship, and Paul could use that opportunity to proclaim God's love for them, explaining that Jesus had loved them enough to clear them with God via His self-sacrifice.

Apparently, there was no time to waste! Stay tuned.