

# LET US RISE UP AND BUILD

Since 1976, Salem Lutheran Church and School have made an eternal impact on generations in Jesus' name. Over the years we have brought Christ to our community and our community to Christ, but our ministry size has now outgrown our facilities. In fact, while enduring shutdowns and a pandemic, God has blessed Salem so much that our school has doubled in size. Now is the right time to respond to God's goodness and rise up and build, so that we can meet the needs of the people God has brought into our midst.

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*"And I told [Israel] of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, 'Let us rise up and build.' So they strengthened their hands for the good work."*

**Nehemiah 2:18**

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In Nehemiah 2, after enduring exile and destruction, Israel responded to God's provision and came together to rise up and build their city of Jerusalem, the temple, and the walls that protected the city. Here at Salem, we have the opportunity to do the same - to rebuild and grow a place where God's presence will continue to transform generations for His glory.

## LET US RISE UP AND BUILD TOGETHER:

- 1) A New Preschool Building
- 2) A New Student Ministry Center
- 3) A Repurposed Current Preschool
- 4) An Updated Chapel Building







## NEW PRESCHOOL BUILDING

The current preschool building was originally built and dedicated in 1969 to be the Church Office, Sunday School classrooms, and a meeting space for the congregation. It was never meant to be the lasting preschool building, but by God's grace we have filled it to minister to His children for decades. Building a new preschool will:

- Create additional space for new students to enroll at Salem
- Allow for more opportunities for evangelism and discipleship
- Free up much needed facility space that can be used for Bible Studies, Performing Arts practices, meetings, SEEDS counseling, and more.

## STUDENT MINISTRY CENTER

Salem Student Ministry has grown significantly in the past three years. Between twenty and thirty students attend every youth night, and multiple small groups meet monthly to grow in their faith in addition to regular Bible and Confirmation classes. We expect these numbers to continue to increase, and yet our ministry has no assigned place to host these groups or events. Building a new Student Ministry Center will:

- Fill an enormous gap in our current Youth Program by providing it a home
- Allow for real and consistent evangelism and discipleship to take place with both Salem students and students from our community
- Create a feeling of ownership amongst our Youth
- Solve the problem of current Salem students not wanting to "come back to their classrooms" for Youth Group Bible Studies & events

## CURRENT PRESCHOOL BUILDING

Repurposing and updating our current preschool will create additional space for our music and fine arts programs, instrumental band, drama, small groups, and resource & counseling opportunities. It will also create multi-use space for ministries during the day, evenings and weekends.

## SANCTUARY CHAPEL UPDATE

The Sanctuary Chapel is the cornerstone of Salem. It is where Salem started, and it reflects a legacy and history through the generations past ... and those still to come. Updating this cornerstone reflects to our congregation, campus, and community that our legacy of connecting our community to Christ will continue for generations to come.

