

Got questions? We've got answers!



Why are we considering a building project?

Acting now demonstrates it is time to take "The Next Step" as a congregation. This has been affirmed and evidenced in multiple ways.

- New Life Church is in a **financially healthy position**. Over the past year, the church has paid over \$40,000 of the \$125,000 purchase price for the parsonage and current church building. The Building Fund balance is currently over \$240,000.
- Attendance is growing. Additional space is needed for **youth activities, children's ministry** and more functional ministry spaces.
- The Leadership Team, Elders and Pastoral staff are **all in unity** that now is the time to start moving ahead. At the December 3rd congregational meeting, this was confirmed as **members voted 32 to 0 in favor** of moving forward.

What do we plan to build?

- A concept drawing is being developed that will outline dedicated and shared areas, providing worship, gymnasium and community spaces.
- The worship service capacity is anticipated to be 250 to 275 individuals.
- This effort will take **prayerful planning**, as well as faith and working together.

Where do we plan to build?

- New Life has purchased a parcel of land located on

the corner of Highways 12 and 47 on the southeast side of Aitkin.

- After reviewing several existing properties and alternate building sites, New Life is now focusing exclusively on developing the property that it currently owns.



The current property is an undeveloped tract of 37 acres.

How much does the project cost?

- Orchard Alliance Advisement Services (CMA partner) has advised New Life that churches in similar situations have completed the first phase for a new location for **\$1.2M to \$1.5M**.

What is the timeline for this project?

- The Capital Campaign was kicked off on January 12. Individuals are invited to pray about how they might become involved.
- From **January through May**, the campaign committee will be communicating the vision and goals of the project. New Life will be asking the congregation for a Spirit-led commitment to support the building project through financial giving. Some members and

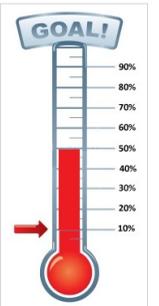


regular attenders may be contacted directly by the campaign committee.

- New Life will be asking the congregation to consider a **three-year commitment** of giving.
- In **May**, as the active portion of the campaign winds down, we will celebrate the commitments and generosity of our congregation.
- A building design will be finalized once we more fully understand our financial position.
- Site work could begin as early as the summer of 2020.

How was the capital campaign goal chosen?

- The **goal of \$500,000** is based on the "A, B, C" principle which considers:
 - A = Assets and available equity,
 - B = Borrowing capacity, and
 - C = Campaign funds
- Our capital campaign team has set a **"Miracle Goal" of \$750,000**. Let's see what God has in store!



What is my part in the campaign?

- We believe that the entire congregation is called to be **generous through participation, pocketbooks and prayer**.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where to become involved.



- **Begin with prayer.** Become a Prayer Trekker! Fill out a prayer commitment card, located in the Campaign Corner in the back of the auditorium.

Will this project involve long-term debt? Do we have any current debt?

- New Life has **under \$84,000** in mortgage debt for the church and parsonage.
- New Life leadership has set **\$500,000** as a reasonable amount of debt to assume at this time. Giving trends over the past two years would allow us to make monthly payments for a much larger amount of debt.
- New Life will borrow as little as possible, and our goal would be to pay off debt as quickly as possible, hopefully within 15 years.

What will happen to the parsonage and the current church building?

- At this time, the most likely scenario is to sell the parsonage with proceeds directed to the Building Fund.
- Future plans for the current church building will be determined at a later date.



Should I divert my tithe to the Building Fund?

- Any contributions to the Building Fund should be considered as **above and beyond** regular giving levels.
- As always any giving to the campaign will remain confidential.

Is the campaign just for adults?

- No! Look for opportunities in the future to engage your kids and our youth in the campaign.

Want more information? Here's how to stay in the loop.

- Check out the regular updates in the weekly bulletin for the latest news.
- Visit the Campaign Corner in the back of the church auditorium to pick up additional information and catch up on things you may have missed.
- Visit The Next Step page on the New Life website at www.newlifeaitkin.com. Click on the Next Step Building Project link.
- Email us at thenextstep@newlifeaitkin.com.
- Watch for posts on Facebook for information about upcoming events.
- Talk to any member of the campaign committee:

Beth Leaf: Campaign Coordinator

Peggy and Paul Anderson: Advance Commitments

Rhonda Conner: Special Events

Jean Pitt and Becky Michaletz: Prayer

Peggy Jones: Communications

Jeff Drake: Stewardship Education

Mike Reem: Building Liaison



In 2010, a group of 25 people started meeting in the choir room at the Aitkin High School. They had a dream to start a church that would change the tenor of the spiritual community in Aitkin.

Ten years later, that small group of believers has grown into a congregation and location where

- *170 people meet weekly for teaching and worship*
- *two full-time pastors have responded to the call*
- *the youth group brings in 50 students every week*
- *children's programming is offered on multiple days*
- *more than 60 adults take part in small groups*
- *200 teachers in the school district are encouraged with The Ripple Effect ministry.*

Now, in 2020, it's time to take the next step:

A capital campaign to further the New Life Church mission of "helping each person take their next step of faith in Christ."