



RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH

2021 & BEYOND.



FINISH THE JOURNEY

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OUR MISSION

THE MISSION OF RIVER OF LIFE
HAS NEVER CHANGED

We desire for people to know Christ, grow in Christ, and show Christ to others and the world.

Additionally, we are a relational church and know that people belong before they believe. To this end, we continue to promote community through kid, youth and adult events and activities.

We recognize that knowing the Lord is only the first step in the journey and we commit to helping followers of Jesus grow into full circle disciples - people who are eventually able to lead and disciple others. This includes providing small groups, prayer services, and opportunities to encounter the Holy Spirit in a personal way.

We attempt to do everything with excellence knowing that we are working for the Lord. To this end, we will continue to strive to meet the needs of our circle of influence including spiritual, marital, familial, physical, and emotional needs.

*This church was built by those willing to take a risk for God. We are **faith-filled and forward focused**. We will continue stepping out in faith wherever God calls us to minister that we might be a River of Life to those thirsting for the true love from a Living God.*

TO KNOW
TO GROW
TO SHOW
CHRIST



OUR JOURNEY

WHERE WE STARTED



HIGH SCHOOL



ALANO KIDS



HOTEL

NOVEMBER 1992



FIRST SERVICE



PHASE 1



YOUTH SERVICE



PHASE 3

River of Life began in 1993 with a small prayer group of six people and grew to the congregation that you see today. Throughout the nearly three decades, there have been hundreds of people who have come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior - transformation, lives changed and destinies discovered.

We have launched people into ministry and missions. We have seen individuals and families set free, observed miraculous healings, witnessed suicides prevented and wholeness discovered as souls have been restored to an eternal relationship with Jesus Christ.

WHAT WE'VE DONE

1993

ROL BEGINS

1999

PHASE I

2003

PHASE II

2005

LIFE CENTER

2018

PHASE III

2019

KIDS ZONE

OUR PURPOSE

SEEING LIVES BEING TRANSFORMED



KATIE KUSCHEL

"Growing up, my family life was far from stable. When I became pregnant as a teenager, the people at River of Life took me into their homes and their hearts and guided me into a real relationship with Jesus. Today, through the grace of God and River of Life I have a family of my own, and get to use my God-given talents to lead others in worship and minister to single moms."



JEFF & SHANNON EVANS

"Coming to River of Life, we found the community we had been seeking. It felt like home, and God began working in us - challenging us in areas of relationship, finances, and leadership. Today, our marriage is stronger than ever. We have found freedom in giving, and we are leading a Life Group to help other's grow in their walk as well."



LUKE & AMY WILSON

"River of Life has been home since the first time we walked through the doors almost 2 years ago. There is nothing not to love. We have found a relationship with God and going to church is no longer a "chore", but a way of life. We started with just church on Sunday mornings for us and Kids Church for our 6 kids. Then, we started Wednesday night Life Groups, River Kids, and River Youth, and we cannot picture Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights filled with anything else. The people are our family, and our children are finding their place. We're all learning more than we ever have before, and our lives have CHANGED. We have found God, peace, patience, blessings, understanding. faith and FAMILY."

OUR IMPACT

THE LOCAL CHURCH &
THE GLOBAL CHURCH

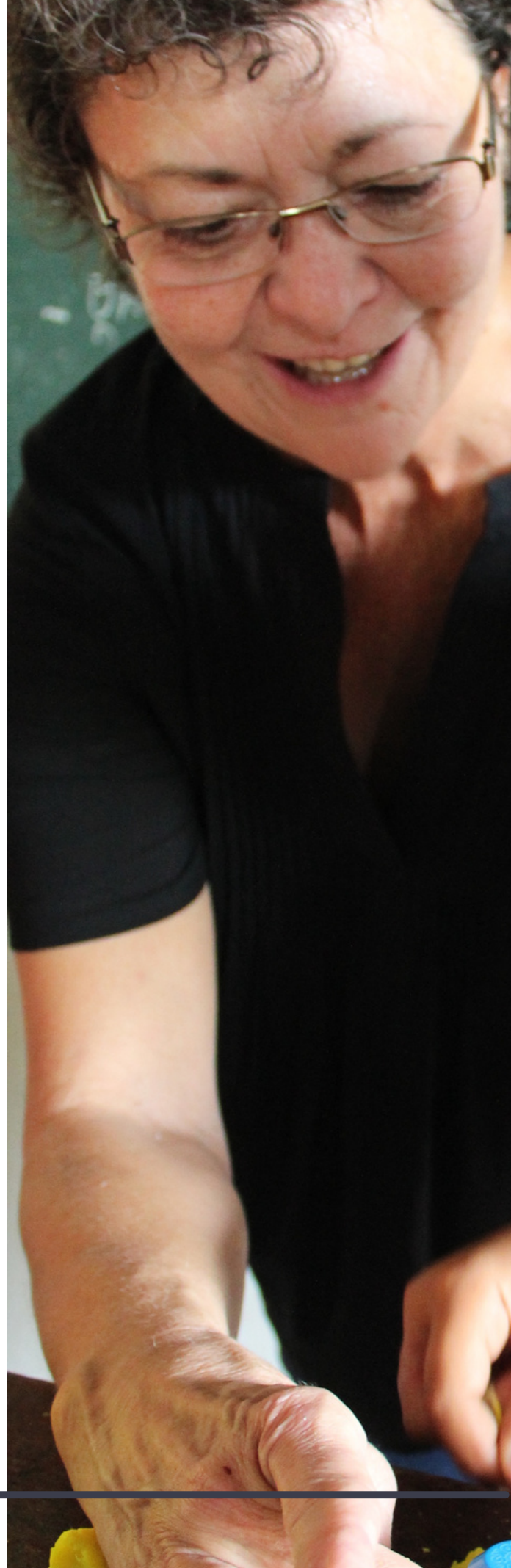
RIVER OF LIFE: LOCAL

We have remained active in our local mission. Our mission to reach central Minnesota for the Kingdom of God has never been more prevalent. Our efforts have opened doors to more than we could have ever imagined.

We went from not being welcome in our local school district 28 years ago, to now seeing our ministry's name stitched into our ROCORI Sports Stadium field.

Our mission has lead us to utilize our technology, God-given gifting, and passions to see our local educators partner with River of Life to bring a positive message to our community.

Our facilities have hosted numerous hockey banquets, football pre-game meals, local sports team-building events, Chamber meetings, new educator tours, Cold Spring Granite meetings, Cold Spring Brewery training, food distributions, numerous weddings and funerals - where we have seen people receive Christ and start their faith journey.





MISSIONS OPENS THE DOOR TO THE MIRACULOUS

RIVER OF LIFE: GLOBAL

Missions is the heartbeat for River of Life Church. In 2020 we gave \$284,892.50 to a variety of missions organizations, which include, AG U.S. and World Missions, BGMC, Speed the Light, and other National Initiatives. We provided monthly support to over 40 missionaries abroad, as well as, a handful of organizations in our own state.

Year End Summary Report for 2020

AG U.S. MISSIONS	\$2,955.00
BGMC	\$8,775.71
AG WORLD MISSIONS	\$115,544.00
SPEED THE LIGHT	\$153,927.79
NATIONAL INITIATIVES.	\$3,690.00

RIVER YOUTH

RVR//YTH Ministry desires to be a ministry of influence that is God-centered and purposeful in its efforts. A ministry that is full of love for God, others and life. We are passionately committed to becoming biblically fluent, spiritually dependent, and a biblical Community. We desire to impact our communities and the world through personal relationships, outreach/evangelism, meeting our community needs, as well as Missions Giving. We desire to share Jesus with all who will listen.



OUR FUTURE

**RIVER YOUTH
& RIVER KIDS**

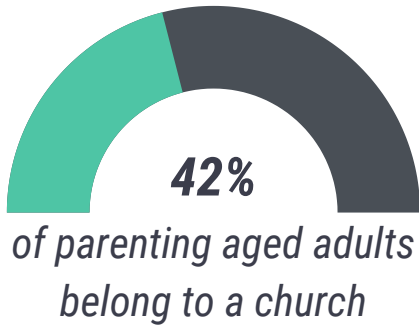


In February we split our youth ministry on Wednesday nights into JR high and SR high services. We have seen growth in both services as we are working on focusing on where they are at age wise. Seen below are the percentages we have grown by, with many new faces walking into our doors.

- Jr High Growth - 61%
- Sr High Growth - 42%

RIVER KIDS

River Kids is an exciting and essential ministry in the spiritual foundation of the next generation. River Kids provides a fun, safe, and welcoming environment for kids to grow in their faith in God as a community. Age appropriate worship, lessons, applications and more are all geared towards each child's individual learning styles and stages of developmental growth.

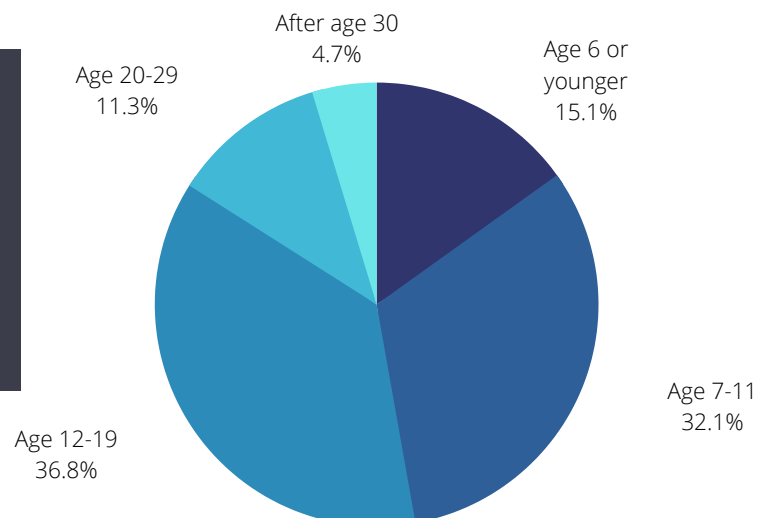


*In the last twelve months **229 kids have attended two or more times on a given Wednesday night service.** There have also been **295 kids who have attended Sunday morning services two or more times,** in the last twelve months.*



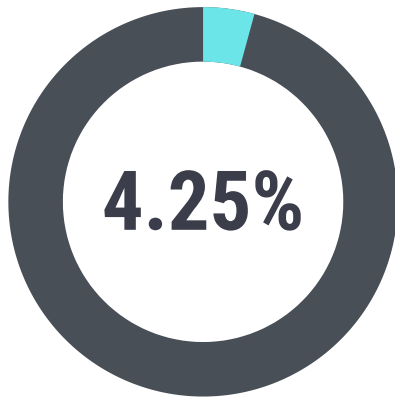
AT WHAT AGE DID YOU ACCEPT CHRIST?

**84% of people accept Christ before
turning 20 years old.**

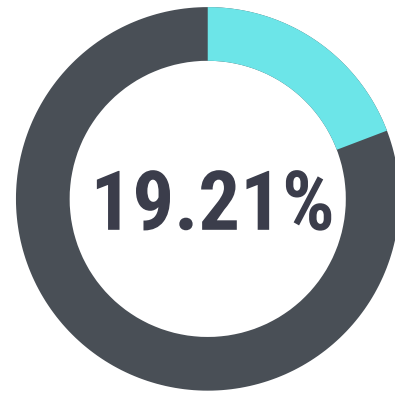


OUR GROWTH

SINCE PHASE 3

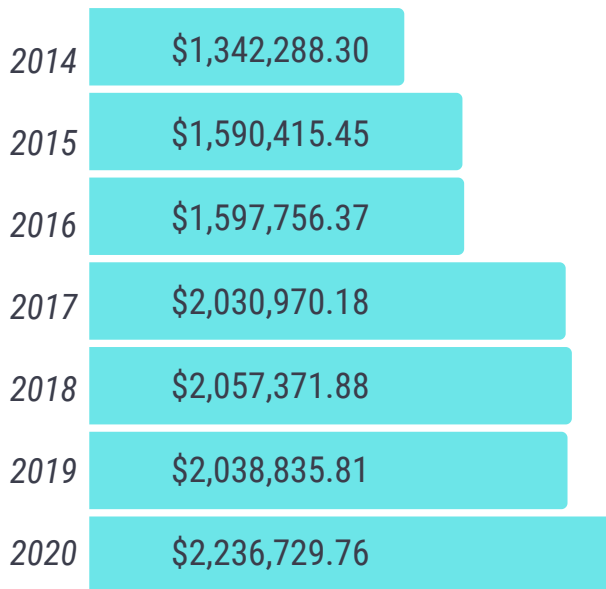


In the 4 years prior to our Phase 3 building addition, River of Life's attendance growth averaged 4.25%.

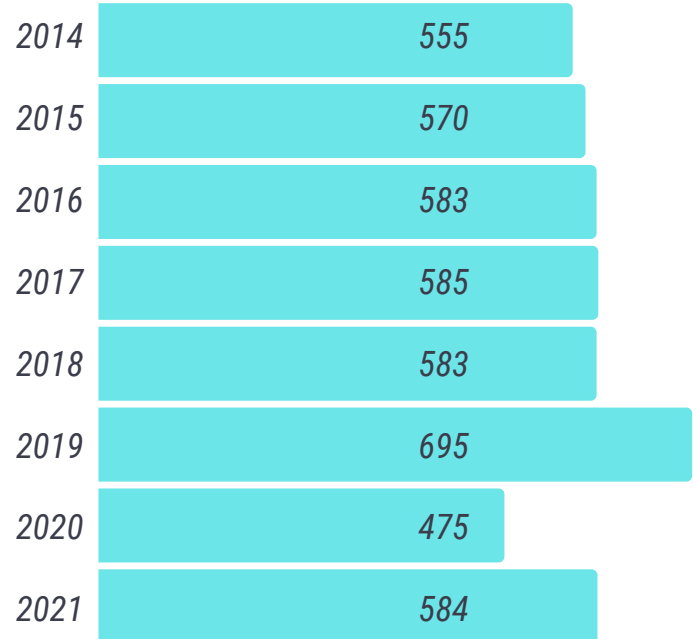


In the immediate 12 months following the opening of the building, the attendance growth was 19.21%

DONATIONS - ALL FUNDS



AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



In 2021 thus far we have had 6 Sunday services over 650. The highest week of these being 731 in attendance. Our largest weekend of 2021 thus far has been Easter with over 1,300 people!

PROJECTED GIVING

2021
\$2,449,652.28

2022
\$2,682,843.67

2023
\$2,938,233.41

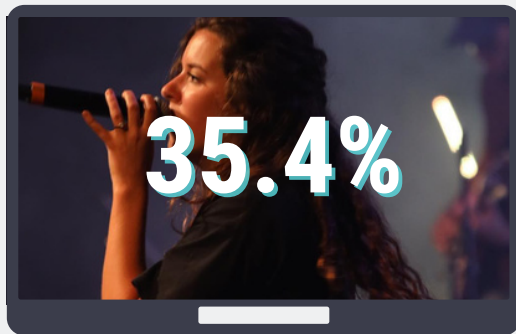
THE PROBLEM

People are never the problem, space is!

We have so many people coming to the different ministries of River of Life that we are running out of available space to host everyone effectively. We are currently utilizing all of the River of Life campus during various times of the week. Our Wednesdays and Sundays are currently at capacity.



MINISTRY TO THE MAX



Our average weekly online viewing is 320 people. This makes up roughly 35% of our average attendance of in-person and online attendees combined for 2021.

In addition to our regular weekly ministries that use the facilities, River of Life also hosts nearly monthly events that often fill our current buildings to the max.

A few examples are:

- *Community Christmas Plays*
- *Volunteer Appreciation Nights*
- *Kids Easter Egg Hunt*
- *Wild Game Feed*
- *White Christmas*
- *Easter & Christmas Services*
- *Central Section Youth Events*

OUR PLAN

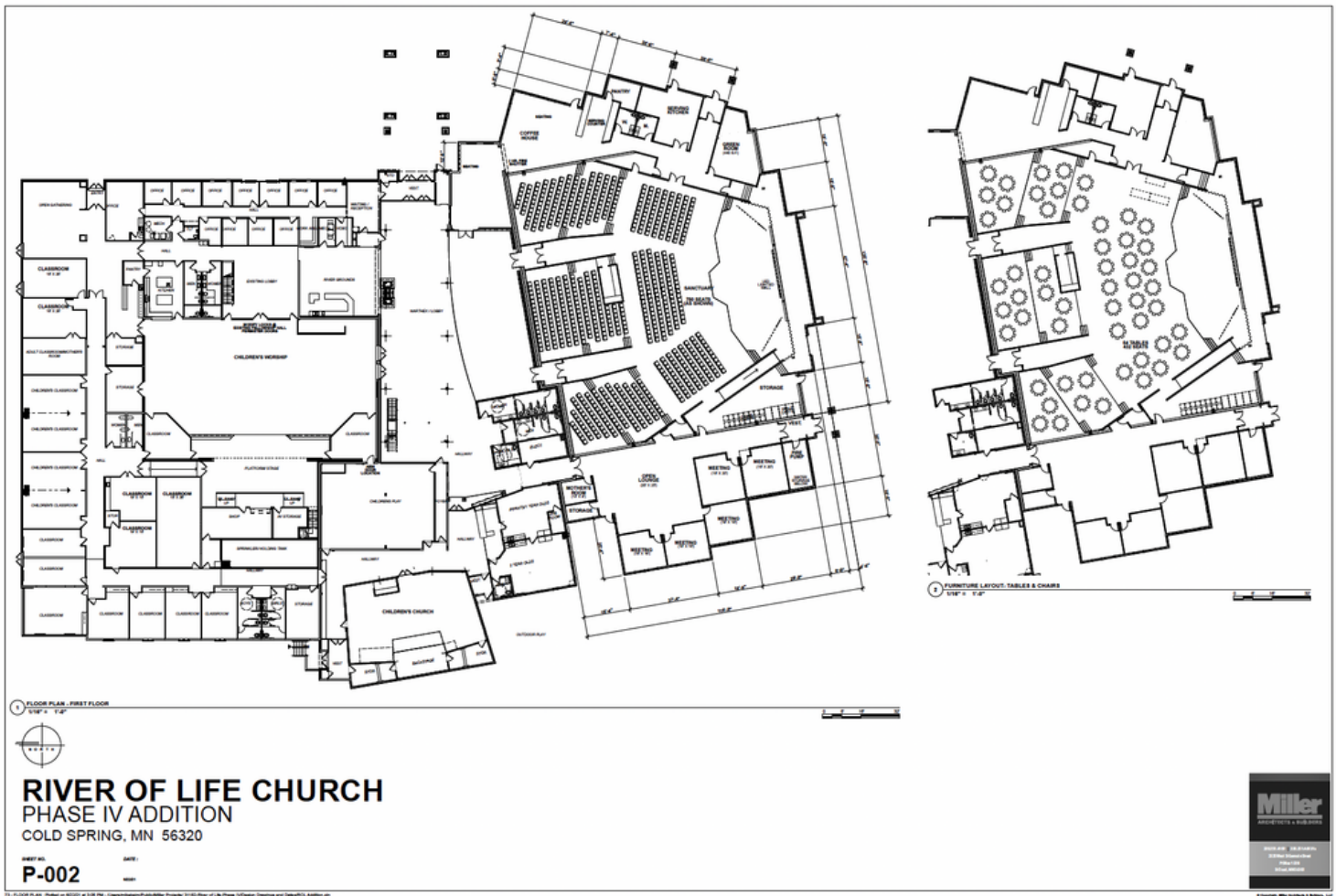
PHASE IV



The next building addition is the construction of a sanctuary to the south of the current structure.

The plan for this building is to create a space for worship services with the potential for being a multi-purpose room to be able to host banquets and other activities.

*Seating capacity would approximate 700-900 seats with some diverse seating options available throughout.
Updated broadcasting. audio, and visual
tech would all be installed.*



COST

The approximate cost of this project is roughly \$7 million dollars which includes construction, materials, and labor.

CAMPAIGN

The goal is to present the project to the congregation in fall of 2021 with a potential pledge date in November.

CONSTRUCTION

Based on the pledges from the campaign, construction would be in the spring/summer of 2022. The process will be 16 to 19 months.

OUR PARTNERSHIP



WISDOM

We need you as we seek to move forward to pray for and share the wisdom you have in life and in your area of expertise. We need your wisdom!

"Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future."

Proverbs 19:20



WILLINGNESS

We need you to lead the way for others at River of Life - to serve, promote, and bring your enthusiasm and understanding to others.

"Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means."

2 Corinthians 8:11

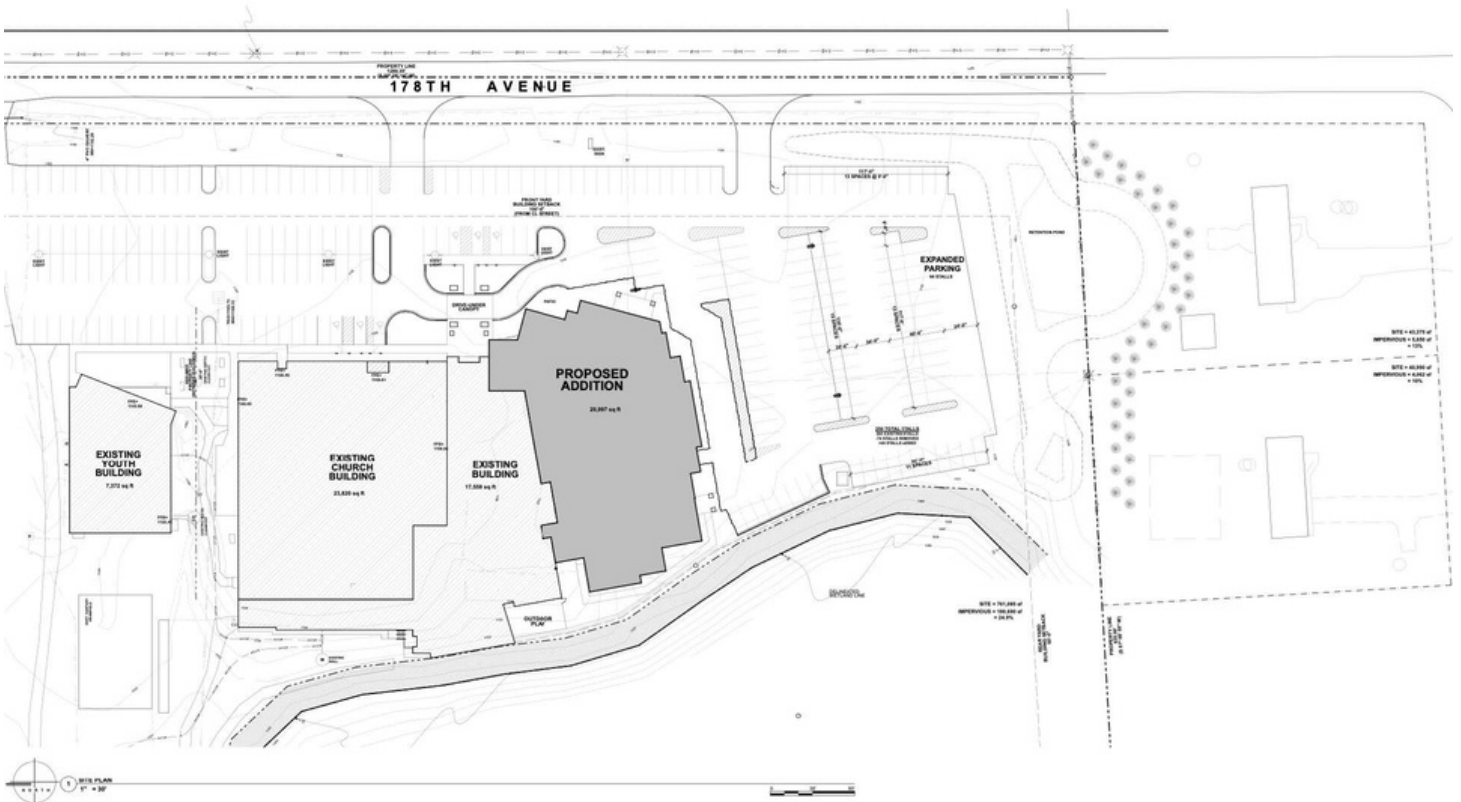


WORD

We need an idea of whether we can move forward and are looking for an amount you may be able to give.

"And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."

2 Corinthians 9:8



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