

# Welcome, Worship and the Word

In a move to grow in welcoming and worshipping, the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd congregation moved to its present North Mankato location over 15 years ago. You can easily tell what our old location lacked and see by what we built what we are striving to achieve. Good Shepherd is a place for welcoming, for worshipping and for study of God's Word.

Those that worshiped in our old location know it was land-locked and difficult to find. The facility was old and needed significant upkeep. Even with major investment, there was no room to congregate in the narthex and no available land for future potential. The church came to be seen as the church you can see as you cross the Blue Earth River, but can't find your way to get there in time for worship.

That's when the congregation made the bold move of relocating to build in a growing area of the community with room to grow God's ministry. One look at what was built first shows our priorities. A roomy narthex shows that welcoming was a top priority, even while for many years the fellowship hall doubled as our place of worship. Additionally, our classrooms show the emphasis on Christian education and studying God's word.

Despite all we've done, there are projects and plans that remain deferred. We must also maintain what we have and sustain regular payments. Congregation leaders have identified needs in each area. Among these are a convenient circular drive up to our covered entry and an improved sound system to better manage acoustics. There are also many areas identified for upkeep in the coming years. One outlay to plan ahead for is replacing the parking lot that is beginning to show its age.

The Good Shepherd capital campaign is geared toward:



*Taking a big bite out of the mortgage*  
*Paying ahead to repave the parking lot*  
*Building a circular drive*  
*Upgrading the sound system to reduce echo*  
*Updating our camera for recording*  
*Tithing to the Camp Omega Campaign*

Building the Future of Good Shepherd

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