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## Our History

*Our God has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy! Psalm 126:3*

The mission of Risen Christ Lutheran Church is, “Proclaiming a new beginning in the family of God through faith in Jesus, the risen Christ.” Throughout our history, the members of Risen Christ have always been willing to take bold steps of faith to accomplish this mission.

- ✝ In 1985, the first worship service was held in a modular building on Northwest Boulevard with 47 in attendance.
- ✝ In 1989, the 76 members of the congregation took a step of faith and hired an architect to design a \$200,000 sanctuary. The new sanctuary had its ground breaking on Easter of 1990 and its dedication on Easter Sunday of 1991.
- ✝ In 1996, the Voters Assembly took another step of faith and approved the construction of a two story education wing, which was dedicated on Easter of 1997.

Now in 2011, the family of Risen Christ consists of 10 times as many souls as we had in 1989, and it is time to take the next step of faith in our journey together. On May 22nd, the Voters Assembly of Risen Christ approved plans to expand our facilities, including an expanded sanctuary, an expanded education wing, and a remodeling of the central core including the kitchen, restrooms, and office space, at an estimated cost of 1.4 million dollars.

This is an exciting moment in the history of Risen Christ, as we have an opportunity to enhance our ministry and expand our mission!

## Our Opportunity

*They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42*

Here, in Acts 2:42, the three main purposes of the Church are stated:

1. Education (“the apostles’ teaching”)
2. Fellowship (“the fellowship”)
3. Worship (“the breaking of bread and of prayers”)

Each one of these three purposes are enhanced by the building plan approved by the Voters Assembly this past spring:

### **Enhanced Education**

*Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105*

Risen Christ is a Church that believes and teaches God's Holy Word – the Bible. Currently, however, there is no space in our church building especially dedicated to adult Bible study. The new expansion of the Education Wing adds two rooms especially made for a large number of adults to gather together and study God's Word. It also provides four extra classrooms for Sunday School, so that we might grow in our ability to teach God's Word to the next generation.

### **Enhanced Fellowship**

*All men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35*

Risen Christ is a family of brothers and sisters who love each other and fellowship together. The remodeled "Central Core" will enhance the fellowship that we enjoy at Risen Christ as it provides a larger kitchen, better amenities, and a larger gathering space so that we might continue to enjoy the togetherness that comes from being part of God's Family.

### **Enhanced Worship**

*Worship the Lord with gladness, come before Him with joyful songs! Psalm 100:2*

The newly expanded sanctuary will greatly enhance the worship life of Risen Christ. Not only will there be additional seating for special services and for future growth, there will be extra space for choir, musicians, instruments, altar guild, and drama. At the same time, the design of the enhanced sanctuary will maintain the joyful, friendly atmosphere that is such an important part of our worship experience at Risen Christ.

### **Our Future**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future!" Jeremiah 29:11*

This is an exciting time for our family at Risen Christ. There are so many blessings we have received, and so many opportunities for mission and ministry all around us. Because of the tremendous promises that God gives us in His Word, we can be confident in the Lord as we take the next step into the future.