



SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024
SANCTUARY DEDICATION RITE

Pastor Knoll:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are here to ask God's blessings as we set apart this ground for a new sanctuary to glorify his name here at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. We rejoice in these words from the Psalms...

"Magnify the Lord with me. Let us exalt his name together."

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Praise to you, O Lord, our God, King of all the universe. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hallowed be your name in all the world! In loving kindness, you have gathered us around your pure Word and sacraments, and you have kept us in faith in Christ Jesus. By grace you formed us as your congregation and have given us every spiritual blessing in Christ. With thanksgiving we come before you in worship and praise you for your goodness as we break ground for this new sanctuary where we may, gather-grow-and glorify. May your glory dwell here and your grace continue to be revealed in Word and sacrament. May your love descend like a dew from heaven on this place and on all who gather here to worship you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor Knoll:

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

**Pastor Knoll:
Matthew 7:24-27**

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

**Pastor Schultz:
1 Corinthians 3:10-14**

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.

**Words from Shepherd of the Hills President - Bud Abel
Selected Leaders invited forward for ground breaking**

**Pastor Schultz:
*Shovels are put into the ground while pastor speaks***

With faith in Jesus Christ, we break this ground in the name of the Father, of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Schultz:

We pray, almighty and eternal God, we thank you for leading us to build this house in which we will gather, grow, and glorify. Give grace to all who have been and will be involved in the work, so that your will may be done. Set apart this building for the gathering of your people, “for where two or three are gathered together;” bless the work of your saving gospel and help us as grow as we, “go and make disciples;” and finally, let us raise a joyful noise as we praise you, “to your name give glory.” For now and for generations to come, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Pastor Schultz:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow - Sung by those in attendance

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Additional remarks and introductions following the dedication rite

EXPANSION PROJECT TEAMS

Shepherd of the Hills

Tom Romoser - Sanctuary Expansion Committee Chair
Bud Abel - Loan financing/Build Team
Peter Dankert - Design/Build Team
Pete Becker - Design/Build Team
Al Paul - Design/Build Team
Larry Gatzke - BFC point-person
Cheryl Wilichowski - Kitchen Team
Nancy Haferman - Kitchen Team
Rick Land - AV/Tech/Worship
Jessica Zarling - AV/Tech/Worship
Fred Bohlmann - AV/Tech/Worship
Deb Gatzke - Interiors
Dennis Pusch - Landscaping
Sarah Malchow - Fundraising Campaign Lead
Jake Wagner - Fundraising Campaign

Design-2-Construct

Jason Hernke - Senior Project Manager
Terry Koth - Vice President of Operations
Tate Boho - President
Brittany Nothem - Office Manager

Groth Design Group

Todd Dvorak - Religious Studio Project Manager
Paul Barribeau - Director of Religious Studio
Dylan Wallace - Project Designer
April Guenther - Interior Designer

Parish Survey and Engineering

Kevin Parish - Owner
Jacob Rosbeck - Professional Engineer

City of West Bend - Planning and Engineering

Jim Reinke - Business and Development Planner
Max Marechal - City Engineer

Builders for Christ

Mark Pamperin - Project Manager
Jason Spurgin - Construction Project Manager