

# Come and Follow Christ Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

## This is a pivotal moment in the life of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

God is working through Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. As a result of this work, we are a growing, vibrant congregation. Since 2000 our Sunday worship attendance has increased by over 70 per week. Our ministry to our own members and our community has grown dramatically. Our financial support of our synod and the ELCA churchwide has almost tripled.



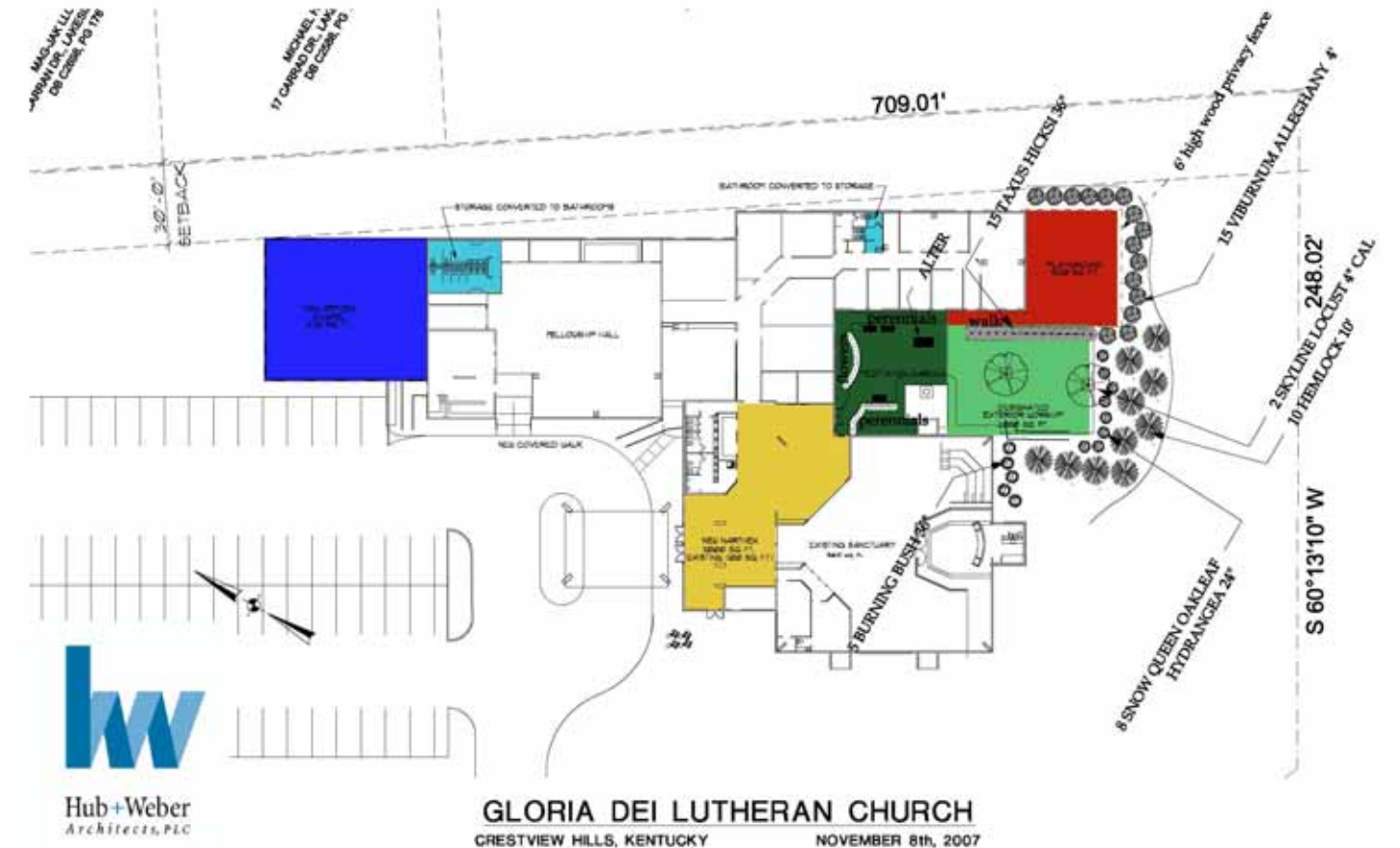
All of these vital signs of life at Gloria Dei indicate that we are alive in the gospel, full of God's love, and responding in incredible ways. Our Mission Statement says, "We are saved by Grace through Faith and are called by the Holy Spirit to make Christ Known. In joyful response, we strive to: Love God, Love others as God loves them, Live as disciples, Grow spiritually, Share the good news." Thanks be to God, our Mission Statement is becoming our reality.

Our exciting past brings us to this pivotal moment. We are certain that our building is now limiting our continuing expansion of ministry. As a congregation we have discussed this situation and how to resolve it. At last November's Annual Meeting, we unanimously approved the plan that will also soon become our reality. *Come and Follow Christ* is the capital appeal that will raise the funds to make the much-needed changes and additions to our building.

### What will happen because of *Come and Follow Christ*?

There are three major components of *Come and Follow Christ*.

- We will increase worship opportunities by expanding our current sanctuary with a moveable wall. We will enhance our outdoor worship by creating an outdoor worship area and a meditation garden. We will also add a chapel.
- We will provide additional space for us to greet members and visitors alike by expanding and upgrading our narthex.
- We will increase the efficiency of our congregation's life by building a new expanded office area. We will also enhance our building by adding additional restrooms, and building a covered walkway.



*Come and Follow Christ* will allow us to meet the needs of all our members. Just as importantly, *Come and Follow Christ* will allow us to continue to reach out with the gospel to those in our community who are not part of a church.

### *Come and Follow Christ* needs your significant participation

The goal for *Come and Follow Christ* is \$850,000. This amount will be given over a three year period, beginning in March, 2008, and concluding in March, 2011. Each member of Gloria Dei has an important part in the success of this venture.

God has blessed each of us differently with financial resources. The call of *Come and Follow Christ* is not for equal gifts. Rather, the call is for equal sacrifice. Our Lord regularly stressed proportional giving.



## There are many ways to give

To reach our goal, each member of Gloria Dei will need to give thought and prayer not only to how much they will give, but also to how they will give. *Come and Follow Christ* calls for each of us to be creative in our giving.



Many people will give to *Come and Follow Christ* out of their regular income. Over a three year giving period, a gift each week can accumulate to a gift much larger than many people would imagine possible.



Many people will also give out of accumulated assets. Gifts of appreciated stock and gifts of the cash value of an insurance policy can provide both very generous gifts and significant tax advantages. Many will also see this as such an important opportunity that they will make a gift from savings.

Gloria Dei members who combine giving from regular income with giving from accumulated assets will find themselves able to make a heart-warming gift that will make a huge difference as we build on all our blessings.

## Giving together, we can reach our goal

As you consider your gift, please prayerfully consider the following giving chart. To attain our goal we will need:

1 gift of \$75,000 (\$25,000 per year)	12 gifts of \$9,000 (\$3,000 per year)
1 gift of \$50,000 (\$16,666 per year)	12 gifts of \$7,800 (\$50 per week)
2 gifts of \$30,000 (\$10,000 per year)	15 gifts of \$4,680 (\$30 per week)
2 gifts of \$24,000 (\$8,000 per year)	20 gifts of \$3,900 (\$25 per week)
2 gifts of \$20,000 (\$6,667 per year)	30 gifts of \$2,340 (\$15 per week)
4 gifts of \$18,000 (\$6,000 per year)	35 gifts of \$1,560 (\$10 per week)
6 gifts of \$15,000 (\$5,000 per year)	40 gifts of \$780 (\$5 per week)
12 gifts of \$12,000 (\$4,000 per year)	Many gifts of less than \$5.00 per week

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