

# FAQs

## Christ's Way Continuing in Faith

Zion's Ministry Expansion Campaign

**1. I am interested in helping with the Capital Campaign. How can I get involved?**

A: Thank you for your interest and willingness to be a part of the *Christ's Way* campaign. To get involved, please contact the church office at (605) 342-5749, or talk to a member of the campaign leadership team: Pastor Bryan, Don Valentia, Bill Aker, Ken Anderson, Claire Schmidt, or Lynette Epp.

**2. How long are we planning for this campaign?**

A: This next campaign is once again a 3-year commitment. It will lead to the design and construction of a new gymnasium and additional classrooms (Grades 1-5).

**3. What is the plan for the current Sanctuary?**

A: Upon completion of the new gymnasium, the Sanctuary will become a dedicated worship space. The Sanctuary refurbishment plan will be addressed by the building committee as design and construction costs are realized.

**4. How much money do we need to raise?**

A: The construction costs are estimated at \$5M. We will have an exact idea of the building cost when we go out for construction bids in early 2026.

**5. How much funding needs to be secured before construction can begin?**

A: The current church budget must be positive. And, we must have 55% of the total construction cost hand in hand.

**6. Are we anticipating having the new addition fully financed prior to construction or will a mortgage be obtained?**

A: Zion will likely need a mortgage to begin construction. One option is Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF).

**7. Will there be a public entrance to the new gym?**

A: Yes, the new location for the gymnasium is the northwest corner of the current facility. It will have a main entrance to the existing parking lot.

**8. Will the playground need to be moved? If so, where will it be located?**

A: Under the new building design, the playground will not need to be relocated. However, we will be adding previously purchased playground equipment and some landscape.

**9. Are there plans for expanding the garage for increased storage space?**

A: The existing garage will need to be rebuilt due to the new placement of the gymnasium.

**10. Will all the classrooms be finished and furnished at the initial completion?**

A: The classrooms will be finished as far as the construction cost is concerned. They will be furnished as needed by the Board of Education.

**11. Are there plans for renovating or expanding the kitchen during the capital campaign?**

A: There are no plans to renovate or expand the kitchen.

**12. Will the narthex/dining area be large enough for the increase in school capacity?**

A: No. The new gym will be the lunchroom for all school children. Going forward, the gymnasium will be our new multi-purpose gathering space.

**13. Where can I find more information about the campaign?**

A: Information will be available on Zion's website ([www.zionrc.org/ChristWay](http://www.zionrc.org/ChristWay)), in the *Christ's Way* campaign booklet, and via informational forums, and newsletters throughout the campaign. Additionally, for this new campaign we have a Facebook site and Instagram account. ("Christ's Way Campaign-Zion Lutheran Church")

**14. Will there be seating or a locker room in the gym area?**

A: There will be bleacher seating and potential for additional table/chairs. There will be restrooms; there will not be locker rooms.

**15. Will any of the additional rooms be for upper classes (Middle School)?**

A: No, the school will remain an elementary school.

**16. Is there any way to increase the library?**

A: Not currently.

**17. What is the current student enrollment? How many new students will we be able to accommodate with the expansion?**

A: The current enrollment is 165 students. In the future we hope to be at approximately 280.

**18. How are we managing the money we have raised in the past?**

A: Currently, \$1.5 million is in CDs with Lutheran Church Extension Funds (LCEF) and the remaining is in savings accounts with Pioneer Bank and Trust.

**19. Are there plans to expand the parking lot with additional families coming?**

A: We believe we have adequate parking. This is currently being reviewed by our architect. Should we need more parking, the lot would be expanded by the water tower.

**20. Will Zion be able and willing to host more groups? (ie: traveling youth groups, American Heritage Girls & Trail Life)**

A: Yes.



**21. Is the sanctuary still going to be multipurpose rather than a completely dedicated worship space?**

A: No. It will be a dedicated sanctuary.

**22. When could the school be ready for students?**

A: The building committee feels that the project would take +- 18 months. This is just an estimate, and the actual build time may or may not be longer.

**23. Why did the location of the gymnasium change?**

A: The soil samples that the committee received showed instability that made the location cost prohibitive.

**24. Will the cost still be around the previous estimates?**

A: The previous estimate was from 2022. We expect that original cost estimate to increase; hence why we are planning for \$5M.

**25. Is this campaign for the expansion of our school and gym?**

A: Yes. *Christ's Way: Continuing in Faith* is a continuing campaign for our school and gym.

**26. Will there be enough room for 2 volleyball courts side by side?**

A: No. A standard size volleyball court is slightly smaller than an elementary basketball court at 59' x 29.5'.

**27. What is the timeline for the bid, the ground breaking and the building?**

A: Winter 2026 is the projected time for the bids, then Spring 2026 ground breaking with the building taking approximately 12-18 months possibly longer.

**28. Will there be lockers or a drinking fountain in the gym?**

A: No lockers are planned. There will be a drinking fountain.

**29. What is happening with the DOT taking land to rebuild the road out front?**

A: At this time, it is on hold.

**30. Will a designated lunch room/kitchen be in the future?**

A: No, not at this point. The new gym will have a prep kitchen and seating.

**31. How many additional staff will be needed?**

A: The Board of Ed will determine that as God allows.

**32. What will happen with the garage?**

A: It will be relocated or rebuilt in a new location.

**33. At what point will we need to get a mortgage?**

A: Once bids come in, we can determine lending options.

**34. Does daycare get any new space for nappers?**

A: Space usage will be determined as we fill classrooms.

**35. Where will class be moved to when the one classroom has to be dismantled to allow for connecting the new gym?**

A: It will move to one of the new or existing classrooms.

**36. Will we charge a fee to the community to rent the gym?**

A: Yes, this will help provide a bit of additional income.

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