

July 2, 2025

Beloved of God,

There are exciting developments to report regarding the church building renewal project!

- During the May 18 Sunday forum, Fr. Christopher McLaren shared the results of the recent Feasibility Study conducted by our consultant, Vandersall Collective (VC). (See www.stmarksabq.org/newsletter, click 5/15/25 for Report and Slide Presentation. Visit www.stmarksabq.org/brc for Case Statement.)
- On May 22, our Vestry approved moving forward into a Capital Campaign in partnership with VC. The Capital Campaign will raise money for projects to support, enhance, and sustain St. Mark's mission to build something beautiful for God in our neighborhood.
- Fr. Christopher has appointed Lucy Sinkular, a trusted and loved long-time member of St. Mark's and our former Senior Warden, as Chair of the Capital Campaign.

PROJECTS

The results of the Feasibility Study indicate that our total fundraising goal will be \$2.8 million, which includes a primary goal of \$2.5 million with a recommended "stretch" goal of \$275,000.

St. Mark's parishioners were asked to prioritize five different building projects during the Feasibility Study survey, and clear priorities emerged:

Worship	77%
ADA-Compliant Bathroom	60%
Chancel & Chapel	49%
Kitchen Refresh	37%
West Addition	24%

WORSHIP, ADA-COMPLIANT BATHROOM, CHANCEL & CHAPEL

Gifts contributed to the Capital Campaign will support the Worship, ADA-Compliant Bathroom, and Chancel & Chapel projects. Recent discussions between our Vestry and the St. Mark's Building Renewal Committee (BRC) resulted in the recommendation that the scope for each of these projects undergo a final review with our architect, Paul Barribeau, of GROTH Design Group.

KITCHEN REFRESH

Our Vestry and BRC agree that the Kitchen Refresh should be a secondary project, to be reworked in the future as a separate construction project with its own budget.

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WEST ADDITION

The West Addition involves expansion of the building on the west side (facing the parking lot) with the addition of an elevator. Because of the cost of construction, our Vestry and BRC recommend moving forward with the addition only once our primary projects are funded. In this sense then, the West Addition has been recast as an aspirational project.

In addition, the low priority given to the West Addition in survey responses suggests that there is a need for clarification of various aspects of this project. Therefore, before moving forward with the West Addition, we will organize tours of the north-end undercroft during the Capital Campaign, with an additional informational video and Q & A session.

TIMELINE

For the rest of the summer, we will refine the details of the Capital Campaign and building projects, incorporating the feedback you gave during the Feasibility Study, and providing opportunities for you to learn more about the evolving architectural plans.

We are finalizing the campaign and construction timelines and plan to begin the Early Gifts stage of the Capital Campaign in September 2025 and Congregational Gifts in November. We expect to complete all fundraising by the end of December, with an announcement of the construction dates to follow.

June - Aug 2025	Planning
Sept- Oct	Early Gifts and preparation for Congregational Gifts
Nov - Dec	Parish-wide “kick-off” event and Congregational Gifts
Jan 2026	Conclusion of Capital Campaign

It is a priority of St. Mark’s leadership to communicate with our faith community about decisions impacting our life and work together. Please stay tuned for dates of upcoming forums where we will discuss and clarify details of the Capital Campaign process, projects, and construction. If you have questions, or are interested in serving as a team member, please contact Lucy Sinkular (lucy.sinkular@gmail.com) or Deb Bluestone (bluestonedeb@gmail.com).

Yours in Christ,

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