

5 September congregational meeting with Tim Peterson, ADG

President Bill Solum convened the meeting by introducing Tim Peterson of Architectural Design Group, Menomonie. The meeting was an opportunity for parishioners to brainstorm about present and future needs of the facility. Tim Peterson asked for any and all ideas, wishes, etc. Nothing was out of bounds. The notes that follow are simple bullet points...ideas as they were presented in the meeting.

- The current sound system controls are located behind the altar, making it difficult to monitor the actual sound in the sanctuary.
- We would like to see accessible areas for fellowship, Sunday school, restrooms, etc.
- If we abandon the basement for a new fellowship area does that become usable space for the future? Does it need to have an elevator for accessibility?
- We would like to see a multifunctional fellowship area for Sunday school, fellowship, etc. It should/could have a sound system, stage, to cover a broad range of functions.
- There is accessibility with the current altar. It is one step up and limits access for wheelchairs, walkers, etc.
- There is significant heat loss in the current Sunday school wing because of the way that it is designed (heat ducts in the concrete floor next to outside walls).
- A fireside room for small informal gatherings, discussion area, and so on.
- A youth “owned” space for at least 20 kids
- New kitchen for fellowship area
- Fellowship space should support around 300
- There is a priority to get water and restrooms on the main level
- Phasing – need a good master plan to get the most value for dollars spent.
- Sunday school addition may need to be removed to make room for fellowship area.
- Whatever we build should match the existing church structure. The entry does that, but the Sunday school addition does not.
- There could be an advantage in joining new space with old. Could be expansion seating for sanctuary. Heating and cooling could be easier in joined space.
- How can we make our altar area more accessible
- Current shared office space for secretary, Sunday school and pastors. Should have better office space with more room for comfortable seating, impromptu small meetings, and so on.
- The area behind the altar is not well used space...poorly lit, poor storage, no sink for clean up.
- Possible additional parking spaces besides the road.