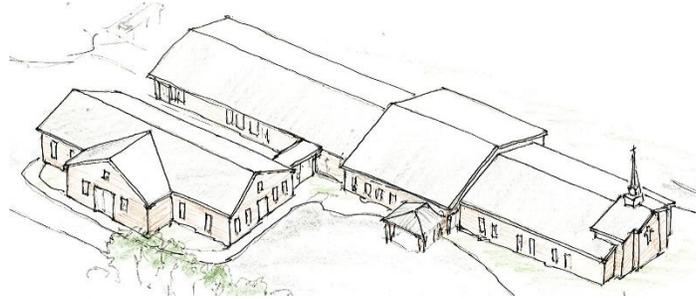


## Special Voters' Meeting to Approve Construction and Loan for Church Expansion

Two years ago our congregation approved the concept of expanding our church facility and entering into a contract with Capital Funding Services of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund to develop a capital campaign in order to raise the funds to expand our facility. Adding classrooms and a fellowship hall were considered our



greatest needs in order to grow and expand our ministries. At the time a local builder estimated that the construction costs to expand our facility by about 12,000 square feet would be \$1,400,000.

The "Building To Serve" campaign was launched a few months later and in April 2017 we received 3-year pledges of just over \$1,000,000. A building committee was formed to develop



the details on the layout of the building, work with the town of Clayton on a site plan, and to seek bids from construction companies. As of July 31, 2018 just over \$625,000 has been received from the *Building To Serve* campaign.

The process in approving a site plan was very tedious as the town of Clayton had several requirements that we had not experienced in the past or expected in our planning. Required sidewalks, a fire hydrant, an additional retention pond, landscaping, and other code requirements all added to the overall costs of the building. Plus, construction in Clayton and the greater Raleigh area increased dramatically over the past two years. As a result, construction costs increased and construction companies became very busy.

The building committee engaged three companies for construction bids at the end of 2017 and all three bids came in over \$2,000,000. The building committee spent several months making changes in the plans to reduce costs. As a result, two companies submitted bids that were closer to the original estimate and the building committee is recommending that the congregation enter into a contract with the following company:

*Jackson Builders* from Goldsboro, NC. (the company that built our current facility)

*Construction Bid:* \$1,779,965 (the lowest bid received)

*Additional Costs:* \$ 159,350 (parking lot lights, landscaping, furnishings, permits, etc.)

*Total Projected Costs:* \$1,939,315

Loan information and procedures with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund will be explained in greater detail at the voters' meeting on Saturday, August 25, at 6:00pm.