



Ministry Expansion Campaign

*Replace the
deteriorating* **Cross
&** 
Improve the **Entrances**

**June 14,
1959**



*Our Redeemer's
Ministry
through the
years*

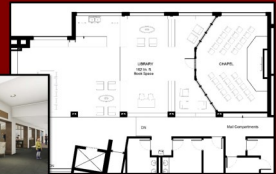
**August 3,
1969**



**March 25,
2007**

East Wall Project

**Narthex/
Library/
Chapel**



- ✓ Expand Narthex
- ✓ Move Chapel
- ✓ New Library

20/20
Vision for the Future



FROM THE PASTOR

In this project, decades-old dreams meet present-day needs to become a new reality.

As far back as 1996, it was recognized that our main entrance needed a covered entry. If you look at the model from that project in room 208, you can see the original vision clearly reflected in the covered walkways. At the time, however, this element was deprioritized and removed from the project's scope. Though set aside, the idea was never forgotten.

The need resurfaced again during the 2016 "Vision 2020" project, only to be cut once more. Throughout my time at Our Redeemer—dating back to my vicarage in 2008—we have continued to discuss solutions such as awnings or adding second doors to create vestibules at our entrances. Yet, for various reasons, these ideas never rose to the level of priority.

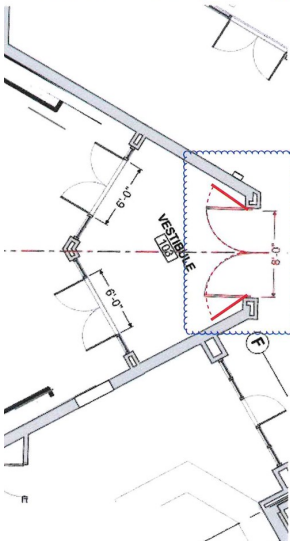
When it became clear that the iconic wooden cross at our main entrance, installed in 1969, needed to be replaced, we recognized an opportunity to revisit this long-standing vision. Thus was born the 2026 "Cross and Entrance" project. Over the past two and a half years, a dedicated group has prayerfully and thoughtfully explored this opportunity. With professional guidance and careful consideration of multiple options, they arrived at a design that best serves both our building and our ministry.

The "Cross and Entrance" project brings together necessity and enhancement—preserving the architectural integrity of our church while strengthening ministry at the corner of Court and 1st. This \$1 million project will be funded through our Ministry Expansion Campaign, "Enter His Courts," with the goal of beginning construction immediately, ideally this summer.

As you reflect on your stewardship of the many blessings God has entrusted to you, I ask that you prayerfully consider how you might support the "Enter His Courts" campaign and help bring this long-awaited vision to life.

MINISTRY EXPANSION

Vestibule Doors & Security Controls



Add door to existing ~8-4x7-4 opening, ~8-0 Wide x 7-0 High door, Glass door, with security hardware. Similar to storefront doors in existing photo. Hold opens beyond 90 degrees if possible.

- PRICING ITEM 1:**
- NEW MAIN ENTRANCE VESTIBULE DOORS (SHOWN)
 - NEW SECURITY SYSTEM AT MAIN ENTRANCE VESTIBULE DOORS
 - NEW SECURITY AND CONTROLS AT EXISTING DOORS
 - NEW INTERIOR DOOR AND SIDELIGHT AT WEST ENTRANCE

ALL NEW DOORS TO HAVE ADA COMPLIANT HARDWARE

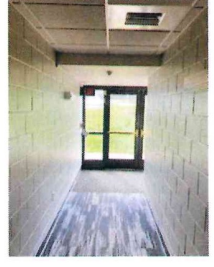


Main Canopy &

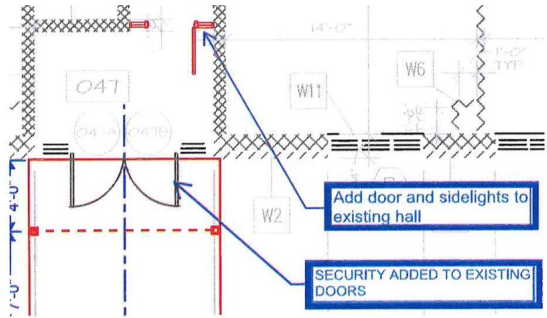
Cross Tower



NEEDS & VISION



***West Canopy
Interior door
and security
control***



***East Canopy will also include interior
door and security control***



Definition of a Ministry Expansion Campaign

A ministry expansion campaign is a focused fundraising effort to raise significant funds *beyond* the regular budget for specific, large-scale projects like new construction, major renovations, or debt reduction, rooted in spiritual principles of generosity and shared vision over a three-year period. It's a faith-based initiative to unite a community around a common goal, fostering spiritual growth and commitment to the organization's future mission.

Key Characteristics of Ministry Expansion Campaign

- **Purpose-Driven:** Funds are for "capital" needs (buildings, land, equipment, debt) rather than operating costs.
- **Above and Beyond Giving:** It asks for commitments *above* normal giving over a three-year period.
- **Spiritual Foundation:** Emphasizes discipleship, faith, unity, and responsible stewardship of resources. Not equal giving, but equal sacrifice.
- **Community Focus:** Unites people around a shared vision, building excitement, and a sense of ownership.
- **Structured Process:** Involves planning, spiritual preparation, major donor cultivation, and clear communication.

*Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.*

DEFINING MOMENT OF A MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Therefore, the defining moment in a campaign may look like this:

- ◆ When a husband and wife sit down at a kitchen table, open their Bibles, lay out their budget, look at each other, and say, “Honey, the pastor and our leadership have been talking about financing for the cross and entrance renovations in a ministry expansion campaign called *Enter His Courts*. I know you’ve been praying. So have I. What do you think God is telling us to do?”
- ◆ When the college student, working a part-time job, sits in her dorm-room and asks God how she can be a part of the work He wants to do through her church.
- ◆ When God grabs your heart and shows you that security and riches are found in Him, not any treasure of this world, causing you to grow in generosity, and become a major player in God’s vision.

Those singular moments, multiplied a dozen, a hundred, or even thousands of times, are the campaign’s defining moments.

The defining moment is the moment of surrender in your life, a life now marked by faith, generosity, and sacrifice. A life walking with Jesus is a life marked by continual surrender to Him.

People going on a spiritual journey that helps them connect to the generous heart of God. God then moves in their hearts, making them generous, The key phrase here is, “spiritual journey”.



G I F T
Growing In Faith Together
Growing to Serve

We, the members of Our Redeemer, have looked to the cross in front of our church building to identify our beliefs, our church, and our outreach to the community. At this point, the cross needs to be replaced for safety and liability concerns. As we are required to replace the cross, this is the best time to improve the entrances for safety and convenience. Safety will also be addressed in the form of interior doors and security controls.

ESTIMATED COSTS:

- Interior Door & Security Controls \$81,804
- Main Canopy & Cross Tower \$631,831
- West Canopy \$120,526
- East Canopy \$142,904

Total \$995,965
Allowance for rising costs \$1,100,000

Your Calling

Pray for an open mind and heart.

Ask God to lead you to an offering that is pleasing to Him in response to His Grace.

Seek confirmation of that offering.

Ask yourself, “Does this reflect a sacrifice?”

Ask yourself, “Is this an act of faith?”

Pray that God’s hand of blessing and provision will be seen in this *Enter His Courts* campaign.

Make a commitment. No matter what the size.

Giving Charts

Individual and/or Family

Total of a three-year commitment.

Giving is over 3 years, over and above your regular giving.

Weekly	Monthly Avg.	3-Year Total
\$1,282	\$5,555	\$200,000
\$230	\$1,000	\$36,000
\$192	\$833	\$30,000
\$153	\$667	\$24,000
\$115	\$500	\$18,000
\$76	\$333	\$12,000
\$57	\$250	\$9,000
\$38	\$167	\$6,000
\$30	\$133	\$4,800
\$23	\$100	\$3,600

Teen or Child Love Offering

Commitment to be in agreement with the child and/or parent(s).

Giving is over 3 years, as you see fit.

Weekly	Monthly Avg.	3 -Year Total
\$10	\$43	\$1,560
\$8	\$35	\$1,248
\$6	\$26	\$936
\$5	\$22	\$780
\$4	\$17	\$624
\$3	\$13	\$468
\$2	\$9	\$312
\$1	\$4	\$156
\$0.50	\$2	\$78
\$0.25	\$1	\$39

Q: What can equal sacrifice look like?

**Not Equal Giving,
But Equal Sacrifice**

A: Example 1: You are a family of 5 that goes out to eat every Friday night. Rather than ordering drinks with your meal, you order water with your meal. That $\$2.50 \times 5$ is $\$12.50$ a week that you can pledge to the campaign rather than spend it on drinks.

A: Example 2: You and your spouse go out to eat a couple times a week. You order water and split a meal. You save calories and probably around $\$15.00$ that you can pledge to the campaign.

Q:

Why is individual participation so important?

A:

We want everyone to participate in *Enter His Courts*, because everyone from children, to the eldest among us, can be blessed by learning to give generously and trusting in God to provide for our needs.

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from YOU, and we have given You only what comes from Your Hand.

~1 CHRONICLES 29:14

Q:

If I can only make a modest pledge, is it important that I even bother?

A:

EVERY commitment, regardless of the amount pledged, is important.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

~2 CORINTHIANS 9: 7



If you drive through Iowa City you'll see signs for many things, all promising to be a blessing to those who enter. Some say, "enter here for healing", others say "enter here for education", still others say "enter here for a nice meal and friendly service". Each of these places try their best to fulfill their promises, but those who enter can only find temporary

healing, temporary instruction, temporary satisfaction. Yet on the corner of Court and 1st there stands a different kind of sign, a cross that says "enter here with thanksgiving, for you stand in the Courts of God Himself." Our Redeemer stands amidst the temporary as a beacon of light for the eternal, a life of forgiveness and salvation found only in the cross of Christ, where we are invited to eat at God's own table as His beloved children. Pastor and I worked together to come up with a logo that depicts what this project stands for: a beacon of eternal in the midst of the temporary. This project is not simply to replace an old piece of property, it's to establish a lasting beacon to show the world that Our Redeemer is a place where God gives His gifts of salvation, forgiveness of sins, and life everlasting to a people who stand at the foot of Christ's cross. In my experience, there is not a congregation that better understands its calling to share the love of Christ in their community than the folks at Our Redeemer. I pray that this image would serve to remind you of the eternal work that you are doing as you serve God's kingdom with thankfulness on the corner of Court and 1st. May God bless you all as you give with thankfulness out of the abundance that God has given you. - Tyler Simmons, Vicar 2024-2025

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