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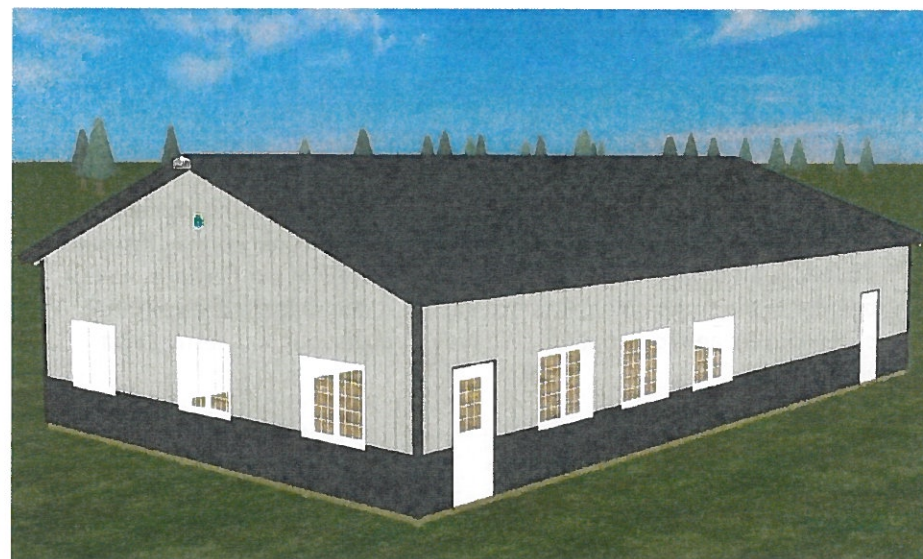
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Pastor Norman A. Nelson Program Center

Groundbreaking Ceremony

October 9, 2016



Gathering

Welcome to this special service as we break ground for our new program building to serve youth and adults with powerful experiences in faith formation, environmental education, and retreat ministries.

Greeting:

Pastor Norman A. Nelson

P: We gather in the Name of the Father, X and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

P: O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your Church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make us worthy of our heritage. Knit us together in the communion of saints, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Hebrews 11: 8-10

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

*Thank you for attending our Groundbreaking Ceremony.
Please keep our project in your prayers as we look forward
to dedicating our new program building in the Spring of
2017.*

*Please join us for Worship in the Dining Hall
immediately following the ceremony.*

Thank You for Serving

Pastor

Bishop Jeffrey Clements

Assisting Minister

Bishop Wayne Miller

Reader

Todd Peterson

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

P: O Lord our God, in you every good work has its beginning. Grant that what we have undertaken this day to the glory of your name may be successfully completed to the good of all your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: May the blessing of almighty God, Father, X Son, and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6: 47-49

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 6th Chapter of St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁷I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Order for Groundbreaking

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ: We have come together to seek God's blessing as we set apart this ground for the expansion and renovation of our facilities.

A: A reading from the book of Exodus: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire

out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." Ex.3:1-7

The Blessing of Ground and Congregation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you laid the foundation of the earth, you determined its measurements, and you stretched the line upon it, when the morning stars sang together and the heavenly beings shouted for joy.

You fill the whole world with your presence; all the earth is holy ground.

We bless you for the good things of your creation that will be shaped into a place of worship and witness, and especially today for this space, which we set apart for the expansion of this church building.

You spin the stars around the heavens, you are the dwelling place of light: make this to be a place where your glory dwells in the light of your word and sacraments.

You give birth to the rain, your waters break forth in the desert: may your gracious blessing descend like dew from heaven upon all whom you will gather here to worship and send from here to serve.

We praise you for the joy of beginning a work in your name and for all whose gifts and labor have prepared for this day.

May we soon gather here to hear your Word and celebrate your Sacraments of the New Covenant, learning to serve our neighbor and, in the time to come, praise you forever in our eternal home; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Breaking of the Ground

A: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

C: Extol him, all you peoples!

A: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

The Pastor turns three spadeful of earth, saying:

P: With faith in Jesus Christ, this work is begun and this ground is broken in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Other ministers, LOMC Board members and Staff each turn a spadeful of earth.

After all have broken ground, we pray...

Prayers of the Church followed by The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.