



TRANSFORM

TOMORROW TODAY

"His faithfulness continues through all generations."

Psalm 100:5



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A Word from Senior Pastor Jared Carlson



This moment is an exciting and crucial time for our church as we work together as a body of believers to expand our reach with the gospel.

Almost sixty years ago, a church began to pray and asked God what was possible (*Elim Baptist*). A married couple took a portion of their resources and asked God what was possible (*Dudrey's land*). Eventually, twenty-three charter members asked God what was possible (*meeting in a living room*).

For nearly sixty years, and three significant phases of growth and property expansions, GracePoint has been faithful, *and* adventurous, *and* obedient, *and* sacrificial to ask God what is possible.

A legacy was created within this church to seize the opportunities, and in faith, believe in the God of the possible! Now, almost sixty years later, we are once again asking God what is possible.

Transform Tomorrow Today is not just a slogan, it's our vision; it is a call to each one of us to seize the opportunities that God has given to this church so we can experience the ways He is moving right now and have a lasting impact for future generations.

Each of us, like the faithful who have come before us, have an opportunity to use our resources for the good of this church, and the glory of God. I want to invite you to read this material with an open heart and a prayerful, enthusiastic spirit. Let us rejoice together in all that God has done, and may we never stop asking God what is possible.

Together, we can Transform Tomorrow Today!

Blessings,
Jared

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.



Important Dates Mark Your Calendars!

Mar
8, 15,
& 22

Q&A Sessions

March 8 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM • Conference Room

March 15 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM • Fellowship Hall | 12:00 - 1:00 PM • Conference Room

March 22 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM • Fellowship Hall

Mar
10

Prayer Vigil and Concert of Prayer

March 10 | 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM • GracePoint Church

We are inviting all congregants to come to the church sanctuary during the day to spend 15 minutes in prayer for our Facility Vision Project starting at 6:00 a.m. The day will end in a time of corporate prayer. The Concert of Prayer will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Mar
15

Facebook Live Q&A Video

March 15 | 5:30 PM • Tune into [Facebook.com/ExploreGracePoint](https://www.facebook.com/ExploreGracePoint)

Members of the Generosity Committee and Pastor Jared Carlson will give an overview of the Facility Project and answer questions on a LIVE Facebook video.

Mar
29

Commitment Sunday

March 29 Service | 10:00 AM • GracePoint Church

This Sunday is when the congregation will be called to make their pledges and first fruits offerings to support Our Vision. We will celebrate our commitment to Transform Tomorrow Today by eating a meal together after a single combined service.

Apr
26

Celebration Day

April 26 | 12:00 PM • GracePoint Church

During our Annual Meeting we will celebrate God's faithfulness by bringing forth the funds needed to achieve Our Vision!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6



Building on Legacy



**1st service in
Carlson's home**

**1962 met at
Sunnyside School**

**1963 incorporated
Salem Baptist Church**

**Moved to
Pike Lake School**



**1st Sanctuary
held 160 people**

1961

**Elim Baptist chose to plant a new church
Dudrey's donated land**

History

For nearly sixty years, GracePoint has been reaping the fruit of legacy. It was the faithful prayers that gave Elim Baptist a vision to plant a new church in New Brighton; it was the faithful generosity of the Dudrey's to share their land; and it was the faithful commitment of twenty-three charter members to incorporate as Salem Baptist Church (January 24, 1963).

From an open field, to the Carlson's living room, to Pike Lake Elementary, to the first church building holding 160 people, a faithful legacy was established. Since 1972, there have been two expansions which includes the purchase of two additional properties.

Our vision is to continue with this legacy by "Reaching Out While Transforming Within for the Glory of God."



At GracePoint Church we have excellent opportunities to build on our legacy and set our sights on a vision that will continue to reach more people with the message of hope and love found in Jesus Christ.



"O love the LORD, all you His godly ones! The LORD preserves the faithful..."
Psalm 31:23

Making the Most of Opportunity



1970 - Addition of current Sanctuary



1998 - Gym and new Entryway Addition






2008 - name change to GracePoint Church



- Phase 1: Sanctuary**
- Phase 2: Education**
- Phase 3: Hospitality**

Our Location

-  At the Crossroads of 35W and 694
-  5 Minutes from Bethel University and University of Northwestern - St. Paul
-  15 Minutes from Minneapolis and St. Paul



Perfectly Positioned for Impact

Changing Community Demographics



Our Church Culture

GracePoint is a multi-generational church that loves to exalt the name of Jesus, proclaim the gospel, edify the saints, defend the faith, and engage beyond our walls. We are passionate about God's Word and growing in faith together.

Our Church Size

GracePoint is large enough that ministry can exist in many different forms; yet we're small enough that relationships can truly be caring, authentic and engaging.

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people."
Galatians 6:10



Values Align with Our Vision

GracePoint Church's primary Values are Bible teaching, Worship, teaching Children and Youth, Hospitality, and Missions. Our Vision aligns with Our Values.

Phase 1 Transformed Sanctuary: Bible Teaching and Worship Eliminate Debt: Fiscal Responsibility



Phases 2 & 3 Safe and Adequate Education Spaces Teaching Children and Youth Strengthened Hospitality



"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."
Psalm 96:3

Impact

“Evangelical Kingdom Impact in New Brighton!” - Pastor Jared Carlson

Phase 1: Transformed Sanctuary

Sunday morning is the central time to our gathering as a church to worship God and study God’s Word. As a result, we desire to have maximum Sunday impact by creating a space that is accessible, appealing, and conducive to all people.



Phase 1: Eliminate Debt

Our current mortgage payment ends December 2024. If we pay off the mortgage during this 3-year campaign (by December 2022), we will be saving money on interest payments. By including Debt Reduction in our fundraising efforts, we also free up funds to increase our support of outreach efforts to further the spread of the gospel.



Phase 2: Safe and Adequate Education Space

The future of the church is always in the next generation. With so many young families coming into our community, we believe there can be significant gospel impact by investing in our children.

Phase 3: Strengthening Hospitality

Guests and visitors will be warmly greeted as they walk into an incredible space that is open, inviting, and easy to navigate. The café will be centrally located and bathrooms will be spacious and family-friendly. Best of all, our sanctuary will be accessible without using the stairs or elevator. The gospel is hospitable in nature, and this is who we are.



Woven throughout all phases is the opportunity to increase sharing and teaching about Missions work being supported by GracePoint Church. Additionally, all three phases will include necessary building maintenance and upgrades.

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9



Transform Tomorrow Today

YOU are important to us.
To accomplish Our Vision will cost:

Phase 1

\$1.98M (*includes debt elimination*)

Phase 1 Fundraising and Construction Timeline

At \$1.2M Raised Upgrade existing sanctuary in current footprint. No additional seating. No bathroom or entry door upgrades. No additional parking. Cannot pay off existing debt.	At \$1.5M Raised All sanctuary upgrades occur. No bathroom or south entry door upgrades. No additional parking. Cannot pay off existing debt.	At \$1.8M Raised All sanctuary, bathroom, and south entry door upgrades occur, and existing debt paid off. No additional parking.	At \$1.98M Raised All Phase 1 upgrades occur, and existing debt paid off.
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Phase 2

\$1.5M

Phase 3

\$3M

(All phase costs are estimates as of January 2020)

Total \$6.5M



How You Can Help

We want you to be part of the Legacy Kingdom Impact in New Brighton. Your sacrificial gifts will help us achieve Our Vision! Our Vision will only be reached by your individual gifts.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to give during the three-year commitment period:

- \$1,000
- \$3,000
- \$5,000
- \$10,000
- \$15,000
- \$25,000
- \$30,000
- \$45,000
- \$50,000
- \$ _____

Ways You Can Give



Online

Go to explorepracepoint.com and click 'Give Online' in the top menu, then click the 'Give' button. Enter the \$ amount you choose to give, select 'Capital Campaign' from the drop-down menu, fill out requested information and click 'Give Now'.



Offering Envelope

Envelopes can be found in the sanctuary pews, church office, or ushers' desk. Please mark the envelope with 'Capital Campaign' and place it in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office.



Commitment Sunday

On Sunday, March 29, we will be asking the congregation to commit to giving to the Capital Campaign. You can make your first fruits offering, pledge or donation at this time with the First Fruits Envelope or Online.

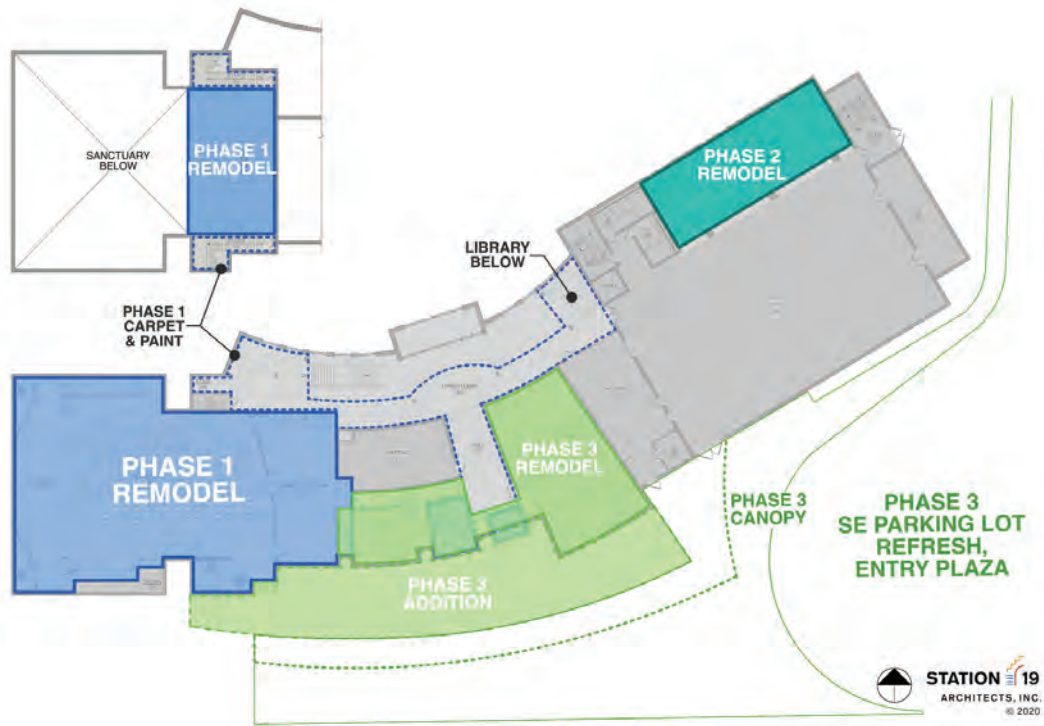
"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Malachi 3:10

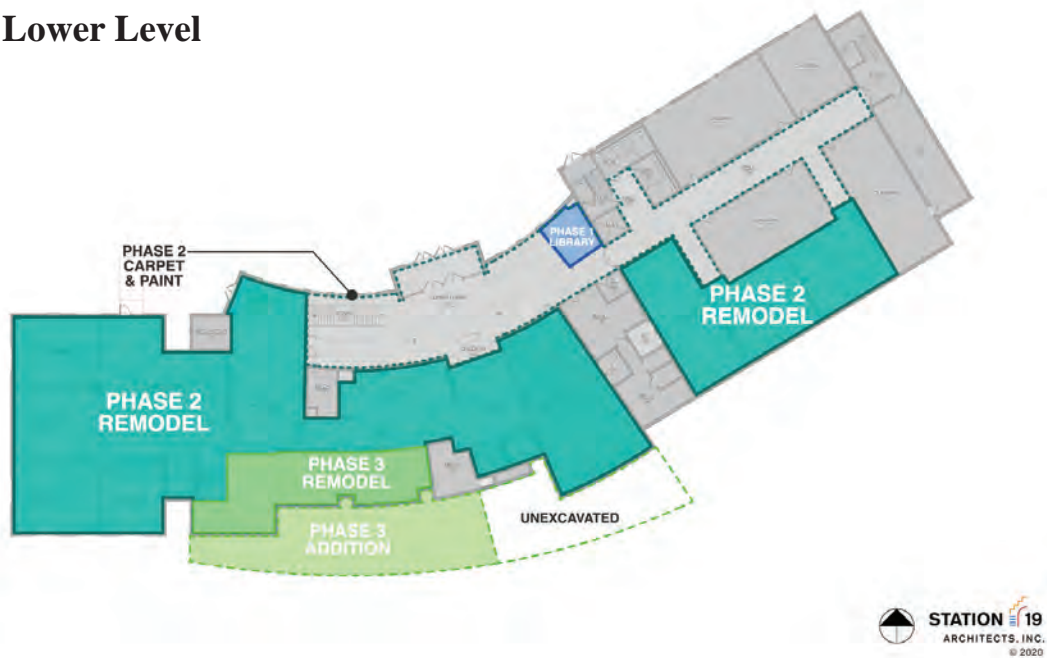


Phasing Diagrams: The Master Plan's 3 Suggested Phases

Main Level and Balcony

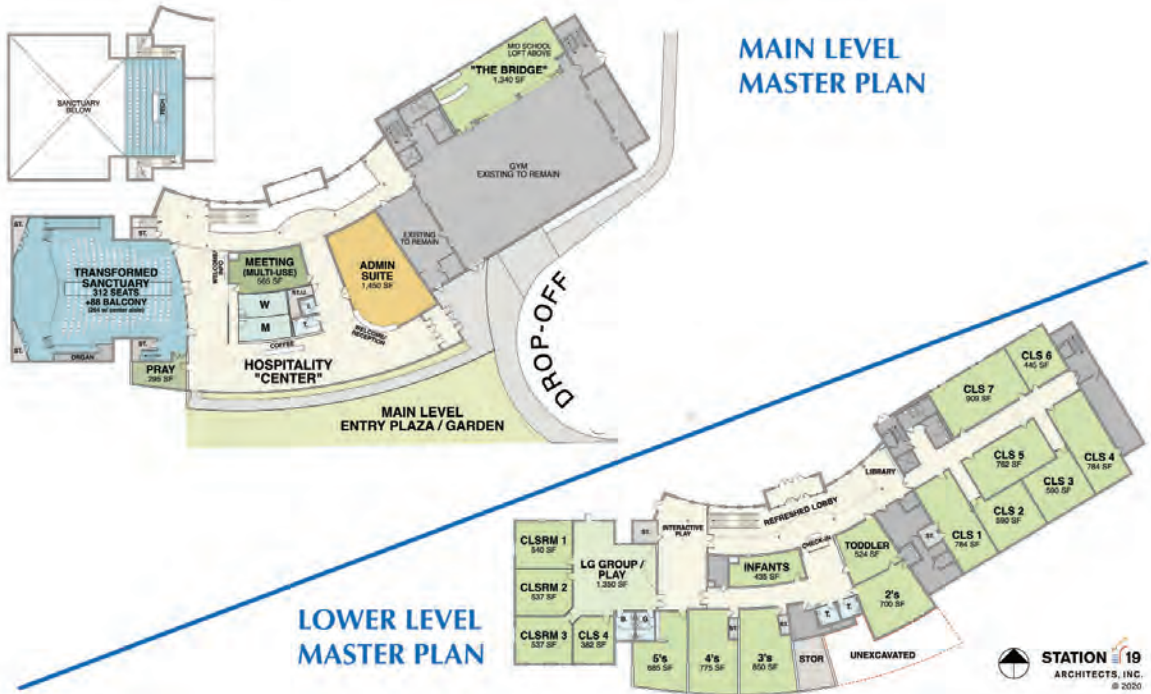


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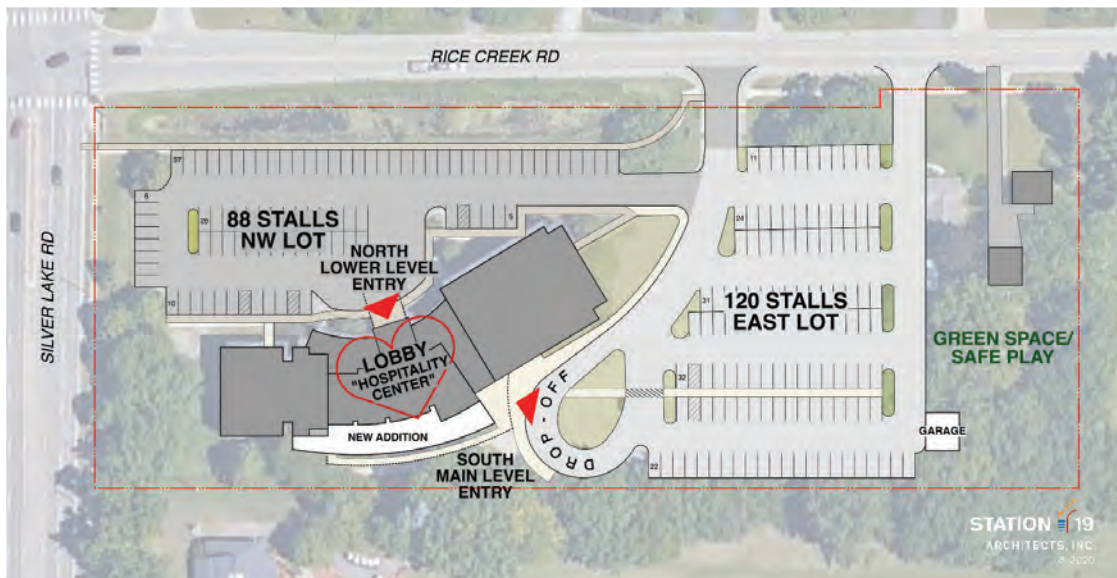


Master Floor and Site Plans

Main Level: Transformed Sanctuary | Renovated South Entry
Lower Level: Safe and Adequate Education Spaces



Master Site Plan



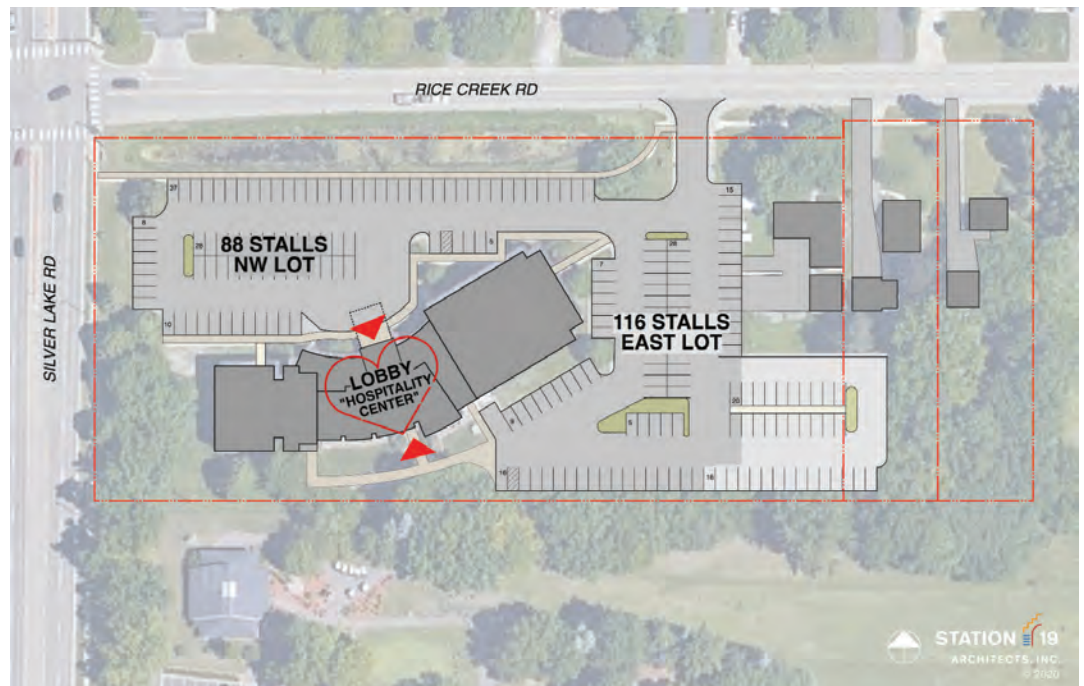
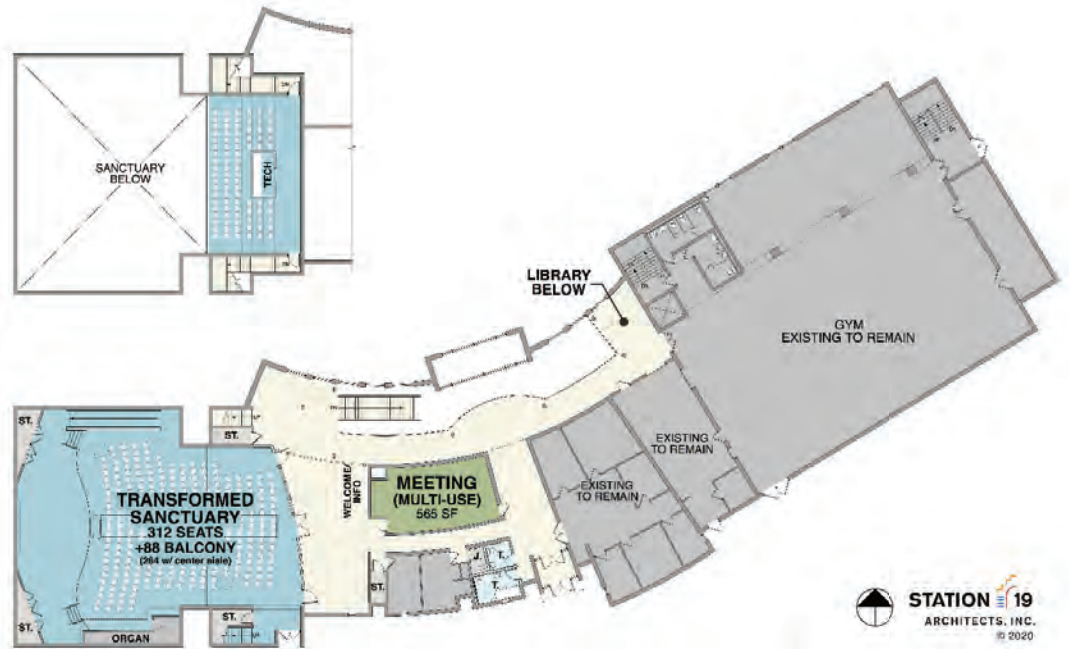
“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you will be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine.”
 Exodus 19:5



Phase 1: Floor and Site Plans

Depending on monies raised and member voting results, Phase 1 construction could include:

- Sanctuary Transformation & New Lobby,
- Gymnasium Audio, Video, & Lighting Upgrades,
- South Bathroom Renovation,
- South Entry Doors & Canopy,
- Additional Parking,
- Existing Loan Payoff



Conclusion

Building on *legacy*. Making the most of *opportunity*.

Pursuing our *vision*. Having a lasting *impact*.

Together, through your faithfulness to prayer, generosity, and commitment, we can start **Transforming Tomorrow Today**.

This is our goal as we move forward as one body.





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