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Lutheran Church

Brief history of the Three-Church Initiative at LNL

- Fall 2017** Pastor Drew Flathmann, Pastor Rachael Keefe of Living Table and Pastor William Heisley of St. James Episcopal began a shared building conversation. Additional congregation members joined discussions in November.
- 2018** The three congregations shared meals and worship, Teams continued to meet separately and together. Building assessments and preliminary ideas of sharing space were explored. Pastor Drew gave regular updates to our congregation. Meetings of the team were held monthly.
- 2019** Pastor Chris Hagen took the lead after Drew's retirement. At the annual meeting, LNL members approved funding to continue our conversation and hire an architect to envision a new, shared space. Congregation teams expanded to include several more members. A well-known, experienced professional consultant, David Raymond of ChurchFutures, was hired to advise our group.
- Tours of each church were held. St. James left the group, and Hope Lutheran joined the conversation. After a few months, Hope stepped away for more internal discussion. Our partnership agreement began to take shape. Station 19 Architects was hired. Multiple listening sessions were held in the fall.
- Spirit of St. Stephens Catholic Community joined our group in November. Hope Lutheran stays apprised of ongoing conversations.
- 2020** The architects interviewed each church, and presented designs to the group. During Feb. and March, LNL members were invited to attend an additional listening session. The LNL team shared initial designs with church staff, and provided feedback to the design team. The group continued to meet with David Raymond. Potential building layouts and a more detailed building partnership agreement were developed collaboratively.
- LNL shared an update with the LNL council in July. The group gathered rough estimates from several potential contractors to confirm building renovation feasibility.
- Next steps:** All three congregations share information with their members and vote on a partnership resolution in late September/early October 2020.