

Notes: Presentation on Sanctuary Refresh

In the summer of 2022 a Sanctuary Refresh team was formed to study possibilities for a revision to the sanctuary based on the goals and objectives which had been identified:

- The carpet had been buckling for a number of years and needed to be replaced
- Repair to two stained glass windows
- Improvements to back corner for live streaming
- Improve sound system for live streaming
- Move forward with our vision of Building Lasting Community that Follows Jesus
- Accessibility – better accommodate people in wheelchairs, on walkers or generally handicapped
- Flexibility for smaller services (i.e. Longest Night)
- Chancel is tight
- More room for full casket funerals
- Better layout for choir
- Preserve the beauty of our sanctuary while recognizing need for changes
- Appear more inviting to people walking in for the first time

History of study

- Preliminary suggestions and potential costs were presented in the May 7, 2023 Quarterly Dialogue and again in the August 6, 2023 Quarterly Dialogue
- In August 2023 a survey was conducted which asked if the Sanctuary Refresh Team should continue to develop a detailed plan, including flooring, flexible seating and needed updates. The majority of the congregation gave approval.
- For a brief while there was a suspension in the planning while the church went through a complete revitalization of all areas of the facility.
- On November 12, 2024 the Team reviewed three proposals from architectural firms for the development of a plan, and on December 12, 2024 the decision was made to select Architectura
- In the first 4 months of 2025 we met several times with Jennifer Takatch of Architectura and considered several proposals and revisions. This involved both study of floor plans and walk-throughs in the sanctuary to better visualize how the proposals on paper would actually work out.