

## What people are saying about:

# Space to Grow.

grow in development. grow in community. Grow in Faith.



"We are one in the body of Christ. We strive to bring in the kingdom of the Lord to all God's children. Sometimes that opportunity appears under our own roof. By providing an adequate space for all the educational activities of our church, we not only grow physically, but grow in Love towards now our younger church members, visiting families, our preschool students and families using our facilities through LSS. What could be a better blessing to all?"

Beth Holst - FLCW President, Choir member, MOPS Mentor Mom, Sunday School Teacher, Choir member, wife of "Backpack Man"

"On August 10, 2011, the new FLC gathering space was the site of an elegant congregational celebration for the TFR Challenge to Complete campaign, an event which highlighted the beauty and versatility of this space. It truly "builds a sense of community and facilitates hospitality" in addition to being a "transition between the church and the world"...But what about the level below the site of this celebration? On March 17, 2009, the TFR taskforce unanimously voted to approve creating a level below the gathering space to be "shelled in" for future use. The need for additional educational space has long been recognized. This addition is ideally located to provide space for Promise Preschool during the week, and Sunday School on weekends.... programs which serve important entry portals to the community of faith at First Lutheran. Congratulations to the Board of Education on taking the initiative in claiming and developing this space!"

Ted Johnson - Time for Renewal Chair, long time FLC member

"Completing this space will open up a much needed area for young adults in our congregation. Providing a space that is designated for adult programming will feed and nurture our congregation, it will draw us closer together as a church family, and it will give us the opportunity to explore our faith more deeply. As we grow in our personal faith, our ability and passion to share Jesus with our children will grow as well. This can only enhance our family faith journey – at church, in our community, and at home. What a great example for our children!"

Teresa Zupancich - Board of Ed member with emphasis in Adult Ed, Past Sunday School Teacher, Past Promise Preschool Parent, FLCW Co-Chair

"Completion of the Space to Grow will facilitate increased educational opportunities for enhanced growth in faith and development of the children and families of Promise Preschool."

Sarah Ching - Director of Promise Preschool

"The future of our church is in our young people and their families. For our church to have a healthy and vibrant future we need to have an environment that welcomes young children and their families, and makes them feel like an important and valuable part of our church community. One of the most positive indicators of where our church is headed is in the voices of the children. To hear kids say "that's my church", "that's my Preschool" or "there is my Sunday School" shows that they feel a true sense of belonging, which is likely to carry through for many years to come."

Christie Erickson - Sunday School Teacher, Past Promise Preschool Board Member/Parent

"We can help change kids' lives by giving this room to them to learn about God & how we can each change the world!"

Brita Birkeland - Sunday School Student and Sibling of Past Promise Student

"How exciting to embark on this process to create a "space to grow!" Not only will the little ones of First Lutheran and Promise Preschool benefit, but opening up a welcoming space for adult education will bring so many great things as well. Let's make it happen!"

Dana Varland - newer involved member and parent of young Sunday Schooler

"As a former Promise Preschool parent I have found that the program has out grown it's doors since it first opened over eight years ago. This much needed space will enhance the program allowing the children and teachers to have more space to move, learn and grow. Having this space available for Sunday School is wonderful too, knowing that it will be used all week long to benefit many families."

Julia Sampson - Past Promise Preschool Chair, Parent & substitute teacher and Sunday School Teacher

"First Lutheran families and our community partners will rejoice in having this new space where young children are welcome to express themselves through movement while their adult caregivers share in Christian fellowship and learning."

Sheryl S. Van Scoy - Board of Church and Society Co-Chair