

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

Vision Aligned Building (VAB) Update

August 14, 2020



On July 12th, the congregation approved moving forward with the VAB project, subject to sale of the P-Patch. Despite the challenges of purchasing the property, including the pandemic and its effect on fundraising, grant processing, and lending accessibility, Grow and the P-Patch team have done an incredible job. They are in the final stages of securing a bridge loan from Verity Credit Union and are scheduled to close on the property at the end of August.

The pending close on the loan has allowed the Church to prepare the building for turnover to the general contractor. The bulk of the cleaning, sorting, moving, and storage has been completed with the main office move scheduled to occur in September. A BIG THANK YOU thank you to everyone who made this happen!

Marceau Pipe Organs of Ballard will be in the building during the last half of September to remove the organ pipes, electronics, and all the magic that is hidden from view. It will be stored off site and refurbished while work happens in the building. Marceau will also be integrating the chimes from Calgary into the new system with installation planned in the spring.

All the pews will be saved taken apart, then stored for reuse in the new space. Ryan Mertes, and a crew of volunteers will be working on this during the last two weeks in September. He will be looking for volunteers so if your interested in helping, please reach out to Ryan or Pastor Gretchen.

Early October is our target date to begin construction. With the slight delay in the P-Patch closing, LZL Construction has revised their approach to the work to help ensure that weather sensitive scopes will be saved for spring of 2021. This means that the Library structure will remain and be used by LZL as storage and contractor space through a good part of the project. We will be focusing on the inside of the building first and then moving to the demolition and site work in March or April of 2021.

The construction cost did not change and the duration for the construction work is expected to be about the same, even with the change in approach to the work. The church has also been able to maintain the 10% construction contingency shown in the budget along with another \$60K contingency for project-related costs.

As the work ramps up, these updates will become more frequent and include photos of the progress, a monthly video by Pastor Gretchen, as well as regular updates on the status of the budget and schedule.

