

## MEDIA ADVISORY FOR:

October 4, 2020

### OFFICIAL GROUNDBREAKING AND SHOVEL CEREMONY FOR OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH RENOVATION



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### *City and Community Partners celebrate beginning of work on upgrades to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church*

**WHAT:** Our Redeemer's building is the product of at least three major building projects over the span of 71 years. Over the years the congregation's needs and priorities have evolved and the church's Vision Aligned Building (VAB) Team is creating a design that uplifts rather than restricts what can be done in the building. [SHKS Architects](#) has designed a space that is true to the vision outlined in 2016, will meet the daily needs of the congregation and community, and corrects known life/safety problems with the building. Elements include:

1. Flexible worship space that uplifts and enhances formal and informal and invites in the community.
2. Accessible spaces and an environment that fosters community and expresses our diversity.
3. Office space that is more functional, collaborative and volunteer friendly.

[LZL Construction](#) is the contractor for the project which will take 10 months to complete.

**WHERE:** Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 2400 NW 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle, WA – Front Lawn

**WHO:** Featured events and speakers include:

Speakers (invited)

- Seattle Councilman **Dan Strauss**
- Our Redeemer's Council Member **Shelbe Kukowski**
- Ballard P-Patch Representative **Cindy Krueger**
- Project Task Force Member **Guy Michaelsen**, The Berger Partnership
- GROW – **Michele Blume**

HOSTS: Our Redeemer's - Pastor **Kathy Hawks** and Pastor **Gretchen Mertes**

**WHEN: Sunday, October 4, 2020**

- Arrivals: 1:45 PM
- Presentation: 2:00 PM
- Refreshments: 2:30 PM

**WHY:** The renovated church will better serve the congregation and community members who regularly use the church facilities – a co-op preschool, AA, boy scouts, our homeless patrons, as well as other community organizations who will be invited to use the new multi-purpose spaces in the church.

**Visuals:** Groundbreaking and shovel ceremony

**Our Redeemer's Project Information and Construction updates:**

<https://ourredeemers.net/about/build-the-vision/>

Please **RSVP** to:

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**A renovated church that aligns our building with our community-oriented vision to**

**TRANSFORM SPIRITUALITY**

- + FLEXIBLE WORSHIP AND CLASSROOM SPACES
- + A REFURBISHED ORGAN + MOVABLE CONSOLE
- + MORE COMFORTABLE SEATING + NEW A/V SYSTEM

**ENGAGE OUR NEIGHBORS & DEEPEN COMMUNITY**

- + IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY
- + A MORE WELCOMING ENTRY AND RECEPTION AREA
- + FRESH CONCERT, LECTURE, AND GATHERING SPACES

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