

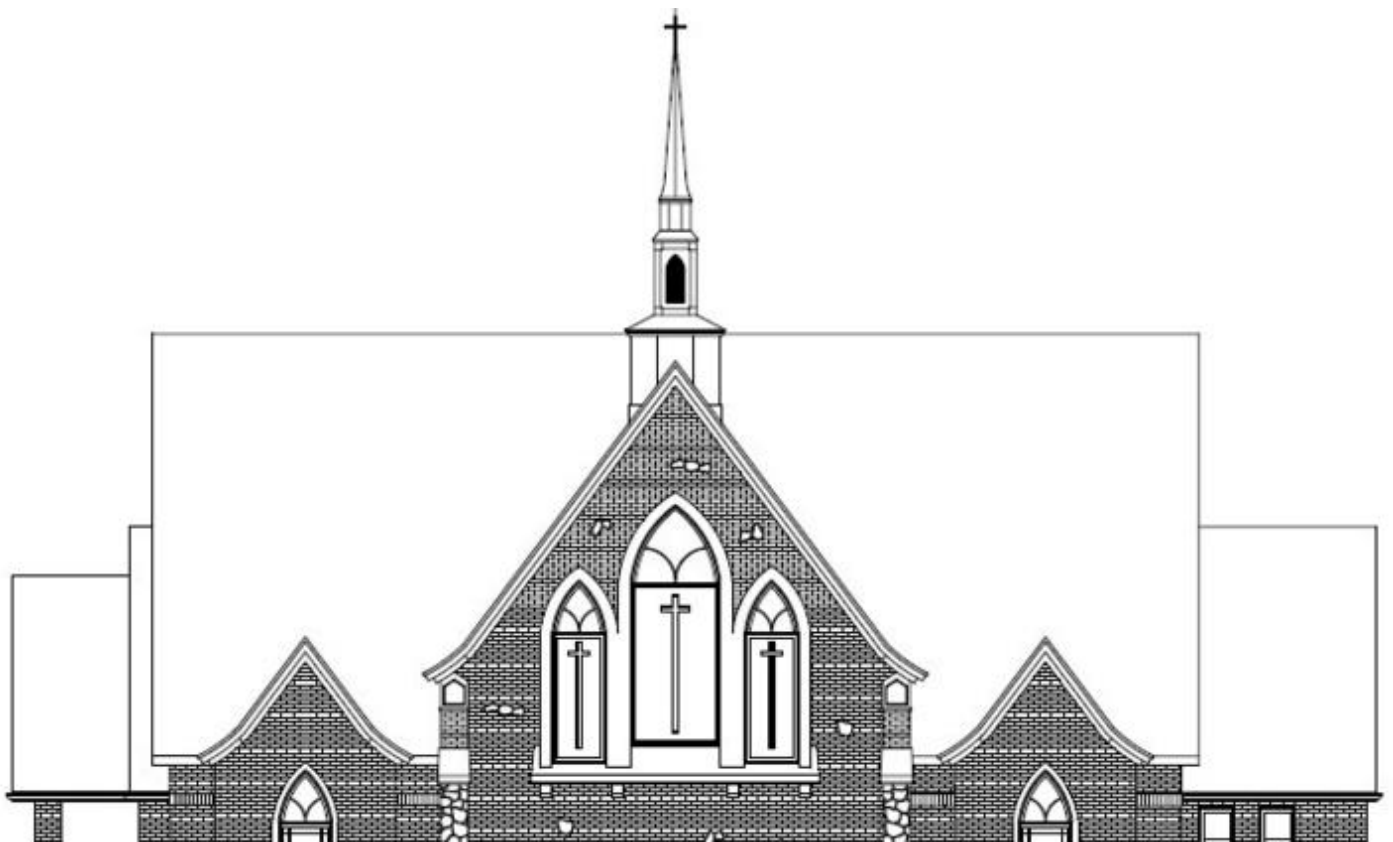
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From the community: Palos Heights Church Approves Major Building Renovation



Proposed west-facing elevation along Harlem Avenue. (Posted by Melissa Dimitri, Community Contributor)

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This past Sunday, the voters of Palos Evangelical Lutheran Church at the corner of 125th and Harlem in Palos Heights voted overwhelmingly in favor of pursuing a major building renovation project. The project, which the congregation hopes to begin as early as this coming Spring, will include an approximately 3,000 sq. ft. addition, more than doubling the church's footprint and allowing for a larger sanctuary, additional meeting space, and other amenities. Some of the features contemplated include a two and a half story vaulted ceiling worship area, stained glass windows, a classic stone facade, modern bathrooms with

updated fixtures, and additional space for parents with small children. The plan also includes expanding the church's parking lot and improving the flow of traffic. The current church building has not undergone a renovation since its dedication in 1949. "November 8, 2015, will go down in the history of our congregation as a momentous day," said Pastor David Waterstradt, who has been Pastor of Palos Lutheran since 2005. "Not only will this addition make our church more functional, but it will also be visually stunning. We hope this project will provide our church with renewed momentum as we seek to engage with the community and encourage them to be a part of this new chapter in our church's life." Various community activities will be rolled out in the coming months to allow the residents of Palos Heights to obtain a preview of the planned building improvements. The public will also be able to follow the progress of construction via the church's website at www.paloslutheran.org.

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