

"What's going on with your Building Project?"

This is a question I have received countless times over the past five years from people in the community. My answers have varied - depending on the time - from "Moving forward," to "Getting close - just need a few more funds" to "On hold," to "Maybe in a couple of years," to at one point a frustrated, "I really have no idea!" (Had to keep that one I kept to myself).

You have no idea how excited I am to finally be able to answer

"WE ARE GOING TO BREAK GROUND THIS SPRING!"

and to know that is not just wishful thinking!

I have been to be able to give that answer many times since our Voters' Assembly on Palm Sunday unanimously approved going ahead with construction. And, each time I've given it, the reaction has been with equal excitement for us!

In this May issue, on the next few pages, you will find drawings of the floor plan, the location on our land, and view from outside. You will also find the cost figures and list of subcontractors whose bids have been selected by our Building Committee.

A Ground-Breaking Celebration Sunday is planned for May 20. That day we will celebrate in worship God's work in bringing us to this point. The Sunday School students will be concluding their Sunday School year that day by making a trip to our land to transplant flowers they started from seed on Earth Day. Please make plans to join us for this day of praising God for His goodness. Tentative plans are to also hold a "Ground-Breaking" ceremony at the land following the Sunday School picnic.

Building Chairperson, Jamie Iverson, gives us this update:

"The papers for the mortgage are ready to be signed, so that's exciting. We're looking forward to our land-use permit receiving final approval at the county board meeting on May 15th. The excavating can proceed immediately after that. We're also counting on lots of volunteer help once the walls are up and the roof is on."

Special thanks is due to our Building Committee for the many hours they have put into planning: Chair Jamie Iverson, Mark Fuglie, Mona Hjelle, Brent Sawatzky and Kevin Welsh.

But most of all, THANKS BE TO GOD!

Thanks for asking, Pastor David

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