

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the time since the congregation gave approval to proceed with the project at the end of May, we have been working to finalize the construction loan with LCEF. After weeks of meetings, phone calls and emails, I am happy to say the loan documents were finally signed this week and our loan has now closed!

We have had a number of minor glitches along the way: We needed to await a congregation meeting and approval to move forward. Then there was a difference in the numbers between LCEF and BSLC, so we worked to get the numbers to what was approved by the congregation. Then, sadly, our Laborers for Christ project manager had to decline our project due to the health of his wife.

But we worked with LFC and LCEF to find our new project manager, Thomas Hawkins, who lives here in Kansas City and is a member at Bethany Lutheran. We had the opportunity to meet Thomas and are excited to have him as our PM!

In addition to finalizing the loan, the Building Committee has been working on permitting, selecting subcontractors and finalizing the design for the maintenance building.

Since the loan is signed and approved:

- 1) we can finalize our contract with the general contractor who will hold the license for our project and begin the permitting process. We will need to pull a building permit, a land disturbance permit, and a waterline permit;
- 2) subcontracts can be awarded, and;
- 3) materials, such as structural steel, can be ordered.

The Building Committee and Board of Trustees are working with the architect to finalize the design of the maintenance building which will be located in the northeast corner of the property.

Finally, now that the loan is finalized, an official groundbreaking can be planned so look for more details to come.

In Christ,

Doug Mahnken

Building Committee Representative to the Congregation