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Psalm 36:5, NIV



Working on a puzzle in Charter Oak



Organized in 1881, St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak currently has education space in an old school building that needs either major repairs or razing. The congregation wanted to explore their options, so they turned to LCEF's Architectural Advisory Committee. Architect Gary Landhauser walked St. John's through the feasibility of education space that might also incorporate their needs for main level fellowship and a carport.

The AAC consists of members who like to figure out the "puzzles" LCMS organizations face when repairing or constructing a building. It's all about making connections between theology and space. These experts see potential where others do not, and opportunity for expression among wood and wiring. LCEF's AAC is a unique ministry that brings together volunteer Lutheran architects and liturgical advisors. The most common puzzle to be solved is finding a balance between functionality and costs; this is where AAC members can make the most impact. These volunteers meet with a congregation on a one-time basis for expenses only. This is a first stage process only, blueprints are not drawn up -- only the possibilities are explored. Local or regional AAC contacts are available for your congregation or school by contacting your LCEF Vice President Carole White.



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