

## SPECIAL ISSUE: CALVARY FOR THE FUTURE

### Exciting News!—Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer, Rector

There is much to be hopeful about in our world right now. There seems to be a glimmer of light at the end of the long tunnel of the COVID-19 pandemic, with vaccinations being given out daily. The end of this time of separation cannot come soon enough.

There is also excitement in the air at Calvary because after several years of deliberation the vestry has voted to move forward in providing full accessibility to all who come through our doors, as well as restoring our organ so that when we return to in-person worship we will be able to continue to enjoy the much-loved organ music. (The motion that has been approved will follow this article.)

The accessibility piece of this project will include a ramp to the North Entry, a ramp to the nave, which will include the addition of a platform around the baptismal font (thus making baptisms much more accessible to friends and families), and an elevator to the second floor, which will be housed beside the stairwell.

The first of this three-part project will be the ramp in the nave, which we hope to have completed by the time we re-open for in-person services. The exterior ramp will be second and finally the elevator will be added. You will find digital drawings of the completed work on the pages that follow.

The organ restoration will not begin until 2023 because we are on a three-year waiting list with the organ builder.

I am very excited that we are moving forward with these projects to allow all people access to our beautiful worship space and all aspects of our shared life together. This is very much an investment in our future. No longer will parents with small children have to wrestle them up a flight of stairs to get to the nursery. No longer will those who have just had knee replacements be prevented from joining the choir. No longer will those with walkers or wheelchairs be excluded from coffee hour and other social gatherings. We will truly be able to say "Welcome!" to all.

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As you read the motion, you will see that there are three parts to funding this project. There are funds currently available in our operating budget from which we will begin to draw on as needed. There will also be a capital campaign to be matched with funds from the endowment. And there will be a loan for the remaining amount, to be repaid from the operating budget over a seven year period (pending approval from the Standing Committee of the diocese). Several ideas for Fun(d) raisers are in the works as well.

I want to offer my sincerest gratitude to the many folks who have worked diligently to make our future brighter. The vestry, and folks on previous vestries, have put many hours into this, as have the Stewardship Committee, the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee, the Property Committee, the Organ Committee, and the Accessibility ad-hoc committee. A new Capital Campaign committee will begin soon. K. Norman Berry Architects have drawn and redrawn plans to help us find the best way to meet our needs while maintaining the beauty of our space. And I want to thank each of you in advance for your enthusiastic support of welcoming all in the name of Christ. This is truly Calvary for the Future.

Yours in Christ,  
Lee+

**The Motion:**

(Approved by the Calvary Vestry December 22, 2020)

The Vestry has approved the Organ Restoration, at a cost of \$199,325, and the Accessibility Project for the North Entry, Nave and Second floor, estimated by K. Norman Berry, church architects, with a high end estimate of \$487,500.

These costs, totaling \$686,825 are estimated to begin in 2021 for Accessibility and in 2023 for the Organ, with a series of deposits, progress payments, etc. to be made for them. We wish to begin them as soon as possible, particularly the Nave ramp, which would most economically and best be constructed while the church is still closed due to Covid.

The Rector and/or Executive Committee is therefore authorized as follows:

- Apply available unrestricted funds to the payment of expenses as they come due
- Begin a Capital Campaign to be administered by a Capital Campaign Committee to raise funds for these projects
- Approve taking matching funds from the Endowment Funds (\$8,639,706 as of 11/30 balance sheet) on a one to one basis as donations are received, to be applied to expenses for these projects
- Obtain a loan, which can be collateralized with our Endowment Funds, from which funds can be drawn as needed to pay invoices as due, if other funds are not available. A 7 year facility is anticipated and each year's Operating Budget should include the expense of paying that year's anticipated amortizing portion of repayment.

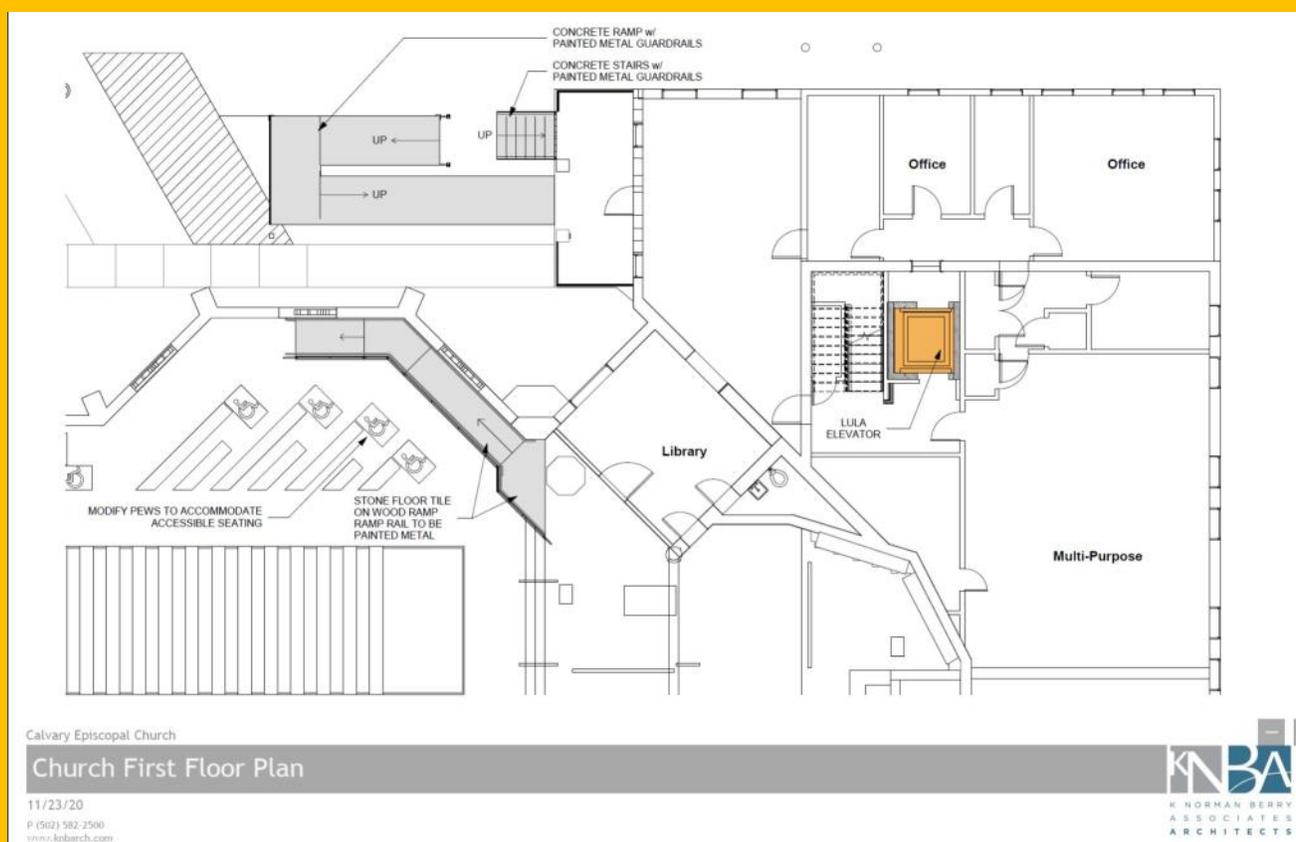
The Rector is authorized to obtain any required Diocesan approval for these plans and execute any documents necessary to carry out these plans. The Executive Committee is instructed to report at each Vestry meeting during the course of these projects, or repayment to the Endowment, on the status of donations, endowment draws, loan draws and repayments.



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### Overview.

This drawing gives you a bird's eye view (above our beautiful Hammerbeam ceiling) of the three new elements of accessibility. You'll be able to go from a handicap parking space up the outside ramp into the North Entry, then choose: down the Nave ramp into seating in the church (and back up the Nave ramp for a meeting or coffee hour afterward) or up in the elevator for choir practice, Sunday school, or nursery. While in the church, you'll be able to be seated in a wheelchair or pew to listen to the wonderful sound of the restored organ while you sing hymns or enjoy the Post-lude. The whole project gives us what we need for Calvary's Future.

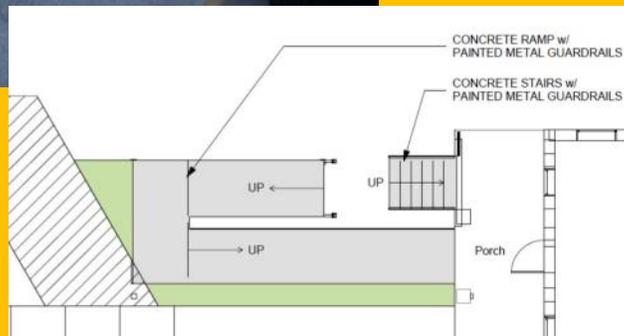
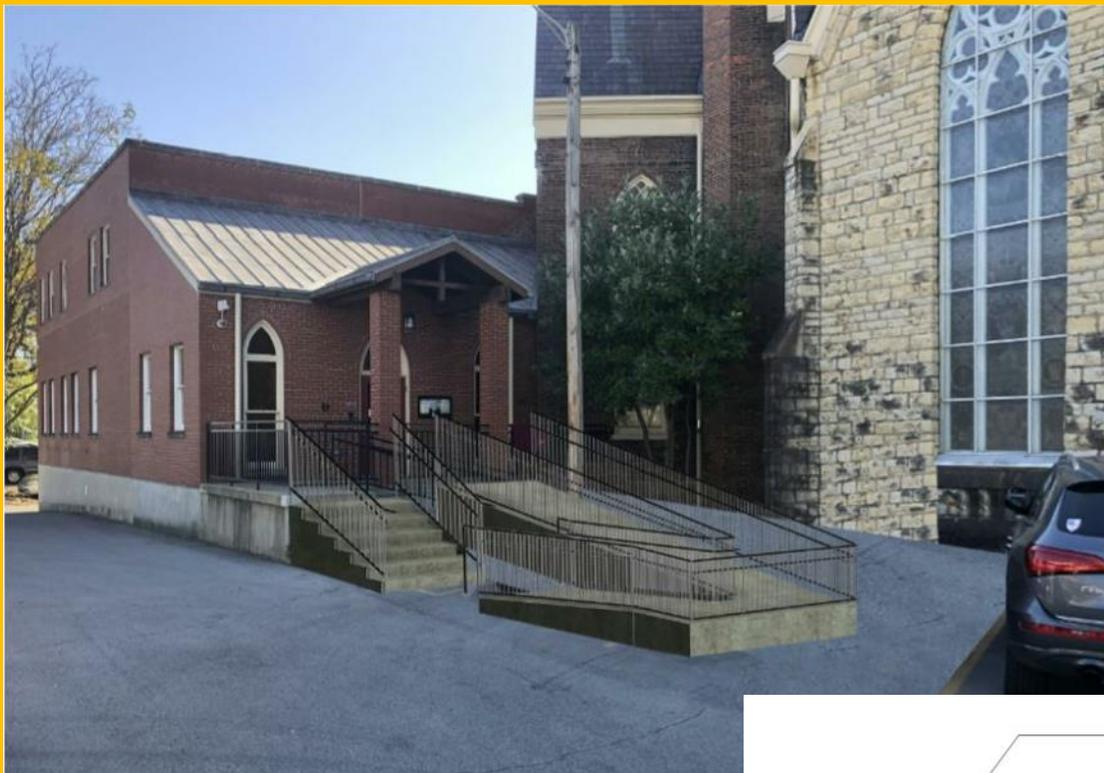


“With joy, it is exciting to be opening new doors to Calvary’s future. Always known for the beautiful music and worship service, we are on the pathway to making that music even more powerful and lovely. Opening the pathway to the Nave, the choir loft, the children’s nursery and church school will be extending our invitation to many. Accessibility will allow anyone to be able to worship God and sing praises to His name. This will be a wonderful way to end Covid19 and begin a new life together at Calvary Episcopal Church.” – Donna Duvall





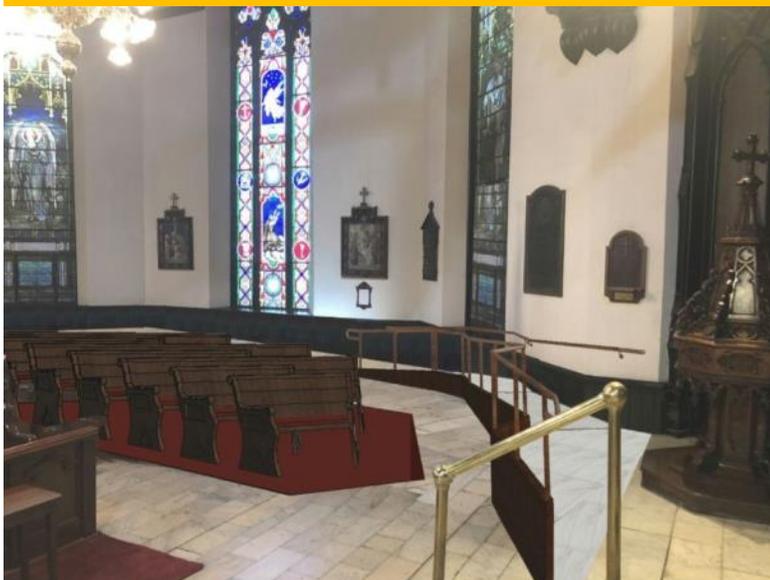
## New ramp and steps to North Entry.



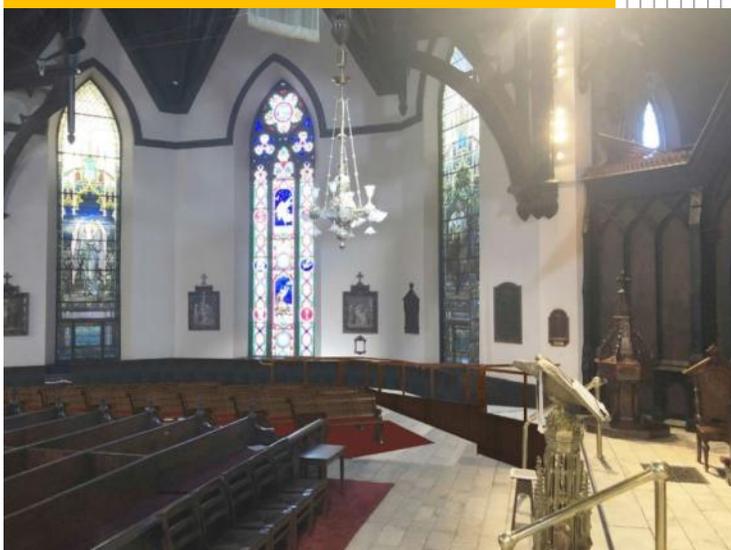
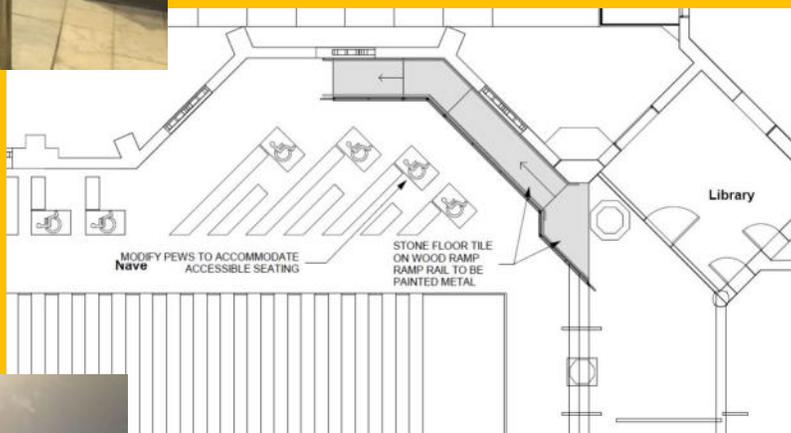
“I think most Calvary members and visitors will be glad to be rid of the awkward stairs at the north entrance to the church. The replaced stairs and the new ramp by the parking lot provide a much needed option for those who are not yet wheelchair bound but have difficulty with stairs. When we finally are able to return to the church building it will truly be accessible to everyone.” –Wilma Wilson



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**Widened platform  
around font, marble  
ramp into nave, and  
more accessible seating.**

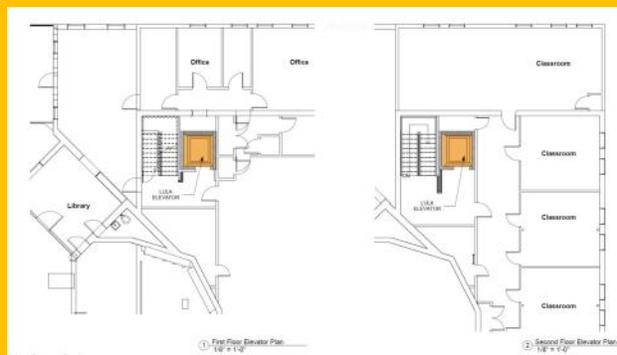


**“I am looking forward to the construction of those ramps—they will make it possible for me to attend church services again!!!!” – Corky Sachs**



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## Elevator to second floor.



“I cannot adequately express my gratitude that we are making Calvary accessible not only to the nave, but to our beautiful Choir Loft as well, with the inclusion of a much-needed elevator. The Bingham Choir Loft is beautiful physically and acoustically. It loves violins, and my students have had many, many recitals and group classes here. Who can forget the exquisite photography David Stewart captured of my students in this marvelous room? I have had a grandparent trek up the stairs with tubes coming out of her nose, but determined to get to her granddaughter’s performance. My daughter, Rosemary, had to forgo this wonderful facility for Parker Hall (beautiful, but not as acoustically attractive) because my mother (92) could not possibly make it up the stairs. Having this be available to all who enter is a long-awaited blessing. Thanks be to God and the people of Calvary.” – Judy Pease Wilson





### Restoration of the organ.

Calvary's present organ was built by Casavant Freres of Quebec, Canada, and installed in 1965, so it has provided fifty-five years of service. With the passage of time, it now has a variety of problems requiring repair, including deteriorated leather throughout, console buttons which do not work, or are unreliable or slow to respond, and pipes which do not function properly. Some of these pipes are collapsing under their own weight, while others do not speak or have difficulty speaking due to deteriorating leather. In order to restore the organ to good working condition, we need to re-leather all wind chests, rebuild the existing console, and re-voice and repair all the pipework. This restoration will return the organ to its best original condition. We have chosen a local organ builder, David Schroth of D.C. Schroth, to perform the work, which is anticipated to begin in 2023-2024. – Shawn Dawson, Organist and Director of Music



“The “king of instruments,” as Mozart called the organ, has played an integral role in Calvary’s musical tradition for generations. Its dynamic range and extensive palette of tonal colors make it the most versatile and expressive instrument to accompany congregational and choral singing and to complement the richness of our liturgical worship. It is impossible to imagine music at Calvary without it.” –Anne Marie de Zeeuw





## Office Hours and Service Times

Sundays

Facebook feed of services only

Thursdays

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing (**suspended**)

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3 pm (**suspended; Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9-noon during pandemic**)

Food and Clothes Closet (**food only, MTT**)



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