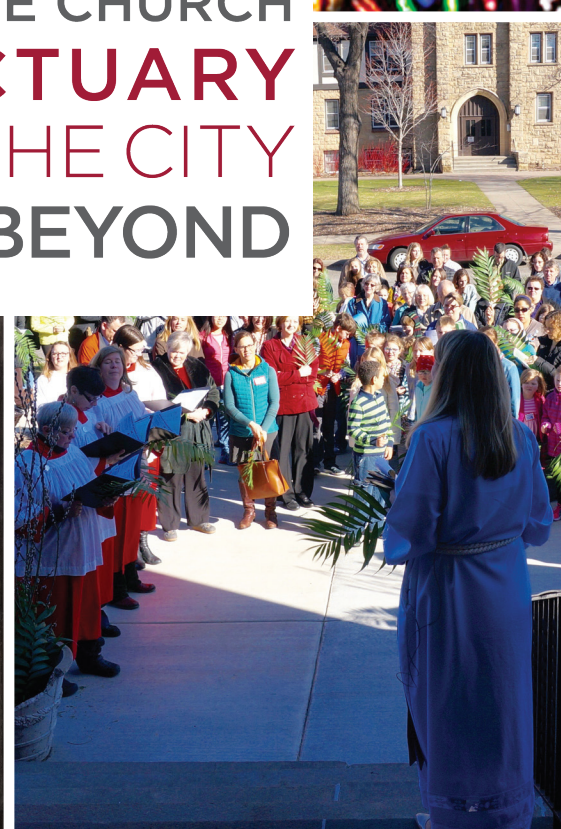




HAMLIN CHURCH
SANCTUARY
FOR THE CITY
AND BEYOND



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2020

Dear Hamline Church Family and Friends,

Hamline Church has been a cornerstone of faith and community in the city of Saint Paul for over 135 years. The Bible often speaks about “generations,” and at Hamline we are keenly aware of gifts of legacy from previous generations. Our faith galvanizes us to make good on the debt of gratitude that we owe to the faithful generations of the past, while also making good on our obligations to the generations to come. Now is the time to ask what will our legacy be? How is God calling us to serve our community and beyond today and tomorrow?

We agree that to honor our past and prepare for our future, we want to be good stewards of the building and grounds we have been given. From here we do God’s work and fulfill our vision to be a Sanctuary for the City and Beyond. As a thriving Saint Paul church, we have done much to honor the legacy of those who came before us. We provide a spiritual home and welcoming gathering space to both our members and our neighbors. We flourish because of our inspirational worship and music, stimulating spiritual formation, and meaningful service.


While we implement many current and new programs, our eyes are on the future. As a stable presence in the rapidly changing Hamline-Midway neighborhood, we have a renewed vision of the things that must be done. We need a strong dedicated building to anchor these ventures. We have work to do!

Today we believe God is calling us to band together and positively impact our neighbors, our neighborhoods, and our world. With God, all things are possible. With your help, and God’s provision, the people of Hamline Church will go beyond our limits, beyond ourselves, and beyond our walls.

Please prayerfully consider how God would have you respond and give as you have ability. Every gift matters. Success will be measured by our congregation’s unity in the accomplishment of this task as well as progress toward the financial goal. Thank you for your prayers.



Pete Theisen
Campaign Co-Chair

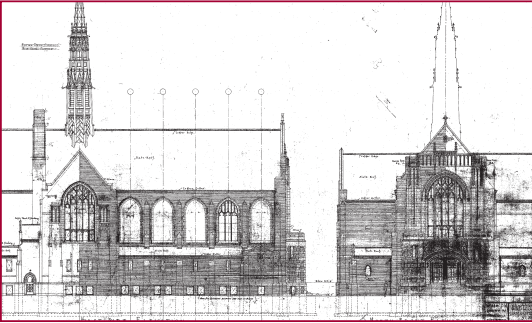


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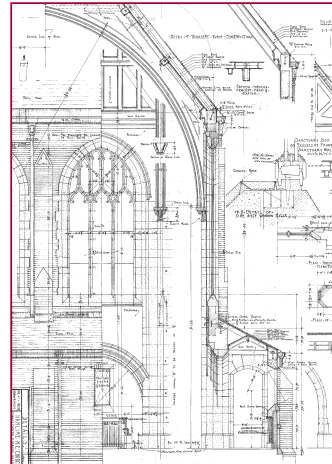
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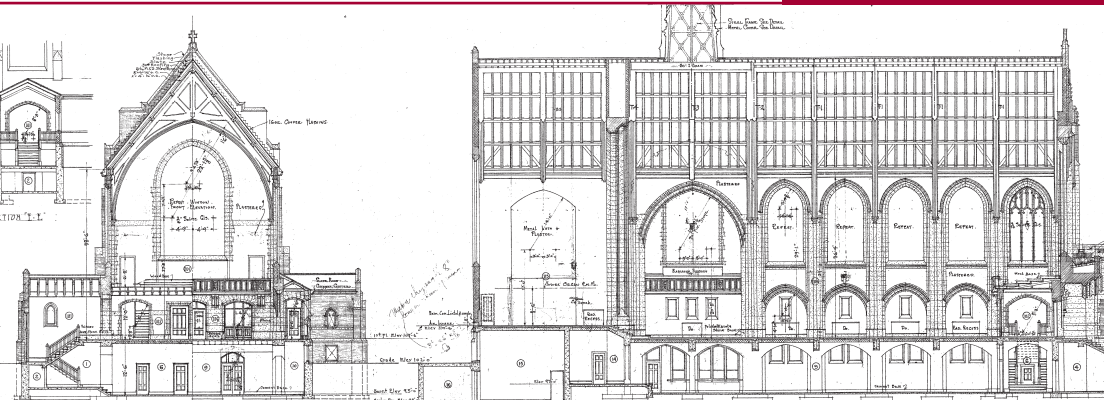
Hamline Church enjoys a rich history that began with the establishment of a worshipping community at Hamline University in 1880. From those beginnings a church was born and the building in which we worship today was completed in 1928. Soaring arches, a towering spire, stunning stained glass windows, and unique stone and woodcarvings are the hallmarks of our beautiful sanctuary. Hamline Church is

significant in its exceptional art and architecture as shown by its status on the National Register of Historic Places and the United Methodist list of Historic Sites.

As stewards of this legacy, we want to ensure that our beautiful and historic building can continue offering our ministry and hospitality to our members and our neighbors. We know from insurance estimates that we worship and work in a building that would cost more than \$30 million to construct today. We all agree that we must prudently invest to protect what we have inherited, doing the work necessary to ensure the safety, accessibility, and maintenance of this sacred space. We believe that our projected investment is a critical part of our spiritual faith and that we as a church will continue to be abundantly blessed through our action.



1926 SANCTUARY PLANS



REVITALIZING FOR MINISTRY

In the great tradition of historic European cathedrals, Hamline Church strives to serve as a commons—a **place of worship and gathering for the city, and a center for enrichment and respectful dialogue for the broader community.** Diversity is welcomed here, and we are the richer for it.



We offer true sanctuary where people can slow down, breathe deeply, connect to what is ancient and true, and discover a community that helps them build strong lives of meaning, purpose and joy. This is where the multiple worlds in which we live—work, family, neighborhood, and world — eternal and temporal, global and particular, all meet, and we find a way to live life that is authentic, empowered and hope-filled.

Hamline Church serves the Saint Paul region and the world in many ways:

- The rich **music and worship** draw thousands each year into the sacred space, where the music ranges from Bach on our magnificent Cassavant organ accompanied by the Hamline Church Chancel Choir to hits by Bob Dylan and indie rock band Low led by our eclectic band.
- Through our annual **Music & Art Series** musical groups of all kinds present concerts and arts events in the sanctuary. We have hosted the Oxford Boys Choir, gospel singer Robert Robinson, folk singer/songwriter Carrie Newcomer, and interfaith poetry readings. Organ, chamber music, and choral concerts are staples in our series offerings.
- Hamline Church is committed to **ecumenical and interfaith efforts**, ranging from: interfaith prayer gatherings, sponsorship of refugee families with the Minnesota Council of Churches, to advocacy with the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition and Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light. We proudly support United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR and other United Methodist ministries.



- The **work of social justice** has been integral to Hamline Church's identity from the beginning. Today our passions align around issues of **hunger and hospitality** through the bread oven, the Dining Hall, and the SPROUT Community Garden; and issues of **eco-justice and sustainability** in the ministry of our Green Team. (As a leader among churches in sustainability, we were chosen for a special partnership with the United States Green Building Council.)



- Additionally we are committed to partnerships with a variety of **Saint Paul** organizations such as: Keystone Emergency Services, Loaves & Fishes, Hamline Midway Elders, and the McVay Youth Program. Hamline Women/ United Methodist Women work to uplift women, children and families throughout countless service and outreach efforts. Each of these are connections to the community, and places where community is built in the congregation.
- Our longstanding **commitment to full inclusion** for the LGBTQIA community spans nearly three decades and has called us to work for inclusion for immigrants and our declaration as a Sanctuary Supporting congregation.

- Hamline's **renowned Spiritual Formation** ministry shapes disciples of all ages. Our children and youth ministry serves over 100 kids from birth through 12th grade. A newly launched small group ministry provides educational and relational gathering opportunities for seekers at all stages in their spiritual journeys.



- **We proudly celebrate a partnership with Hamline University that is over 130 years young!** Following the lead of the Wesley Center for Spirituality, Service & Justice, we seek to care for the spiritual needs of students and engage in the work of justice in our community. In coordination with HU we offer lectures that draw participation from the broader community and features well known spiritual leaders, authors and dignitaries, including in recent years: John Cobb, Ana Marie Cox, Bart Ehrman, and U.S. Representative Keith Ellison.

THE PLAN

While the ministry of Hamline Church is vibrant and growing, our facilities are showing signs of aging and are in need of revitalization and improvement. Additionally there continue to be significant energy inefficiencies that are neither cost-effective nor in tune with our call to be good stewards of creation. In order for Hamline Church to live out its mission and serve the broader community for the years ahead, several projects are needed.



EASTSIDE GREENWAY

At Hamline Church we are called to be **Sanctuary for the City and Beyond:**

BEYOND OUR LIMITS

We are blessed with a vital and growing church, and we seek to continue to thrive by offering meaningful opportunities to worship, serve and learn. Campaign funds will allow us to offer:

- *Increased spiritual formation opportunities and support for all ages*
- *Creation of a new Director of Spiritual Formation position*
- *Additional support of our growing children's and youth programs*

BEYOND OURSELVES

We are here today because of the service and generosity of our spiritual ancestors who came before us. We give in order to ensure that our beautiful and historic Hamline Church will continue to be a spiritual home for future generations. Campaign funds will allow us to secure Hamline Church's structural integrity and improve our sustainability by:

- *Restoring the exterior masonry of our historic sanctuary in honor of its 90th anniversary in 2018*
- *Addressing water mitigation issues on the north and east sides of the building*
- *Enhancing environmental sustainability for the future with solar panels and water conservation*

GOD, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO
THROUGH ME?

BEYOND OUR WALLS

We are committed to serving our neighbors and offering a space of welcome and inspiration for the community to share. Whether it is for worship, a support group meeting, a bread oven event, or a music and art series concert we want everyone to feel that they have a place to belong at Hamline Church. Campaign funds will allow us to improve our functionality and make Hamline Church more welcoming and inviting by:



- *Renovating the kitchen for improved usability and collaboration*
- *Updating community gathering spaces such as the Fireside Community room*
- *Enhancing our grounds by adding a patio around the brick oven and a greenway on the east side*

EVERY GIFT MATTERS

Hamline Church looks to a bright future built on a strong past. As a Sanctuary for the City and Beyond, we are truly a place where loving God and loving our neighbors is transforming lives. It is our responsibility to ensure our building and property can provide the setting to fully realize our mission. We are excited about the generosity of our congregation and the commitment to our shared vision. Your support will play a critical role in our success.

Every single gift matters! No matter what size. While gift amounts will vary widely, we hope every single member and friend of this church will consider a meaningful gift to the campaign and continue to make Hamline Church a philanthropic priority. So far, gifts and promises to the campaign range from \$20 to \$100,000. Every gift matters! We are counting on you, now and in the future!

SANCTUARY FOR THE CITY AND BEYOND CAMPAIGN GOALS

The following projects are presented in priority order and will be completed based on commitments received over the next 3 years.



SUCCESS GOAL PROJECTS INCLUDE: exterior masonry repair of the sanctuary, solar panels installed on education wing, increased spiritual formation opportunities, kitchen renovation, brick oven patio, east side greenway.

CHALLENGE GOAL PROJECTS INCLUDE: fireside community room updating, fireside bathroom renovations, new education wing windows.

MIRACLE GOAL PROJECTS INCLUDE: exterior masonry repair of the education wing, additional spiritual formation opportunities.

This campaign addresses the most immediate needs of a broad group of identified repairs and renovations that surfaced in the Trustees' facilities needs assessment. These long term project needs total almost \$4 million dollars. There is plenty of project need at Hamline Church that can accommodate any size gift to the campaign.



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