



ON
THE
MOVE

.....● **moving** with God
expanding His Kingdom
transforming lives

OUR HISTORY

THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, GOD HAS BEEN ON THE MOVE

PIONEERS IN MULTI-SITE CHURCHES

We have been pioneers as a multi-site church. This is a “new wave” of God in the United States and Evergreen is on the cutting edge with one of the first multi-site churches in the Twin Cities and one of the largest in the nation without a permanent facility.

We are a part of Evergreen’s wonderful God story of aggressive church planting. The majority of U.S. church plants close their doors within the first five years because of the risk and challenges involved, yet by God’s grace all our church plants continue.

EVERGREEN CHURCH PLANTS

- Evergreen-Bloomington 1988, Bloomington, MN
- Evergreen-West 1994, New Hope, MN
- Evergreen-Lakeville 1997, Lakeville, MN
- The Rock 1999, Uptown Minneapolis, MN
- Rock Berlin 2001, Berlin, Germany
- The Urban Refuge 2003, South Minneapolis, MN



LOOKING BACK

THE EARLY YEARS - 1997-1998

Evergreen-Lakeville opened its doors at Kenwood Trail Junior High in the fall of 1997. We began with Pastors Charlie Meyer and Mark Bowen holding significant responsibilities outside of the Lakeville location, and we continued to have mid-week services with Evergreen-Bloomington. Due to construction projects at the Kenwood Trail school, our services bounced between the junior high and elementary schools.

TAKING ROOT - 1999-2001

We moved our Sunday service to Lakeville High School, and were able to develop a full offering of ministries including our own mid-week service. Following Hurricane Mitch, we launched a strong emphasis on missions to Venezuela and Honduras. Charlie left his position at the Evergreen administrative office to focus fully on our Lakeville location.

GROWING PAINS - 2002-2004

Our congregation grew in complexity and size. Our ministries developed to more strongly support parents of all ages— but especially teens. We begin to apply lessons learned in foreign missions to community outreach projects called ‘Servfest’. Mike Langlois was recognized as a pastor, and split his time serving as manager of the Evergreen office.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION - 2004-2007

The complexities of our congregation and other factors led us to begin the search for a permanent facility. We worked to clarify our vision and develop our 3D strategy. God blessed us amazingly with finances to begin a facility search and bring Mike full-time to Lakeville. We purchased the Trinity facility in June 2006.

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CELEBRATING A DYNAMIC FUTURE OF MOVING WITH GOD

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM

It has been Evergreen-Lakeville's privilege to be in the forefront of expanding God's Kingdom in the south metro for almost 10 years, implementing a church model friendly to visitors that has been effective in reaching seekers. While 80% of church growth in the U.S. is transfer growth, God has blessed us in attracting unchurched people to the life changing Gospel of Christ.

Today we honor the momentum of the past and celebrate a dynamic future together. God has provided Evergreen-Lakeville with a terrific facility in a great location at the right time! We believe God will expand His Kingdom through our move to a permanent home in three main ways.

- Greater Visibility
- Greater Stability
- Greater Ability

Your road led through the sea, your pathway through the mighty waters—a pathway no one knew was there!
Psalm 77:19 NLT



OUR NEW HOME

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Located on the corner of County Roads 5 and 46—our new home has the fingerprints of God all over it! Why? It's the perfect place—sitting right off of Interstate 35W—it is easily accessible and has great visibility. It is the right size for our ministry needs, approximately 26,000 square feet. It's an affordable price, a factor that allows us to be good stewards of the resources God has provided.

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EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM THROUGH...

GREATER VISIBILITY

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world... Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all" (Matthew 5:14-15 NLT). The wonderful things God has been doing at Evergreen-Lakeville have been hidden in a school building. Many more people will discover a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ simply through our long-term, visible presence in the community.

JIM AND KATHY LATHROP

When we first came to Evergreen, it was the sincere love of the people that drew us in. We saw them truly loving God and each other in a way we had never experienced. They have encouraged us over the years to develop a more meaningful relationship with God and let Him transform our lives.

We look forward to using the new building as a solid base of operations from which to grow and show God's love to the people of this community.

REALIZING THE DREAM

Through a permanent facility our potential to reach the community for Christ will be exponentially greater! Imagine all the ways an inviting, full-time facility can help us realize our calling to "attract the world to Christ."

IMAGINE...

A person in our community encounters a crisis and begins to wonder if God can help. Picture that person visiting the church down the street, Evergreen-Lakeville, and coming to a relationship with Christ because they were familiar with our place in the neighborhood.

IMAGINE...

The sense of permanence and legitimacy afforded by our ability to provide a venue for weddings, funerals and other key events for those in special seasons of life.

IMAGINE...

A women's community Bible study—with on-site childcare—where their roots in God's word and relationships with each other can go deeper.



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EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM THROUGH...

GREATER STABILITY

A permanent home sends a strong message to our church family and our community: 'We are here for good—for this generation and generations to come!' A permanent facility allows us to provide a lasting home for new and growing Christians—and offers a stable environment for us to meet the needs of those yet to come to faith in Christ.

GREATER ABILITY

The Great Commission calls for the mobilization of human and material resources to spread the Gospel to the entire world. A full-time facility will become a base for creative local outreach as well as developing workers for future church plants in the years to come.

TAMI ANDREWS

God has truly blessed me by placing me in the Evergreen family. Through good times and difficult times, I have been supported as well as challenged to grow deeper in my faith and to serve others. It is amazing to be part of such a Christ-centered church.

REALIZING THE DREAM

IMAGINE...

An annual fall wild game feast where guys who enjoy the outdoors can develop relationships with godly men, sharpen skills for a favorite hobby, and hear the "God story" of a professional hunter.

IMAGINE...

The new ministry ideas and initiatives that can be developed without the constraints of rented facilities. Think of how much easier it will be for us to build relationships with one another and invite our friends to church.

IMAGINE...

Families struggling under the burden of crushing debt finally finding freedom—and the wonderful applicability of the Bible in everyday life—through Financial Peace University classes offered to the public.



YOUR ROLE

YOUR VITAL ROLE IN REALIZING THE DREAM

JOINING GOD IN BUILDING THE KINGDOM

God is on the move today and just as He did throughout the pages of the Bible, He is inviting His people to join Him. Being on the move with God is an exciting venture of faith and sacrifice. Together we've laid the foundation, and now God is moving us to take the next step in building His Kingdom!

Would you prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you financially join Him in this move? We urge you to ask God, "How are you asking me to participate?" Remember that He has so designed the Body that when every part contributes mighty things can happen! Through your gifts we look forward to a greatly increased ability to fulfill our mission of Discovering Christ, Developing Disciples and Delivering the Gospel to a world that God loves!

I look forward to the practical biblical advice that I get each week from the teachings at Evergreen. It's helped me to grow spiritually, in my marriage and in raising our children.

Robyn Palo



REALIZING THE DREAM

IMAGINE...

Mid-week access in a dynamic and friendly environment where youth and families can connect and grow spiritually.

IMAGINE...

A National Night Out block party on our front lawn where we fortify Christ's reputation while promoting neighborhood spirit and police/community partnership.

IMAGINE...

Moms and babies warmly welcomed into a nursery that has appropriate equipment in a comfortable, cheerful place.

IMAGINE...

A Lakeville prayer breakfast where the mayor, city council, police and fire chiefs and business leaders can see the relevance of Christ to their challenges, and hear the Gospel tactfully related to their world.

HOW TO GIVE

FAITHFUL STEPS IN SACRIFICIAL GIVING

PRAY

Pray for God's guidance with an open mind. Ask God to place an amount on your heart to give to the On the Move campaign.

STUDY

Study Bible examples and principles of giving and stewardship.

ASK

Ask, "What does sacrificial giving mean to me?" Ask yourself what amount you desire to give and what you believe God could provide for you to give.

DECIDE

Decide to honor God in a sacrificial way. Ask yourself these questions: Am I joyous about giving this amount? Is my gift sacrificial? Am I demonstrating an expression of my faith in God with this amount? Am I convinced that I can give this amount with a motivation of worshipping God; showing my thankfulness?

REJOICE

Rejoice in the satisfaction of finding and following His will.

MAKE

Make your commitment joyfully.

FOLLOW

Follow through as God provides.



THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

God is always at work in our lives but at times we are shown an opportunity to move with him in a big way. These are critical times in our relationship with God. They offer the chance to reach out in trust toward God and discover Him to be real.

But to accept goes against conventional wisdom; it always requires of us something we previously thought unreasonable. True faith is merely God standing between us and that which we fear.

Together we are taking our biggest step of faith ever. We believe that God wants each of us to seize this opportunity to discover more of Him, by taking an extraordinary step toward Him. To trust Him as we never have before.

What will that look like for you, personally? The only way to know is to ask, "Lord, how would you have me join you in your move?" Then, as we follow his path, we will discover the reality of God. Don't miss the journey!



ABOUT THE BUILDING

The main building has 26,146 square feet. The main floor consists of a large entry area, a 500 plus seat auditorium, office area and education area. The lower level consists of two fellowship halls, a nursery area, kitchen and classrooms.

The site also has a 2,200 square foot split-level parsonage house and a 2,500 square foot youth center consisting of large and small group meeting rooms. In addition to the three buildings, there are approximately 226 parking spaces on the 5.64 acre site.





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