

September 2025

Past, Present & Future Supporters of the Willmar Campus Ministry:

Have you heard the great things God has been doing???

OUR PRIMARY GOAL

- Outreach to Ridgewater College students & faculty

OUR CURRENT WORK

- 150-250 students come on Tuesdays & Wednesday for a free lunch. That's 12,000 meals in a school year!
- Help provide basic groceries, household supplies from furniture to blankets, school supplies, hygiene items & winter clothing.
- Personal visits with chaplains 10,000+ per school year (up from 50 visits a decade ago)



WHO MAKES THIS HAPPEN???

- United Campus Ministry: Jeff Schmitz serving full-time as of August 2025
- Lutheran Campus Ministry: Doug Dockter serving part-time
- Area Churches: dozens of churches from many denominations partner with volunteers, prayers, food, finances & other donations
- Other area agencies

CURRENT CHALLENGES AT THE CAMPUS MINISTRY CENTER

- Lack of space!!!
- Fellowship/Eating area seats 60 people maximum.
- Small galley-style kitchen
- Bathrooms accommodate 1-2 persons each (M/F)

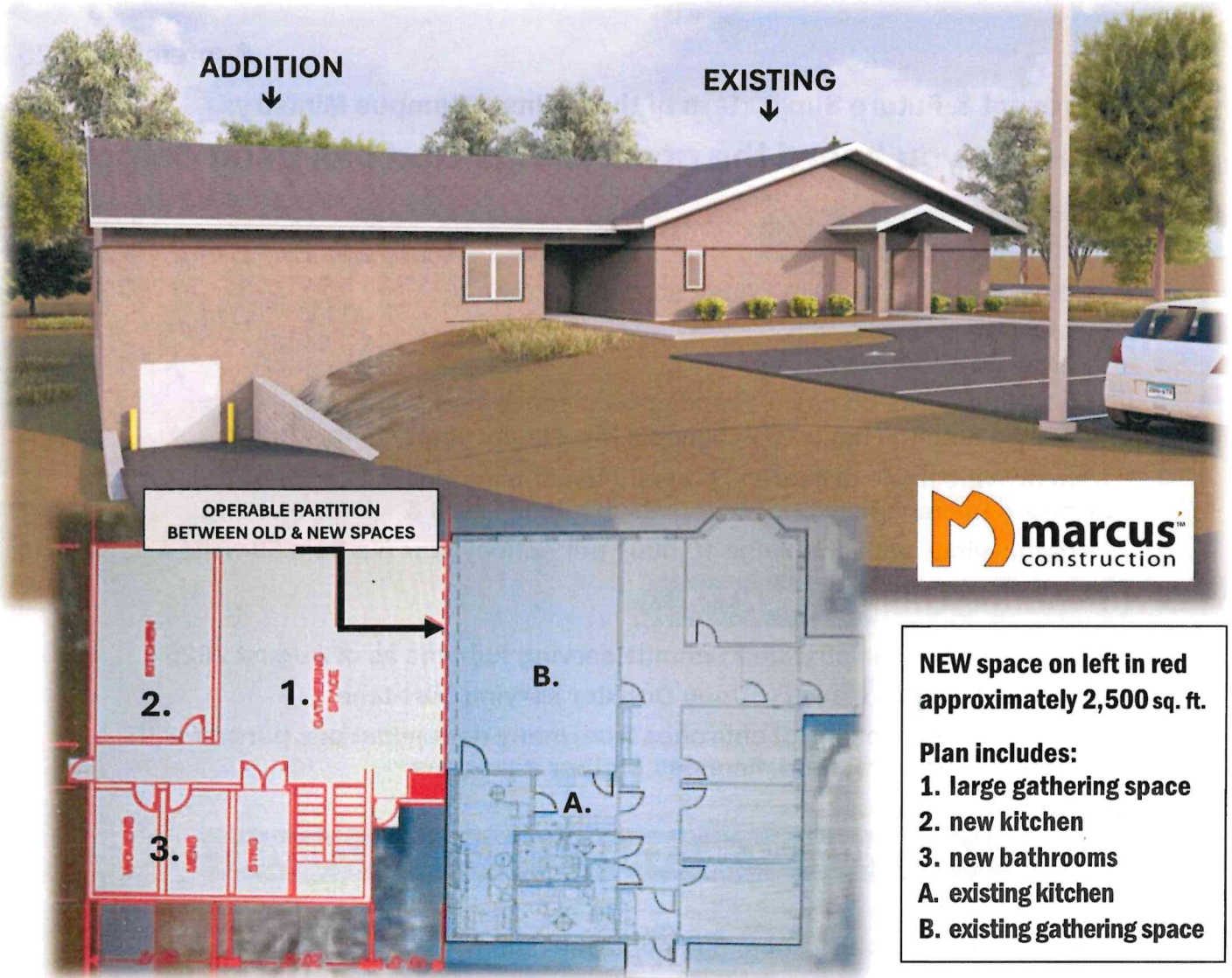
VISION FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

- To add 2,500 square feet of space to the current ministry center expanding capacity for all three current challenge parts of the building. This will sufficiently enhance the ministry's ability to provide a welcoming and comfortable place so relationship building between the WCM chaplains and volunteers and the Ridgewater students can grow as they stay for food and fellowship.
- The ministry board has contracted with Marcus Construction and received estimates of \$1,300,000. This quote includes expansion of meeting space, new kitchen, new bathrooms, flooring, wall treatments and an unfinished basement space for storage.
- We ask that individuals/families/churches prayerfully consider partnering with us to complete this project. Our hope is to have at least 75% of funds committed in 2025; and to break ground in the spring of 2026.



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HOPE on the HILL ~ HOPE in the PRESENT ~ HOPE for the FUTURE



NEW space on left in red approximately 2,500 sq. ft.

Plan includes:

- 1. large gathering space**
- 2. new kitchen**
- 3. new bathrooms**
- A. existing kitchen**
- B. existing gathering space**

Watch video by Jeff @ Youtube: <https://tinyurl.com/buildingaddition>

Questions??? Please feel free to contact:

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I/We gladly partner with Willmar Campus Ministry building project for:

\$10,000 \$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 other amount: _____

My Total Commitment: \$ _____ This is a one time gift

My gift will be made in installments completed by: (month/year) _____, _____

I will be praying for WCM

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