

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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Dear Kurt and T&W,

I write this letter to thank you for several things that you did to help us in the development of a plan for our building site. As we met with you it became evident that your goal was to serve us in providing the best solution for our facility challenges that we were facing.

You provided insight for what the future may hold for us yet at the same time challenged us when it came to the "next step" in the process. When it came to talking about what was next, although intrigued, I was quite impressed that you would go as far to suggest that our leadership read a book entitled "When Not to Build". Here you are in the business of building structures to enable ministry to happen and you would challenge us to consider that building may not be necessary at this time. As our leadership read and contemplated the material in the book, it became obvious that building was not our next step. As a result, our ministry took a different direction and God is blessing us as we seek to be good stewards of the resources he has given us. We have become much more effective with the space we have and have found that we are not yet really using the space we currently have in a way that maximizes our opportunities. As we seek to fill the space we have, I am confident and look forward to the day we will truly need to add more space in order to reach people for Christ. At that time we will be ready for what he has in store for us.

Thank you for considering the Kingdom in your work and being mission focused as you have helped us. In spite of us not building at this point, you have continued to support and express interest in what God is doing in this place. Your sound advice and support are appreciated. I pray that God will bless you as you continue to serve in this manner.

In the Hands of Jesus,

Sam Leiter, DCE

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