



PRINCETON FREE CHURCH

KINGDOM IMPACT PROPOSAL 2026



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KINGDOM IMPACT STATEMENT

Building Kingdom Impact 2026

God has faithfully positioned our church to be a visible and life-giving presence in Princeton and the surrounding communities. As we look toward 2026 and beyond, we believe He is calling us to steward that opportunity with renewed clarity, courage, and vision. Our facility is more than a building: it's a vehicle for ministry, a place of belonging for the broken, and a bridge for those who have not yet encountered the transforming grace of Jesus Christ. By investing intentionally in the development and readiness of our campus, we seek to remove barriers, create spaces where people are seen and known, and expand our capacity to make disciples. This isn't simply a facilities initiative—it's a Kingdom initiative, rooted in faith, guided by mission, and driven by the conviction that God desires to use this church as a lasting instrument of hope, welcome, and transformation in our community.

History Leading up to 2026

In 2019, our church began exploring the potential sale of our current facility and the opportunity to relocate to a more central location in Princeton. During this time, leadership conducted tours of several possible properties, including the Catholic Church facility and the former Shopko building, now occupied by Mike's Discount Foods. This exploration coincided with the formation of a leadership team tasked with evaluating the long-term future of our current campus, including maintenance needs, renovation opportunities, and potential new construction.

By early 2020, our church had reached a unified understanding that while the vision of relocating to the heart of Princeton aligned well with our mission, the available facilities did not provide the best opportunity to steward that vision effectively. Although relocation was not pursued, leadership recognized the importance of strengthening our current campus to better serve as a tool for ministry. This led to the development of a capital improvement approach focused on enhancing the functionality, accessibility, and effectiveness of our facility for both existing ministries and future outreach. Our goal was to increase our relevance and connection to the broader Princeton community, even while remaining just outside the city center.

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent shutdowns slowed progress and required us to prioritize essential maintenance and targeted renovations. During this season, leadership continued to evaluate facility needs carefully and prayerfully. As we emerge

from that period, it has become increasingly clear that a more unified and long-term vision is needed—one that provides clear direction for maintenance, renovation, and the overall development of our campus in a way that aligns with our mission and calling.

In Fall 2025, we hired an architectural company to specifically consult on the various requirements in the MN building and life safety codes that impact a facility with spaces like ours. These codes are the legal requirements for facilities that ensure buildings are constructed and operated in such a manner to ensure physical safety for the occupants and users. Additionally, the firm evaluated the potential need for permits depending on various scopes of work that might happen in future projects. Finally, they provided some high-level recommendations for potential projects which helped inform the team working on this proposal.

The Vision and Kingdom Impact Today

Today, our facility has become a vital and trusted gathering place for both individuals and organizations within our community. Despite not being located in the geographic center of Princeton, our campus is used frequently throughout the week, serving as a place where people feel welcomed, comfortable, and connected.

As our community continues to grow, the need for accessible gathering spaces has become increasingly evident. With limited capacity in school and community education facilities and the absence of a dedicated community center, our church is uniquely positioned to serve as a bridge—providing space where relationships can form, needs can be met, and people who may not otherwise attend a Sunday service can encounter the love of Christ in meaningful ways.

As we pursue our mission of *Reaching Our Neighbors, Welcoming the Broken, and Growing Together in Christ*, we are committed to approaching facility planning with intentionality and Kingdom purpose. Leadership has continued to engage in thoughtful conversations to ensure that any investments we make are guided not simply by structural needs, but by a clear and compelling ministry vision.

Our desire is to steward our resources wisely, developing a facility that not only supports our current ministries but also strengthens our ability to carry out the Great Commission. By creating spaces that foster connection, discipleship, and outreach, we seek to remain deeply rooted in our community and faithfully pursue our calling to make Jesus known.

Final Call to Action

This moment is an opportunity to step forward in faith and steward what God has entrusted to us for the sake of His Kingdom. The investments we make today will shape our ability to welcome our neighbors, serve our community, and proclaim the hope of Jesus Christ for years to come. We believe God has strategically positioned us in and around Princeton for such a time as this, and we have the privilege and responsibility to respond with obedience, wisdom, and vision.

Therefore, we invite our leadership and church family to prayerfully consider this proposal - not simply as a facilities plan, but as a Kingdom initiative. Together, let us seek the Lord's guidance, commit to faithful stewardship, and unite around a shared vision that strengthens our mission and expands our impact. By moving forward with clarity and conviction, we position ourselves to serve future generations, extend Christ's welcome to those who are far from Him, and continue building a lasting legacy of gospel transformation in our community. The opportunity before us is significant, and the calling is clear. Now is the time to move forward together in faith.

SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADES

Our septic system continues to be a great source of concern as it continues to not work properly - especially when we have large numbers of people in the facility. There are also roots from adjacent trees growing into the main sewer line, tank riser, and the drain field itself. We believe the full replacement of this system is long overdue and will also help support any future expansion of usage in our building.

For planning purposes, it is assumed that our building's system consisting of 7 toilets, 2 urinals, 9 sinks, and 2 kitchen sinks will require a septic system sized based on the number of people using the building rather than just the fixture count. Assuming typical attendance of 75-150 people during services, the system would be designed to handle approximately 1,500 to 3,000 gallons of wastewater per day (at peak). This translates to a septic tank in the range of about 4,000 to 6,000 gallons, which provides enough capacity to properly treat wastewater before it moves to the drainfield. Because church usage tends to occur in short, high-demand periods (such as Sunday service), the system may also need an additional pump or dosing component to manage these peak flows and prevent overloading.

The drainfield (the area where treated water is dispersed into the soil) will likely require between 2,000 and 4,000 square feet, depending on soil conditions at the site. In central Minnesota, soils often require a mound or other engineered system, which can increase complexity and cost.

Septic Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) Pricing	
Demolition/ Removal of Existing System:	\$ 20,000
New Septic System:	\$ 70,000
Waste Line Replacement from building to new tank:	\$10,000
Possible Unforeseen Conditions (20% of Total):	\$ 20,000
TOTAL	\$120,000

Next Steps:

- Hire a licensed septic designer to perform soil testing and prepare final plans to meet state and county regulations before construction.

HVAC SYSTEM UPGRADE

The HVAC system in the Gym is another point of concern in our facility. As we move away from our Geothermal System, the need for a different solution for HVAC in the Gym area has become very clear. The below is a proposed path forward to provide a standalone system(s) for the gym area.

This project provides new rooftop-style heating and cooling equipment and air distribution for the gym area designed for up to approximately 250 occupants. The goal is to improve comfort and indoor air quality by delivering conditioned air (heating/cooling) and the appropriate amount of outdoor ventilation air to the space.

The system will use two packaged rooftop HVAC units (typical “light commercial” style) mounted on 2-foot-high roof curbs that are installed on grade at the North End of the gym. Each unit will mix outdoor air with return air from the room (“mixed air” operation). Demand-controlled ventilation (DCV) will be included so the system can automatically increase or reduce outdoor ventilation based on occupancy (commonly via CO₂ sensors), helping manage energy use while maintaining air quality.

Supply air will be ducted from the rooftop units into the building. Ductwork includes an exterior insulated duct riser up to the ceiling level and interior duct runs with elbows/fittings to distribute air to ceiling diffusers. A short return-air path will bring air back to the units. The project also includes extending natural gas piping approximately 150 feet from an existing connection point to serve the rooftop units’ gas heat.

This is intended as a rough “budget planning” estimate to support early decision-making and is not a final design or bid price.

Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) Cost Summary

The following costs are ROM allowances based on typical installation conditions and may change with final design, selected equipment, site access, roof/structural conditions, and contractor pricing.

HVAC Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) Pricing	
Rooftop HVAC units (2 packaged RTUs) including roof curbs, rigging/setting, and startup	\$110,000
Supply/return ductwork (roof penetration, exterior insulated duct riser, interior duct distribution, diffusers/grilles, supports)	\$55,000
Electrical/controls (power connections, safeties, DCV/CO ₂ sensors, basic integration, testing)	\$20,000
Natural gas piping extension (~150 ft, Sch. 40 threaded, valves, supports, testing)	\$15,000
Possible Unforeseen Conditions (20% of total)	\$40,000
TOTAL	\$240,000

Next Steps:

- Hire a design-build mechanical contractor to evaluate the space, prepare final plans to meet state and county regulations before construction, and complete construction efforts.

GYM IMPROVEMENTS

As we consider how God is leading us in being intentional about serving our community and making a Kingdom impact, we have been looking at how we can use our campus to work towards those goals. As we all know, the church building needs general maintenance, the priority now being the HVAC system and the septic system. Along with this, we are proposing a renovation of our gym space that would open our doors even wider to the community. Proposed improvements based on research from engineers and companies include:

Gym Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) Pricing	
Remove and replace the flooring for multiple ministry uses (outlined below)	\$ 38,000
Basketball standards with glass backboards attached to the trusses with electric winch controls. It would be one court. Electric work and some drywall would be required as well (see contingency)	\$ 21,500
Pickleball courts with in-floor standards (3 courts)	\$ 4,500
Volleyball court with in-floor standards (1 court)	\$ 3,000
Contingency Costs	\$ 8,000
TOTAL	\$ 75,000

Safety & Security

Based on the analysis of our architectural partner, it was determined that our proposed renovation efforts would not require significant life safety upgrades. In general, the focus of the project is improvement of finishes in existing spaces and infrastructure replacement. Thus, the team does not anticipate needing to make major upgrades for life safety with this project (i.e. addition of a fire sprinkler system, etc.) However, the architects did help clarify that any future additions, say an entrance on the East side of the church, or similar, would induce these requirements.

One area of concern for rental usage of our facility is proper security of the remainder of the church to prevent liability for unsupervised individuals roaming beyond the gym area during a rental event. The architectural team provided recommendations around this item with the summary of these changes being proper locking of the double doors that lead into the sanctuary, the fellowship hall doors, the nursery and conference room, and any storage/ mechanical spaces adjacent to the rented area during an event. Finally, it was recommended that one of the double doors into the building be provided some form of electronic lock such that users of the building would not have to enter through the metal man door near the offices as happens today.

The estimate for the hardware replacement/upgrades would be in the range of \$2,000.

Safety & Security ROM Project Budget	\$ 2,000
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Lord has blessed in many ways. He has been and is faithful to meet our needs. He is also calling us to reach our neighbors and welcome the broken. With that said, possible funding sources can come from a variety of places such as:

Current funds and funding streams available to use for the Kingdom Impact Project:

Current Funds and Funding Streams	
Christian Investors Financial	\$48,168.21
Edward Jones Financial	\$242,454.65
TOTAL	\$290,622.86
Interest Income on Above Investments in 2025:	
Christian Investors Financial	\$ 2,246.57
Edward Jones Financial	\$ 1,031.70
Emergency Fund at Old National (principal not available, but Interest income could be)	\$ 1,730.43
TOTAL Interest Earned 2025	\$ 5,008.70
Rental Income:	
Average Rental Income the last 3 Years	\$ 3,000
Rental Income First 3 Months of 2026	\$ 1,217.25
As we solidify contracts with different organizations there could be a significant yearly monetary benefit.	\$ 6,000-10,000
Additional Notable Income:	
Additional Lucille Decker Gift once Farm is Sold	~ \$ 200,000

As mentioned before, this is not just a building project. As a congregation, we have been discussing and considering and praying about how we could make a bigger impact in our community. We want to be obedient to our Lord’s plans. We have the opportunity to meet a community need while positioning ourselves to share Jesus with the people who come into our building.

We are inviting the PEFC family to prayerfully consider this proposal. We will be having informal question and answer gatherings to provide ministry context and to answer any questions you may have regarding this outreach plan. We want to follow God’s lead. Please pray and seek His guidance.

Particular Financial Questions We Seek to Answer Together:

1. How much of the financial Gifts and Savings do we want to use for all or part of this project?
 - With the advantage of earning interest and having money in our savings, we hear our congregation in desiring to keep some of this gift and savings invested and set aside.

2. How much could we as a body raise in a campaign together?
 - Given the opportunity, how much would the church own this vision in helping to offset cost in order to keep money in our investments and or defer the need for a significant loan. We hear our congregation in our desire to be as debt free as possible.

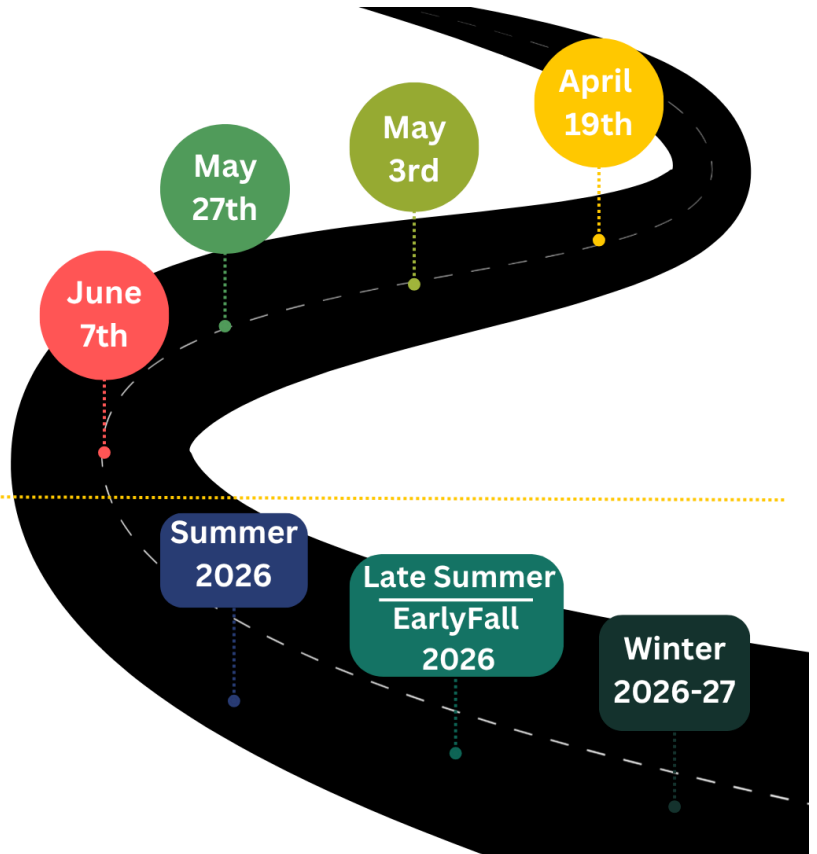
3. Are we interested in pursuing a loan for any or all of this project?
 - With our budget and potential income, would we like to reach all of our goals in this proposal and would taking out a small loan prove effective if the interest rate and monthly payment made sense.

In His Service,

The Elders, Staff, Trustees and Shepherding Boards of PEFC

TIMELINE AND MEETING DATES

- 01 All Leadership Informational Meeting:**
April 19th at 11am in the Sanctuary
- 02 Family Informational Meeting #1:**
May 3rd at 11am in the Sanctuary
- 03 Family Informational Meeting #2:**
May 27th at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary
- 04 Congregational Meeting & Potential Vote:**
June 7th at 11am in the Sanctuary



Potential Timeline Depending on Vote and Availability

- 05 Septic System Upgrades:**
Summer 2026
- 06 HVAC System Upgrades:**
Late Summer / Early Fall 2026
- 07 Gym Improvements:**
Winter 2026-27