

A LETTER FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Dear church,

We are in an exciting season of anticipation and preparation for what God is doing at CSC! We are also seeing many new faces each weekend across all our campuses. We can see how God was preparing us many years ago for new growth that we are now experiencing.

The journey to BUILD more room began over 10 years ago when we were first told we would receive a gift of 10 acres from the Damkar family to build a church in Bearspaw. That timing divinely coincided with our need for space so our newly established congregation in Northwest Calgary could gather and build community and mission all week long. At the same time, growth was exploding at Central Campus, sometimes causing us to turn away families due to lack of space in Children's Ministry. Our Special Needs Ministry was also growing with adults and their caregivers filling the prayer chapel to overflowing each Sunday. God was also bringing more and more people to our church who were needing help and hope. He equipped us to provide food, clothing, friendship and opportunities for deeper life change so lives could be lived to the full (John 10:10).

In this season of our growth, it isn't just about the size of the crowd— it's about the size of the impact we're having – with God's help! — in our city and around the world. Our mission— introducing people to Jesus and helping them become fully devoted followers of Christ — is the driving purpose of everything we do. It's also why we are one church in many locations, so we can realize the power of proximity to use all our spiritual gifts, to serve, worship, build community and reach people in our region of the city for Christ.

In 2018, with nothing but concept drawings and cost estimates, we began a journey of building space, building generosity and building faith.

But church, it isn't about what we are building. It's what He is doing in us and through us! It's about people! That's why today we can stand and say, God will BUILD His church! We know that it is God who will build, God who will comfort, God who will feed and clothe, God who will minister to hearts and who will restore lives to Himself! All we have to do is be available and say YES for what He is calling us to do!

From the moment we stepped out, and through every challenge, He has affirmed us and upheld us every step of the way. No pandemic, inflation, weather event, construction delay, nor regulatory hurdle was too big for our God!

We have raised 91% of the money we need and have less than \$5.5 million¹ left to raise. We should all be deeply encouraged by how God is providing through the generosity of this church, past and present.

We have now funded the development of churches and ministries on four continents across the world. We have opened the doors to our Bearspaw Campus drawing up to 1000 people in attendance in 2023 – more than double the previous year. Lives are being changed as youth and young adults are using the gym in that campus and growing faith and community all week long.

We expect that we will be able to move into our expansion in Fall 2023. But our giving journey is not complete. It will take all of us to finish the work and raise the remaining funds to pay off these projects before our Fall 2025 target.

We believe He is calling all of us to experience the exquisite blessing of being a part of what He is doing, in a unique season in the life of a growing church.

As we approach this important new milestone, we want to build expectancy that He will do infinitely more than we might ask or imagine (Eph 3:20) this year!

Be blessed!



Pastor Henry Schorr



¹As of February 2023