



Campaign Update & Case for Support August, 2026



An Update on Campaign Vision – August 2026

Moving Forward with Ministry, Purpose, Momentum, and Impact

Over the past few years, we have shared an ambitious vision to transform the St. Thomas campus, one shaped by your input, your generosity, and a shared commitment to serving the Wood River Valley.

Thanks to that strong foundation, we are excited to share an important update:

We are moving forward now with a focused \$10 million base campaign to bring the most essential elements of this vision to life. This is not a change in vision, rather a refinement in approach.

What's Driving This Update

- We listened carefully to parishioners and community leaders
- We evaluated greatest need and impact to right-size our new build
- We embraced a model of faithful stewardship and phased growth without abandoning our dreams

The Heart of the Vision

- ✓ Honoring and stewarding the blessings entrusted to us by prior generations
- ✓ Creating welcoming, functional, and flexible spaces where community, fellowship, and ministry can flourish
- ✓ Expanding our ability to serve meals, host programs, care for one another, and respond to the needs of the wider community
- ✓ Enhancing our campus as a place of reflection, creativity, belonging, and faithful service

What We Are Building Now

✓ *A New Parish Hall for Community Life*

- A new parish hall, separate yet connected to our main building by a covered, all-season walkway
- Doubles our capacity for gathering, fellowship, events, and ministry
- Creates a beautiful, light-filled, and flexible space for parish life

✓ *A Thoughtfully Designed Kitchen*

- An efficient, functional commercial kitchen to support hospitality, events, community meals, and outreach
- Relocated to the main floor for easier access, improved flow, and stronger connection to parish life
- Improved street access to better support KCDC services and community-facing ministries

✓ *Sacred Outdoor Spaces*

- A labyrinth that extends our ministry beyond our walls and into the heart of the Village, creating a peaceful place for prayer, reflection, and connection
- Thoughtful landscaping that welcomes parishioners, neighbors, and visitors into outdoor spaces for beauty, rest, play, and gathering
- A more defined and protected outdoor area that improves safety for children and families, adds bike parking, and creates more accessible space for community use

✓ *A Campus for Today's Ministries and Tomorrow's Mission*

Built to serve today's ministries and designed to grow with tomorrow's needs, this investment reflects the legacy we are entrusted to carry forward. As faithful stewards, we are creating spaces that serve our community today while laying the foundation for all those who will worship, gather, seek and serve here for generations to come.

Now and Next

We're 45% to the campaign goal!

Thanks to the generosity of this community, we have a strong foundation and meaningful momentum as we work toward our \$10 million goal..

Construction Begins Summer 2026

Phase 1 of construction includes roof and insulation, sanctuary lighting and AV, HVAC and fire alarm upgrades, buttress and window repairs, and solar infrastructure as our first "must-dos," with construction targeted to begin in August 2026. This work includes deferred maintenance and will keep our worship space sound, safe, beautiful, and welcoming.

Gratitude

With your support we will create generous and beautiful spaces to welcome more seekers, deepen connection, expand our outreach, and reflect our identity as a Village Church for All.

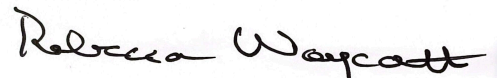
Thank you for your generosity and faith,



The Rev. M. Jonah Kendall,
Rector



Janet Schaumurg,
Campaign Co-Chair



Rebecca Waycott,
Campaign Co-Chair



Case for Support

INSPIRED TO SERVE

A Campaign for St. Thomas Episcopal Church

What happens when a church opens fully to its community? At St. Thomas, we imagine moments like these:

A woman sits in stillness in the new parish hall, warmed by sunlight and grace.

A third grader belts out her lines in a space designed for her voice to soar.

A group of volunteers prepares meals for their neighbors with ease in the new kitchen.

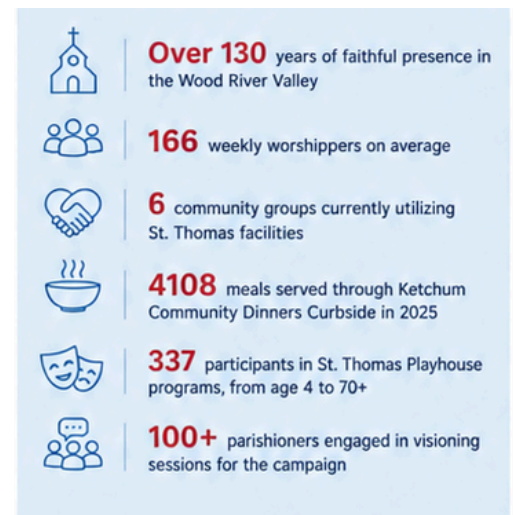
A father and son talk in a sacred outdoor space, reconnecting beneath gently swaying trees.

These are the moments that inspire us to serve—not just on Sundays, and not only within our congregation, but across the Wood River Valley. **Through *Inspired to Serve*, we will bring this vision to life, creating spaces that reflect God’s abundance and make room for all who seek comfort, expression, connection, or peace.**

Our Village Church for All

Since 1891, St. Thomas has been a beacon of faith and welcome in the Wood River Valley. We’ve grown from a small mission into a vibrant hub of spiritual nourishment and community life.

Today, the Valley is experiencing a transition, bringing together new residents and longtime neighbors as the community responds to changing social and economic realities. St. Thomas is called to do what it has always done: respond with love, creativity, and care.



Through *Inspired to Serve*, our campaign to raise \$10 million will strengthen, renew, and care for our church campus to meet the evolving needs of our congregation and community—creating sacred spaces where people feel seen and supported.

This isn't about building for the sake of building. It's about faithful stewardship and making room—for neighbors, seekers, families, and friends. For those who are here now, those who will join us in the future, and anyone seeking a place to belong. Together, we will create a church that truly lives its identity as a Village Church for All.

Three Priorities, One Shared Vision

From the earliest days of this effort, we've listened carefully to our parishioners, youth, and ministry leaders. What began as a vision for a new parish hall has grown into something greater: a beautifully transformed church campus shaped by community voices and grounded in service.

Young people asked for a place to gather after school. Ministry leaders described programs bursting at the seams. Again and again, we heard a need for larger spaces that are adaptable and built for the future.

St. Thomas is more than a sanctuary. It's a place of music, meals, learning, reflection, and connection. But our current facilities are stretched thin and no longer support the full breadth of our growing mission. Renewed facilities will bring long-term sustainability through new and expanded revenue opportunities. **To meet this moment, we have identified three priorities that will guide our work across multiple phases of construction:**

Priority One: A Home for Connection and Belonging

Inspired to serve by creating space for community life

St. Thomas has long been a place where people come together in meaningful ways. Yet today, space constraints regularly require us to limit our engagement with outside groups, cap attendance at events, and juggle overlapping ministries. This campaign will establish a beautiful and sustainable facility that better reflects our hospitality, allowing more people to connect, celebrate, and grow together in faith and friendship. **With your support, we will construct a new building with:**

- **A parish hall designed to inspire connection**—with ample room to gather and celebrate—a space that honors the beauty of our landscape.
- **A fully functional commercial kitchen**—equipped to support weekly meals for outreach programs like Ketchum Community Dinner Curbside (KCDC) and parish hospitality with ease and efficiency.
- **A welcoming outdoor landscaped gathering area**—inviting play, conversation, quiet reflection, and year-round connection.

In addition to these new spaces, St. Thomas is committed to **stewarding the buildings our community loves**—thoughtfully addressing necessary maintenance so we preserve their safety, integrity, and character for those who will gather here in the years ahead.



Priority Two: A Stage for Expression

Inspired to serve by welcoming artists and audiences

The arts are at the heart of St. Thomas. Music and storytelling help children and adults alike explore emotion, build confidence, and connect with one another and with the divine. But today, performers prepare in hallways, the choir sings from tight quarters, and Playhouse programs are constrained by our space. This campaign will provide high-quality space for music and performance—ensuring the arts remain a vibrant part of our ministry and a meaningful gift to the entire community. **With your support, we will:**

- **Adapt the current parish hall to more flexibly serve music, practice, and multi-purpose rehearsal space** for choirs, the St. Thomas Playhouse, and community ensembles.
- **Enhance the space**—improving acoustics, visibility, technology, and flexibility to support diverse expressions of faith and creativity.

Priority Three: A Sanctuary Without Walls

Inspired to serve by offering peace to all

Surrounded by the natural beauty of the Wood River Valley, our grounds naturally invite contemplation. With this campaign, we are elevating our outdoor spaces into intentionally sacred environments—places to pause, grieve, give thanks, and simply breathe. **Your support will enable us to create an open-air sanctuary—a space of welcome and stillness for everyone.**

Share Your Voice

We are *Inspired to Serve* because we see in the sacredness of every person. Your involvement helps ensure that St. Thomas remains a place of spiritual growth, artistic expression, welcome, and participation. Whether you're drawn to the Playhouse, the music, the liturgy, or the sense of belonging, there is a place for you in this campaign and in our community. Together, we will build a church for today and future generations, not just for Sundays, not just for parishioners. But for every day, and everyone.



Appendix A: Construction Phasing and Budget*

Project Phase	Components	Proposed Budget	Anticipated Timeline
Phase 1 / Deferred Maintenance	• Re-roof and insulation • Sanctuary lighting and AV installation • HVAC ducts and grills; fire alarm upgrades • Buttress and window repairs; solar infrastructure	\$2.5-3M	Summer 2026
Phase 2 / Parish Hall and Kitchen	• New construction: parish hall and kitchen • New entry steps and ramp • Labyrinth relocation • Landscaping updates	+/- \$6M	Winter 2027 - Design, prep and permitting Winter 2028- Construction begins Spring 2029 - Complete
Strategic Reserves	• Capital needs, sustainability investments, campus improvements, ministry growth, and long-term financial stability	\$1+M	<i>Ad hoc as funding permits</i>

**all phases subject to funding*