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Church center is open for all

By **JENNIFER SHEA**
Correspondent

Faith Lutheran Church has erected a new multi-purpose building to serve the community.

The energy-efficient building houses more than 26,000 square feet and features a regulation-size basketball court, a volleyball court and 14 classrooms replete with whiteboards, all available for community use.

Upon entering the new facility, peaceful hues greet; stunning white coral perched on a honey bookcase, warm terra cotta, fawn and forest green walls, timeless tile, terrazzo and hardwood with snatches of carpet create an overall feeling of peace and comfort.

The gymnasium is elegantly set up for noise control that provides zero echo.

The entire space is bathed in natural light, provided by a plethora of windows.

The building is a gift from the congregants of Faith Lutheran to the community.

"Our philosophy is that the community is the most important thing," said Carey Schumacher, director of operations. "We are open to youths, seniors, virtually anybody."

Schumacher is currently "in meetings with Zach Hilferding at the YMCA, to hold overflow activities," such as basketball games and possibly after-school care.

The "amazing new building," rendered by a parish community that does not seek individual attention, was "built from their own resources," said Schumacher.

In addition to their fervent desire to provide a place for the community to gather, Faith Lutheran had grown out of their home at 7750 Beneva Road.

"Paul Goodman has an incredible youth program and Drama League. He puts on a dinner theater twice a year and

KEEPING THE FAITH



Faith Lutheran Church has built a new community center on Beneva Road. The multi-purpose facility was built for and is available for community use. "Life is not about having, it's about being," said Carey Schumacher, director of operations. "Friends, joining, community — that's what matters." **CORRESPONDENT PHOTO / JENNIFER SHEA**

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For information or to make a reservation, contact Carey Schumacher at 924-4664, Ext. 307, or e-mail him at carey@faithsarasota.com.

it's always sold out," Schumacher said.

Now the youth group, Quilting Ladies and choir have the space to expand their ministries.

The building costs were "between \$3.5 and \$4 million. When we designed and built, we maximized every square inch that the county would give us."

Schumacher said that there is a very small mortgage on the building; parishioners paid for the majority of the edifice prior to construction.

An official dedication will take place in October; parishioners have voted to name the building, and the results will be announced by the end of August.

Landscape artists are completing the final installation of sod and they are "still working on the wiring for wireless Internet access throughout the

building," Schumacher said, but the facilities are ready for the community to use.

Schumacher envisions special events, such as weddings, wedding receptions and graduation ceremonies in the space. A special changing room was artfully designed with a granite countertop and fitted with brushed silver fixtures for brides.

The massive gymnasium easily converts into a staged entertainment venue with seating for more than 500. There is a full kitchen with a dining area that can seat an additional 100 people.

Schumacher intently describes the nucleus of the project: Faith Lutheran's philosophy is not to use the facility as a means to make money, just to cover their costs and enhance the building.

Schumacher said that keeping their faith means "creating Christian communities. It's a matter of doing what is best for people in the community. We're not in this alone and when you put people together, great things happen.

"It's like 'Field of Dreams' — if you build it, they will come."

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