



Media Advisory - Aug. 22, 3 p.m.

St. Andrew Lutheran Church Cross Raising

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Where:

Franklin, TN
908 Murfreesboro Road
Corner of Highway 96 and Mack Hatcher Parkway

When: 3 p.m., Sat., Aug. 22

What: Cross Raising

Baird Dixon, AIA, LEED AP, the lead architect for the project, and **Carly Wansing, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP**, worked closely with church member **Kris Nethercutt** to design the new stainless steel cross.



Nethercutt, who owns K.A.L. Metal Products, created the cross with 100 percent high grade stainless steel. He used a hand grinder to give the cross a beautiful brushed finish. The cross weighs more than 260 pounds and stands nine feet tall.

Quotes:

Michael Lippard, Pastor

"Of all the symbols of Christianity - and there are many - the cross is the most universally recognized. It tells us at once of God's love for us in Jesus, who was willing to endure the suffering and shame of crucifixion for our forgiveness, new life and salvation.



"The cross reminds us to whom we belong: the one God who not only created us, but who saved us and continues to call, gather and enlighten us. In short, the cross calls us to Christ, and through Christ we are brought into communion with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit."



"As we top off our new building at St. Andrew with a cross, it is a reminder to ourselves and all who pass our way that while our building is new, our message is not. It is the old, old story we know and proclaim and that the church universally proclaims, the Gospel: the good news of Jesus and His love. We invite the entire community to join with us as we celebrate God's love for us all by lifting high the cross."

Kris Nethercutt:

"It is an honor to have this opportunity to showcase another piece of art in Franklin, especially for my church, St. Andrew. To help convey my feelings, I like to use a quote from Red Skelton, 'Your talents are gifts from God and when you use them, it's your gift back to God.'

Baird Dixon, AIA, LEED AP

"It's thrilling to participate in a cross-raising. We are so glad that church members want to celebrate this major milestone in the construction. At Street Dixon Rick Architecture we take great joy in working closely with congregations to help them design worship spaces," Dixon said.

"The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew presented one of those rare opportunities not only to create a dramatic new worship space for a congregation, but also to create a graceful gateway for the growing city of Franklin," Dixon said.

Carly Wansing, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP

"Watching the building, quite literally, come up from the ground has been very satisfying. The way the new nave sits so nicely at the intersection—it's like it was always meant to be there. Also, working with church members has been a great experience. The building committee and the congregation represent a wide range of people from all walks of life. I've enjoyed getting to know many of the members through this project."

Additional details:

- Church's theology expressed throughout the design
- Interior features a soaring height of 45 feet at its tallest point
- Designed to embrace a magnificent 35-foot tall Aeolian Skinner organ
- Rich interiors
- Radial pattern seating provides feeling of community in worship
- Interplay of light through windows

More History:

Organized in 1975, **the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew** worshipped in several temporary locations before construction of a building at the intersection of Murfreesboro Road and Mack Hatcher in 1982.

Street Dixon Rick Architecture has a rich tradition of providing design for churches that brings beauty and order to sacred spaces. The architecture firm is well-known for seeking first to fully understand a church's theology before beginning design work.

Nethercutt is known for his metal works of art, including the "20 foot tall, iron factory man, "Rusty Mechanism" at The Factory in Franklin.