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MSSU Beimdiek Student Center
Completion: August 2009

"We are ...very, very pleased with the quality of workmanship on the Beimdiek Student Center. RE Smith Construction has done an outstanding job."

--Bob Harrington,
Director of Physical Plant
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A Peek Inside...

Storms ahead?



Ozark Technical
Center, Ozark Mo

When Priests retire...



CMC Fatima
Carthage Mo

Imagine the possibilities...



Messiah Lutheran Church,
Springfield Mo

Finishing Strong : the Secret for Making up Lost Time on Construction Projects

It's not a matter of "if" but "when" each and every construction project will run into some type of a brick wall, according to Dick Smith, president of RE Smith Construction.

"Weather delays, unsuitable soils, undermined areas, sinkholes, underground springs - we've seen them all," Smith said. "They happen, especially in the Ozark region. But we don't make excuses, we make solutions."

For example, RE Smith began to dig the basement for a one story office building when they hit an artesian spring. "As soon as it was uncapped, the water gushed up and in minutes our 'basement' became a beautiful little lake," Smith said. "We consulted the engineers about capping it off, pumping it out, and continuing. But the spring would always be a problem to the basement. We finally came up with a simple solution: cap it, backfill the basement hole, and revise the building plan to two stories! That is exactly what the owner decided to do. In the end, they were very happy with the results."

"There is always a solution to every problem, and the faster problems are brought out into the open, the faster they can be solved," Smith said. "We would rather bring up potential problems than neglect them, so that we can get things back on track quickly."

Besides communication, other keys to getting back on track are found in revised scheduling, continuous workflow, teamwork with reliable subs, and strategic use of overtime when necessary.

Projects with unavoidable delays are usually granted extensions of time by the owner. "We usually don't need all of the extension time, though. We like to finish strong," Smith said. "And that means keeping it on time."

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Imagine : Messiah Lutheran Church, Springfield, Mo



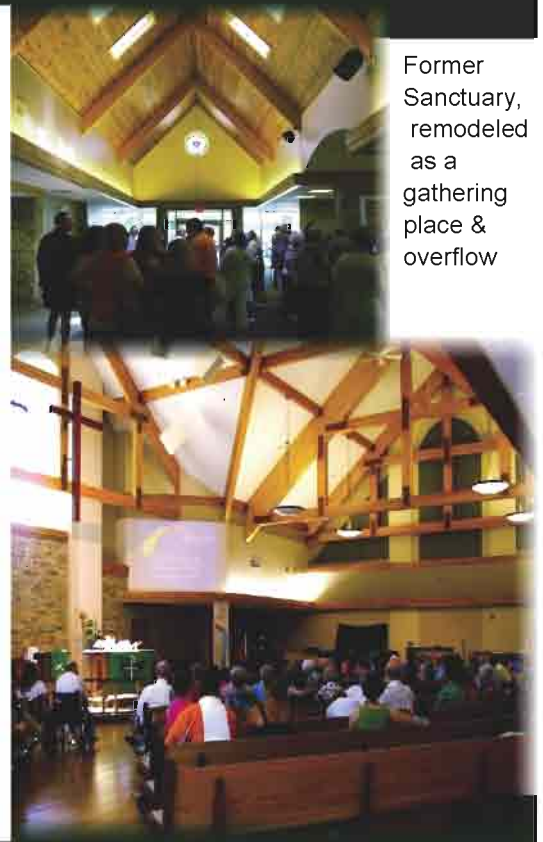
First Service in new building
June 21, 2009

Imagine...is what congregants of Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church of Springfield were asked to do by Kairos Consultants six years ago when they began a building program.

"Our services were filling up, and we decided to build. Kairos made it clear, however, that we had to know our unique mission before we could build," said Dan Friberg, senior pastor.

"We began to imagine what we could accomplish right here, in our neighborhood of young families with a hospital nearby, and decided to invest in our original building," said Jamie Boyd office administrator.

The \$2.2 million addition & remodeling project provides an additional 11,500 square feet of space for worship, education, and a new daycare.



Former Sanctuary, remodeled as a gathering place & overflow

Project Manager, Mike Freitas
Superintendent, Curtis Rice

New Sanctuary seats 350,
500 with overflow

FEMA Shelter, Ozark Technical College

On schedule to finish by mid-July, the new FEMA storm shelter at Ozark Technical College in Ozark, Mo is a \$1.5 million project that is a part of a growing national network of FEMA disaster shelters. The Shelter is built with steel reinforced concrete and is designed to provide storm protection on the OTC campus in Ozark for both students and community members.

Project Manager, Mike Freitas
Superintendent, John Carr

Beimdiek Student Center: New Student Bookstore

After a 45-day delayed start due to bad weather and unsuitable soils, MSSU's Beimdiek Student Center opens its new bookstore July 2009, right on schedule. Remaining areas of new construction, including a 20,000 square foot gymnasium with three fullsize basketball courts, will be handed over 30 days later. Remodeling of existing facility is ongoing.

Project Manager, Rodney Longenecker
Superintendent, Steve Giett

CMC Fatima, Priest Retirement Residence

Retiring Priests associated with the Vietnamese Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix in Carthage, Missouri now have a new retirement residence, completed in June, 2009. The \$3.5 million facility houses 65 priests and provides 22,000 square feet of living space. Space includes apartments, exercise and meeting rooms, and worship areas.

Project Manager, Richard Nepote
Superintendent, Mike Kavanaugh



South Middle School, Joplin



Masonry Complete, Curb & Gutter, Roundabout Begun

South Middle School's 2009 summer landmarks of construction progress include: the completion of masonry work, parking lot base rock with curb & gutter, and the construction of a "Roundabout" for the school entrance. Ongoing in the \$18 million project is the completion of the roof, ceilings, windows, sheetrock, paint, ceramic bath tile, and storm drain work.

Project Manager, Richard Nepote,
Project Superintendent, Greg Keller.

New Project: Pittsburg State University, New Student Housing

\$10 million Student Housing Project
Architect: HTK Topeka, Kansas, in association with
Mackey Mitchell, St. Louis, Missouri .
10 Three story walk-ups with Breezeways
and Commons area,
Project size: Approximately 100,000 square feet
Construction Begins : July 2009
Projected Completion: July 2010



RE Smith Construction Summer 2009 Construction Updates:

CMC
Improvements



Stage and Canopy for Marian Days Festival: Steel Frame for Canopy over stage erected, concrete approach to stage poured, & stained concrete has been poured. Skylight scheduled for July. To be ready for Marian Days Festival: August 20, 2009

Drs. Kivett
& Renger

Drs. Kivett & Ringer Dental Office :

Exterior masonry complete, roof complete, cabinets & finish interior work underway; state of the art equipment installation. Completion: August, 2009



Orthopaedic
Specialists of the
Four States



Doctors' offices & surgery center, Orthopaedic Specialists of the Four States: sitework & reinforced foundation, all concrete decks poured, steel erected for 38,000 square foot facility. Completion date: 2010

Sarcoxie Schools

Wildwood Elementary School, Sarcoxie, Mo:

Masonry, roof & sheetrock complete; mechanical pads and walks poured; HVAC, Masonry, Painting ongoing. Completion Date: August, 2009.



Umicore



Umicore Chemical Manufacturing:

3 hour fire wall built and steel framed mezzanine level installed. Reinforced pads for chemical storage area, expanded offices, storage and delivery areas. Completion: Summer 2009

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R.E. Smith Construction contracts holding steady,
while local construction volume drops by 50%

Though competition is fierce, RE Smith Construction continues to win contracts for commercial construction projects in summer of 2009. Why?

"We put the customer first and have maintained financial integrity for over a half century, now," said Dick Smith, president. "But I believe **our team is the key**. The team is committed to continuous improvement, and works together to bring projects to successful completion, on time and on budget."

Springfield Pastor Dan Friberg, of Messiah Lutheran Church, is happy his church made the "construction journey" with RE Smith. "A project like ours is always filled with unforeseen problems and events...RE Smith has carefully, competently, and thoroughly performed their duties. I highly recommend RE Smith Construction."

For a free evaluation of your next project, contact Dick, Dave or Rodney at (Joplin) 417-623-4545, or (Springfield) 417-831-2536. For more information visit our website at www.resmithconst.com.

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