



TEMPLE JEREMIAH

PHASED MASTERPLAN IMPLEMENTATION; SCHOOL RENOVATION EXPANSION, SANCTUARY RENOVATION

CLIENT Temple Jeremiah | **LOCATION** Northfield, Illinois | **SIZE** 7,500 sf addition

PROJECT SCOPE

Eckenhoff Saunders' phased masterplan for Temple Jeremiah calls for a significant overhaul of the building's interior, upgrading all life safety and code requirements, and reorganizing the site for better traffic management. For Phase I, Eckenhoff Saunders redesigned the site to improve traffic circulation, increase parking to 300 cars, and provide on-site stormwater detention. In addition, the team upgraded the building systems to increase energy efficiency and meet code, life safety, and ADA standards. Rebuilt interiors, completed in a series of 'micro phases,' never took more than two classrooms out of service.

Eckenhoff Saunders relocated administrative offices for both synagogue and school to supervise both main entries directly. A 7,500 sf addition created a new school entry with an elevator and five new preschool classrooms. The acquisition was structured to allow for simple vertical expansion when program growth calls for new space.

The team completed Phase II, a renovation of the sanctuary and social hall, in 2012. ESA worked closely with the Jeremiah Planning Committee and the single donor to complete the sanctuary with stone and millwork finishes, acoustics, lighting, and audiovisual upgrades throughout the sanctuary, social hall, and stage areas.