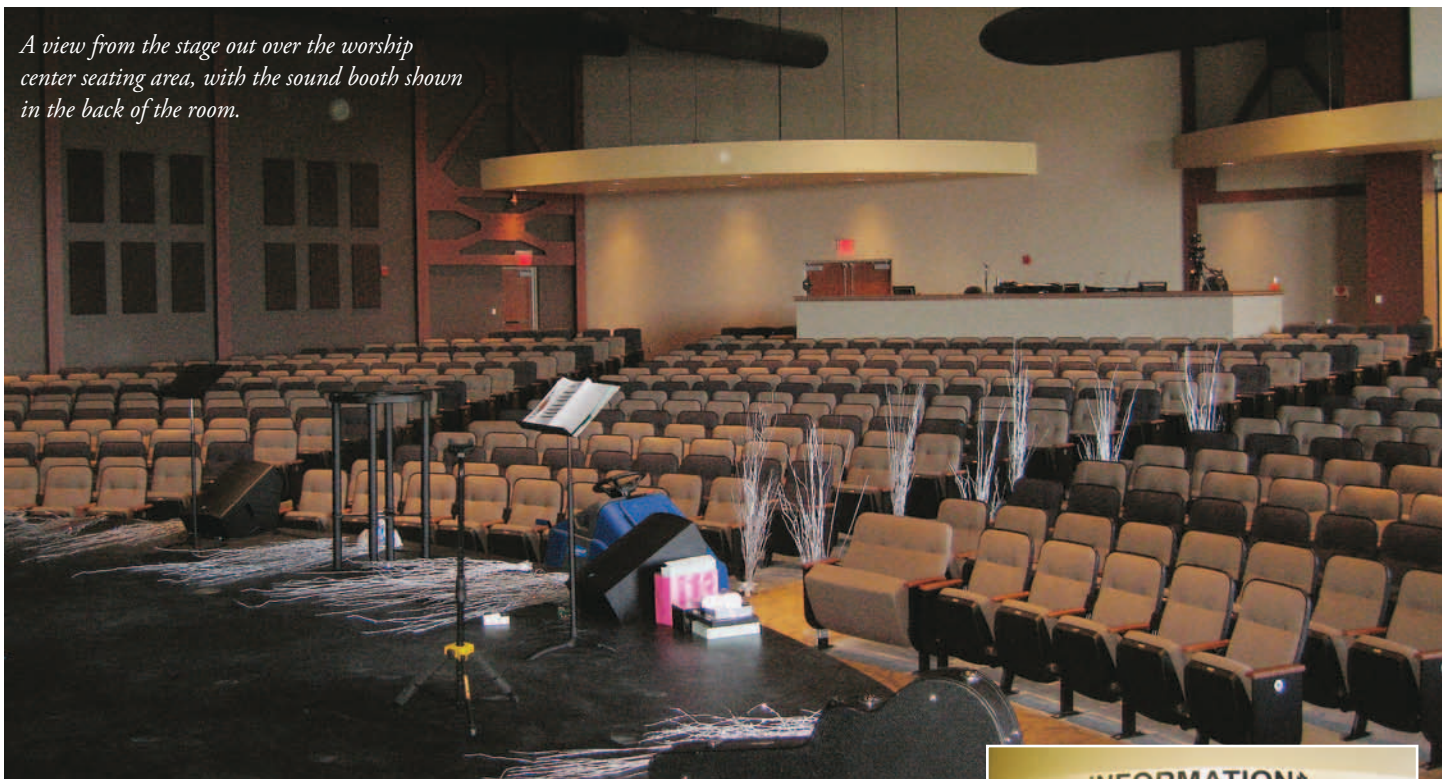


*A view from the stage out over the worship center seating area, with the sound booth shown in the back of the room.*



## Evangelical Free Church

Kearney, Nebraska

Taking into account our writing deadlines are well in advance of our publication dates for *The Lacy Ledger*, it is Good Friday as I write this, and it is nice to be able to talk about such an outstanding project as the additions to Evangelical Free Church.

Most projects see me occasionally traipsing through as the project progresses to get some photos and to simply check things over. This project, however, seemed to fly below my radar for almost its entirety. Such an oversight, though, provided for a feeling of excitement as I first walked through the doors to find a huge, inviting and vibrant space to gather in worship.

First to catch the eye is the attractive, rounded information/greeting booth. Just to its left you see a green tornado slide transporting children from the first floor to the basement. Continuing down the large and open foyer with colored and polished concrete floors, you come to a café area and coffee bar filled with that vibrant coffee aroma and fellowship.

Backtracking just a little will bring you into the new worship area, also a very large and open space—large enough, in fact, to seat 880 people in theater-style seating that also provides cup holders for that cup of java. These main areas of the church are 23,432 square feet, with 32-foot-



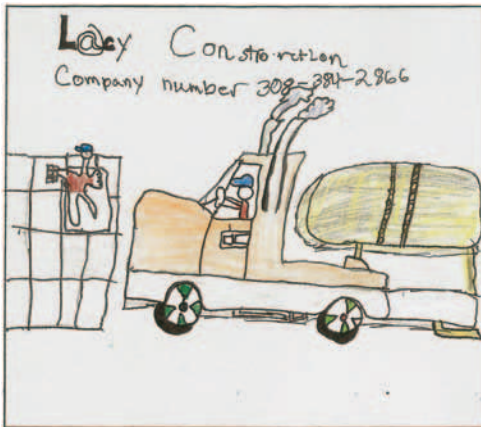
high sidewalls. As I said, large, open and inviting.

Additional details of the new addition include an 8,840-square-foot basement with 15-foot-high cast-in-place concrete walls that are 12 inches thick. The main structure is steel framing, which clear spans 120 feet over the worship area. The interior finishes consist of painted walls, tile surfaces and sound-dampening panels on the worship area walls. A combination

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# Green Team News

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## Through The Artist's Eye

This past spring, before school let out, Newell Elementary fourth-grader (now on his way to fifth grade) **John Armstrong** drew this picture of Lacy Construction Company for a promotion the local newspaper was running.

We thought so much of it that we wanted to show it to our readers. Thanks, John!

### *What's Up at Lacy?*

*Projects in Progress*

**Archer Credit Union**

*New Bank Facility*

**GIPS Success Academy**

*New Facility*

**Family Practice**

*Renovations*

**KPS, Meadowlark Elementary**

*Addition*

*Recently Completed*

**Xenon**

*Spray Tan Room*

**Hastings Foods**

*New Cooking Facility*

**Evangelical Free Church**

*Addition*

**GIPS Stadium Restrooms**

*New Facilities*

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of brick, cast stone and EIFS clad the exterior. The theater seating rests on a floor sloped to the front, where a raised radius stage becomes the focal point. The worship center boasts a state-of-the-art, high tech sound booth, theater lighting and speaker system.

I wish that the Lacy Team could take all the credit, but we have to give a big thumbs up to the design team. Wilkins Hinrich Stober Architects designed a spectacular space for the church. At least two of the architects are members of the church and will get to regularly enjoy the fruits of their labor. Our hats are off to every member of the team, as that is what it takes to produce such great results. Congratulations to E-Free Church on your new facilities, and we sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve you.



*The café and coffee bar is surrounded by table and counter seating.*



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