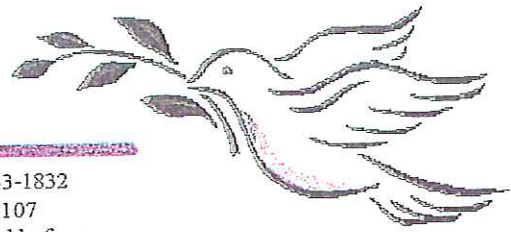


Peace Lutheran Church



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Mayor William Eckman
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Dear Mayor Eckman:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Dominic and Mark Guadagnoli and Rainbow Construction Corporation of Waldorf. I can speak not only for myself but also for the Building Committee, the members of Peace Lutheran Church, and for countless visitors. We are very pleased with our building.

And, it was not easy. Churches are seldom easy to build and our design was more unusual than most. The design of the shell was complex with several intersecting rooflines at multiple angles. The design of the interior space was driven more by aesthetics than by functionality and never by ease of construction. Mark (and company) had to invent construction techniques for some of the interior brickwork.

To be honest, there were some problems. For example, we discovered that for several minutes every morning on clear days, the sun's angle exactly matches the angle of a front wall of the sanctuary. Because of that, every ridge, wrinkle, joint, and dent in the drywall became glaringly visible. Rainbow's drywall people came back to skim that wall six times to make it right.

There were, of course, other issues during construction where disagreements between contractors and architects (what the blueprints *didn't* show) caused brief delays. In almost all of those cases, Rainbow had the solution to problems before the architect did.

Because churches use public space differently from most business or government buildings, attention to detail is very important. People sit and stand in the exact same places week after week and look at the walls, ceilings, masonry, windows, lighting, etc. for an hour at a time. They notice the littlest things because, to them, this isn't just a building but a piece of religious art. The people who worship at Peace have now been using this building for four years... and we are still very happy with the quality of construction and workmanship. It is, actually, a better-looking building because of Rainbow's suggestions than it was originally designed: the glue-lams (wooden laminated structural arches) were designed to be painted but the quality and color of the wood was such that they suggested we stain and polyurethane them instead. It made for a warmer, brighter worship space.

In those rare instances when there was a problem (we did have a water pipe freeze, months after we'd taken possession of the building), Rainbow was here within an hour to remedy it: it turned out to be an architectural issue but Mark and company fixed it.

So, you know how a few hundred people feel about Rainbow's work at Peace.

Peace and joy,

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*Peace
I leave
with
you;
my peace
I give
to you.
-John 14:27*